



Weekly News

Tremont FFA Meeting - December 7th

Annual Tremont FFA Alumni & Supporters Meeting Scheduled

Mark your calendar: The Annual Tremont FFA Alumni & Supporters meeting is scheduled for Dec. 7th at 6pm in the Tremont High School Ag Classroom. Come meet our new ag teacher, Joy Schwarting and co-FFA Advisor Jenny Schweigert. They'll present their strategic plan for the year as well as the many accomplishments made since August. Light refreshments will be served.

TAPD 5th/6th Grade Girl Volleyball Program Open Gym: Dec 8th, Registration: Dec 9th-14th

Girls recreation volleyball open gym will be held:

Friday Dec. 8th 6:00-8:00pm at TMS gym.

Registration will be **online only** at <http://www.tremontpark.org/> and opens Dec. 9th and close Dec.14th with only 18 positions available per age group.

After 18 registrations the program will close and names will be added to a waiting list pending coach/player availability.

Practices will begin the week of December 18th (2 practices per week) dates to be determined. Competition schedule will include: Games on Monday nights at Eastside in East Peoria beginning date to be determined and two tournaments hosted in Tremont also to be determined. This will equate to 15-18 matches per team for the season. Season range: Mid January to End of February.

Who: 5th grade & 6th grade girls

Where: Tremont Middle School and Eastside East Peoria

Cost: \$82.00 per player

Questions: TAPD (tapdfacres@gmail.com), 309-925-3811

Program Coordinator: Kate Berry (Kate.berry.44.23@gmail.com)

Holiday Lights Contest - Lights on by Dec. 10th!

Holiday Lights Contest

presented by
TREMONT WINNING
COMMUNITIES

*Be Merry. Be Bright.
Make your house a delight!*

NEW THIS YEAR...CATEGORIES! CHOOSE YOUR STYLE!

CLARK GRISWALD OR MARTHA STEWART

TO PARTICIPATE, SEND US YOUR
ADDRESS & DESIRED CATEGORY VIA EMAIL OR FACEBOOK MESSENGER

LIGHTS MUST BE UP AND ON NIGHTLY

JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE FROM THE 10TH TO THE 13TH

ELIGIBLE HOMES MUST BE WITHIN THE 702 SCHOOL DISTRICT.

TREMONTWINNINGCOMMUNITIES@GMAIL.COM

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/TREMONTWINNINGCOMMUNITIES

Let's spread some Christmas cheer by decking the halls! Tremont Winning Communities is excited to bring back the Holiday Lights Contest for the homes within the 702 School District. From simple to extravagant, we want to see them all! This year, we added categories: Clark Griswald or Martha Stewart, you pick!

To participate in the contest, please send your name, address, desired category and a photo of your house lit up via email (tremontwinningcommunities@gmail.com) or a direct message on Facebook (www.facebook.com/tremontwinningcommunities). Entries must be in and lights be on by December 10th.

A list/map of participating homes will be available December 11th so everyone can view the light displays! Grab some hot cocoa and take a ride to check them out!

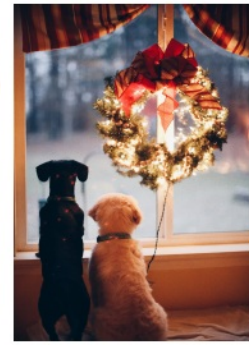
Judging will take place over the course of the evenings of December 10-13, so make sure your lights are on! The winners of each category will be announced on Facebook on December 15 and in the Tremont Weekly Newsletter on the following Monday. The winner will receive a prize from local businesses and bragging rights until next year.

Be merry. Be bright. Make your house a delight!

Santa Cause for Pause - November 27 to December 15



Santa Cause for Paws



November 27 - December 15

How Can You Help?



Donate at least \$5.00 and put your pet's name on one of our "Paw Ornaments" to decorate our tree.



All funds will be delivered the week of December 18th.

Tremont
Hopedale



New Holland
Lincoln



Did You Know...?

Have Rink, Will Travel

In the fall of 1914, Tremont was abuzz with the exciting news of a visiting skating rink. Articles dotted the *Tremont News*, telling an interesting tale we can follow over a century later by connecting the dots.

The first mention of the upcoming rink was in the August 21 paper: "Messers Reed and Smiley were business callers here Tuesday for the purpose of (planning for) location, etc., for their portable skating rink, 40 X 90 feet. They are at present located at Illiopolis, Ill."

The best location for the rink was found to be on the grounds of the Commercial Hotel, located where today's Library Store building is, on the corner of South James and South Streets. However, on September 9, just days after the rink opened, a strong storm with high wind damaged the tent, tearing the top badly.

Just two days later, tragedy struck. Leonard Reed, the thirteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reed, died at the Commercial Hotel after an illness of just five days. The devastated parents had just settled into the hotel ten days before. An article in the paper states, "...as the family expected to stay here three months, the little fellow had started to school and in a short time had become a general favorite with the pupils. He was a bright boy for his age, being in the 8th grade at school. The cause of his death was an abscess of the appendix which broke before an operation could be performed. The remains were taken to San Jose, IL. Wednesday night from which place the funeral services will be held Friday or Saturday."



Despite the rough start and terrible family tragedy, the rink became a popular spot for a much-needed source of entertainment. The Great War was causing worry, sorrow, and rationing. One article even mentions a "Hard Time Party" held at the rink. People came from local towns near Tremont, as well, for the novel treat. Imagine the women in their long dresses and tall laced boots and the men in their Victorian fashion, skating or learning to skate, here in Tremont!

