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### Meet the OPSU Cheerleaders

*Goodwell, Okla.*—Before any other sports start their official training camps for the fall season, one group of athletes is already hard at work; the Oklahoma Panhandle State University Aggie cheerleaders.

The new team began their training this summer with a stunt clinic held on Saturday, July 20 in the Noble Activity Center. The clinic was led by Lone Star Cheerleading Association coaches Garrett Kruckenberg and Katy Kirchhoff. The Aggie cheer team spent the day learning proper techniques and safety measures along with plenty of new stunts to show off during OPSU home games this year.

Cheer Coach [Cassidy Christian](#) is proud of her team and is looking forward to getting them involved with campus and community events. One item on the agenda is the Little Aggies Cheer Camp to be held in conjunction with the second home football game and Aggie Family Fun Day on Saturday, Sept. 14. Children 3 years through sixth grade are invited to participate in the camp starting at 1:30 p.m., where they will learn a routine to be performed during the halftime festivities. Look for more information to come on this fun-filled day for the whole family.

The fun really revs up in October for Homecoming! In addition to the events held on campus the Aggie cheer team will also be a big part of the Guymon Chamber Business After Hours Tailgate Party on Tuesday, Oct. 8, jump-starting the weeklong lineup of homecoming activities. The tailgate will be held at the OPSU Guymon Classroom and will include food, games, prize-drawings, and plenty of Aggie spirit!

With all this in store it's no secret why our cheerleading team has almost doubled from last year. This proves that Aggie pride is strong and growing, and that everyone wants to be a part of the Aggie team. Your 2013 OPSU Cheerleaders are freshmen: Katelyn Cummings of Shattuck, Joel Gonzalez of Guymon, Bailey Cobb of Goodwell, Eduardo Celiz of Guymon, and Shelby Griffing of Guymon; sophomores Ethan Sharpe of Walsh, Colo., Alisha Otter of Ulysses, Kan., Kelcie Huffman of Campo, Colo., and Natalia Baeza of Turpin. Returning members of the squad include sophomores [Elizabeth Darrough-George](#) of Ulysses and [Maggie Hall](#) of Olathe, Kan.; and seniors Matthew Blakesly of Ulysses and [John Hein](#) of Durham, Kan.

The cheer team will also be selling t-shirts as a fundraiser, so be sure to get your orders in so you too can show off your Aggie spirit! For more information on events and fundraisers please contact Coach Christian at [cassidy.christian@hotmail.com](mailto:cassidy.christian@hotmail.com).

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