

Thrall ISD

TWENTYSIXTEEN

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**pride.**  
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Sophomore battle cry



S. Medena, A. Wilson, N. De Angelis



Coach Karl Biefeldt

# pride.



The Tiger Band leads the ho



Second grade battle cry



Addison Leschber



Jacob Grissom, Haiden Copeland, Colter Hill



Antonio Remmenga



leads the homecoming parade.

The tap of snare drums echoed off the brick walls as a mass of students from kindergarten through 12th grade rounded the corner. The cheerleaders and band led the student body to the stadium for the homecoming pep rally. This was just one example of how the Thrall student body and community came together to celebrate their Tiger Pride.

At the Harvest Festival, the community and TCEF, raised \$50,000, which went back into school programs and provided scholarships for seniors.

For the first time since 2006, the Tigers won the Battle of Highway 79 with a 26-21 victory over Thorndale, leaving every Tiger with a feeling of pride.

The band received a division one in marching which helped them earn their Sweepstakes in the spring. The volley ball team made it all the way to regional

playoffs, and Jasmine Gonzales placed in the top 10 at state cross country.

Displaying Tiger Pride to a larger audience, middle school cheerleaders marched in the Houston Thanksgiving parade, and the color guard members spent their holiday performing in the All-American color guard at the Citrus Bowl in Florida.

Closer to home, Antonio Remmenga was named Best in Show at the Williamson County Youth Fair and sold his art for \$275, and later in the winter, Sarah Gautreaux returned to state powerlifting as a sophomore, placing second.

"It's always good to support those around [you] and be proud of where you come from," Coach Karl Bielfeldt said. "Pride in your school changes the culture of a whole community."

*Story by Alyssa Kramer*



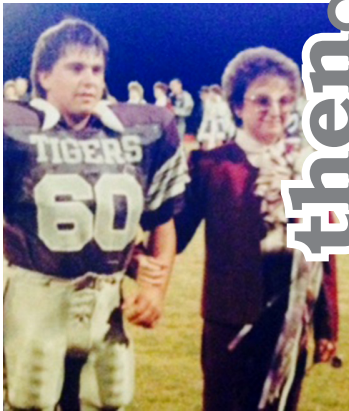
Sarah Gautreaux's state send-off



Cameron Neubauer

generations of

# pride.



*"It's an honor to keep it in the family. I love football, it's my passion."*

*– Jacob Seggern*

then.  
now.



Three generations of Seggerns have worn the #60 jersey starting in the 1950s when Kenneth Gene Seggern played for the Tigers. Above, Ken Allen Seggern, class of 1986, is escorted by his mother Rose Lee. Ken escorts his son Jacob, class of 2016.

Photo by Brittany Knox

*"To be Thrall means to be a respectful person that gives it all in everything they do and fights through adversity when it comes."*

*– Markell Irvin, Class of 2016*



Riley Richter, 10th, is a third-generation member of the Tiger Band. His mother, Tammi Richter, class of 1984, performed with the Color Guard in the 1981 State Marching Band competition. Riley's grandfather, Herman Kaase, class of 1955 also wore the Tiger Band uniform starting at age 14.

then.  
now.



*"To be a part of the Tiger Band family is great. It's being a part of group that cares about the same thing."*

*– Riley Richter*



*"Kids didn't really have the money, so that's what made the jerseys and jackets really important. Thirty-three became my favorite number."*

*– Gene Fuchs  
Class of 1951*

At the 2015 summer alumni homecoming, Gene Fuchs, class of 1951, shows off his 1948 football jersey. Mr. Fuchs played tackle and end for the Thrall football team and kept his jersey as a keepsake. While Tiger T-shirts are common today, they were rare when Mr. Fuchs was in school and most families could not afford them. During his time, football practice was held during the last two periods of the day, because many lived in the country and had to ride the bus home.

**1948 Tiger Football Team**



# 1936 graduate reflects on her Tiger years

Story by Alyssa Kramer

The spring of 2016 marked 80 years since Mrs. Evelyn Rohlack graduated from Thrall High School. When she visited the yearbook staff to talk about her experiences as a student in the 1930s and her career as the school's secretary, she still proudly wore the tiny silver basketball charm she earned playing in the 1935 state tournament.

Mrs. Rohlack, a 1936 graduate, played guard on the girls' basketball team, known as the "Tigeresses".

