



Weekly News



Village Minutes

To view the most recent village board meeting minutes, please go to:
<http://www.tremontil.com/tremont-board-of-trustees.php>

Weight Loss Challenge

January 6 – March 23, 2020

Change 4 Life, Eat Well, Move More and Live Longer.

In this 12-week program, participants will compete against one another to lose weight and body fat. Fitness coach Michelle Williams will help you start your weight loss journey by coaching you with healthy eating and fitness programs.

Program Goal: The goal of the program is to give participants a life coach to help them become accountable for lifestyle change. The areas of expertise are nutrition, exercise, stress reduction and time management.

Prizes: A jackpot which grows with the number of people participating and weigh-in penalties as well as prizes throughout the program.

Weigh-in penalties must be paid at each weekly weigh-in. Two Free PASSES will be given to each participant which can be used to skip a weigh-in throughout the program (excluding the final weigh-in). If you miss a weigh-in, you will pay \$5 and if you gain at any weigh-in it is \$1 per pound. This money goes into the jackpot. Account must be paid in full by March 28th to be eligible for the prizes. Winner will be determined by the percentage of weight lost.

1st Prize: 50% of the jackpot

2nd Prize: Gift Card for Park, Pool or Fitness Center

3rd Prize: One Month Membership to Tremont Fitness Center

Cost: \$50 Residents, \$60 Non-Residents (50% goes directly to jackpot)

Registration begins 12/10/19 online at the TAPD website or in-person at the fitness center

Fitness Coach Bio:

Michelle Williams - Michelle is a dedicated Tremont resident. She is a high school girls basketball coach and a booster volunteer at Tremont High School. Michelle is an experienced personal trainer and group fitness instructor with 20+ years in the Fitness field and 10 years as a lifestyle coach.

Merry Christmas from the Tremont Museum and Historical Society!

We are closed until March, except for tours which can be arranged by calling Rich at 309-231-1123.



Tremont Library Events

Youth Director Lizzi Welcome Party

Monday, December 23, 2019
10 AM – 1 PM

Stop in for coffee and donuts and to say welcome to Lizzi Ogle in her new role as Youth Director!

Farewell, Youth Director Sarah, Open House

Friday, January 3, 2020
1 – 4 PM

Join us in saying well wishes to her new adventures, and thank you to Youth Director Sarah Marty-Schlipf, for the exemplary work she's done for the library and community of Tremont. Light refreshments will be served.

Library Holiday Hours

Closed: December 24th, 25th, and 26th
Closed: December 31st and January 1st

Santa Letter for Kids

Dear Parents and Grandparents of Tremont,

This document link is a creative piece that is meant to be a letter from Santa. Feel free to share the letter with your children or grandchildren to keep the Christmas spirit alive. Also, one can try to encourage their kids to stay good up until the big day. Feel free to print and say that Santa sent it to you through email.

[Santa Letter link](#)

~Mass Communications

Tremont PTO

Thank you THS Student Council for running the Secret Santa store. It would not have happened without your help! And, thanks to the THS Dance Team for making the book fair possible.



Did you know...?

The Dirksen Connection

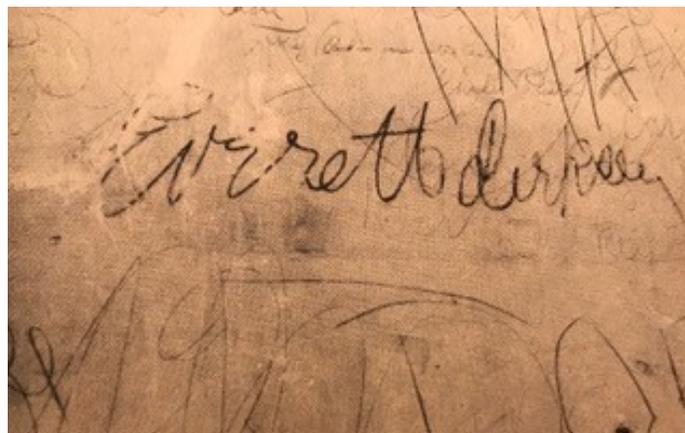
On the way to Pekin from Tremont, you may have noticed a marker along the south side of the road, memorializing the late Everett Dirksen. Dirksen was a very well-known United States senator and also served as Minority Leader. He was key in helping write and pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Act of 1968. He was known for his rich baritone voice and “flamboyant” speeches.

He was born in Pekin in 1896 and graduated as class salutatorian from Pekin High School. While he was a student there, he participated in oratory events. And this is where his Tremont connection enters the picture.

The Columbia Opera House (over present-day Perdue’s Grill) was the site of plays, graduations, ball games, prize fights, concerts, balls, and...oratory contests. In 1913, Everett Dirksen was part of the Pekin High school team that competed at the Opera House against Tremont High School. The topic was “Woman Suffrage.” The judges ruled that Tremont won the contest.

