



Weekly News

Tremont High School - Retirement Celebration

As most of you know, Jeff Hinman retired as Superintendent of Tremont District #702 in June 2020. We think it's about time to celebrate his retirement!

Jeff will be in the Homecoming Parade as the Grand Marshall on Friday, September 23 at 4:15pm. We'd like to honor him before the Homecoming football game with a community reception at the football field! Please stop by to join in the fun, visit with Jeff, and enjoy some cupcakes! Sandwiches along with other concessions are available for purchase starting at 5:15pm.

Date: Tremont's Homecoming! Friday, September 23, 2022

Time: 5:30pm

Place: Tremont Football Field

Did you know...?

From an earlier "Did you know...?"

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 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.

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 just a 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.



1970s photo of the bell at the corner of Tremont Grade School

Save the Dates

September 11– Dedication reception for CWO4 John W. Frederick, Jr. at 2:00pm at the Tremont Community Center. A portion of I-155 from Interstate 74 to IL Route 9 is now known as “The CWO John W. Frederick, Jr. Memorial Highway.” There will be displays and light refreshments. Please come and honor this highly decorated Marine Corps Chief Warrant Officer, who served in three wars and spent six and a half years as a POW.

September 20 - The Historical Society invites you to the Tremont Community Center on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 7:00pm for an outstanding program! Matt Haney, of the David Davis Foundation of Bloomington, will speak about the association of Judge David Davis and Abraham Lincoln in Tremont. Davis was a judge and Lincoln a young attorney on the 8th Judicial Circuit when Tremont was the Tazewell County Seat. Davis later became a U.S. Supreme Court Justice, then a senator from Illinois. You'll learn about this fascinating and historic time in Tremont's history. Donuts and cider will be served.

THE MUSEUM WILL BE OPEN on **September 25** from 2:00-4:00pm. Free admission, donations appreciated!

Monday

MS Cross Country @ Kennel Lake, Morton - 4:00PM

HS Volleyball @ Morton - 5:00PM

Football (JV) HOME vs Sangamon Valley - 5:30PM

Tuesday

V Golf HOME (Sunset) vs Fieldcrest, Tri-Valley - 4:00PM

MS Softball @ Washington Central - 4:15PM

MS Cross Country HOME vs Delavan, Dee-Mack - 4:15PM

HS Volleyball HOME vs Peoria Christian - 5:00PM

MS Baseball HOME (City Park) vs Delavan - 5:30PM

Wednesday

V Golf @ El Paso Country Club - 4:00PM

MS Baseball HOME (City Park) vs Germantown Hills - 4:15PM

MS Softball HOME vs Germantown Hills - 4:15PM

Thursday

V Golf HOME (Sunset) vs MWC, Havana, Brimfield - 4:00PM

MS Baseball @ Pekin Shade Park - 4:30PM

V Girls Swimming @ Olympia - 4:30PM

MS Softball HOME vs District 50 - 4:30PM

HS Volleyball HOME vs Cornerstone Christian - 5:30PM

Friday

MS Softball HOME vs Hartem - 4:30PM

V Football HOME vs Eureka - 7:00PM

Saturday

Farmers' Market - 9:00AM - 12:00PM
City Park

HS Volleyball @ St. Teresa Central Illinois Invite - 9:00AM

HS Cross Country @ Rochester Invite - 10:00AM

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,

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