



## Weekly News

### Tremont FFA March - May Press Release

March, April and May were filled with fun and exciting events for Tremont FFA!

March 12th and 13th a group of 4 FFA members went with Mrs. Schweigert to the State capital for Ag Legislative Day! Legislative day was two days long. On March 12th we left the school around 1:30p.m. We had to go and have a meeting about what we would be doing the next day and got to talk to some legislators about FFA and their backgrounds. When we got done talking to them we went and ate while having the opportunity to talk to people there. The next day we went to Springfield to tour the capitol building and talked to our legislator and brought him food. We talked about getting more money for FFA and payment for FFA advisors. After we finished talking to him we went to the library so Olivia could do her interview with the old president of the Corn Administration.

March 15th, we hosted the section 9 Dairy judging contest. There were 8 schools that attended and over 100 students participated. Tremont placed 1st overall. Kaiden Petro placed 1st individually and Dixie Michel placed 2nd.

Todd Wagenbach had the privilege of going to the Ag Panel which was a conference like time where three people talked about ongoing issues within agriculture in IL. The first speaker was Jeff Adkisson who is the executive vice-president of the Illinois Grain and Feed Association and he talked about the safety of Illinois Grain Feed. Also how the safety was going to improve. Now Director Jerry Costello of the Illinois Department of Agriculture also was there and he mainly talked about a survey that he took over the age of the farmers in America. The result was that only 9% of the farmers were 35 and younger and that's why us and 3 other school district's FFA were invited to be shown that farming is slowly becoming less popular. Now the last speaker was Sally Turner who is the senator of IL. She talked about the bills that are going through the house and the senate right now about Ag and how they are trying to get more money for schools with FFA so they can continue. It was really eye opening because as a student in FFA I had no clue that this was all going on.

On May 3rd, 2024, Tremont High School FFA hosted Ag Day at the grade school in town. The chapter set up 5 stations of activities around the baseball field for the kids to interact with. The goal of the event was to educate the younger kids in the community about agriculture and FFA while giving FFA members an opportunity to be leaders and help teach the kids.

The first station was a seed tent where the kids were taught how to plant sunflowers in pots while learning how the plants use sun and air to grow; afterwards the kids took the pots they planted flowers in home with them so they could grow their own sunflowers. The second station was the hay bale station where we stack round and square bales of hay

for the kids to climb on and have fun while being around FFA members who also joined them on the hay. The third station was a large portion of the field full of tractors, old and new, for the children to explore. We had multiple members around that portion of the field to help kids get in and out of tractors and answer any question the kids may have about them. At the 4th station we had a tent full of animals for the kids to pet and interact with. Some of these animals included goats, sheep, pigs, ducks, chickens, turkeys, and a cow. Finally we had a feed tent where we made a snack mix of marshmallows, popcorn, cheerios, and more with the kids. This was a fun snack for the kids while they learned about the grains and proteins that we feed to animals to keep them healthy. While the kids enjoyed their snacks they got a fun hayride on the trailer pulled by our very own FFA tractor.

We are beyond thankful for this opportunity to spend time doing what we love and teaching the younger generation about what could be in store for them when they grow up. Some members were group leaders who took their assigned group of kids to each station while some members stayed at their stations and taught the kids. We can confirm that the kids from the school as well as the FFA members had a blast throughout the day and are all looking forward to doing it again next year!

May 10th was the seniors last day and it was drive an Antique Tractor to school day! 8 FFA members participated in the event!

Our 2023-2024 school year was great. We worked on building a new foundation with different teachers, we went on a lot of fun trips, and made lots of awesome memories.

