



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

<p>Retirement Reception Friday, Sept. 23rd 5:30 pm Tremont Football Field</p>	<p>Congratulations</p>  <p>Jeff Hinman</p>	 <p>Grand Marshall Homecoming Parade Friday, Sept. 23rd 4:15 pm</p>
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Sampson Street Update

Sampson Street Downtown Opens

After 10½ weeks of closure, the 100 block of Sampson Street downtown opened with little fanfare last Thursday afternoon but the final product provided a highly anticipated upgrade to the main business district of Tremont.

What began as the identified need to replace failing infrastructure in 2018, ended last week with the creation of a safer, pedestrian-friendly, and aesthetically pleasing front door to our community. Along the way, cooperative partnerships between the Village, Tremont Betterment, Winning Communities, and the downtown businesses formed to ensure the project's success. Thank you to everyone who donated or assisted in this important endeavor. The Village Trustees extend a special appreciation to the downtown businesses that were impacted during the construction. Their support was critical to the project.

A few final enhancements will be made in the coming weeks using funds provided by Winning Communities and Tremont Betterment that have been earmarked for landscaping.

Senator Sally Turner

State Senator Sally Turner to be in Tremont

State Senator Sally Turner, representing Tremont in the 44th District, will be hosting a “Coffee and Conversation” at the Community Center on Thursday, September 8th from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

The event is free and open to the public. Residents will be able to meet the Senator, receive updates on the past legislative session, and offer any ideas or concerns on issues that matter to them.

Tremont Museum

The Morton Pottery Story

Mark your calendars for this exhibit and please let others who may be interested know!



Save the Dates

CORRECTION - An earlier article stated 9/11 for the dedication and reception. Please note the correct date of 9/10.

September 10 – This Saturday, September 10, a dedication and reception will be held for Chief Warrant Officer 4 John W. Frederick, Jr. from 2-4 PM at the Tremont Community Center. John was a highly decorated U.S. Marine Corps Officer who was a POW in Vietnam. He died in captivity. A portion of I-155 will be dedicated in his name. Please attend to honor this man and his service to our country in WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

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!

Did you know...?

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

Tremont Raceways

Once located near the Route 121 and Route 9 Intersection

Go-karting exploded as a new craze in California. Tremont soon followed. On Memorial Day weekend of 1960, area go-kart fans celebrated the opening of the new "Tremont Raceways." The karting rage had started just a year before, when the "Go-Kart" was the first brand to be produced. Soon, at least 200 other companies sprang up to fill the wild demand. And Tremont was on the cutting edge of the new sport. We were the first town in Central Illinois to have a paved go-kart raceway. It was impressive, too, with stands for 900 spectators and parking for nearly 300 autos!

One article stated, "The idea came about after many kids in Tremont had received the popular go-karts as Christmas gifts." This started a few Tremont residents thinking about forming a club. "Three families took the idea further, coming up with the plan for a family-oriented, permanent raceway. These families were the Harold Hasketts, the James Bensons (also owners of a kart dealership), and the Donald Larrys, who owned land just west of the Seven Acres tavern and restaurant, where the racetrack would be built.

"The track, with space for 104 karts, was approved by the U.S. Karting Association and the American Small Car Racing Council. Raceway memberships were open to families only..."

Today there is no sign of the bustling raceway, located in the area where the popular Jack's Café now stands. It lasted just two years. And nationally the craze was short-lived as well, in part due to developing technology which caused kart prices to skyrocket.

But it was no doubt fun while it lasted!

~ Tremont Museum and Historical Society

If you have photos of the raceway that the museum could copy, or more information about the raceway, please contact us at lfuoss@telstar-online.net.



1960s ad

Monday

Football (JV) HOME vs Eureka - 5:30PM

Tuesday

HS Cross Country @ Pekin F-S Invite - 4:00PM

V Golf vs Pekin (JV) - Parkview - 4:00PM

MS Baseball HOME vs Washington Middle - City Park - 4:15PM

MS Softball HOME vs Washington Middle - 4:15PM

HS Volleyball vs Dee-Mack - 5:00PM

Wednesday

V Golf vs Hartem, Clinton - North Greens - 3:30PM

MS Baseball vs Lincoln - 4:15PM

MS Softball vs Washington Middle REGIONAL - 4:15PM

Thursday

Coffee and Conversation with Senator Sally Turner - 8:00-9:00AM
Tremont Community Center

MS Cross Country vs Metamora Grade - Black Partridge Park - 4:00PM

V Golf HOME vs Clinton (JV) - Sunset - 4:00PM

MS Baseball HOME vs District 50 - City Park - 4:15PM

HS Swimming vs Washington - Pekin High School - 4:30PM

HS Volleyball HOME vs Illini Bluffs - 5:00PM

Friday

HS Football vs LeRoy - 7:00PM

Saturday

MS Softball Regional - TBA

V Golf @ Metamora Invite - Metamora Fields - 8:30AM

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

HS Swimming vs Clinton, IA - 9:00AM

HS Cross Country @ First to Finish Invite - Detweiller Park - 9:00AM

MS Cross Country @ Parkside Invite - 9:30AM

MS Baseball vs IVC, Eureka - Eureka - 10:00AM

Dedication Reception for CWO4 John W. Frederick, Jr. - 2:00-4:00PM
Tremont Community Center



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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