



Weekly News

Tremont Commerce Association

As you begin your holiday shopping, the Tremont Commerce Association invites you to consider spending your money locally. Every dollar spent at Tremont shops supports your friends and neighbors in business, allows them to employ more people, gives back to our community, and generates tax revenue for our Village.

To help you gift locally this Christmas, the TCA is offering Commerce Checks, a certificate that may be spent at any TCA member business. Commerce Checks may be purchased at Tremont Community Bank in any denomination. These make perfect gifts for your local friends and family!

Turk Football

2002... That is the last time the Tremont Turks won the conference in football. Now it's 2019 and coach Zach Zehr plans to change that.

The Turks missed the playoffs by 1 playoff point last year with a record of 5-4. A gut-wrenching way to end the season. The team is now refueled, reignited, and plans to leave last season in the past and make a playoff push this year.

The Turks got off to a red-hot start with wins over their Route 9 rivals, Dee-Mack Chiefs, and the Fisher Bunnies before losing to Fieldcrest, a top ranked team in the state. They pulled out a win against Le Roy on the road, followed by a tough loss to El-Paso Gridley that had some people doubting the Turks. They were quickly silenced after a win the following week against Ridgeview/Lexington.

The stars of the show this year are the starting seniors for the Turks: Caiden Buster, Kendall Ehnle, Nathan Hatley, Nathan Nguyen, and Landon Pfederer. All five have been spectacular this year while battling injuries during the course of the season. Nguyen notes what makes this team different than last year.

"Resilience, we have been able to fight through injuries and stay in some games even when we aren't 100%," Nguyen said.

Nguyen's remark says something about the character of this team. The Turks finished the season going 6-3 and making the playoffs. This was the first goal for the Turks going into the season and they accomplished it. Now their next goal... winning their first playoff game. How will they fair in the playoff run as this season grows longer?

"I'm confident that this team can keep grinding and win some big games in the playoffs and make our season longer than what people expected of us," Pfederer said.

This is not the same team as in years past. What is it that separates this team from the past years? A piece of the puzzle is Zehr.

"When I talk to other coaches from our conference, they all describe us as a very physical team," Zehr said.

Entering his third year as the head football coach, this will be the first time leading the Turks to the playoffs. Quite the accomplishment, but Zehr knows this team is not finished yet and still has a lot of work to do.



*Coach Zach Zehr overseeing his players hard at work during a practice in the summer.
(picture taken by Jim Mattson/25 NEWS)*

Did you Know...?

THE TREMONT TURKS

Most Tremont residents probably are aware that several Tremont area farms raised turkeys at one time in Tremont. The Sinn family still raise turkeys commercially. So of course, that is why our high school sports team is known as the Tremont Turks. Except. There is more to the story.

Ernest "Ernie" Getz was considered one of the pioneer turkey growers in Central Illinois. Ernie became interested in turkeys when he realized there was a great demand for them, but farmers had a difficult time growing them to sell. To make a long story short, Ernie read some research by Dr. Billings at the University of Minnesota. In this research, Dr. Billings found that turkeys, usually raised along with chickens, almost always became infested with a disease called "Blackhead." The disease rarely affected the chickens. His research concluded that chickens harbored the disease and passed it on to turkeys.

Ernie experimented by raising a small flock of turkeys that were kept away from chickens, which was much more involved than it sounds. By the 1930s, Ernie was raising several hundred turkeys, which soon were in demand for Thanksgiving and Christmas. About 1935, "Tremont" and "turkey" became synonymous, and the high school team was nicknamed "The Tremont Turks." That was when Ernie donated uniforms to the team with the insignia "Tremont Turks". Since then, the team has officially been known as "The Turks."

So, that Turk mascot at our ballgames has a story behind it - of an enterprising farmer who found a way to raise turkeys successfully, which in turn gave rise to the Tremont Turks/Turkey Festival town of Tremont today.