## Did You Know....?

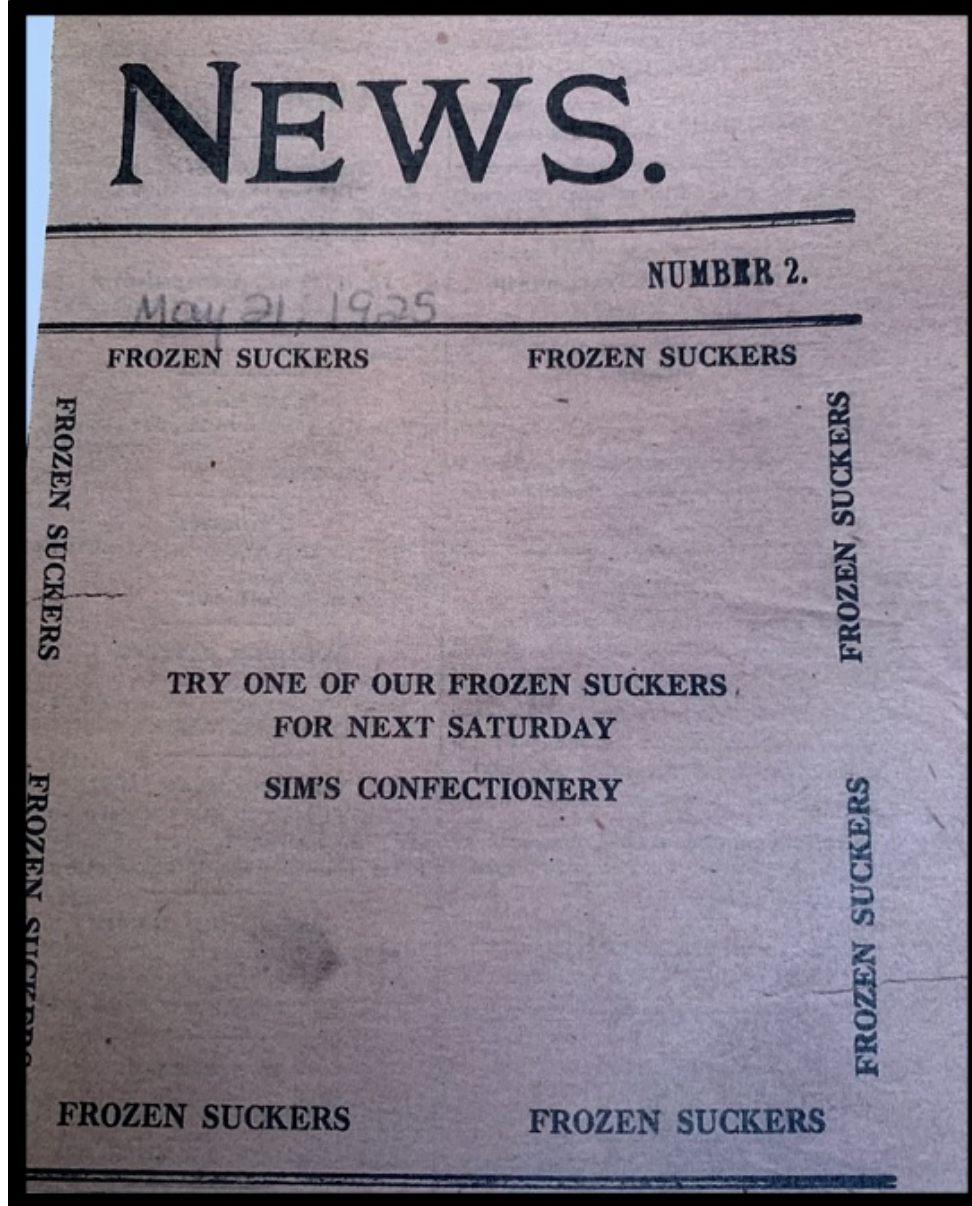
### The Frozen Sucker Comes to Tremont

Another successful Turkey Festival has ended, and summer in Tremont has officially begun! The ball fields are filled, the pool will be crowded, and Pinky's has an endless line for cold, creamy ice cream.

But, back in 1925, as summer was about to begin, Sim's Confectionary introduced "frozen Suckers," as an exciting new treat for relief from the heat.

Below:

*Tremont News* ad from May 21, 1925



What, exactly, were “frozen suckers”? Today we know them as popsicles.