"It got pretty rough at times," said Mrs. Rohlack whose job was to keep the other team from stealing the ball. They played half-court basketball then, receiving a foul if they crossed the line in the middle of the court.

The Tigeresses finished 4th at the girls' state tournament held at the Gregory Gym in Austin, before girls' basketball was part of the University Interscholastic League (UIL).

The team did not ride buses to their games, so Mrs. Rohlack carpooled with her coach, Mrs. Perle Worth Modessett.

"I would always ride with her to ball games," she said. "I thought a lot of my coach. She tried to tell us to play fair, not to be ugly. Don't try to trip them. You were out there playing to have fun."

The team played county schools first and then worked their way up.

"We went to a lot of different communities to play," she said. "I think we played Thorndale and places further out."

There was always a large crowd

at the games to show their support and pride for the Tigeresses.

"I was always proud of Thrall. We were a little school, but I was proud," Mrs. Rohlack said.

After basketball season, Mrs. Rohlack took to the field.

"I was a captain in baseball," she said. "I thought I was really

at a school," she said.

"Life works in wondrous ways. Things you would never imagine happen."

Like today, when Mrs. Rohlack was in school people were excited to be Thrall Tigers.

"You were proud to be going to school there," she said. "We had a lot of pride. We were Thrall."

*"We had a lot of pride. We were Thrall."*

*— Evelyn Rohlack  
Class of 1936*

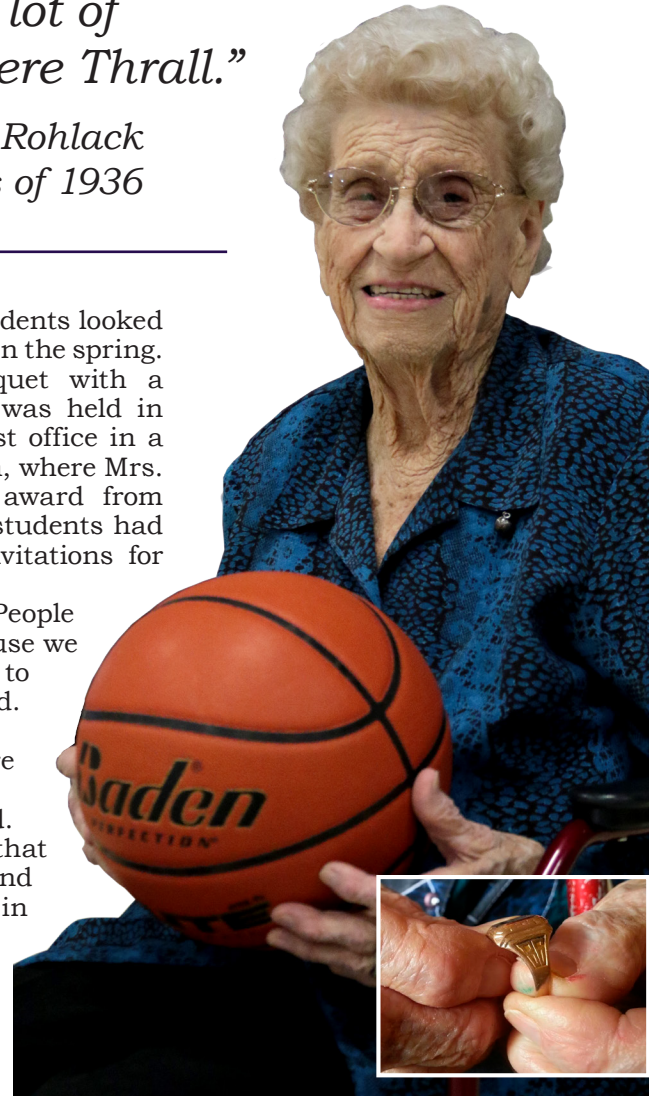
something."

Similar to today, students looked forward to a gathering in the spring. A junior senior banquet with a meal and a program was held in town, south of the post office in a hotel from the oil boom, where Mrs. Rohlack received an award from the townspeople. The students had to make their own invitations for the event.

"It was hard times. People made everything because we didn't have any money to buy anything," she said.

