

VARSITY GIRLS HAVE TEAM SPIRIT

Showing school pride proudly!

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Cheerleading takes more work than most people think. People in the past have said that is not a sport because all they do is stand there and look cute, but it is more than that.

"It is a lot harder than you think, we have to practice a lot and learn new dances for certain events and it is very time consuming," said **Tricia Branham, 12**.

The girls practiced up to three days a week. When they were not cheering at the Friday night games or practicing, they were in the weight room lifting or running on the track to keep themselves in shape. On top of having to be in shape they had to be able to jump and tumble.

They were always at the games cheering the team on and it made the crowd get even more pumped up then they already were.

Even though the team lost the homecoming game, the girls yelled as hard and as loud as they could. They never lost their spirit and that is what made the crowd stay excited.

They went to every game with smiles on their faces, and never once complained about the weather conditions. The squad had cheered for the team for four years, and on Senior Night, October 21, the girls were recognized for their continuous support for the team.

"Homecoming was really exciting, but Senior Night was even better. This was something that we had been looking forward to for years," said **Elizabeth Back, 12**.

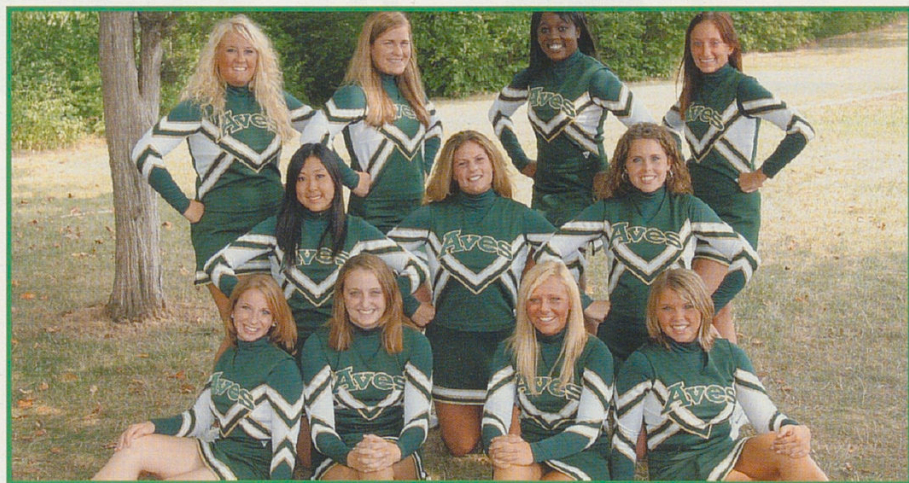
Even when the season came to an end, the girls will never forget their senior year cheering together.

"I was so excited that we won our last game. I am glad that we all got to see the varsity football players go out with a bang. The crowd was really intense and I was glad that they participated 100 percent," said **Kristen Holthaus, 12**.

After football season finished the girls took a few weeks off, then they had to work on new things for the upcoming basketball season.



The girls anxiously await at the rose ceremony to find out which football players they will receive their roses from. The rose ceremony was one of the school's Homecoming traditions. Only the seniors received roses, but it was fun for everyone who watched.



Row 1: Leah Drapkin, 12, Bethany Cundiff, 12, Kristen Holthaus, 12, and Elizabeth Back, 12. Row 2: Jieun Chae, 12, Amanda Seibert, 12, and Jessica Senefeld-Naber, 12. Row 3: Ashley Chorpensing, 12, Jacqueline Kelly, 12, Ashley Oliver, 12, and Tricia Branham, 12.



“This year was so much fun, so I'm going to miss these girls very much.”
-Leah Drapkin, 12



"The homecoming game was a little disappointing, but at the same time it just made us look forward to the next Friday when we could really pump up the crowd."
-Amanda Seibert, 12