



Weekly News

Village Minutes

To view the most recent village board meeting minutes, please go to <http://www.tremontil.com/tremont-board-of-trustees.php>

Community Night at the pool

Mark your calendar for Community Night at the Pool, Tuesday, July 26th 6-9 PM!

Featuring: Kona Ice, The Pizza Guys Wood Fired, Jakd Entertainment with music, The unique twist balloon guy, games, and prizes!

Raffle Tickets are on sale NOW at the Pool or Fitness Office. Prizes include 2023 Pool Passes, Gift Card Pack (TAPD, Elis, and Perdue's Grill), and Punch Pass for 10 Visits to Fitness Center or Pool!
\$2 Each, 6 for \$10 or 12 for \$20

All for a discounted admission price, family rate, or season pass entrance!



Tremont Farmers' Market

Tremont Farmers' Market is held every Saturday from 9-12 in the small park shelter in City Park. The market welcomes vendors with fresh vegetables/fruits as well as crafts and cottage goods (food items made in the home). For those wanting to sell "cottage" goods, please contact the Tazewell County Health Dept directly.

Fee is \$5/week for those participating. No need to register ahead of time – just show up!

Did you know...?

The Leslie Farms Story

Last week's article introduced Archie L. Robison, Jr., Tremont's widely acclaimed horse importer, breeder, and judge of horses. His farm was called Leslie Farms.

Three generations of the Robison family lived on the land in Elm Grove Township, Tremont. It was called Leslie Farms and located at the corner of Springfield Road and today's State Route 9.

The generations at the farm began with James and Isabella Leslie Robison (originally Robertson), who immigrated from Scotland and settled in 1835 on the land to the west of the newly founded town of Tremont, Illinois. James had railroad experience, so he contracted to help construct the Pekin & Tremont Railroad. A small rail station was built near their home. Isabella paid \$10,000 to name the stop "Leslie Station," after her ancestral heritage.

Their son Frank was just ten years old when he came with his family to America. In 1849, he married Mary Miars, daughter of one of Tazewell County's earliest residents, Martin Miars. Frank also learned to farm, which he did for all of his life at Leslie Farms, raising fruit, including one of the best apple orchards in the state. A December 4th, 1871 Pantagraph newspaper article tells of 8,000 bushels of choice apples shipped that year. He was very successful in business. At one time, Frank owned 1,800 acres of land. He and his wife, Mary, raised ten children there, including their son, Archie Leslie Robison.

As a young man, Archie Leslie Robison, moved back to the farm in 1884 and soon inherited part of the land from his father. He extended the boundaries of his portion of property, eventually owning over 435 acres, one of the best farms in the county. He raised hogs and Percheron horses. Archie married Louisa (or Lida) Richmond. Together, they raised six very successful children; five sons and, finally, a daughter, Mary Leslie. They built one of the finest homes in the area, a beautiful, white, 19-room Victorian mansion. People of the time often referred to it as the "White House."

Archie's second son, born in 1886, was named Archie Leslie Robison, Jr. Through the efforts of Archie Senior and Archie Junior, Leslie Farms came to be widely known for the champion Percheron horses that were bred and raised there. Archie Jr. became a world-class horse importer, breeder, and horse judge. The Leslie rail station was utilized for importing and shipping horses all over the country.

Archie Jr. never married. For years, he lived at the "White House" together with his parents and his accomplished sister Mary, a professor emeritus of English at Bradley University. Mary also never married. After their parents died, the two siblings lived out their lives in the house at Leslie Farms.

Next week – The Fate of Leslie Farms
~Tremont Museum and Historical Society, Lori Fuoss



The "White House" at Leslie Farms, ca. 1950

Baby & Me

Wednesday, July 27th, 10:30AM

New and experienced parents are invited to join Miss Nicole on Wednesday mornings for a parent/baby support group. Meet other parents in the area, make friends, enjoy new toys, lots of books, and a must: free coffee.

The focus of this group is parents and young children ages 0-3, but other siblings are always welcome! No registration required, drop in whenever works best for you.

Macramé for Teens

RESCHEDULED for 7PM, July 28th (this week)

Macramé is the art of using rope and knots to create art that can be just for visual appeal or functional purposes, like a wall hanging or plant holder!

We'll have all the materials you need to make a project of your own and instructions to take home for others at the library next Thursday evening, July 28th. Ages 12-19, no registration required.

Tuesday

Community Night at Tremont Pool - 6:00PM-9:00PM

Saturday

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

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.

Thank you,

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