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The YMCA of Darke County Level 6 through 8 competitive gymnastics teams traveled to Hamilton, Ohio November 10<sup>th</sup> to compete in the Harvest Moon Invitational. With approximately 10 teams and over 200 gymnasts attending, the girls from Darke County held their own and came out on top.

Level 6 gymnast Harmony Kolling scored an 8.475 on vault and an 8.725 on floor exercise. She placed 2<sup>nd</sup> All Around with a score of 32.1. Sydney Bowser took 2<sup>nd</sup> place on vault with a score of 8.5 in her first Level 6 competition. She also earned 3<sup>rd</sup> on balance beam and in the All Around category.

After taking a year off from competition, Level 7 gymnast Andrea Keller made a grand return, placing first in the All Around category with a score of 32.875. A 1<sup>st</sup> place was also earned by Keller on uneven bars and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place on vault and floor exercise.

The Level 8 team came on strong and returned to Darke County with a first place trophy, beating the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team by over 4 points. Samantha Shook placed first in every event, including All Around with a score of 35.725. This high mark also earned Shook the trophy for highest All Around score in the entire Level 8 division.

Gymnast Paige Keller placed 2<sup>nd</sup> on balance beam, vault and floor exercise and 3<sup>rd</sup> All Around with a score of 33.225. Leah Allread took home 3<sup>rd</sup> place on vault and floor exercise and 4<sup>th</sup> place All Around. Allyson Manning took 4<sup>th</sup> on floor exercise to help Darke County's Level 8 girls sweep 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place in that event.

The YMCA of Darke County offers a pre-team class on Monday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 for those interested in training for the 2008-2009 competitive season. Recreational gymnastics are also offered for ages 18 months through high school.

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\*Picture Caption (Level 6):

Level 6 gymnasts, Sydney Bowser, left, and Harmony Kolling

Picture Caption (Level 7-8):

Left to right: Paige Keller, Leah Allread, Allyson Manning, Samantha Shook & Andrea Keller