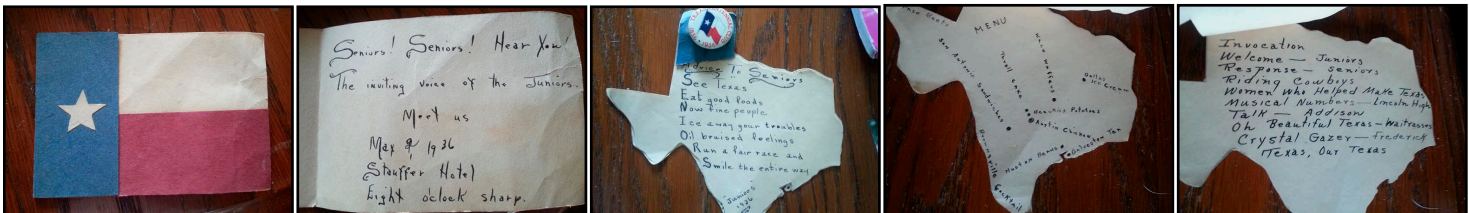
In 1964, Thrall had an open position to hire a secretary and Mrs. Rohlack was suggested. She started in July of that year, retired in 1987, and returned for five years in 1993.

"I would never believe I would be the secretary. I never even thought I would work



Opening: Generations of Pride

## Handmade invitations from the 1936 Junior/Senior Banquet.



# 140 years of pride.

*Tiger Pride is more than just an expression. Here is a glimpse of why. . .*

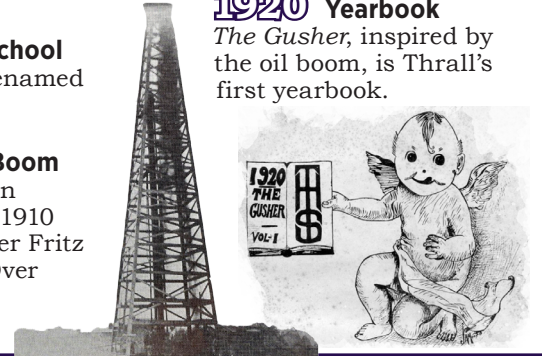
**1876 Town Founding**  
Originally Thrall is known as Stiles Switch.

**1901 Name Switch**  
Town's name changes to honor Homer S. Thrall, a Methodist Pastor admired by the Stiles family.

**1908 Thrall School**  
Stiles School is renamed Thrall School.

**1915 The Oil Boom**  
Thrall's population grows from 25 in 1910 to about 3000 after Fritz Fuchs finds oil. Over 150 wells are drilled.

**1920 Yearbook**  
*The Gusher*, inspired by the oil boom, is Thrall's first yearbook.

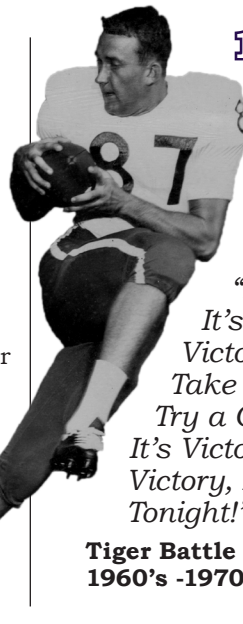


**1954 Krieg Bros**  
During the 1950's, Krieg Brothers Chevrolet Co. sponsors Thrall's FFA and advertises in the yearbook.



Elgin - - - 30	Thrall - 40
Elgin - - - 29	Thrall - 30
Bartlett - - 18	Thrall - 63
Granger - - 15	Thrall - 51
Rockdale - - 45	Thrall - 51
Liberty Hill - 26	Thrall - 45
Rockdale - - 39	Thrall - 28
Rogers - - - 38	Thrall - 50
Bastrop - - - 20	Thrall - 43
Granger - - 27	Thrall - 46
Thorndale - 31	Thrall - 32
Rogers - - - 38	Thrall - 42
Bastrop - - - 46	Thrall - 68
Granger - - 37	Thrall - 53
Thorndale - 47	Thrall - 44
Burton - - - 57	Thrall - 48
Burton - - - 42	Thrall - 45
Pearland - 44	Thrall - 49
Rio Hondo - 37	Thrall - 43
Moulton - - 64	Thrall - 38

**1958 Regional Finalists**  
Girls' basketball wins their third consecutive district championship and plays in the regional finals. The winning streak comes to an end one game short of state with a loss to Moulton.



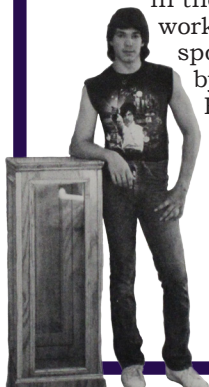
**1960 Bi-District Champs**  
Preston Johnson helps the Tigers score a total of 301 points in district play, allowing opponents only 34 points. Johnson went on to play for Rice University.

