



Weekly News

TREMONT PARK DISTRICT

Turk Gear available at TAPD

*Various sizes in t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, and hoodies
Prices range from \$10 - \$25*

TAPD RECREATION: OPEN REGISTRATION

GIRLS TRAVEL BASKETBALL

4th, 5th, and 6th grade
Fee: \$120.00
Registration Ends: 9/4/2023

VOLLEYBALL FUN

Grades 1st - 4th
When and Where: Saturdays at Tremont Grade School
September 9 - October 14th
1st/2nd Grade: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
3rd/4th Grade: 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM
Fees: 1st/2nd - \$35.00
3rd/4th - \$40.00
Non Resident - \$50.00

Registration available online or in the office.

Questions? Call 309-925-3811 or email tapdfacres@gmail.com.

JOIN TREMONT FITNESS

Cardio, weights, and classes offered. Workout hours 5 AM - 10 PM.

Rates: \$25.00 per month
-Additional member living in household: \$5.00

***All minors must have parents signature to obtain a membership. Must be 16 to work out without a parent. Ages 14/15 must work out with an adult.*

Fitness Class 10 Punch Pass: \$40.00

Tremont Parks & Recreation Center

22522 IL Rt. 9
Tremont, IL 61568
(309) 925-3811

Office Hours:

- Mon-Tues-Thurs 8:00 am - 12:00 pm & 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- Wednesday 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- Fri 8:00 am - 12:00 pm & 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- Saturday 8:30 am - 11:00 am
- Sunday Closed

D.E. Beutel Fundraiser



FUNDRAISING CONCERT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH, 1-3PM

TREMONT HIGH SCHOOL CAFETORIUM

HONORING LIFELONG TREMONT RESIDENT AND TMS TEACHER

DAVID E. BEUTEL

ACTS INCLUDE:

Tremont Bands, Tremont Madrigal Singers, Sound of Illinois Chorus
and



Link182 (featuring TMS 6th grade singer Lincoln Beutel)



World Champion Quartet,
After Hours (with Tremont
Choir Alumni Tim Beutel)

**DONATIONS WILL GO TO THE ONGOING ACTIVITIES OF THE
TREMONT MUSIC DEPARTMENT.**



Old, storied farmland along Lake Windermere Road is due to be auctioned off at the end of this month. The tale below is of one of the first owners of that rich and beautiful property.

To say there once was an accomplished sea captain among our earliest residents at first sounds crazy. Here, in the middle of the prairie? But it is good to recall that many of our earliest settlers came here from the east coast.

Our sea captain has an interesting story in which, at one point, he was a hero:

Captain James Wibray was born in England in 1786 and spent his childhood in London, dreaming of going to sea. As a teen, he signed on as a cabin boy on a tall sailing ship. Over the years, he learned the ropes and became an experienced seaman. Then, in 1812, there was a huge earthquake in Venezuela and 10,000 people died in Caracas alone. The fledgling United States sent its first foreign disaster mission to help. Wibray was on a ship that carried provisions and food to the devastated people. Later, he became co-owner of his own ship, Brig Charles. The shipping trade really accelerated after the War of 1812.

By this time, Wibray and his wife and young children lived in New York City. By the early 1820s, he was Commander of the Brig Reindeer, taking month long trips across the Atlantic to bring passengers to America by way of the port of New York. Eventually, he became a shipmaster on a series of packet ships, medium-sized ships which transported mail, freight, and first-class passengers. The trips were shorter, only about 18 days, but very dangerous. His run required an extremely skilled pilot, as it was through perilous waters from New York to New Orleans.

His November 1834 trip was a fateful one. He was leaving New York Harbor. At that time, a small "pilot" ship would come out to guide the ships through the rocks and shoals that made navigating so difficult. This time, however, when the pilot ship arrived, it was apparent that the pilot was drunk, and as a result, Wibray's ship became grounded on a rocky reef. The ship was taking on water in a strong gale. The passengers were terrified that the ship would break up, taking them with it. According to Helen Wibray Witherspoon, his great granddaughter who wrote about the incident about 100 years later, Wibray, "...

seized the pilot, had him put in irons below deck, and took the wheel. He managed to free the vessel from the rocks and to take it safely into the harbor.”

