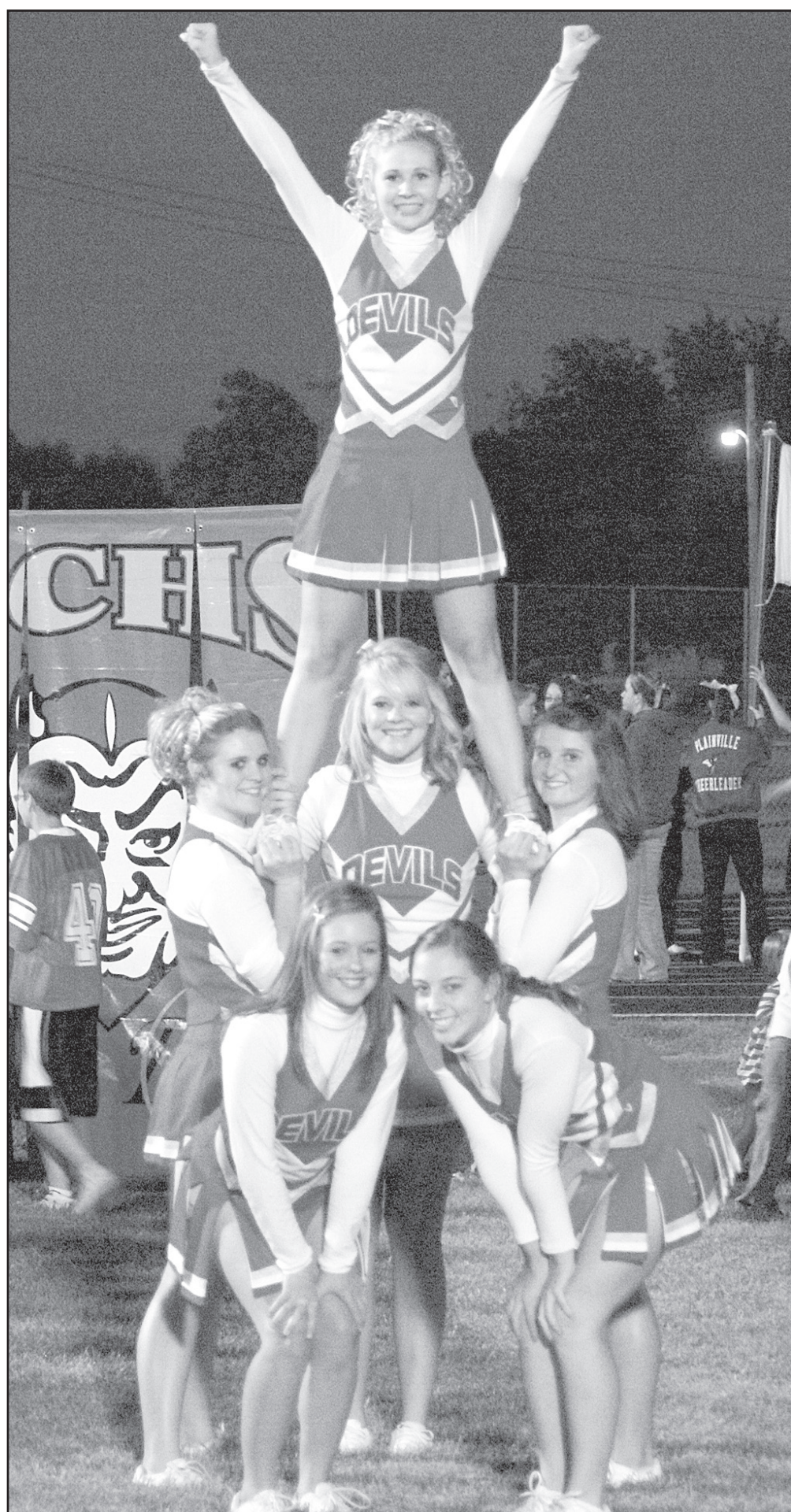




ON FRIDAY, Ganon Henningson (above) played his drum with the marching band during the Homecoming parade. At the game that night, cheerleaders (below, from left) Brooklyn O'Hare, Sara Kyte, Serena Stacy, Samantha Anderson, Megan Wentz and Sammy Meitl showed support for their team.



Community celebrates with Homecoming

Adults and children lined Main Street on Friday afternoon to show support for Decatur Community High School.

Many wore the school colors and others had on corsages showing that they are parents of a senior.

The students headed downtown after the Homecoming assembly at the school.

Throughout the week, students worked on their floats and windows they decorated for the Homecoming celebration.

While everything culminated on Friday, the students took part in a bonfire last Thursday night, walking

from the high school to the courthouse lawn where the cheerleaders did a dance, and then farther down Main Street, where they had the actual bonfire.

Before the parade on Friday, community members judged the floats put together by the classes. At the football game that night, everyone learned that the Juniors had won the competition with their float, which had a large garbage disposal on it with a sign saying, "Grind the Cardinals." Second place went to the freshmen for a stove with "Broil the Cardinals." Third went to the seniors with a trash compactor with

"We're taking out the Trash," and fourth went to the sophomores with giant beaters for "Beat Em."

The theme for the competition was "kitchen appliances."

The freshmen won the window-decorating contest for "Whack a Bird." The window decorating theme was "commercials."

This year's queen was Brandi Diederich and king was Cody Kane. Both are seniors. Brandi is the daughter of Steve and Marilyn Diederich, and Cody is the son of Tammy Hawkins.



ROYALTY: Queen Brandi Diederich and King Cody Kane rode in the parade Friday in the back of a convertible driven by teacher Mark Bricker, along with flower girl Skylar Brown and crown bearer Landen Macfee.

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