



Weekly News

Senior Citizens Free Valentine's Day Breakfast

The THS National Honor Society is hosting a FREE Valentine's Day Breakfast for senior citizens on February 14th at the Community Center. There will be games, take-home prizes, and a healthy breakfast.

[Click here](#) to view a flyer with more information.

Did you know...?

Innovation – Tremont's Houseboat Factory

One of the most unusual businesses ever located in Tremont was "Maid of the Mist," a houseboat building factory. Locating a business such as this on a lake or large river would not be so rare, but Tremont is about as landlocked as a town can be.

The two business founders, Dr. H.A. Evans and contractor LaVern (Jug) Stuber, enthusiastically embraced the novel idea back in 1959. Both men had been interested in boats for quite awhile. However, deciding to act on the houseboat idea was more of a business plan. Both believed there would be a good market for houseboats. They envisioned the convenience of not having to haul a boat through traffic to water for each outing, not having to find a nearby hotel, or any of the other inconveniences connected with recreational boating at that time. This was in the earliest days of the interstate system in Central Illinois. Most roads to the river were dusty or very crowded.

Dr. Evans had built his office in 1954 in the 300 block of South James Street. The 90' X 40' houseboat factory was built directly to the east behind Dr. Evans' office. Two models of quality flatbed wood and steel houseboats would be built, one 32' and one 22'. The plan was for their six part-time employees to build a boat per week.

Their boat cabins were fitted with every convenience, including a gas-powered electric refrigerator, a gas stove, a bathroom with shower, bunk beds, a table, hot water heater and plenty of storage.

It was an innovative idea. And so it came to be that it wasn't long before Tremont residents thought nothing of seeing houseboats on South James Street.

The Maid of the Mist Houseboat Factory closed in 1963. The building was purchased by Tremont Township.

~ Tremont Museum and Historical Society



Maid of the Mist Houseboat Factory

Tremont District Library

Tremont District Library is hiring:
Cataloging Library Assistant (Part-time)
Visit [our website](#) for more information.

Decorate the Library with Birdhouses!
Calling all artists ages 1-101!

Pick up a birdhouse at the front desk from now until Friday, February 11th. Decorate it using your own supplies and imagination at home-- then bring it in the week of March 1st to display at the library! Adults, teens, kids, and family groups are all encouraged! Prizes and ribbons will be awarded. Limit of one birdhouse per household-- stop by the library for more details and to sign up!

Story Hour
Thursday, February 10th, 10:30am
Ages 3-6

Story Hour is held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 10:30-11:15am. No registration is required, so join us whichever days you'd like!

Miss Maddie reads stories, sings songs and rhymes, and does activities that all encourage early literacy and improves socialization skills in the youngest of library patrons. Wiggles are welcome! Make Story Hour a step you take in preparing your child for life-long learning.

Make-it Monday
Monday, February 7th, 3:30pm

Miss Nicole loves to learn about the world around her and create cool things, and that's what Make-It Monday is all about! Join her once a month to make a cool S.T.E.A.M. related project! No registration required, ages 7+.

Upcoming topics:

- February: Shells and Shell Fossil Forms
- March: The Human Body
- April: Thermochromic Slime
- May: Levers, Pulleys, Catapults... Oh My!

Baby & Me
Wednesday mornings, 10:30am

New and experienced parents are invited to join Miss Nicole on Wednesday mornings for a parent/baby support group. Meet other parents in the area, make friends, enjoy new toys, lots of books, and a must: free coffee.

The focus of this group is parents and young children ages 0-3, but other siblings are always welcome!

No registration required, drop in whenever works best for you.

Chapter One: Monthly Read-Alouds

Ages 8-12, no registration required.

Each month at our Chapter One meeting, participants can enjoy quiet activities while listening to the first few chapters of a new book. If you like what you hear and want to finish the story yourself, extra copies will be available to check out! You aren't required to be at every meeting, just attend what months sound good to you!

Upcoming reads:

- February 22nd – Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate
- March 22nd – Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

Monday

MS Volleyball at District 50 - 4:15PM

GB at Havana - 6:00PM

8th Grade Boys BB at Mt Pulaski - 6:00PM

Tuesday

MS Volleyball home vs Midwest Central - 4:15PM

MS Wrestling home vs Washington and Auburn - 5:30PM

BB at Hartem (varsity only) - 6:00PM

Wednesday

Boys Swimming at Pekin - 5:00PM

Thursday

HS Scholastic Bowl at LeRoy - 4:30PM

MS Wrestling at Dee-Mack - 5:30PM

Friday

HS WR Sectionals at Olympia - 4:00PM

BB at Midwest Central - 6:00PM

Saturday

MS Wrestling at Chatham - 9:00AM

HS WR Sectionals at Olympia - 9:00AM

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,

Haas IT Solutions, Inc. on behalf of Tremont Winning Communities

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