



## Weekly News

### Community Shred Day

#### Free Community Shred Day

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



For More Information

### Boys & Girls Summer Basketball Camps - Registration Due May 12

The **2023 Lady Turk Basketball Camp** is for girls entering 3rd-8th grade. The camp will run May 30th - Jun 2nd from 3:30 - 5:00 pm in the High School North Gym. [Click here](#) for more information and the registration form.

The **2023 Boys Basketball Camp** is for boys entering 3rd-8th grade. The camp will run May 30th - Jun 2nd in the High School North Gym. 3rd - 5th graders will meet from 9:00 - 10:30 am. 6th-8th graders will meet from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm. [Click here](#) for more information and the registration form.

### Summer Volleyball Camps - Registration Due May 24

The **2023 Volleyball Camp** will run June 5th - 8th for incoming kindergartners through 8th grader in the High School North Gym. Incoming K - 2nd will meet from 9:30 - 10:30 am. Incoming 3rd - 5th grade will meet from 10:45 am - 12:15 pm. Incoming 6th - 8th grade will meet from 1:00 - 2:30 pm. [Click here](#) for more information and the registration form.

Registration form and fee due by May 24th to the GS/MS Office or by mail to Coach Klaus (address provided on form).

### Did you know...?

Dear and Respected Wife...  
A Tremont Civil War Home Front Story

Cordelia Warner Lackland doesn't get enough credit.

She married William Lackland in 1849. She had known William since childhood; their families were among the earliest pioneers in the Tremont area, living in a settlement called Tennessee Point.

They soon started their own family of seven children. William worked to increase his successful livestock business. At the time of the Civil War, William raised a company of local men, who became Company A of the 108<sup>th</sup> Regiment at Camp Peoria. William was Captain. The men soon saw a great deal of the war, including major battles.

As with many other women in those terrible days, Cordelia remained behind, worried for her country, her husband and her brothers. With several small children, the farm, and William's business to run, Cordelia felt completely overwhelmed at times. At least once she wrote to William, begging him to come home. William replied by saying he missed his home, but could never be a quitter. He intended to stay until the war ended. He directed her to get someone to help do the chores. Cordelia dug in and did what needed to be done, and it appears she did it well.

Through his letters, always beginning with "Dear and respected wife," and in beautiful handwriting, William advised her often from afar about his business affairs. Some of the advice is as follows:

March 9, 1864, "*Be sure to have the colts branded before they are turned to grass.*"  
June 18, 1864: "*Do not keep any more stock in that new pasture than you can help as they will spoile (sic) the meadow for next year.*"  
March, 1865, "*Have my bay horse well taken care of do not let him be moved off the place. Raise as many colts as can be from the stock of mares...tell Jarvis to go in the chicken business pretty extensively for I have a good appetite for chickens.*" Cordelia did her best.



Cordelia Lackland

During the war, her brother, Emery, became ill and died in a hospital. Another brother, young Dewitt, was missing and thought to be dead. Unbeknownst to the family, Dewitt actually had been taken prisoner and sent to the notorious Andersonville Prison. The only reassuring thing was that letters from William continued to arrive. He wrote often asking after the children, saying in one letter, "*Hoping to see you soon. I close by sending my love to my little ones who are the pride of my heart.*" All were anxious for his return.

When the war ended, William finally did return, having attained the high rank of Colonel. In the years following, Cordelia and William welcomed two more children to their family, Leonard and Thomas. Work on the farm continued, and the colonel had a handsome home built on Augustine Road for his large family. Then, just nine years later, tragedy struck, and he was killed in a farm accident. Unbelievably, Cordelia had to go to court to be named guardian for her own six minor children!

