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The hard work continues to pay off for the gymnasts from the YMCA of Darke County. The competitive team traveled to the Sidney-Shelby County YMCA on December 8 to compete against other gymnasts from the Southwest Ohio YMCA cluster, and brought back many awards.

The Level 8 gymnasts once again placed 1st as a team and earned bragging rights as individuals as well. Gymnast Samantha Shook placed 1st on vault, uneven bars and floor exercise and 2nd on balance beam, earning her a 1st place finish in the All Around category with a score of 34.600. Leah Allread took 1st on balance beam, 2nd on floor exercise and 3rd on vault and uneven bars, earning her 2nd place All Around. Paige Keller placed 2nd on vault and 3rd on balance beam, floor exercise and in the All Around category. Allyson Manning earned a 2nd place on uneven bars and a 4th place in the All Around competition.

The Level 4 team also continues to do well this season, earning the 3rd place team award in this competition. Veteran gymnast, Tessa Schatz, swept the competition taking 1st place in each individual event as well as in the All Around competition with a score of 35.175. Bryanna Diceanu and Ashley Jolley each earned 3rd place recognition in the All Around category which included a 1st place on floor exercise and 3rd place on balance beam for Diceanu and 3rd place across the board in each individual event for Jolley. Teammate Madison Myers took 2nd on uneven bars and 3rd on floor exercise while Leighana Rautsaw earned a 2nd place on floor exercise. Yvonne Barga wowed the competition with a score of 9.2 on vault, earning her the 1st place recognition. Kari Kueterman enjoyed 3rd place on vault and uneven bars and Jenna Frantz took 2nd on uneven bars with a score of 8.80. Gymnast Taylor Ward earned 3rd place recognition in the floor exercise competition.

Level 7 gymnast, Andrea Keller, earned a 1st place finish on uneven bars and floor exercise, a 2nd place on balance beam and 3rd place on vault, giving her the 2nd place All Around finish.

Level 6 gymnast, Harmony Kolling, earned a 1st place finish for vault, 2nd place on uneven bars and floor exercise and 3rd place on balance beam, giving her a 3rd place All Around finish. Teammate, Sydney Bowser, earned 4th place finishes in the vault and uneven bar categories.

Madison Schaar, Level 5 gymnast, earned 1st place recognition in the floor exercise and uneven bar categories and a 2nd place finish on vault. Her combined individual event scores of 33.275 led to her 2nd place All Around finish. Morgan Bingham took 3rd place in vault, uneven bars and balance beam earning her a 4th place finish in the All Around competition. Several additional fourth place finishes were also earned by the Level 5 gymnasts; Meg Rehmert on balance beam, Jordan Stickley on uneven bars and Morgan Booher on vault and uneven bars.

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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