*"It's Victory, It's Victory, It's Victory Tonight!  
Take a V add an I,  
Try a C-T-O-R-Y.  
It's Victory, It's Victory, It's Victory Tonight!"*

**Tiger Battle Cry**  
1960's -1970's



**1985 VICA Honors**  
Ray Ochoa builds a curio cabinet that wins first place in both district and state. The Vocational Industrial Clubs of America's motto is "Preparing for leadership in the world of work." VICA is sponsored by Mr. Glen Henderson.



**1988 Victory Line**  
At the start of every football game, the band forms a victory line and plays the fight song and the school song to pump up the team. This is a tradition that Mrs. Morrison has continued since she came in 1989.

**1989 UIL District Champs**  
Elementary and middle school win district with 321 points, beating Thorndale, Milano, Calvert, Bremond, and Buckholts on April 26.

**1990 NHS**  
Thrall initiates its National Honor Society chapter welcoming exemplary upperclassmen who participate in community service and active citizenship.

**Jump Rope for Heart**  
Jump Rope for Heart raises \$1010 for the American Heart Association. Prizes included a personal black and white TV and a cassette player.



**1998 State Winner**  
For the first time in Thrall's history, varsity boys win the 1A Baseball State Championship. Six team members make All-State and one makes the All-Centex team. Their coach, Eric Smith, is named coach of the year, wrapping up the season with a 23-3 record.

**1921 Rainy Day**  
38.21 inches of rain falls in 24 hours setting a world record. Alvin Texas breaks the record in 1979 with 43 inches.

**1923 Thrall ISD**  
A special act of legislation establishes the Thrall Independent School District, bringing together schools from the surrounding areas including Sandavol, Waterloo, New Bern, Beaukiss, Echman, Lawrence Chapel, Beyersville, and Hare.



**1930 FFA Charter**  
The Texas Association Future Farmers of America is established in Thrall.

**1933 Resident Custodian**  
During the depression, custodian, Mr. Tom Scuddy, lives in the school's basement.

**1948-49 School Song**

*THS, THS Purple and the White  
I Love You  
I Love You in the Morning and I Love You in the Night  
I Know You Won't Believe Me, But I Love You With All My Might  
So, It's THS, THS, Purple and the White I Love You!*

**1949 Thrall 67 Lexington 0**  
Football team sets school record for biggest point difference.



**Pep Squad**  
Thrall's 42-member pep squad includes 3 drummers, 3 twirlers, and 5 yell leaders.

7 opening

Opening: Timeline of Pride

**1967 Harvest Festival**



Four couples sit on the royal court, one from each level: high school, junior high, intermediate, and elementary. From the House of Schroeder, Queen Donna, and her King Jimmie Cain represent the junior high. Students sell raffle tickets to earn a place on the royal court.

**1970 Pep Rally Pride**  
Gary Jackson celebrates with his teammates at an outdoor pep-rally.



**1971 Student Press**  
Students produce a newspaper called the "Tiger Tale."



**1972 Tiger Band**  
Under the direction of Mr. Bill Morris, the Tiger Band practices for the San Antonio Fiesta Flambeau by marching down Bounds Street, to CR 424, all the way to FM 112. Since UIL marching competition did not start until 1984, marching in the Fiesta Flambeau was a chance for the band to showcase its talents.

**1974 PROM**  
The junior/senior prom is held in the gym on May 14. The ceilings and walls are draped in rainbow colored paper streamers. Students take pictures by a bridge and water fountain. Among the attendees are Ray Salazar and his date Francis Vega.



**2000 State Run**  
In cross country, Jared Pick wins 1st in district, 1st in region, and 7th in state. The varsity boys team places 1st in district and 7th in region.

**Double Up**  
Jayme Holmstrom and Kim Jordan earn the State Champion title in girls doubles.



**2009 Team Champs**  
Cheyenne Mullan and Sara Bachmeyer win the State Journalism Team title.

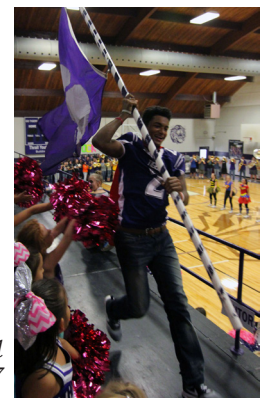
**2010 Newsworthy**  
Cheyenne Mullan wins State Championship in news writing. In literary criticism, Joseph Byrd wins 7th.

