





Sophomore battle cry



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Coach Karl Biefeldt

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The Tiger Band leads the ho



Second grade battle cry



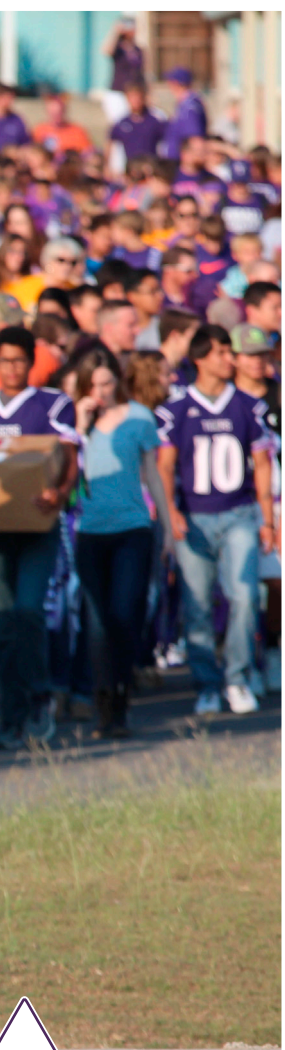
Addison Leschber



Jacob Grissom, Haiden Copeland, Colter Hill



Antonio Rimmenga



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 Rimmenga 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

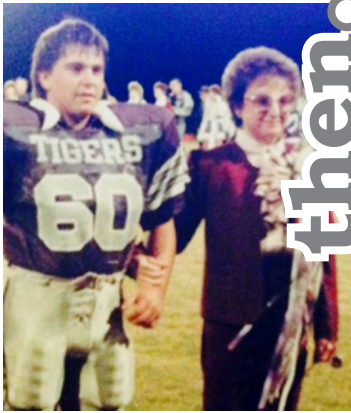


Cameron Neubauer



generations of

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

*– Jacob Seggern*

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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.

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*"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."

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*— Evelyn Rohlack  
Class of 1936*

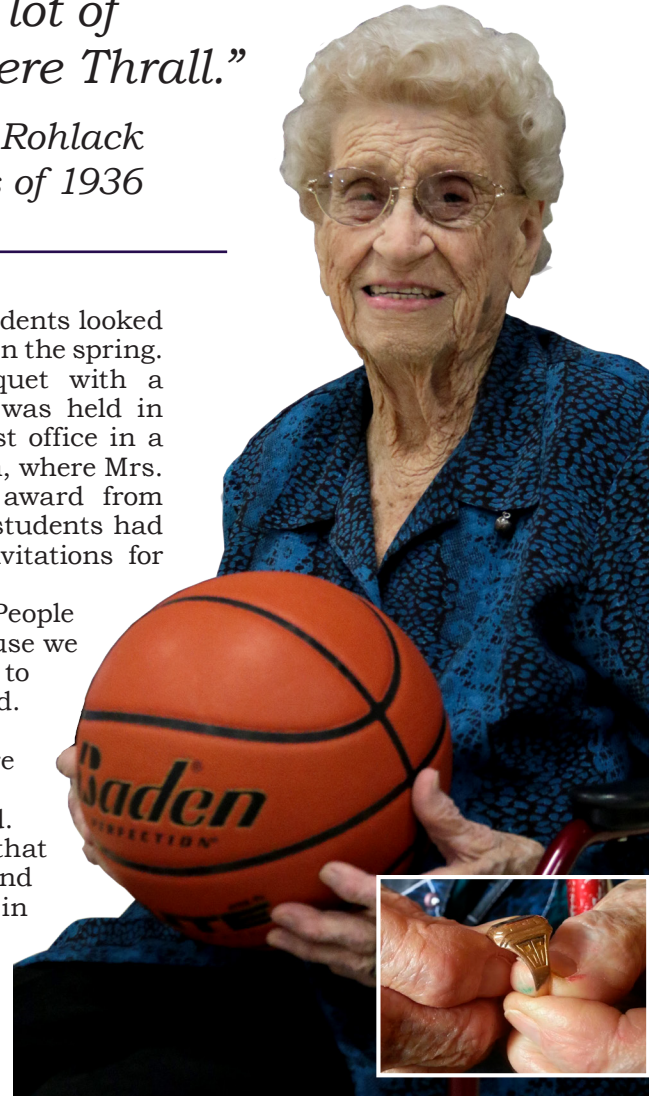
something."

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.

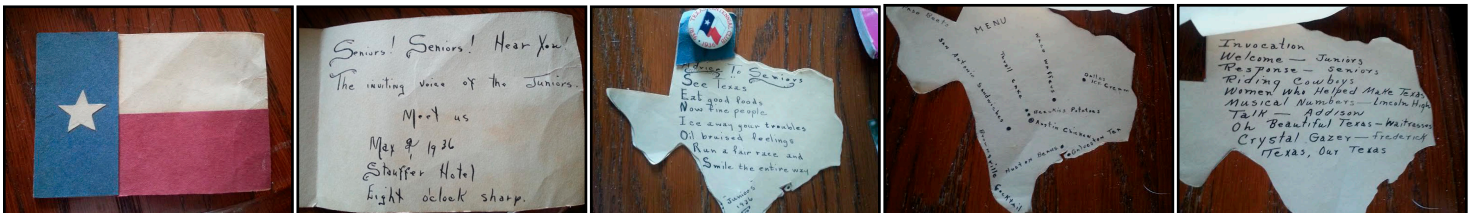
In 1964, Thrall had an open position to hire a secretary and Mrs. Rohlack was suggested. She started in July of that year, retired in 1987, and returned for five years in 1993.

"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.



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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."***

