



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.**

Captain Wibray of Tremont - Part 2

In last week's newsletter, we learned of Captain James Wibray, a respected sea captain from New York. He ended his sea career with a disastrous accident in which the captain of the pilot boat that was guiding his ship through New York Harbor was drunk. Wibray's ship ran aground on a rocky reef, seriously endangering the passengers, crew, and ship. Wibray heroically steered the pilot boat and his own ship to safety. The passengers were moved to present him with a fine 12-piece silver coffee service made by the well-known silversmith, William Gale, engraved with a message of gratitude.*

When his wife, Elizabeth, heard of this event, she encouraged James to give up the sea. At the time, there was great excitement among many in New York to travel West to settle. So in 1835, James and his family packed up and headed West, by way of the Erie Canal, the Great Lakes and Chicago, to a new colony on the open prairie called Tremont.



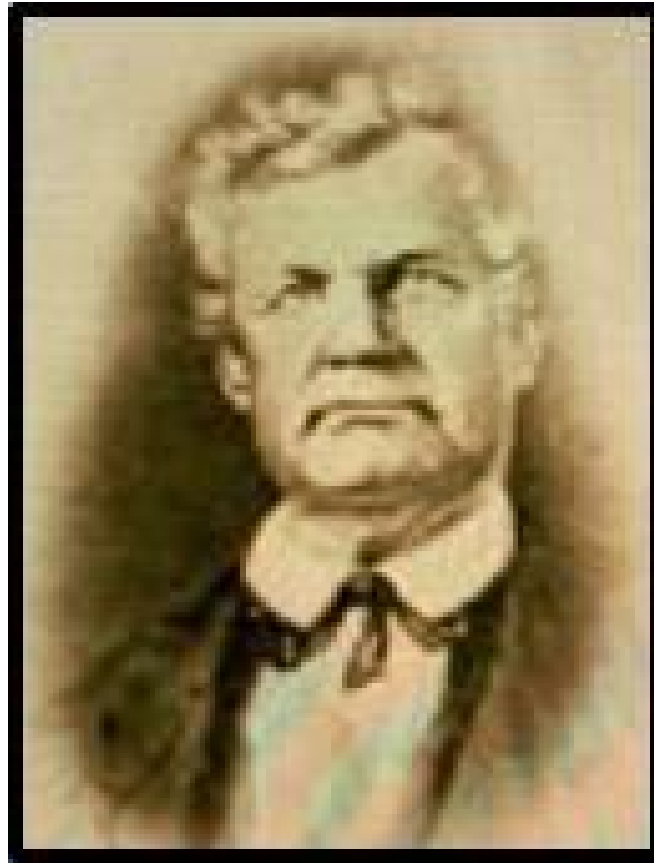
Part of James Wibray's farm, which he called the Ashwood Stock Farm, on Lake Windermere Road. The land has belonged to several owners since, and was recently auctioned off in parcels.

James had obtained a grant of 400 acres of property just two miles east of the town, possibly on the north side of what is today Lake Windermere Road, and built a farm there which he called Ashwood Stock Farm. His "remarkably fine" frame home had an eight-foot-wide porch all the way around it and a fireplace in each room. The farm also boasted a water tower with pipes leading to the basement of the home. James farmed and raised Clydesdale Horses and stock, a far cry from his former seafaring occupation.

He soon became involved in the new community and became Tazewell County Treasurer from 1839-1843. Yet, the sea was a part of who he was, and he still returned to it for occasional jobs.

James died of cancer in 1858. One newspaper account called him, "...the very emblem of a real sailor and gentleman...". His wife, Elizabeth, was 67 at the time, with seven living children. She was active and alert when her death came at 1884 at age 92. Both are buried in Mount Hope Cemetery in Tremont. Prior to her death, Elizabeth gave pieces of the valuable and cherished sterling silver coffee service that James had cherished to each

of her children.



Capt. Jame Wibray, Tremont Resident, died in 1858

Approximately 110 years later, in 2001, Elizabeth Doremus, great, great, granddaughter to James and Eliizabeth, who had inherited the 28-inch-diameter silver tray, decided to take action and complete the story. She knew the other eleven pieces had to be among the widely-scattered Wibray descendants, so she set out on the improbable task of finding them. Through a great deal of research and many coincidences, she was able to locate most of the pieces of the elaborate set and connect with then unknown members of her Wibray family as well. Her remarkable story is recounted in her book, *Captain Wibray's Family in America*. Most of the information for this article has been taken from that book and from a letter describing the Wibray home, written to the author by Wibray descendant and former Tremont resident Ralph Parkhurst.

