



Weekly News

Village Minutes

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Did you know...?

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Plans For Peoria's Spectacular Christmas Affair of 1897

People in towns in central Illinois must have been full of curious anticipation in December of 1897. Peoria's large department store, Harned, Bergner & Von Maur, was preparing a huge "Kris Kringle Carnival." The dates were set, December 13-25th. In anticipation of some 40,000 visitors to Peoria from as far away as St. Louis and Chicago, extravagant plans were being made.

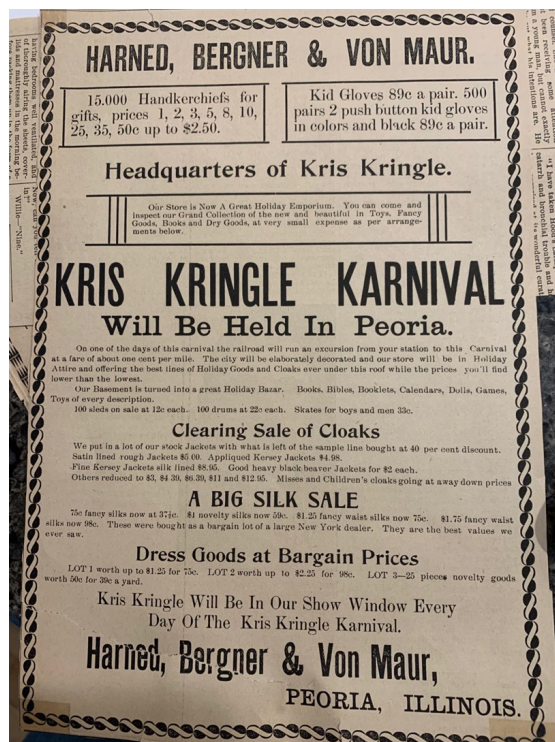
A train load of Christmas trees from the forests of Wisconsin were expected to arrive and decorating would ensue. The thousands of firs and evergreen pines would line the main blocks of Main and Adams streets with 20,000 evergreen garlands connecting them. The intent was to create such a spectacular appearance that people would want to come back year after year.

A two-week festival was scheduled with daily parades led by "King Kris," followed by, "elves, goblins, bands, etc." according to an article in the Peoria Star newspaper. Continuing, the Star described the extent of the extravaganza: "The headquarters of Kris will be at Rouse's Hall, which will be profusely decorated with trees, wreathing, holly, mistletoe, etc., and will be known throughout the carnival as 'The King's Palace.' No expense will be spared to transform the hall into a real fairy land."

Among the plans made for the massive "Mardi Gras" style celebration were jugglers, hypnotists, war whoopers, contortionists, dancers and much more. The Peoria Star newspaper was dotted with large ads for the event, associated sales for various stores, and with lists of wondrous events.

And that was just the beginning of the fantastic event to be known as Peoria's Kris Kringle Carnival.

More next week...



Tremont Museum

The museum will be closed for the season until March. We are very grateful for all your support this year and will see you in the spring!

Tremont Library

Baby & Me

Wednesdays, 10:30 am

New and experienced parents are invited to join Miss Nicole on Wednesday mornings for a parent/baby support group. Meet other parents in the area, make friends, enjoy new toys, lots of books, and a must: free coffee.

The focus of this group is parents and young children ages 0-3, but other siblings are always welcome! No registration required, drop in whenever works best for you.

Teen Paint Night

Friday, Dec 16th
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Ages 8-19 are invited to join us after hours on Friday, December 16th for a Bob Ross inspired paint night. We'll paint along to a video tutorial and enjoy snacks and drinks. Registration is required for this program, please call 309-925-5432

Minecraft Days

Saturday, Dec 17th
10:00 am - 12:30 pm

We started our library Minecraft Realm back in November 2021 and it was a huge hit! Kids ages 7+ are invited to come help it grow! Bring your own device and connect to our library Realm. First-time participants and their parents will need to sign a Code of Conduct before joining.

Lego Afternoons

Monday, December 19th (Next Monday!)
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Work together to build amazing creations! Try out new sets, stop motion videos, and other challenges. Ages 6+, no registration required.

Tremont Holiday Lights Contest

Tremont Winning Communities is excited to host a Holiday Lights Contest for the homes within the Tremont 702 School District. Let's spread some Christmas cheer by decking the halls! The only qualification is that the home's decorations are lit up and able to be seen at night. From simple to extravagant, we want to see them all!

To participate in the contest, please send your name and address via email (tremontwinningcommunities@gmail.com) or a direct message on Facebook (www.facebook.com/tremontwinningcommunities). Entries must be in and lights on by **today**, December 12th. A list/map of participating homes (addresses, no names) will be available December 13th.

TWC board members will be driving by the entries over the course of the evenings of December 12-14 and choosing a winner to be announced on Facebook and the Tremont Weekly Newsletter on the following Monday. The winner will receive a prize from local businesses and bragging rights until next year. We can't wait to see your lights!

Please click the button below to view the flyer.

CONTEST FLYER



Community Calendar

Monday

HS Girls Basketball HOME vs Heyworth Jr-Sr High School - 5:00PM

MS Boys Basketball @ Creve Coeur vs Parkview - 5:00PM

Tuesday

HS Boys Basketball HOME vs Heyworth Jr-Sr High School - 5:30PM

Wednesday

Baby & Me - 10:30-11:30AM
Tremont Library

HS Wrestling @ Eureka vs HOI Duals Eureka, EPG - 5:30PM

Thursday

MS Girls Basketball TBA vs 8th State

V Boys Swimming HOME (Pekin High School) vs Washington - 4:30PM

HS Girls Basketball HOME vs Fisher Jr/Sr High School - 5:30PM

Friday

HS Wrestling @ Tolono Unity Duals - TBA

HS Boys Basketball HOME vs Fisher Jr/Sr High School - 5:30PM

Saturday

HS Wrestling @ Tolono Tournament - TBA

V Boys Swimming @ Bloomington Invite - 9:00AM

HS Boys Basketball @ Stanford vs Olympia - 3:00PM

Around Town



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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