

TREMONT Newsletters

First Aid

Our Savings Department is First Aid to a successful business life. The importance of teaching children to save their pennies and dimes cannot be too highly emphasized. One Dollar opens an account and any amount can be added to it at any time. Why not open an account for your children today and feel that you have given First Aid to a beginning of a successful day. Interest compounded semi-annually in this department.

s in Tremont, Illinois

There will be no school next week, as the ban from the State Board of Health has not been lifted. Schools can open only under medical supervision, and Tremont and vicinity has not the physicians to spare for this at the present time. No school for so long makes it bad for both teachers and pupils, but under all conditions the people are all concerned.

The marriage of Ben. H. Hibban of Green Valley and the Miss Shilders of Allentown took place this afternoon, October 21, at 2 o'clock, the officiating clergyman being Rev. W. Ballenger, in Trinity church. Originally planned as a home affair, to be held on Oct. 22, but the illness of both the young people with influenza caused a postponement and change of plans.

Following the ceremony a wedding reception was held at the home of the bride in Atlanta. The newly weds left the next day for their future home on a farm near Kenney, De Witt county, followed by the well wishes of their many friends in this section.

Below is a list of subscribers to the first, second, third and fourth Liberty Loans. This puts Tremont township over the top and shows that our citizens were put to the real test and proved their loyalty to their government in supporting the cause our boys at the front are fighting for.

Mrs E M Washburn.....	\$510
Miss Nettie Washburn.....	4500
Mrs E B Vasey.....	4600
Mrs C Hayward and daughter.....	1900
Mrs Frank Harris.....	1000
Mrs Elizabeth Morse.....	1000
Mrs Jennie Briggs.....	800
Mrs Anna D Bolliger.....	800
<i>ews, history, and hap</i>	700
Miss Celia Kipp.....	500
Mrs. Caroline Koch.....	400
Miss Anna Pfleiderer.....	350
Mrs Graham.....	300
Mrs E Moore.....	300
Mrs Anna Sperry.....	300
Mrs Charlotte Brovhill.....	250
Mrs Mary Garetner.....	250
Miss Leah Gerber.....	250
Ladies' Cemetery Association.....	200

many has accepted the armistice terms and fighting ceased at 2 p. m. today. Everybody is eating and as we go to all the church bells in are ringing and everybody is happy.

Committee to receive overseas Christmas Boxes will be at office next Saturday afternoon 1.5 o'clock. Those who make ready please bring them

Churches will open next Sunday. German churches will hold service from 1 to 3 p. m. The Methodist churches will hold service from 11 to 12 a. m. and in the afternoon from 7 to 8. The Catholic will

Extended: Get your FFA Dinner tickets!

"Believe in the Future of Agriculture!"



Tremont FFA Alumni & Supporters Dinner Auction

Dinner, Live Auction and
Silent Auction to Support the
Tremont FFA Program

Saturday, January 17th, 2026

At Tremont High School

Everyone is welcome!

Bring your family, friends and neighbors!

Tickets are \$20 per person

& **MUST** be purchased Dec. 17th—Jan. 7th at
Eli's Coffee Shop, Country Financial &

Beecham's Market

*Cash and Checks only please, make checks payable to

"Tremont FFA Alumni & Supporters"*

Trails End Catering

Dinner includes: 8oz Chef Prime Filet Pork
Chop, Smoked Sour Cream Mashed Potatoes,
Green Beans, Bacon Salad and Roll

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5:00-6:30 pm:

Dinner Served

6:45 pm:

Silent Auction Closes
Winners Announced

7:00 pm:

Live Auction Begins

Follow Tremont
FFA Alumni and
Supporters on
Facebook for
more details and
a sneak peek of
the
Auction Items!



ALL Proceeds will go towards making the Best Better in the Tremont FFA Program!

FFA Dinner Auction ticket sales through this week. Last chance to get them!! Don't miss out on this meal and auction. 💙 🧡



Tremont FFA members pitched in to take down trees around town!

The Share Closet Connection



Hours!

TUES	3-7
W-TH-F	10-4
SAT	10-1

We resume our regular operating schedule on Tuesday, January 6th!

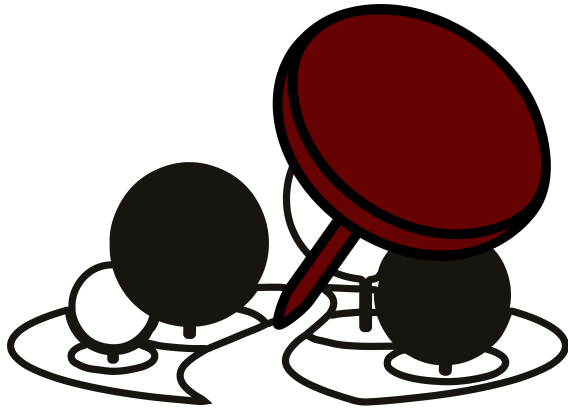
You may drop in to shop, donate or receive assistance anytime during our open hours. We look forward to serving you throughout 2026!

