

### Blood, Sweat and Cheers

"I love being able to cheer with all the girls. Being with all of them is what makes it fun. It's more relaxed than my other sports. I can cheer and have fun without worrying too much."  
- Macen Stripling (12)

"The best thing about cheering is the football games. The boys give us something to cheer about because of how hard they fight."  
- Hailey Gardner (9)

"I love being a part of the action on the field and at the pep-rallies, and getting the chance to support our boys and our community."  
- Madeleine Semmelmann (11)

"Cheerleading is more than just dancing and yelling. We get to be involved in the school, and set an example for the other students."  
- Emily-Ann Semmelmann (10)

"I love cheer! We cheer a whole lot and my favorite part about cheering is definitely the football games when that band plays. Our team is very close and we all love each other even if someone is in a fight, but that does not usually happen."  
- Kaycie Howerton (11)

"I like cheer because it's a chance for us to be able to cheer for our school and our team. And it's also fun to be a role model for future classes to look up to for school spirit."  
- Sarah Cain (10)

"I cheer because I love everything about it: the games, pep-rallies, camp. Games are really what makes cheer fun because you kind of control the mood of the game when it comes to the crowd, if we're being loud, so is the crowd which motivates the boys to play better."  
- Shaye Harris (12)

"I love cheering because it is a great chance to make new friendships that will last for a lifetime. I enjoyed cheering at intense football games because the crowd would really get into it."  
- McKenzie Smith (11)

## Victory Cheer

Cheerleaders stand by their boys for winning season

**Soaring** - Flying high above the crowd, senior **Bailey Berry** pumps up the student section. "I love being a flyer, as a flyer we always get to try new stunts that are challenging and impressive. Credit to my bases though!" **Berry** said.  
Photo by Micaela Guess

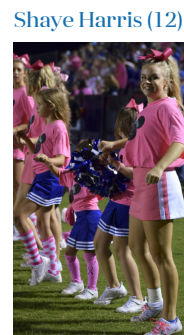
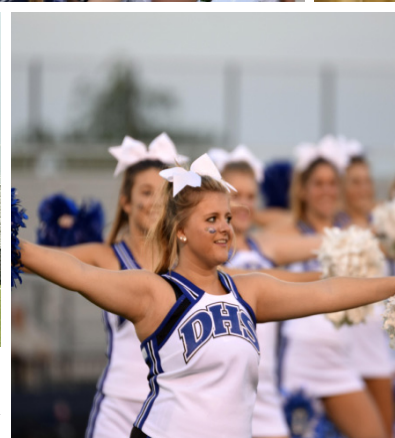
**Parade** - The cheer team chose the Dallas Cowboys as their float theme for the homecoming parade. The girls stop before the parade began to take a photo with Decatur's number one fan, **Coy O'Neil**. Photo by Cindy Berry



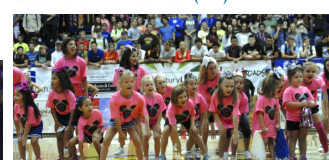
**Pyramid** - Freshman cheerleaders, **Sydney Pyland**, **Olivia Chandler**, **Hailey Gardner**, **Sara Stephens** and **Savanah Calhoun** make a pyramid at halftime Thursday Nov. 11. "Football games are definitely the best part of being a cheerleader. I love seeing the boys do well and being there for them." **Chandler** said. Photo by Shelby Drews



**Homecoming** - Junior **McKenzie Smith** leads the varsity cheerleaders in the victory cheer. Photo by Shelby Drews



Shaye Harris (12)



Cameron Trachta (11)



Presley Dailey (10)



Sidney Carter (11)



Marissa Muehlstein (11)

Madelynn Goss (9)



**Performance** - Captain **Kelsie Roberts** (10) leads the JV team in its cheer during the first district performance. Photo by Micaela Guess

**Nerd** - Flyers **Shaye Harris** (12), **Bailey Berry** (12) and **Brooklyn Bedford** (11) pep up the boys with a performance. "The pep-rally themes always make the week more fun during football season. It is something to look forward to." **Cameron Trachta** (11) said. Photo by Shelby Drews

## Perks of being a cheerleader

"The best part of being a cheerleader is spending time with all of the girls. I love my squad because we are always laughing and having fun."  
**Sidney Carter** (11)  
Photo by Shelby Drews

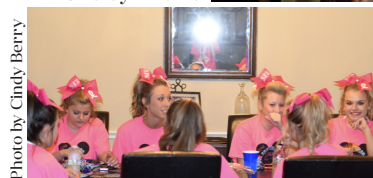


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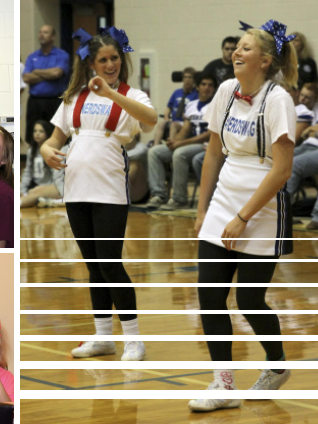
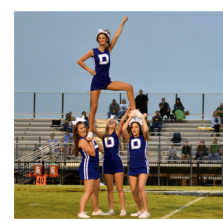


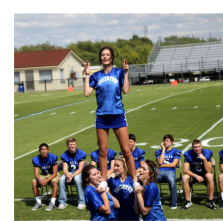
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## Eagle Spirit

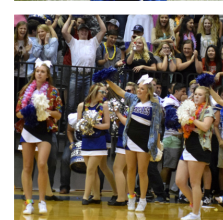
Cheerleaders share favorite memories



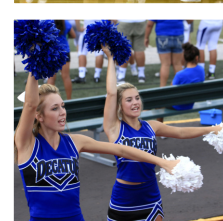
"I love cheering because I like football and it is something I get to do with all of my friends and have a good time."  
- **Sara Stephens** (12)



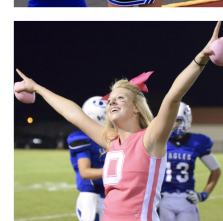
"It's really fun to be able to cheer on the team and be that close while watching the games."  
- **Hannah Thomas** (9)



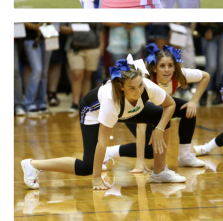
"Leading the class competition is one of the things that makes me feel like I'm actually spreading school spirit."  
- **Shaye Harris** (12)



"I love motivating the crowd and just the whole energy of being out there. I love the friendships that come along with it as well."  
- **Brooklyn Bedford** (11)



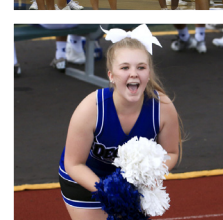
"It is always a good feeling to see the whole town come support our school. I love cheering for a town with so much spirit."  
- **Kaycie Howerton** (11)



"I like cheering in pep-rallies because the whole school is there and we all come together and it's fun."  
- **Presley Gibson** (11)



"Even though I love performing at the pep-rallies, my favorite part is getting to see the varsity perform."  
- **Riley Erwin** (12)



"Being the cheer captain is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I've loved cheering on our team and leading the squad."  
- **Madison Grantham** (12)



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