

# Attitude

*Cheerleaders' attitudes reflect on the crowd's spirit and the athletes' success.*

-JILL CERMAK

What starts the spark, the fire, for the athletes of Ashley?

**Sara Turner** said, "I think it was when the cheerleaders showed their spirit and the crowd responded with their pride."

Some of this spirit may have been generated when the varsity football cheerleaders attended a camp at Chippewa Hills called Cheer Michigan. The camp lasted four days and three nights. During this time they participated in spirit-raising activities.

"My favorite activity was Cheer Olympic. We separated into five groups and were called by color. I liked Cheer Olympic best because I got to meet cheerleaders from other

squads," said **Kari Bearden**.

These were the last days that they got to spend with their coach, **Ms. Dawn Landis**, who is now teaching at Breckenridge.

**Katie Beck** remarked about the community. "The parents were always there to cheer the boys on, even when things were getting tough."

The spirit and pride that the parents brought with them to games was noticed by both cheerleaders and basketball players. A senior on the varsity basketball team, **Aaron Schulz**, remarked, "it really helped us when the crowd got loud and rowdy."

Everyone was overwhelmed with the amount of effort

that the parents gave this year.

"If there was one person we could count on it would have to be **Janet Bates**," stated **Annette Cermak**. "She would bring hair scrunchies, poms, balloons, and lots of spirit."

Not only did the varsity cheerleaders notice the parents' pride, so did the junior high.

"At our games we could always count on our parents being there and cheering us on," remarked **Kelsie Mizer**. "Knowing that they would always be there brought smiles to our faces and made us strive to do our best," she concluded.



C. Prikasky

**THAT'S MY BABY** "My mom is always there for me through all of my sports, remarked **Patrick Yelsik**, "I LOVE MY MOMMA."



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**JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS** First row: **Nikki Limbert, Stephanie Beck, Kaylee Beck, Denise Cermak, Samantha Phillips** Back row:

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**Kelsie Mizer, Keri Good** Coach **Sherry Beck, Erin Koppleberger, and Casey Jo Fleming.**