In gratitude, the passengers presented the captain with a large, elaborate sterling silver coffee service engraved:

Presented to Captain James Wibray by the cabin passengers of the packet ship New Jersey under his command, in testimony of their personal esteem for regard and high consideration of his skill and indefatigable exertion in rescuing his ship from the perilous situation in which she was placed while in charge of the pilot on the 16th of November, 1834.

This unusual gift became a family heirloom cherished long after James Wibray had passed. But...there is much more to the story of Wibray and Tremont, and and of the sterling silver coffee service, as well.

(To be continued next week.)

Information was obtained from *Captain Wibray's Family in America*, compiled by Elizabeth Doremus, his great, great, granddaughter.

~ Tremont Museum and Historical Society, Lori Fuoss
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Tremont Museum

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19TH @ 7:00 PM**

Program: The Tremont Grade School Fist Bumping Vets

The Fist Bumping Vets began their 7th year on August 17, 2023. There are currently 18 military veterans who fist bump the Tremont Grade School students as they arrive at school each week.

The Tremont Historical Society invites you to join the veterans for their program on September 19 at the Tremont Community Center as they share their experiences. Refreshments provided.



Don't Miss the Big Reveal!

Tremont Museum is preparing for a BIG REVEAL! We will be open again on Sunday, September 10 from 2-4 PM. There will be many new displays, new lighting, and more!

The museum will be open 2nd-4th Sundays from 2-4 PM. No admission, though donations are encouraged.

Tremont District Library News

Baby & Me Group (ages 0-3)

Wednesdays, 10:30 - 1:30 am

A support group for new and experienced parents.

Minecraft in the Meeting Room

Saturday, September 2nd 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Starting at 9:30am, ages 10+ can join Miss Lizzi in the Meeting Room for Minecraft. Then, at 11am ages 7+ can join in until the end of the program at 12:30pm. Ask Lizzi ahead of time if you have any questions about our weekly Minecraft days. Continue reading to learn more about this program!

Kids ages 7+ are invited to come help it grow! Bring your own device and connect to our library Realm*. First-time participants and their parents will need to sign a Code of Conduct before joining (see more below).

*Devices that work include PC's, Apple Devices, Nintendo Switch (Nintendo Online Subscription REQUIRED), and a few other handheld devices. Ask Miss Lizzi ahead of time for help if you're unsure of your device.

Tremont Community Senior Meals



For those who are wanting to donate items to the Tremont Community Senior Meals, you can now see the current needs on our new [Amazon List!](#)

This list will be updated regularly. If you have any questions about donations, you can reach out to Braden at scsoulmanager@gmail.com.

Community Calendar

Monday

MS Cross Country vs. Morton, Canton, Churchill @ Morton - 4:00 PM

MS Baseball @ Delevan - 4:30 PM

HS Volleyball HOME vs. Morton - 5:00 PM

HS F-SO Football @ Clinton - 5:30 PM

Tuesday

HS Golf V HOME vs Fieldcrest, Tri-Valley - 4:00 PM

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

MS Softball HOME vs Washington Central - 4:15 PM

HS Volleyball @ Peoria Christian - 6:00 PM

Wednesday

HS Golf V @ EPG (El Paso Country Club), Eureka - 4:00 PM

MS Softball @ Germantown Hills - 4:15 PM

MS Baseball @ Germantown Hills - 4:15 PM

Thursday

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

MS Softball @ Beverly Manor Elementary School - 4:30 PM

MS Baseball HOME vs Broadmoor - A and B - 4:30 PM

HS Volleyball @ Cornerstone Christian - 6:00 PM

Friday

MS Softball @ Hartem - B Game Only - 4:30 PM

Saturday

HS Volleyball HOME vs Central Illinois Invite - 9:00 AM

HS Cross Country @ Rochester Invite - 10:00 AM

MS Baseball HOME vs Washington Central - Both B - 10:00 AM

HS V Football HOME vs Warrensburg-Latham - 1:00 PM

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.

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