**2010 Fields of Faith**  
Over 100 students gather on the football field in October for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) first Fields of Faith event.

**FFA**  
At the Houston Livestock Show, Lauren Grisham's steer, Rocco, wins Grand Champion Charolais.

**2015**  
*"The first time I ran the flag I was nervous, but I was excited because I know it's something a lot of the great players from Thrall have done."*

- Richie Reed  
Class of 2017



**2016** pride continues . . .



# Tiger

*Traits.*



## ***We learn***

how to be safe and responsible students while having fun in an innovative learning environment.

*“She [Ms. Loeve] taught us to be careful with scissors and whenever someone gets hurt, I help them get back up.”*

– Johannah Valchar, 1st

## ***We think***

that being a small school gives us a unique experience not available in other places.

*“Since our school is smaller, we’re going to be able to stay with the same group friends to make stronger friendships.”*

– Thomas Byrd, 8th



opening.

Opening: Tiger Traits

## We are

a diverse, welcoming community that sets high expectations at an early age. From elementary to high school, students are involved in UIL, music, academics, sports, and community service. This dedication was shown as students made it to state in solo and ensemble, power lifting, tennis, journalism, golf, and track and volunteered at Harvest Fest and the Special Olympics at the Tiger Stadium.

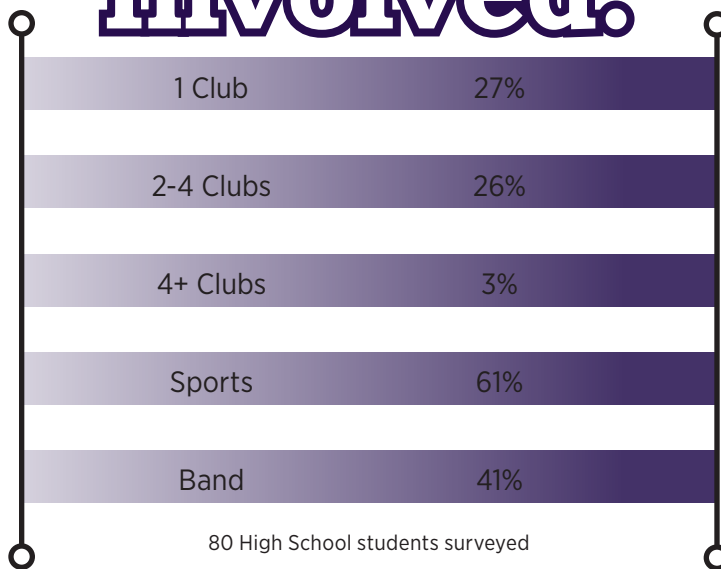
## We do

multiple activities but balance it out with our school work.

*“You miss a lot of school but you get more experiences in other things. Everything you do, you learn something new.”*

– Aubrey Rinderknecht, 11th

## involved.



**aug.**

**3**

*Two-a-days  
begin for  
football,  
volleyball,  
and band*

**8**

*Football  
team goes  
swimming in  
Taylor*



**sept.**

**8**

*District  
volleyball  
begins with  
3-0 victory  
over T-dale*



**oct.**

**9**

*District  
football  
begins with  
31-7 victory  
over Riesel*

**12**

*District  
cross  
country at  
Thorndale*

**nov.**

**2**

*Volleyball  
playoffs begin  
with 3-0  
victory over  
Bremond*

**5**

*Middle school  
pep rally*



*"I felt really good about playing with the band because I was finally part of a big group that cared about what they did."  
-Austin Pruitt, 8th*

**24**

*First day of school*

**23**

*See You at the Pole*

**21-25**

*Spirit Week*



*"Acting like a nerd like I watch on TV was fun because I wanted to try it and make my friends laugh."  
-Dezirae Lopez, 4th*

**31**

*Harvest Festival*

*"I'm just really thankful that my mom made the live auction pillow and that people were interested." (pillow sold for \$550)  
-Chloe Speer, 12th*



**7**

*State cross country at Round Rock*

**12**

*Football playoffs end with 1-point loss to Junction*

# 6th



Maria Albert  
John Alcalar  
Izaak Bodiford  
Wyatt Brees  
Jezrie Brown  
Gavin Cain

