

Head cheerleader, senior **Rachel Kitchens**, spirits to the crowd after the Lion's score a touchdown.

Mascot, **Felicity Coronado**, performs a skit during a pep rally to provide some excitement and laughter for the fans.



SHOWING STRONG SPIRIT

cheers rock the house



Whatever the weather, whatever the time, Albany High cheerleaders are always ready to spread Lion pride. During the summer, they went to cheer camp and learned new cheers, chants, and dances to use for the upcoming season. Later in the summer, they hosted a cheer camp where they taught younger girls dances and cheers. They later showed them off at the annual ice-cream supper.

When school started, so did the cheerleader's morning practices. They started most days off at 7:00 am with practices. The girls worked long and hard to prepare chants and cheers for the upcoming pep rallies and games. During homecoming, they put much thought into assigning dress-up days for each day of the week and finally, when Friday rolled around they put on a big routine for Albany Lion fans.

In the regular season, the girls had a chance to cheer on the football boys as they became district champs. They continued cheering the boys on through playoffs and as they continued winning, the cheerleaders had the opportunity to cheer along the sidelines of AT&T stadium (Dallas Cowboy's stadium) as the Lion's battled through the state game. Even though football season came to an end, the cheerleaders continued cheering them on through basketball.

"I'm beyond proud of our football team and everything they have accomplished this year. It's such an honor to be a part of Albany football and getting to cheer and support the guys," said senior **Sierra Price**.

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To perfect the stunt, **Sydney Key**, **Curry Wilson**, and back-spot **Alexis Munden** work together to hold up flyer **Kaleigh Clevenger**. "Being a base takes a lot of trust between the flyer and me," Key said.





The beach pep rally led to synchronized swimming instructed by head cheerleader, **Rachel Kitchens**. **Alexis Munden, Sierra Price, Shelby Barton, and Kaleigh Clevenger** follow along with the same moves. "Rachel had the idea to do the skit and we thought it sounded like a ton of fun," said Munden. "It was hard to stay serious with all the bloopers we had, but the crowd seemed to enjoy it."



Placing their pink poms in just the right spot, the cheerleaders spell out the word "LIONS" to pump up the football boys and crowd. "We used pink poms to support the men and women fighting breast cancer," said sophomore **Kaleigh Clevenger**.

"Cheering for the Albany Lady Lions and Lions is a huge blessing. Not many cheerleaders can say they cheer for teams with a winning tradition, and having the fan base like we do is something that I am very thankful for."

RACHEL KITCHENS



Senior **Sierra Price** embraces senior **Steve Phillips** after the hard loss of the state final game. "I'm very fortunate to be a cheerleader at Albany, where success is expected instead of wished for," Price said.



While the crowd waits for the next play, junior **Chelsi Freasier** gets the crowd fired up. "Cheering for the boys throughout the season up to the state game was a great experience," said Freasier.



Waiting for the football team to take the field at AT&T Stadium, **Shelby Barton** cheers to the crowd.

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