Visit us on [Facebook](#)

Phone: (309) 929-7095

The Share Closet - 227 S Sampson St, Tremont, IL 61568

Organization Updates

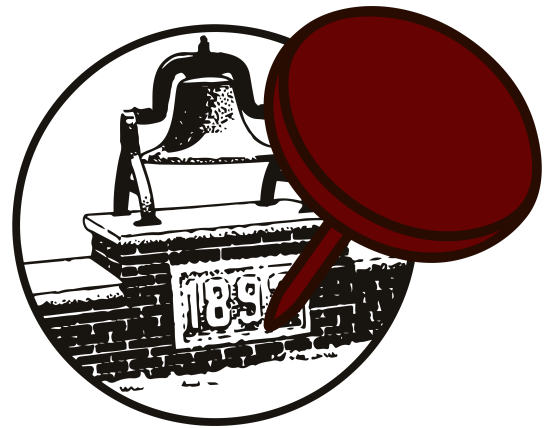


Village of Tremont

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](#)



District 702

Athletic Schedule

The spring semester has officially started, and our student athletes are busy! Check the calendar below for full details.

[Student Athletic Calendar](#)

Did You Know? *Tremont, in History*

Brought to you by the Tremont Museum & Historical Society

Peoria's "Stupendous Winter Festival" or The Mystery of the Missing Festival

A huge celebration, called the Kris Kringle Karnival, was planned for Peoria for December 13-25, 1897. In last week's article, some of the exciting plans were related:

A promotional article and a few ads from the Peoria Star newspaper and a mention in the Tremont News in December of 1897 seem to be all that is left of what was advertised as a spectacular, extraordinary, stupendous Kris Kringle Karnival, sponsored by the department store Harned, Berger & Von Maur. The "Karnival" promised to be an event like no other in Peoria's history; one that would bring thousands of people from as far as St. Louis and Chicago to Peoria year after year. The pre-event publicity raved about a huge, no-expense-spared-extravaganza. (Detailed in the last article [here](#))

And yet, there seems to be no post-event mention of the 13-day "Karnival." What happened? Did the carnival take place? Did no one come? The large department store Harned, Bergner and Von Maurer has a timeline of their company's history online, and there are on-line articles about the city's Christmas parade history. But, again, no mention of the huge Kris Kringle Karnival, which was to include several days with Kris Kringle on parade.



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In fact, most accounts of Santa parade history point to Peoria's rightful claim as "the longest running Santa Claus Parade in the United States." That parade, too, was held in 1887, when the parade, sponsored by the Schipper and Block department store, was held on the Illinois River to celebrate the opening (or some say the future site) of the new Upper Free Bridge, near today's McCluggage Bridge. There were boats and water floats, and Santa made his grand appearance on one of the barges. The parade ended at the new bridge or bridge site.

The following year Schipper & Block held their Santa parade on land and Santa rode through town on a horse-drawn carriage. Some sources disagree, saying the true "Santa Claus Parade" actually began in 1893.

But it is still a mystery as to why there is no mention in history of the huge Kris Kringle Karnival in Peoria, also in December of 1897?

Apparently, two large Peoria department stores entered into a Christmas war of sorts. It was Schipper & Block vs. Harned, Bergner & Von Maur. A rivalry commenced as to who could out-do who. Could it be that, in 1897, Harned, Bergner & Von Maur's huge gamble on the Kris Kringle Karnival failed and there was more fanfare for the ultimately successful Schipper & Block's river parade?

Whatever the reason, it seems that "Kris Kringle" lost out to "Santa Claus" in Peoria, Illinois.

Tremont Museum and Historical Society
Lori Fuoss

Sources: Local History Collection: Peoria Public Library, Nov. 20, 2018

Santaswhiskers.com, Peoriamagazines.com Nov.-Dec. 2016

We will continue to search for more information on the Kris Kringle Karnival.

**5th Annual Tremont High School
Fishing for a Cure
Fishing Show & Tackle Swap
Fundraiser for St. Jude**



**March 7, 2026
10am-3pm**

**Tremont High School
400 W Pearl St
Tremont, IL 61568**

Free to the Public!

Event Features:

Seminars

(including Jim Crowley from Jim Crowley Outdoors and Slick Fish Radio)

Local bait companies

Tables of pre-owned tackle

Nate Dawgs Food Truck

Raffles & Silent Auction

(All proceeds benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital)

Table Information

\$25 table fee

Contact Lee Kerr (309-256-3177) to reserve

**Fishing Show, Tackle Swap and St. Jude Fundraiser
brought to you by Tremont High School Fishing Team**



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