



Weekly News

Did You Know...

Tremont's Painted History

Murals are created for a number of reasons; one is to record or memorialize history. They are often used to beautify public areas. For example, the nearby town of Pontiac, Illinois, has over 20 murals on buildings, most celebrating old Route 66. The town of Morton recently had a mural painted on the side of one of the buildings on Main Street, showing a scene from the town's past.

Did you know that Tremont has at least two murals, both Tremont-themed?

Eli's Coffee Shop features a Van Gogh-style mural depicting iconic structures in Tremont, such as the charming 1904 United Methodist Church, the Columbia Opera House building, the grain elevators in town, Pinky's Ice Cream Shop, and the mounted bell which rang at two early schools in Tremont – The Bell School and the 1892 High School on Harris Street. This mural was painted by Abbigail Ladwig, class of 2012 or 2013.

The second mural is at Tremont Grade School and was a high school advanced art class project around 2007 and 2008. Nichole Roller, Tremont High School art teacher, Jodi Peine, Tremont Grade School Principal at the time, and art students collaborated on the theme and layout. The mural spans both sides of the short hallway connecting the old and new additions.

This mural was painted over two years by talented art students and their teacher, and tells the story of Tremont's history, starting in Native American times and ending around 2007. Beginning with time before the first non-native settlers arrived and a tribute to early farming, the mural continues to more recent history. There is the scene of 1940s high school days, showing high school students at their hall lockers on a typical day. The Tazewell County Courthouse in Tremont, the "Red Brick" house, the 1904 United Methodist Church, the grain elevators, Pinky's Ice Cream Shop, Jerry Beecham and his grocery store, the early 1800s mounted bell, and the 1892 Tremont Community High School are also part of the story.

These murals are an important part of our community's history. As time has marched on, as it is known to do, several of the people and structures shown are gone. They will forever be immortalized, due to foresight and creativity. If the mural were painted today, what newer places and people might be added to inform those we have yet to meet?

~ Tremont Museum and Historical Society
Lori Fuoss



Mural at Eli's Coffee Shop



Parts of the mural at Tremont Grade School

Tremont District Library News

Lego Afternoons (ages 6+)

Mondays, Feb. 20th, Mar. 20th, Apr. 17th, & May 15th, 3-4:30pm

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

Move & Do (ages 0-5)

Third Fridays, Feb. 17th, Mar. 17th, Apr. 21st, & May 19th, 10am-12pm

Join us in the meeting room for educational based free-play, designed specifically for littles.

Minecraft in the Meeting Room (ages 7+)

Saturdays, Feb. 18th, Mar. 25th, Apr. 15th, & May 20th, 10am-12:30pm

Hop on our library realm to create with friends!

S.T.E.A.M. Lab Plus (ages 7+)

Monday, Feb. 13th

3:30-4:30pm

S.T.E.A.M. Lab Plus is perfect for ages 7+ that want to learn about the world around them. Participate in group activities to learn about the Scientific Method, learn about Cause and Effect, make something to take home, and so much more! No registration required.

Mark your calendars! STEAM Lab (ages 7+) will be held: Feb. 13th, Mar. 13th, Apr. 10th, & May 8th

Looking for STEAM activities for younger kiddos?

We also offer a STEAM Lab for ages 4-6, which will be held on Mondays Feb. 27th, Mar. 27th, Apr. 24th, & May 22nd, 3:30-4:30pm

Baby & Me (ages 0-3)

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30am

A support group for new & experienced parents.

Wanted: Volunteers for Chess and Checkers Day

Saturday, February 11th, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

A fun way to get service hours and help out! At our Chess & Checkers Day last year, kids were absolutely delighted to challenge adults in attendance. So, this year, we're asking more to come! If you are a high school student or adult who likes to play Chess or Checkers, or can teach kids how to play, please consider joining us! You are eligible for prizes too, and high schoolers can get easy Community Service hours.

If you are an adult or teen who would like to come, contact Lizzi (lizzi@tremontlibrary.com) so we have a head count. Registration is not required though; we welcome anyone who'd like to drop in that day to play.

Community Calendar

Monday

MS Volleyball HOME vs Beverly Manor Elementary - 4:15PM

HS Girls Basketball HOME vs Havana - 5:30PM

Tuesday

MS Volleyball @ Midwest Central Middle School - 5:00PM

HS Boys Basketball HOME vs Hartem - 5:30PM

MS Wrestling @ Washington - 5:30PM

Thursday

MS Wrestling HOME vs Chiddix, Dee-Mack - 5:30PM

HS Girls Basketball HOME vs Leroy High School - 5:30PM

Friday

HS Wrestling Sectional - TBA

HS Boys Basketball HOME vs Midwest Central - 5:30PM

Saturday

HS Wrestling Sectional - TBA

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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