Two articles mention injuries. "Miss Mary Wilkins fell at the skating rink last week and badly sprained her arm." And another: "Miss Ada Largent met with a severe accident while skating, by falling against one of the posts which supports the rail around the spectator's division. She was severely bruised and rendered unconscious by the fall. She has so far recovered to be able to resume her duties in the high school as primary teacher." No mention was ever made of lawsuits or liability. In 1914, there was an understood sentiment that any accidents were the responsibility of the injured party.

By November 13, the skating rink left town to locate in Pekin at the "Acme show ground." Even then, groups from Tremont continued to enjoy the rink there. A November 13 article mentions a hay-rack party that would be driving to Pekin to visit the rink.

Though it isn't mentioned specifically, the rink must have been for roller skating, since it came to Tremont in the fall. The timing of the rink also coincided with the nationwide roller skating craze, a once popular pastime that had died out some twenty years before!

Coincidentally, just as I was working on this article, media announced that a rink would be visiting our neighbor, Morton, opening Friday, Nov. 25, and running until Sunday, Dec. 4, 2023...this one with synthetic ice!

Now, almost 110 years later, and with innovative materials, people in our area are once again being offered a similar, novel form of entertainment.

Tremont Museum

A Change in Museum Openings

The Tremont Museum will be open Sunday, Dec. 10. Come visit! Free admission, open from 2-4 PM. (A previous article mistakenly stated it would be open from 10-2)

This will be the last "open house" for the museum. After Dec. 10th, we are happy to do private tours, guided or unguided. Please contact Rich at 309-231-1123 or Lori at 309-840-0098 to make a reservation at your convenience. Our hope is to make the museum more available to you in this way.

Tremont Museum 501C3 Organization

The Tremont Museum is a 501C3 organization. Monetary donations are always deeply appreciated. Thank you for your support which will help in preserving Tremont's history!



Tremont District Library News

Graphic Novel Book Club (ages 8-12)

Tuesday, Dec 5, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Graphic Novel Book Club is a great way for 8-12 year olds to meet other Graphic Novel enthusiasts and share their feelings about new and old books! Ran just like a classic book club with a group discussion, but with the addition of snacks and a craft.

Baby & Me Group (ages 0-3)

Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 am

A support group for new and experienced parents.

Tween & Teen Paint Night
Friday, Dec 8, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Tweens and teens ages 8-19 are invited to join Miss Lizzi and Miss Nicole for Paint Night! Follow along with Miss Lizzi's tutorial and add a little flair of your own. Image to be announced soon.

Registration required.

Minecraft in the Meeting Room (ages 7+)
Saturday, Dec 9, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Starting at 9:30am: ages 10+
Starting at 11am: ages 7+
Program end: 12:30pm

Starting at 9:30am, ages 10+ can join Miss Lizzi in the Meeting Room for Minecraft. Then, at 11am ages 7+ can join in until the end of the program at 12:30pm. Ask Lizzi ahead of time if you have any questions about our weekly Minecraft days. Continue reading to learn more about this program!

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.

Tremont Area Park District

Turk Gear available at TAPD

*Various sizes in t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, and hoodies
Prices range from \$10 - \$25*

JOIN TREMONT FITNESS

Cardio, weights, and classes offered. Workout hours 5 AM - 10 PM.

Rates: \$25.00 per month
-Additional member living in household: \$5.00

***All minors must have parents signature to obtain a membership. Must be 16 to work out without a parent. Ages 14/15 must work out with an adult.*

Fitness Class 10 Punch Pass: \$40.00

Tremont Community Senior Meals



Meals are served every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11am at the Tremont Community Center. These are for anyone 60 and up, there is no cost! If you want to join us you can stop in and sign up or call 309-674-1131 ext 231 for more information or to sign up.

If you would like to help support these meals, there are a few ways to get involved!

1. You can volunteer. Help us serve food and clean up from 10:45-12:15 in a relaxed and fun environment.
2. You can donate. Donations of disposable dinnerware (plates, cups, silverware, dessert plates, large and small take-home containers, rectangular tablecloths and napkins) can be dropped off at the [Tremont Share Closet](#) during their open hours. If you want a more detailed list of our current needs, you can see our Amazon wish list [here](#).
3. You can entertain. We like to host fun activities from 11:45-12:15 on Fridays and are always looking for creative and fun ideas to fill that time.

If you have any questions about donations or want to get involved, you can reach out to Braden at scsoulmanager@gmail.com.

Community Calendar

Monday

MS Boys Basketball @ Peoria Christian - 4:30 PM

HS Girls Basketball @ Warrensburg-Latham JV/V - 6:00 PM

Tuesday

Boys Varsity Swimming @ Peoria Notre Dame - 4:30PM

HS Boys Basketball HOME vs Delavan - 5:30 PM

MS Boys Basketball HOME vs Tri Valley - 5:30 PM

Wednesday

HS Wrestling @ Normal Community - JV Mixer - TBA

Thursday

Boys Varsity Swimming HOME vs Dunlap - 4:30PM

MS Boys Basketball HOME vs Illini Bluffs - 5:00 PM

HS Girls Basketball @ GCMS - 5:30 PM

HS Boys Basketball @ IVC - 5:30 PM

Friday

No Events

Saturday

HS Wrestling @ Porta Tournament - TBA

HS Girls Basketball - JV/Varsity - HOME vs Midwest Central - 11:00 AM

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.

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