Kathleen Chastain  
Haiden Copeland  
Shelbi Druedow  
Max Finn  
Jacob Grissom  
McKaleb Hamann

McKenna Hamann  
Ashley Herrera Ochoa  
Isabel Herrera  
Colter Hill  
Torrance Horacek  
Tyreke Irvin



## Taking a Breather

During the daily warm-up, Brady Peterson works on breathing with his baritone. "It's hard to breath in a lot and then let it out really fast because sometimes you take in too much air or not enough." Breathing techniques are the first skill band students learn so they can support their sound while playing long tones. *Photo by Brittany Knox*

## Cheery Smile

Before the Riesel game, Torrance Horachek waits for her name to be called. "It was awesome to be recognized by everyone even though they said my name wrong." The youth cheerleaders then danced to "Uptown Funk" after being recognized. *Photo by Karlie Knapek*



Mattie League  
Addison Leschber  
Magali Llanas  
Luther Martinez  
Cole Mathey  
Alexa Matthews

Santos Mendez  
Emily Miksch  
Hailey Miksch  
Jaxson Moore  
Mary Morales  
Carmen Ojeda





Christopher Ontiveros  
 Lauren Pearson  
 Brady Peterson  
 Ricky Porter  
 Addison Ringling  
 Kolby Rodriguez  
 Ethan Shaw

Avery Staniszewski  
 Hayden Stefek  
 Skyler Sutton  
 William Sutton  
 Allison Vrana  
 Cayden Watson  
 Peyton Zeplin



Sixth Grade Class of 2022



## Tiger Pride Runs Deep

Tyreke Irvin  
 Class of 2022

### Sibling

Markell Irvin  
 Class of 2016

#### Dad

Anthony Irvin  
 Class of 1987

#### Mom

Tracy Irvin  
 (Coulter)  
 Class of 1993

Randy Coulter  
 Class of 1995

Patricia Hill  
 (Coulter)  
 Class of 1988

Terry Coulter  
 Class of 1984

#### Uncles

Wendy Banks  
 (Coulter)  
 Class of 1989

Willie Coulter Jr.  
 Class of 1982

Shirley Coulter  
 Class of 1981

**Grandfather**  
 Willie Coulter Sr.  
 Class of 1963

**Grandmother**  
 Dorothy Coulter  
 (Rollie)  
 Class of 1963



## PAWS On

As Haiden Copeland dribbles across the court, he looks for an opening to make a basket. "I liked being able to get out of class and play basketball with all of my friends." The PAWS trip to Robinson Park was a reward for good grades and behavior.  
*Photo by Brittany Knox*

## Working Digits

Looking through her quiz, Emily Miksch focuses on making sure her work is correct. "Every Friday we do a fraction, decimal, and percent quiz. I think they're pretty easy because they've helped me to memorize everything," she said. Mrs. Holmstrom said these quizzes prepare students for Mrs. Martin's class and for real life situations.  
*Photo by Brittany Knox*

# pride.

Class of 2028

Class of 2016

For generations, Thrall has been full of Tiger Pride and this year was no exception. As the largest graduating class in school history threw their caps in the air, it signified the close to a year when Tigers took pride in milestones, citizenship and championships.

There was no greater display of pride than on April 2 when the community and students of all ages gathered to celebrate the ground breaking for the new high school.

In elementary, students demonstrated the Tiger Expectations of being safe, respectful, responsible, and honest. Both elementary and middle school continued the tradition of winning their district UIL academic meets. NJHS and middle student council members made a difference in the community by volunteering at Down Home Ranch and at Special Olympics.

Earning championships became a common occurrence. From Cody Barchenger and the

bass fishing team winning tournaments to Cody Sells setting a world record when his reserve champion goat sold in Houston, Thrall students proved they had reason to be proud. The winning streak continued as the high school UIL team earned third out of 29 schools in the regional contest with four journalists advancing. In spring sports, state qualifiers included Colby Jeager in golf and the girls track 4x200 relay team. Chandee Bachmeyer (hurdles) and Daryn Gamez (tennis) both made it to the podium. Showing that Tigers are unstoppable on the field and in the classroom, Wesley Stolte (high jump) and Alyssa Kramer (feature writing) captured state gold and FCCLA members earned the state title and a trip to the national competition.

The words of 1936 THS graduate Evelyn Rohlack still ring true today:

***"We had a lot of pride. We were Thrall."***