- *In various accounts, the ship New Jersey was guided into or out of New York Harbor or even at the mouth of the Mississippi River, but the rest of the story is the same.*
- *The Tremont Museum has a copy of Captain Wibray's Family in America*

*~ Tremont Museum and Historical Society, Lori Fuoss
Reprint*

Tremont Museum

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

*Program: The Tremont Grade School Fist
Bumping Vets*

A group of 18 U.S. veterans and the students at Tremont Grade School has made the news several times, because what they do is extraordinary. Find out what this group is all about and some of the

many experiences they have had over the last 7 years as they present a program at the Tremont Community Center. Free to the public, and Refreshments provided. Sponsored by the Tremont Historical Society



Don't Miss the Big Reveal: Sunday, September 10th!

Eight volunteers have spent the last month working on rearranging and designing new displays. Be sure to stop in and spend a Sunday afternoon learning about our uniquely founded town. The Museum will be open 2nd - 4th Sundays from 2-4 PM. Admission is free, though donations are encouraged!

Tremont District Library News

Graphic Novel Book Club (ages 8-12)

Tuesday, September 5, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Graphic Novel Book Club is a great way for 8-12 year olds to meet other Graphic Novel enthusiasts and share their feeling about new and old books! Ran just like a classic book club with a group discussion, but with the addition of snacks and a craft.

Baby & Me Group (ages 0-3)

Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 am

A support group for new and experienced parents.

Mario Kart Tournament (ages 8-12)

Friday, September 8, 5:00 pm

We are so excited to invite tweens, ages 8-12, to our first ever Mario Kart Tournament! Join us after hours on Friday, September 8th to face off in epic races on big screens to see who is truly the best racer. There will be snacks, a coloring contest, and prizes!

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT. We'll have plenty on hand, but participants are more than welcome to bring their own Nintendo Switch controllers to race with!

The tournament will start shortly after 5pm when the library closes and will most likely end around 6:30 - 7pm depending on race speeds. The library will be accessible to parents of participants during this time, but no other library services will be offered.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Lizzi or Nicol at the library.

Tremont Community Senior Meals



Meals are served every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11pm at the Tremont Community Center. These are for anyone 60 and up, there is no cost! If you want to join us you can stop in and sign up or call 309-674-1131 ext 231 for more information or to sign up.

If you would like to help support these meals, there are a few ways to get involved!

1. You can volunteer. Help us serve food and clean up from 10:45-12:15 in a relaxed and fun environment.
2. You can donate. Donations of disposable dinnerware (plates, cups, silverware, dessert plates, large and small take-home containers, rectangular tablecloths and napkins) can be dropped off at the [Tremont Share Closet](#) during their open hours. If you want a more detailed list of our current needs, you can see our Amazon wish list [here](#).
3. You can entertain. We like to host fun activities from 11:45-12:15 on Fridays and are always looking for creative and fun ideas to fill that time.

If you have any questions about donations or want to get involved, you can reach out to Braden at scsoulmanager@gmail.com.

Community Calendar

Monday

HS F-SO Football HOME vs Warrensburg-Latham High School - 5:30 PM

Tuesday

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

MS Cross Country @ Metamora Grade School - 4:00 PM

MS Softball @ Washington Middle - 4:15 PM

MS Baseball @ Washington Middle - 4:15 PM

HS Volleyball HOME vs Dee-Mack (Fresh/JV/Var) - 5:00 PM

Wednesday

HS Golf V @ Hartem, Mt. Pulaski - TBA

MS Baseball HOME vs Lincoln - 4:15 PM

Thursday

MS Baseball @ Beverly Manor Elementary School - 4:15 PM

HS Volleyball @ Illini Bluffs (Fresh/JV/Var) - 5:00 PM

Friday

HS Football @ Heyworth - 7:00 PM

Saturday

HS Cross Country @ PORTA Invite - 9:00 AM

MS Cross Country @ Parkside Invite - 9:30 AM

MS Baseball HOME @ IVS, Eureka - 10:00 AM

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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