



Weekly News

Community Shred Day

Free Community Shred Day

Saturday, May 6th
9:00 a.m. - Noon
The First National Bank in Tremont



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Did you know...?

Two Tremont Boys Hit Pay Dirt

The exhilarating excitement, the possibility of striking it rich, and the spirit of high adventure spurred a few Tremont residents to sell everything and become "Boomers." Exaggerated rumors of the gold mines' plenty in Nevada caused many a young man from our area to pack up and head west to join the rush.

The McQueen boys of Tremont were two who joined the "Boomers" headed to Nevada. Gold miners were referred to as Boomers, because they would descend on tiny settlements where gold had been discovered and cause an explosion in population. One such town, Goldfield, Nevada, consisted of just a few tents when gold was discovered. Almost overnight the town grew to be the largest city in Nevada, 18,000-20,000 strong.

Those who took the risk of investing all they had also risked influenza and pneumonia (called the "black plague") and other epidemics, diseases, homicides and suicides that flourished in boom towns.

Some were successful, others were not. The article below is from the Tremont News in April of 1907:

"In a letter Thursday morning from a friend in Utah, we learn that the McQueen boys, Ben and Dave, have struck it rich in a mine in Nevada. They, in company with a Mr. Williams, owned fifteen claims which are paying so well that the McQueens bought Williams' on third interest, paying him \$5,000 for it.

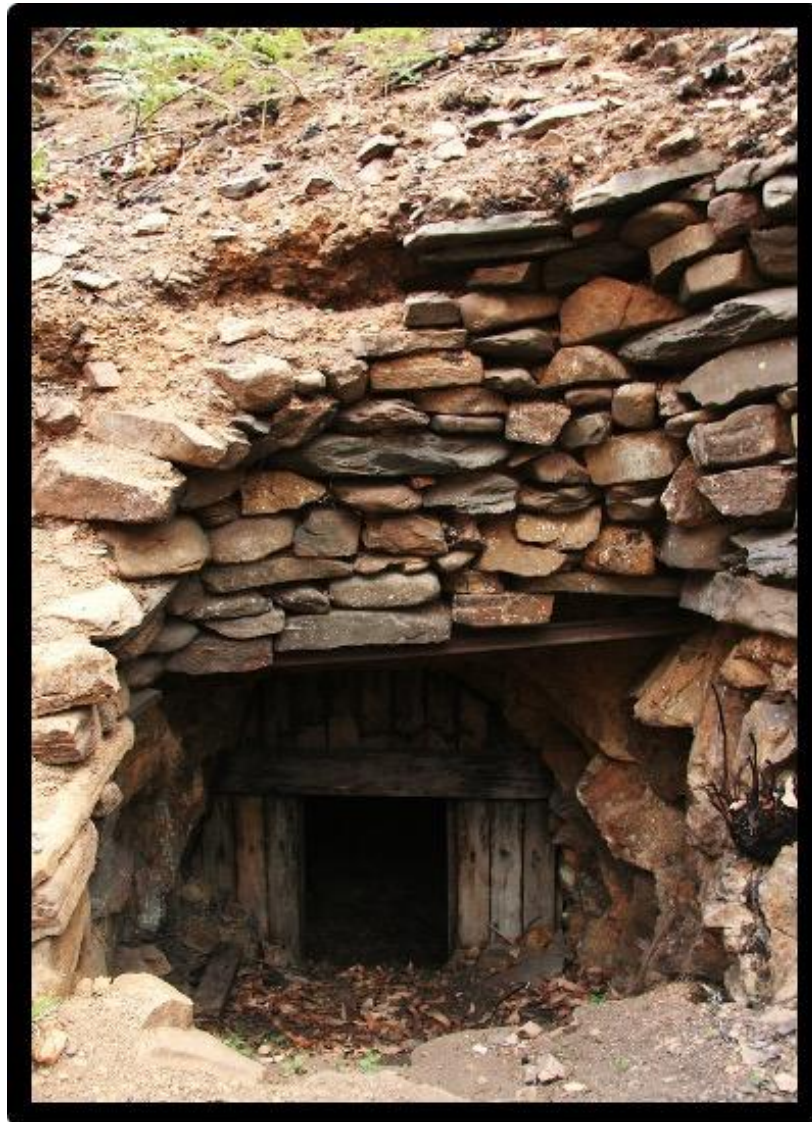
By a clipping in the White Pines Times we see where the deeds were recorded last week. One claim that Dave has owned separate from the others has cleared \$7,000 in the last three months.

