

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The YMCA of Darke County competitive gymnastics team traveled to Lebanon, Ohio January 12<sup>th</sup> to compete in the Countryside YMCA meet. Many of the gymnasts posted their best scores this season.

The Level 8 gymnasts continue to go undefeated with another first place team victory. Dominating the competition was gymnast Samantha Shook, who swept all categories and took first place All Around with a score of 35.750. Paige Keller placed second on vault and uneven bars, and fourth on balance beam and floor exercise, helping her earn a second place finish in the All Around category with a score of 33.300. Allyson Manning earned third place recognition on vault, balance beam and floor exercise, while Leah Allread took second on balance beam and fourth on vault, uneven bars and in the All Around competition.

Level 7 gymnast Andrea Keller took first place on uneven bars, third on floor exercise, and fourth on vault and in the All Around competition.

Harmony Kolling, Level 6 gymnast, placed first on floor exercise and fourth on uneven bars and in the All Around competition. Teammate Sydney Bowser took third on uneven bars and fourth on floor exercise.

The Level 5 gymnasts had their best meet yet placing third as a team with all members earning their highest All Around scores this season. Madison Schaar took first in vault, uneven bars and floor exercise, helping her to earn the first place All Around title with a score of 34.900. Danielle Smith placed first on balance beam, second on vault and third on floor exercise earning her fourth place All Around in her age group. Jordan Stickley took third on vault, uneven bars, floor exercise and in the All Around category. Morgan Bingham placed second on uneven bars, third on vault and fourth on floor exercise and in the All Around category. Meg Rehmert took third place on balance beam while Morgan Booher earned third on uneven bars. Gymnast Karina Bridenbaugh placed fourth on uneven bars.

The Level 4 gymnasts excelled once again and took home the third place team recognition. Tessa Schatz placed first on uneven bars and floor exercise and second on vault and balance beam, earning her the first place All Around recognition with a 35.900. Madison Myers placed second on vault, uneven bars and floor exercise in her age group, while Bryanna Diceanu took second on vault and third on uneven bars and floor exercise, earning her the second place All Around title in her age division with a score of 34.050. Kari Kueterman earned third place on uneven bars and fourth on vault and balance beam, helping her earn third place All Around with a 33.600. Yvonne Barga placed second on vault and fourth on bars and beam earning her the fourth place All Around spot in her age division. Ashley Jolley earned second place on balance beam and third on vault, while Leighana Rautsaw took first on floor exercise and third on balance beam. Jenna Frantz

earned second on uneven bars and Amber Aultman and Taylor Ward took fourth on floor exercise in their respective age divisions.

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 CAPTIONS:**

**Tessa Schatz:** Level 4 gymnast, Tessa Schatz

**Madison Schaar:** Level 5 gymnast, Madison Schaar

**Samantha Shook:** Level 8 gymnast, Samantha Shook