(Information is from a letter by Ernie's brother Ben which was printed in the March 12, 1992 Tremont News.)

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society

Tremont Gallery/Pearl Street Stamping

"Make It Take It"

Friday, November 8th
10:00AM to 5:00PM
Stop in to Make a Free Greeting Card!

Tremont Museum Hours

Tremont Museums will be closing for January and February - Come and visit now!

Tremont Museums will be open this Sunday, Nov. 10th, 2:00-4:00PM

Roboteers Announcement

The Tremont High School Roboteers are excited to announce that they have officially been enrolled in Kroger's community rewards program. If you would like to support the Roboteers while shopping, all

you have to do is sign up.

Follow these 5 easy steps to enroll:

1. Login to your account or create a new account on www.kroger.com
2. Go to the "Save" menu and click "Kroger Community Rewards"
3. Scroll down to the bottom and click "I am a Customer"
4. Search "Roboteers"
5. Click "Enroll"

Along with the Kroger's community rewards, they also have their annual Applebee's pancake breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 9th from 8-10AM. The cost is \$5 per person at the door, so come enjoy two pancakes, two slices of bacon and a drink while the team serves you!



Senate Bill 28 and Senate Bill 1947

Earlier this year, Senate Bill 28 was reinstated (after being omitted by lawmakers when Senate Bill 1947 was passed), forcing schools all around Illinois to make schedule changes.

Senate Bill (SB) 28, or the 5 clock-hour rule, is nothing new; however, in 2017, Illinois passed a bill to change the way they fund schools. It is called evidence-based funding (EBF), also known as Senate Bill (SB) 1947.

The bill was created so that underprivileged schools can get up to par. However, this plan has led to the majority of Tremont's funds being taken away by the state and left to come from local sources.

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Tremont Library Events

For more information about library programs, call the Library at 925-5432, or email td.tremont.rsa@gmail.com

November Food for Fines

Have a fine? Want to help our local food pantry? You can pay your fine by donating pre-packaged food (cans, boxes or bags, nothing expired) at the library. Household or toiletry items (tp, paper towels, soap, etc.) are also welcome donations. Items collected will be donated to our Tremont Community Food Pantry.

Donations are welcome even if you do not have a fine! We are collecting throughout the month of November.

Please note that donations cover fines only-- we'll still need to collect replacement fees for items that are lost. Thank you!

Tales Under the Tree (ages 0-6)

Parents and children are invited for stories, songs, and activities to encourage early literacy. Wiggles are welcome! No registration required.

Thursdays, 10:30-11AM: November 14, December 12

Bored? Games!

1st Wednesdays, 3-5PM

November 6, December 4

Ages 5 and up.

Drop by the library after school for board and card games. Bring your favorite game or try one of ours!

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Gallery 215

Regularly meets on 2nd and 4th Mondays through December 9th, 3:15-5:30PM

Grades 5-12

A twice-monthly gathering of creative people. Learn new techniques and materials, or just work on your own project in the company of other artists. Guided workshops on 2nd Mondays and open "studio time" on 4th Mondays. No registration required.

To Be Continued Book Club

Regularly meets on Tuesdays through November 19th (approx.), 3:30-4:30PM

Ages 7 and up.

Work on an activity, enjoy snacks, or just relax and listen while we read our way through a good book. Attend at least four sessions and earn a book of your choice! No registration necessary.



Monday

MS Girls Basketball home vs Eureka - 5:30PM

Tuesday

MS Boys Basketball home vs St. Joe - 5:30PM

Thursday

MS Girls Basketball @ Metamora - 4:30PM

Friday

Make It, Take It - 10:00AM-5:00PM

Tremont Gallery/Pearl Street Stamping

Saturday

HS Cross Country State meet @ Detweiller Park

Roboteers Fundraiser - 8:00-10:00AM

Pekin Applebee's

Sunday

Tremont Museums Open - 2:00-4:00PM

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,

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