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## *THS Athletic Hall Of Fame Ceremony Held* **Celebrating the Inaugural Class of Inductees**






Tomah High School welcomed their inaugural class of inductees into the Athletic Hall of Fame. The 2023 inductees included Hale Quandt, Ron Grovesteen, Tricia Betthausen, and Tyler Laudon. The celebration took place during THS Homecoming Week, with appearances during the Pep Assembly, Parade, Half-Time at the Football Game, and ending with the Induction Ceremony on Saturday, September 30th at Murray's On Main.

TASD Athletic Director Brad Plueger opened the ceremony, welcoming the inductees, their families, and guests. Each inductee was presented into the Hall of Fame with moving speeches that highlighted their high school record, their current achievements, and their character. Ron Grovesteen was presented into the HOF by his daughter Jennifer Vogl, Tricia Betthausen was presented into the HOF by her aunt Cindy Abendschein, Tyler Laudon was presented into the HOF by THS Wrestling Coach Jeff Von Haden, and Hale Quandt was presented into the HOF by retired THS AD Tom Curran. Inductees addressed the room, recounting memories, thanking coaches, their families, and those who inspired them. Hard work, dedication, a love for what they did and supportive people in their lives, were repeating themes heard throughout all the speeches.

Below, are the accomplishments of each inductee, that earned them a place in the Athletic Hall of Fame. Their plaques now reside in the HOF Hallway outside of the High School Gymnasium, not only as a tribute to what they achieved, but also to inspire our current and future athletes.

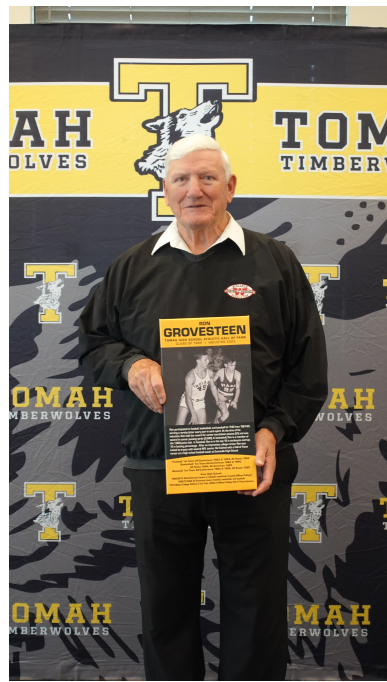
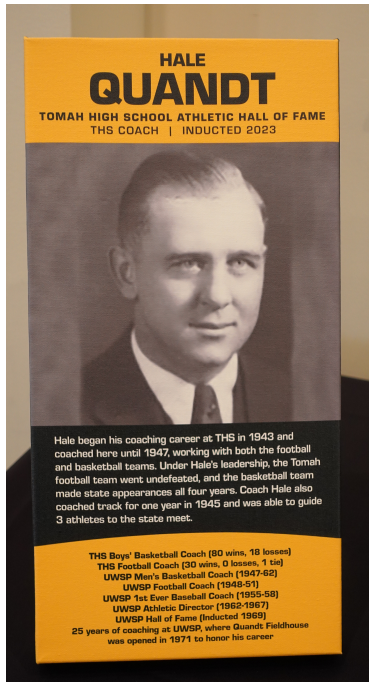
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Hale Quandt -THS Football, Boys' Basketball, and Track and Field Coach (1943-1947). Under his leadership, the THS football team went undefeated, and the basketball team made state appearances all four years. He also coached track for one year, in 1945, and was able to guide 3 athletes to the state meet. THS career highlights include: Boys Basketball Coach (80 wins, 18 losses). Football Coach (30 wins, 0 losses, 1 tie). Hale went on to coach UWSP Men's Basketball from 1947-1962, UWSP Football from 1948-1951, and was UWSP 1st ever Baseball coach from 1955-1958. He served as the UWSP Athletic Director from 1962-1967 and was inducted into the UWSP Hall of Fame in 1969. After 25 years at UWSP, the Quandt Fieldhouse was opened in 1971 to honor his career.

Ron Grovesteen (1965 graduate) participated in football, basketball, and baseball, earning a varsity letter every year in each sport. Ron holds the record for career touchdown passes (51) and was second in career passing yards (3,500). In basketball, Ron is a member of the 1,000-point club. In baseball, Ron is in the top 10 for strikeouts and top 15 in batting percentage. After an impressive college career, Ron was invited to tryout with several NFL teams. He finished with a Hall of Fame career as a high school football coach at Evansville High School. THS career highlights include: For football he was 1st Team All-Conference 1963 & 1964 and All State 1964. In basketball he was 1st Team All-Conference 1964 & 1965, All State 1965, and All American 1965. In baseball, he was 1st Team All-Conference 1964 & 1965, All State 1965. After high school he attended Milton College earning All-Conference honors in football, basketball, and baseball in 1968 - 1970. 1969-70 he earned NAIA All American honors in football, basketball and baseball. He was named Milton College Athlete of the Year in 1970, and was WFCA & Milton College Hall of Fame inductee.

Tricia Betthäuser (1988 graduate) participated in tennis, volleyball, basketball and softball. In basketball, she scored 895 points in her career, putting her 6th in the top 10 list in school history and was the leading scorer in the conference her sophomore, junior, and senior years. In softball, Tricia lettered 3 years and was team MVP her junior and senior year.

Tyler Laudon (2000 graduate) participated in football, wrestling, and baseball. During that time, he dominated in wrestling, earning and holding the school win percentage record at 96.3%, going 157-6. Tyler is also 1st in career take downs, 2nd in all time career wins, and top 5 in career pins. In football, Tyler was a 3-time letter winner and a member of cZHA Y% -, 'hUa ž k \M' ]g h Y cb m h Ua ' h c d Um ]b U Y Y '( d Um c Z [ Ua Y '< Y \c Xg h Y ) h 'gdch Zc f Wf Yf f H U W Yg' 'b V U g y V U 'ž H m Y f Y U f b Y X & : Y H Y f g U b X 'Y X h Y % - - 'A J 7 V b Z Y f b W U b X f Y [ ] c b U 'W Ua d ] c b V U g y V U ' h Ua ' k ] h ' h Y \ ] [ \ Y g i c b V U g y d Y f W b H U [ Y ' H - G V W f Y f \ ] [ \ ] [ \ h g ] b W X Y . ' K f y g ] b [ '( ! h a Y G H U Y ' E i U ] Z y f z & h a Y ' G H U Y ' 7 \ Ua d ] c b z ' f X ' D U W ' G H U Y ' Z ] b ] g Y f z ( ! h a Y ' g h i H Ua ' 5 ' ! 7 c b Z Y f b W z ( ! h a Y F Y [ ] c b U ' 7 \ Ua d ] c b z ( ! h a Y ' G Y W ] c b U ' 7 \ Ua d ] c b z U b X & h a Y ' 6 ] G H U Y ' 7 \ Ua d ] c b ' ' b Z c h U ' \ Y ' k U g ' g h i H Ua ' 5 ' ! 7 c b Z Y f b W F 6 ' U b X ' C i h g ] X Y ' ] b Y V U W Y f % - - ' 5 Z H F \ ] [ \ g W c c ž H m Y f k Y b h c b ' h c k f y g h Y U h h Y ' i b ] Y f g ] m c Z K ] g W b g ] b ' Z c f Z c i f n Y U f g z k \ Y f Y \ Y ' k U g ' U 4-year letterwinner and Team Captain in 2004.

