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Tremont Newsletter

a weekly publication of news, history, and happenings in Tremont, Illinois

School Board Election Forum Replay

Not able to make it to the school board candidate forum last week? Watch a recording of the event at the link below. Early voting is happening now, and the election takes place April 1st!

Meet the Candidates Recording

National FFA Week Recap

Tremont High School celebrated National FFA Week February 15th through the 22nd. They created a fun filled week, from dress-up days to the annual hay bale toss and ended the week with driving your tractor to school day! FFA Week was a great way to show our appreciation towards the national organization. This week helps celebrate students, advisors, alumni who help shape the upcoming future of agriculture. Thank you to everyone who helped organize this week and participated.

Also, the FFA chapter recently held their annual strawberry sales! Thank you to everyone who bought strawberries and supported your local FFA chapter!!

BASEBALL
BOYS TRACK
GIRLS TRACK

Tremont High School

presents

Book by Thomas Meehan
Music by Charles Strouse
Original Broadway Production & Lyrics by Martin Charnin

April 10th, 11th, 12th

Doors open at 6:00, Curtain at 6:30
Tremont High School Cafetorium

$10 Tickets

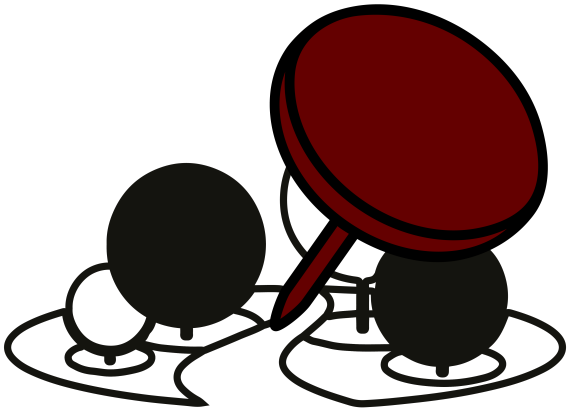
Tickets can be purchased at the high school office starting March 17th
Tickets will also be available at the door on show nights

TGS Kindergarten Registration

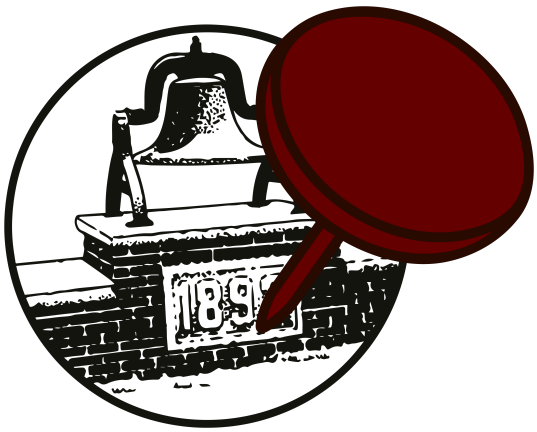
If your child will be 5 by September 1, 2025, it's time for Kindergarten Registration! Tremont Kindergarten Registration will be at the Grade School March 19th 8:30-5:00, March 20th 8:30- 3:00 and March 21st 8:30am-2:00pm. Get more details at the link below.

Kindergarten Registration Details

Organization Updates



Village of Tremont



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Village Board Meetings

The Tremont Village Board meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00pm. Meetings are held at Village Hall and public attendance is welcomed. All previous meetings' minutes can be found on the village website.

Board Meeting Minutes

Athletic Schedule

Stay up to date with all our student athletes at the link below.

Athletic Calendar

Did You Know? *Tremont, in History*

Brought to you by the Tremont Museum & Historical Society

The Rest of the Story

Last week, we told the story of the school bell mounted on the corner of the Tremont Grade School property. It originally came from the Bell School which, prior to 1864, stood near the current Tremont Baptist Church on Walnut Street. In 1892, the bell then was hung in the bell tower of the new high (and grade) school building, built where the playground stands at today's grade school. That school was demolished in 1967, and the bell was no longer needed. It was later mounted on a pedestal, where it is today. But, there is more to the story of the bell:

Very few communities could afford to have a fine quality bell like that, and the town took much pride in it. But, after nearly 110 years of use, calling children to school in the morning, to noon hours, and to dismissals each day, the bell was no longer needed. The old school was torn down and the new (current) one was built without a bell tower.