In June of 1924, The M-B Ise Cream Company introduced frozen flavored water on a stick which they called “Frozen Suckers.” An ad introducing the new treat said, *“Here it is – the Frozen Sucker – the greatest treat you ever tasted – a luscious frozen ice on a stick, flavored with genuine “Kist” Flavors...Each Frozen Sucker is individually wrapped to protect its purity – a thousand delights on a stick – pure – sweet – wholesome. Treat yourself – treat the boys and girls – five cents – that’s all – everywhere.”*

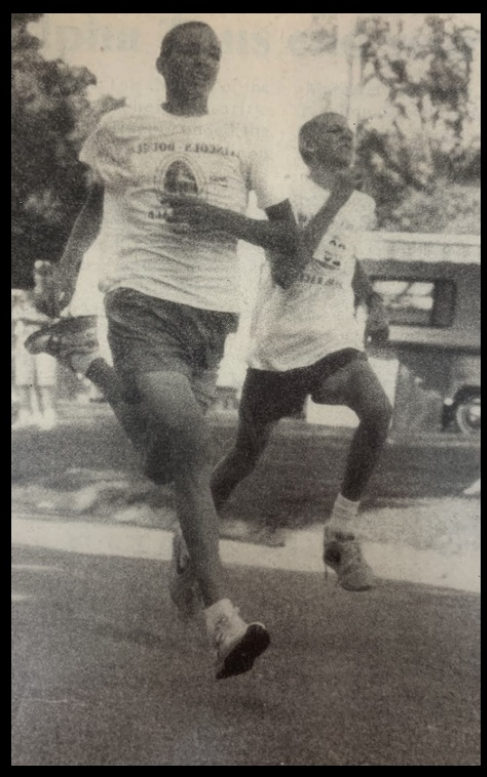
Frozen Suckers soon swept the nation, and our little town of Tremont was in on the cutting edge.

*~Tremont Museum and Historical Society  
Lori Fuoss, 2024*

**Tremont Museum**

**DID YOU MISS THE TREMONT SPORTS ALL-STARS EXHIBIT??**

YOU HAVE ONE MORE CHANCE! The Tremont All-Stars exhibit will be open just ONE more weekend. Make plans to visit -- this has been one of our most popular exhibits. We'd hate for you to miss it!



**Saturday and Sunday, June 22 and 23**  
from 2-4 PM

Admission is cash only.

***See the exhibit! Time is running out!***

Tremont All-Stars -- IMPORTANT! Please make arrangements to pick up your items from the museum as soon as possible after Jun 24 by calling Lori at 309-840-0094. Thank you for your help in making this exhibit one to remember!

*Left: Jim Schweigert and Tim Ropp*

## Tremont District Library News

### **Story Hour (ages 3-6)**

Thursday, June 20, 10:30 - 11:00 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.

### **Book Club (adults)**

Thursday, June 20, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Pick up a copy of the book at the front desk and join us at the library on the third Thursday of each month for discussion!

### **Minecraft in the Meeting Room (ages 7+)**

Thursday, June 20, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

We started our library Minecraft Realm back in November 2021 and it was a huge hit! Kids ages 7+ are invited to come help it grow! Ask Lizzi ahead of time if you're unsure of your devices.

Bring your own device and connect to our library Realm. First-time participants and their parents will need to sign a Code of Conduct before joining.

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### **Loanable Technology**

Ask at the front desk about availability.

### **Wifi Hotspots**

Our loanable hotspots allow you to access internet from anywhere.

### **Rokus**

Each of our Rokus has a different streaming service.

Choose from:

- Hulu + Disney (with ads)
- Paramount +
- Acorn TV

Check-out Rules for all technology:

- Must be a Tremont District Library Cardholders Only (aged 14 and older)
- Loan period: 7 days (1 renewal)
- Checkout Limit: 1 technology item at a time per household
- Checkout and return at the circulation desk. No returns in the book drops
- High-speed internet and a TV with HDMI is required for Roku.

## Tremont Area Park District

### ***Turk Gear available at TAPD***

*Various sizes in t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, and hoodies  
Prices range from \$10 - \$25*

### **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

### **Office Hours**

Monday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday	-	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Saturday	8:30 AM - 11:00 PM	-
Sunday	Closed	Closed

## Tremont Community Senior Meals



Meals are served every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11am 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](mailto:scsoulmanager@gmail.com).

## Community Calendar

No Events

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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