



TREMONT ILLINOIS

Weekly News

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!

Please support out local vendors!

Did you know...?



Tremont's Widely Acclaimed Horseman

There's a quite a story to be told here. You've passed this simple road sign many times as you've driven down State Route 9 to Pekin. But did you realize that once there was a huge farm there, with apple orchards, hogs, and 50 or more Percheron horses at all times? These horses were muscular and large; their ancestors were the type of steed that knights of old once rode into battle. However, in the 1800s, Percheron horses were used for farm horses – actual horsepower.

The owner of the farm, Archie Leslie Robison, Jr. was a widely acclaimed importer, breeder, and judge of horses. He sailed to France 26 times in his lifetime, where he selected twenty to thirty Percheron horses each time. He was awarded the equivalent of the French Legion of Honor for his service to agriculture. Archie was an advisory member of the College of Agriculture of the University of Illinois, which he had attended as a student. For nine years, he served as a member of the Illinois State Fair Board.

The Robison family were prominent members of Tremont. Archie and his sisters and brothers grew up at Leslie Farms and lived in a 19-room mansion called by many, "The White House." His father, also Archie L., built the home in 1898.

The train stopped regularly at a station near their home, called Leslie Station. Carloads of horses were

shipped around the country from there. He held annual sales, which were attended by buyers from all over the states, including Canada.

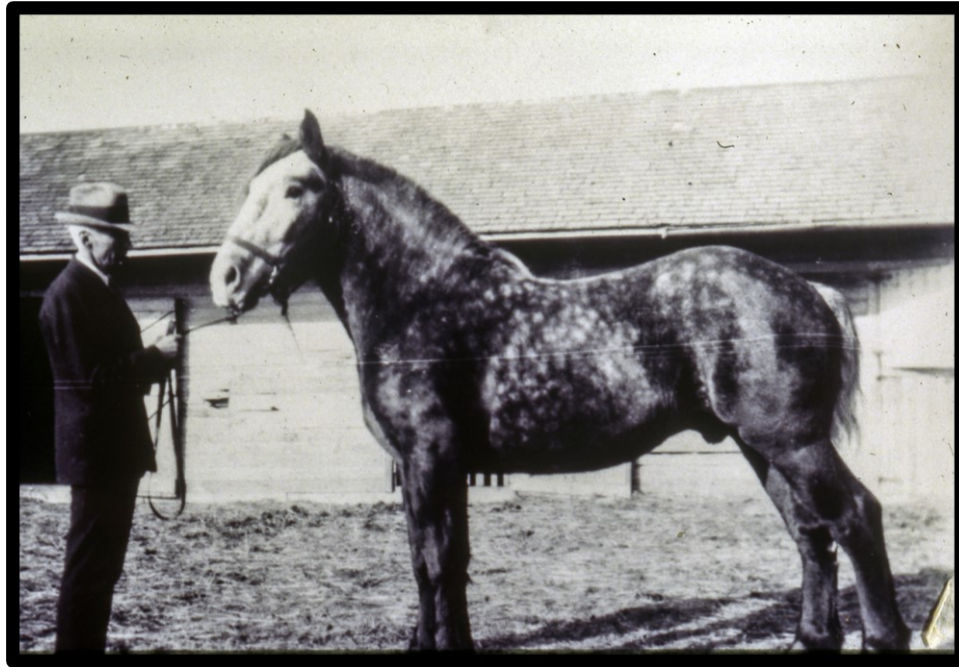
Then there came a time when literal horsepower was replaced by steam power. Archie then changed his business model and for about ten more years, he developed an exclusive clientele, supplying wealthy horse lovers who wanted prize horses on their show-place farms.

Next time you pass the "Leslie Farm" road sign, imagine a stately white Victorian Mansion, a small railroad station, and an impressive horse farm there.

The Tremont Agricultural Heritage Museum has a display about Archie and his horses.

Next week: "The White House" and Leslie Farm property history.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society, Lori Fuoss
Some information is from an article about Archie's sister, Grace Lackland Robison



Archie Robison, Jr. and a prize-winning Percheron

Tremont Museum

PLANNING A REUNION?

Add a stop at the Tremont Museum for your group! There will be something of interest for everyone. We are glad to do a private tour of the museums, or your group can browse on their own, or both. For more information, or to set up a visit, contact Rich at 231-1123.

Tremont District Library

Mr. Wilkey! Musical Performance

Friday July 22nd, 6:00 pm

Local musician and wonder Mr. Wilkey is back for another musical program in the park! To wrap up another great year of summer reading, Mr. Wilkey will be performing at City Park on July 22nd at 6pm. All ages are welcome to attend!

Crafternoon - Perler Beads

Monday July 18, 2-5pm

Join us today (Monday) for our final Crafternoon of the summer as we make perler bead crafts! Ages 6+, no registration required, supplies are first come, first serve! This is a drop-in program so stop by anytime, the craft takes 20-30 minutes to complete!

Baby & Me

Wednesday, July 20th, 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.

Story Hour

Thursday, July 21st, 10:30 am - 11:15 am

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.

Macramé for Teens

RESCHEDULED for 7PM, July 28th (next 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.

Hogwarts' Half-Bloods (YA Book Club)

Tuesday, July 19th, 7-8pm

Ages 12-19 are invited to join us to discuss a monthly book (or two) pick and enjoy a drink from Eli's. Copies of each month's book are available at the library for anyone interested! If you'd like to keep up to date with Hogwarts' Half-Bloods, email Lizzi at lizzi@tremontlibrary.com to be added to our Remind group. Upcoming read:

- July 19th – "A Good Girl's Guide to Murder" by Holly Jackson

Monday

Crafternoon (ages 6+) - 2:00-5:00PM
Tremont Library

Friday

Mr. Wilkey Musical Performance - 6:00PM
City Park

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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