Their children grew to be impressive adults, with their parents as role models. For much, or in some cases, most of their formative years, Cordelia was the lone parent. All five sons attended Illinois Wesleyan University in Normal, Illinois, which was very unusual in those days. Leonard received an honorary doctorate and became a trustee of the school. Melvin was president of his class and took a more extensive course in mathematics than any graduate of the university. He became a mathematics professor there. Thomas, William and John Jarvis were in business and farming. John Jarvis was later elected Representative to the Kansas State Legislature. William started the Morton Bank in nearby Morton, Illinois.

Colonel Lackland was well-known in his time and has continued to be known as a major personality in Tremont's history. Though less known, his wife Cordelia has her own legacy to claim.

*~Tremont Museum and Historical Society*

*L. Fuoss, (reprinted)*

*Dear and Respected Wife, the Letters of Colonel William Lackland to Mrs. W. R. Lackland* compiled by Mabel Lackland Frazer

## Tremont Museum

### **DON'T MISS The May Tremont Historical Society Program!**

Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 pm at the Tremont Community Center

*At 2:30 am on Thanksgiving Day, 1971, 1st Lt. Robert Beutel (from Tremont) and Capt. James Steadman of the US Air Force took off on a night mission from Ubon Air Base, Thailand in an F-4D Phantom fighter plane. Their call sign was Owl 08. At 3 am, after an aerial refueling, Owl 08 departed for their target area over the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos. That was the last time anyone heard from the two aviators and exactly what happened to them remains a mystery to this day.*

At the time, Tremont residents worried, prayed, wore POW (Prisoner of War) bracelets with Bob's name, and tried to comfort family. This mystery rocked the entire close-knit Tremont community.

The public is invited to this free program, and refreshments will be served.

### **TREMONT MUSEUM will be CLOSED for MOTHER'S DAY**

Good News, we have extended out the "Fab 50s" exhibit until the end of July, 2nd and 4th Sundays from 2 - 4 pm.

## Tremont District Library News

### **LEGO Afternoons**

May 1, 2023, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Do you like to build with LEGOs? Of course! Who doesn't?

LEGO after noons are perfect for kids who are 6 years and older and want to show off their building skills, try out new LEGO sets, and attempt challenges (like creating a LEGO stop motion video!). No registration required!

**Baby & Me (ages 0-3)**

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am

A support group for new & experienced parents.

## Tremont Community Senior Meals

# Tremont Community Senior Meals are restarting soon!

Mark your calendars for Monday, May 8th. More details to follow soon!

Brought to you by Neighborhood House Peoria  
and Tremont Community Share Closet



The Share Closet is now starting to accept donations of new/unopened paper plates, plasticware, cups, and napkins to serve the food on. Donations may be brought to the back door of the Share Closet during their open hours.

## 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](mailto:tapdfacres@gmail.com) IF INTERESTED.

## Community Calendar

**Monday**

MS Track and Field HOME vs Pekin, Olympia, Lincoln, St. Marks, St. Joseph - 4:30 PM

\*HS Softball HOME vs Fisher Jr/Sr High School - 4:30 PM

\*HS Baseball HOME vs Fisher Jr/Sr High School - 4:30 PM

## **Tuesday**

HS Track and Field - Girls Only HOI Meet @ El Paso-Gridley - 2:00 PM

HS Baseball HOME vs Delevan- 4:30 PM

## **Wednesday**

HS Softball @ Illini Bluffs - 4:30 PM

HS Baseball Fr-So @ Central Catholic High School - 4:30 PM

## **Thursday**

No events

## **Friday**

HS Baseball Fr-So HOME vs U-High - 4:30 PM

HS Track and Field Tremont Invite HOME vs Fieldcrest, PORTA, Illini Central - 4:00 PM

HS Track and Field HOME vs PCS, Springfield Lutheran, Dee-Mack, Illini Bluffs - 4:00 PM

## **Saturday**

HS Baseball F-So @ Illini Bluffs - TBA

MS Track and Field 7AA-8AA Sections @ TBA - 9:00 AM

HS Softball @ Brimfield - 10:00 AM

HS Baseball @ Illini Bluffs - 11:00 AM

\* - Denotes conference game.

## **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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