The bell was hauled to an alley in town, and slowly the 1,200 pound bell began sinking into the ground, soon to be forgotten. Except. Three couples decided to rescue the bell and give it a place of honor to remember the part it had played in our town's history.

The newly mounted bell in the 1970's.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woerner, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Oyer, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cooper spearheaded a fundraising effort. They were joined by Tremont businesses and organizations and the Alumni Association. Plans for a brick pedestal were drawn up and approved. The old bell was mounted on a float for the 1976 Turkey Festival to bring attention to the efforts to save the bell. A dedication ceremony was held on October 29, 1977.

“1892,” the date engraved on the pedestal, refers to the date the bell was hung when the old Tremont High School was new. Many know of the bell on the corner, but over the years, even some who were aware of the significance of it have forgotten. Others might think it is a just nice touch to the grade school grounds. It’s good to recall the bell’s history and how it came to be where it is.

And now you know “…the rest of the story!”

A scrapbook entitled “School Bell Book,” is located at the Tremont Museum.

Tremont Museum and Historical Society
Lori Fuoss - 2025

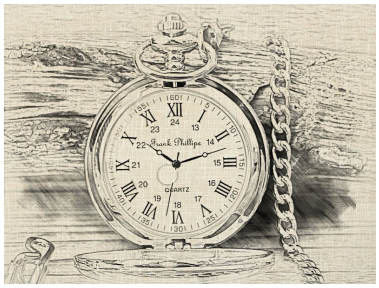
The high school with the prominent bell tower and bell.

Vintage Collections Exhibit Open THIS Sunday!

Most people don't really think about "collecting," It's only when they deliberately look around that they see they actually do have collections! Then there are those who are consciously trying to collect certain items. Then there are the major collectors! We have displays from all three types in our Tremont community.

Come and see what people collect...there is something for everyone, young or old, male or female! The exhibit contains over 40 collections, and is amazing in the variety to be seen.

Come on Sunday, March 23d, from 2-4 PM. Cost is only $5.00 for adults and free for all others. The adjoining Tremont Agricultural Heritage Museum will also be open and free.



LifeWise Opportunities

The Share Closet is excited to be part of launching a local Lifewise Academy on April 3rd! This will create the opportunity to provide bible-based character education to local students during school hours. You can learn more by checking out Tremont Lifewise's Facebook page or website.

Visit us on Facebook
Phone: (309) 929-7095
The Share Closet - 227 S Sampson St, Tremont, IL 61568

LifeWise Enrollment + Program Details

LIFEWISE ACADEMY

WE NEED YOU!

- WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE A HOUR A MONTH TO BE A CLASSROOM VOLUNTEER – WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FROM 10:45– 11:50 AND 11:50–12:45 ON THURSDAYS STARTING IN APRIL!
- DONATE LUNCH FOR THE STUDENTS!
- JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM!

IT WILL TAKE A VILLAGE TO MAKE LIFEWISE COME TOGETHER IN OUR COMMUNITY! PLEASE SCAN THE QR AND SIGNUP TO BE A VOLUNTEER TODAY OR CONTACT OUR DIRECTOR AT KATHYWAGENBACH@LIFEWISE.ORG!

NHS + Red Cross Blood Drive

THS's National Honor Society is partnering with the Red Cross to host a blood drive on April 9th. The Drive will be in the band room and will run 12:00 pm-6:00 pm. You can use the link below to sign up. Participants must be 16 years old to donate(Participants under the age 17 will need to have parent sign off and we have forms for that).

One very cool thing about this blood drive is that the amount donated gets "returned" to our students in the form of Red Cross scholarship opportunities. The more blood donated the higher the scholarship value is. Each year an NHS senior is then selected to receive a Red Cross scholarship. So not only are you saving lives by donating, you are also helping to raise scholarship funds for our students!

Make a Donation Appointment

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