

# Something Big

Senior cheerleaders  
travel to Big Apple for  
Thanksgiving parade



Weslynn Boatright, 9th

Parades are nothing new to Thrall Cheerleaders. At homecoming, they lead the entire school down Bounds Street to the football field. Every December, they put on their Santa hats and march down Main Street along with elves on 4-wheelers, trucks, trailers and home-made floats. During these parades, there are few spectators because most of the community is participating. Even though the quiet streets of Thrall are nothing like New York City, seniors Ashlyn Holder, Sarah Laake, and Kristen Rinderknecht were right at home during the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade.

"It was fun to experience new things and branch out" Kristen Rinderknecht,

12th, said. "New York is so different from Thrall that going from this small town to a big city like New York was a huge transition." After going to a cheer camp at UT for a week in the fall, the girls were invited by Spirit of America Productions to participate in the Macy's parade.



Lilly Chandler, 9th

While going to New York was a great experience, the senior cheerleaders

also enjoyed helping the five freshman cheerleaders, half of this year's squad, learn new cheers and manage all the cheer equipment.

"It was hard at the beginning to learn all the cheers, chants, and dances in just a few weeks," Sarah Gautreaux, 9th, said. "But it was an overall good experience for my freshman year."



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