Dirksen also performed at the Opera House with the Eugene Minstrel Company of Pekin in 1913. A tradition in many theatres is for actors to write their name on the firewall after a production in which they appeared. The firewall was located at the back of the stage, likely made of a fire-proof material, such as gypsum. Many signatures can still be found on Columbia’s firewall, including the later-to-be-famous Everett Dirksen.

- Tremont Historical Society



A section of the firewall in the Columbia Opera House

Little Dribblers

Little Dribblers is a recreational basketball program for boys and girls in Kindergarten – 3rd grade. The

program focuses on basic skills including dribbling, passing, shooting, and scrimmages at the end of the season. Classes are on Saturday afternoons. Our program instructors will be Drew Gierich (K-1) and Noelle Marron (2-3). High School athletes will be invited to help with this program. Please register by 12/31 for shirt orders.

Dates: January 11th – February 15th (Saturdays)

Where: South Gym at Tremont High School

When: Kindergarten-1st grade 1:00 – 1:45PM
2nd – 3rd grade 2:00 -3:00PM
(boys and girls together)

(Times may change due to enrollment numbers)

Cost: K-1st - \$45.00 Resident / \$55.00 Non-Resident,
2nd-3rd grade - \$55.00 Resident / \$65.00 Non-Resident
(Multi Child Discount - \$5.00 off for additional child)

5th and 6th Gade Volleyball Program

Registration is now open for the 5th and 6th grade girl's recreational volleyball team. Sign up as soon as possible as program details are sent via email. The team will be practicing in January with the season running through March/April. The team will play home games and some local travel. Practices will be held for 5th grade Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 – 7:00PM. 6th grade practice will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3:15 - 4:45PM. Practices are in the Tremont Grade School Gym.

Who: 5th grade & 6th grade girls

When: January 6th through March

Where: Tremont Grade School Gym

Cost: \$70.00 Residents / \$80.00 Non-Residents

Instructor: 5th Grade - Andrea Steffens, 6th Grade - Nicole Powell

Please Register by January 6th for shirt orders to be placed.

This program is designed to introduce players to the basic rules of the game while having fun with their teammates. This is a great opportunity for girls who are interested in playing volleyball and would like more skill development.

Hometown Christmas Spirit

Keeping the magic of Christmas alive for the kids was a big part of the Santa Breakfast at Tremont Grade School. On December 7, the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) raised money at the event for the new playground at the grade school.

"It's a wonderful school and Tremont tradition that the kids and our community really enjoy," PTO member Jamie Dill said. She dedicates her time to being in charge of food.

Time and effort go into the planning of the Santa Breakfast. Michelle Kreiling started planning last fall for the big day. She is a teacher at the grade school, member of the PTO, and in charge of the Turk merchandise.

One of the difficulties that PTO member Michelle Neill experienced was finding volunteers to work the workshop. Neill stated that she is glad that a lot of the Tremont High School groups volunteer to help out.

In past years, the organization usually raised around \$1,700, which did not count the spirit wear or the book fair. This year they raised \$1,600 from the breakfast and the workshop combined.

The fundraising wasn't the only important part about the Santa Breakfast. Dill, Kreiling, and Neill agreed their favorite part of the event was seeing the joy among the families. They could see the community enjoying the many different activities, whether shopping for books, family members, or visiting Santa.

"I love watching the kids who are excited for Santa and the Workshop. They are "dancing on their tip-toes" excited to shop by themselves for their family," Dill said.

If you were to walk towards the backside of the grade school and visit the workshop, one would see the line of eager children waiting to get the perfect gift for a family member they love. As the children walked inside, one would witness the wonder and joy in the children's eyes and smiles at this special event.

"The smiles and wonder in their eyes remind me what the season is all about," Neill reflected.

~Josh Rockey/ Mass Communications



The HAPPY wrappers from THS Student Council

Monday

HS Girls Basketball @ Riverton vs Mt. Pulaski (Hawk Center) - 1:30PM

Wednesday

Merry Christmas!

Thursday

HS Boys Basketball @ WHS holiday tournament vs War-Latham - 4:30PM

HS Girls Basketball @ Riverton vs Auburn (Riverton Middle School) - 6:00PM

Friday

HS Girls Basketball @ Riverton vs Kaneland (Riverton Middle School) - 1:30PM

HS Wrestling @ Abe's Rumble Springfield

Saturday

HS Wrestling JV @ Abe's Rumble Springfield

HS Girls Basketball @ Riverton Pool Play TBD



Please send us your news stories and they will be included in upcoming emails. Deadline to include information is Friday, 6:00PM for the following Monday.

We accept information from official Tremont, IL businesses, organizations, and advertisers. We will also post Public Auctions and Open Houses.

Thank you,

Haas IT Solutions, Inc. on behalf of Tremont Winning Communities

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