The boys are former residents of Tremont and we are glad to hear of their good fortune."

In the early 1900s, one dollar was equivalent to approximately \$36.00 in today's dollars. The average yearly wage was \$432.00. An average home was \$5,000 and a steam-powered car cost \$1,000. So, it appears the McQueens did quite well with their venture.

By WWI, those mining camps were ghost towns, and their wild days of gold rushes became a thing of the past, leaving only memories of the high excitement and risk those boomers, including two daring Tremont boys, experience.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society
Lori Fuoss 2021



Tremont Museum

PLANNING A REUNION? Let Us Help!

Don't forget to include the Tremont Museum on your agenda for your next family or class reunion! We are glad to schedule a special time for your group and will accommodate your ideas if possible. Contact Rich at 309-231-1123.

The Fab 50s Exhibit will be open on Sunday, April 23 from 2-4 PM.

Tremont District Library News

Tiny Art Show Closing -- Enter to Win!

Thank you to over 90 artists who shared their talent with us at the library! Please pick up your Tiny Art and take it home.

Each canvas has an entry slip! Pick up this week, by April 15th in order to get entered to win an Eli's or Pinky's Gift Card!

S.T.E.A.M. Lab Plus (ages 7+)

Monday, April 10th, 3:30-4:30pm

S.T.E.A.M. Lab Plus is perfect for ages 7+ that want to learn about the world around them. Participate in group activities to learn about the Scientific Method, learn about Cause and Effect, make something to take home, and so much more! No registration required.

Baby & Me (ages 0-3)

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30am

A support group for new & experienced parents.

Story Hour

Thursday, April 13th, 10:30-11:15am

Story Hour is perfect for ages 3-6. 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. We know a group setting is new for lots of kiddos this age, so wiggles are welcome! Make Story Hour a step you take in preparing your child for life-long learning.

Minecraft in the Meeting Room (ages 7+)

Saturdays, April 15th & May 20th, 10am - 12:30pm

Hop on our library realm to create with friends!

Little Turk T-Ball Registration

Little Turks T-Ball (age 4-6 / Co-ed): \$55.00 Resident

T-Ball registrations opens 4/3/2023 and ends 5/5/23

HURRY AND GET REGISTERED TO AVOID LATE FEES. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR COACHES FOR T-BALL.

EMAIL tapdfacres@gmail.com IF INTERESTED.

Community Calendar

Monday

HS Track and Field @ Lewistown Invite - Boys Only - TBA

HS Softball HOME vs Dee-Mack High School - 4:30PM

HS Baseball HOME vs Dee-Mack High School - 4:30PM

Tuesday

HS Track and Field HOI Regular Meet @ Dee-Mack High School - 4:30PM

Wednesday

HS Baseball HOME vs Brimfield - 4:30PM

Thursday

MS Track and Field HOME vs St. Thomas, Riverview, Metamora, Rankin, Lexington - 4:30PM

HS Track and Field HOME vs Bloomington Cornerstone, Ridgeview-Lex, CLA - 4:30PM

HS Baseball HOME vs Peoria Heights - 4:30PM

Friday

HS Softball @ Tri-Valley - 4:30PM

HS Baseball @ Tri-Valley - 4:30PM

HS Baseball F - So @ Dunlap - 4:30PM

Saturday

HS Softball @ Pontiac Triangular - 11:45AM

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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