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“Gymnasts Continue to Excel”

The YMCA of Darke County competitive gymnasts traveled to New Carlisle February 9th to compete in the Tecumseh YMCA Gymnastics Meet.

The Level 4 team gave their best performance yet, bringing home a first place team ribbon! Jenna Frantz placed 1st on uneven bars, 2nd on floor exercise with a 9.0, and 4th on balance beam earning her the 1st place All Around recognition with a score of 35.300. Tessa Schatz placed 1st on vault, uneven bars, floor exercise and in the All Around category with a 34.650. Gymnast Madison Myers placed 2nd on uneven bars and floor exercise and 4th on vault and balance beam, giving her the 2nd place All Around title with a 34.000. Kari Kueterman earned 2nd place on balance beam, 3rd on uneven bars and 4th on vault, earning her the 3rd place All Around recognition. Ashley Jolley placed 1st on uneven bars and 2nd on floor exercise, helping her earn the 3rd place All Around recognition. Amber Aultman placed 2nd on floor exercise, 3rd on vault and 4th All Around, while Kayley Ruschau earned 2nd place on balance beam and 4th place on uneven bars, floor exercise and in the All Around competition. Bryanna Diceanu earned 2nd place on vault and floor exercise and 4th place All Around. Other accolades include: Taylor Ward, 4th place balance beam; Brooke Condon, 4th place uneven bars; Yvonne Barga, 3rd place vault.

The Level 5 girls emerged with a third place team award. Gymnast Madison Schaar placed 1st on uneven bars, 2nd on vault and 3rd on balance beam and floor exercise, earning her the 2nd place All Around recognition with a score of 33.400. Morgan Bingham placed 1st on vault, 3rd on uneven bars 4th on balance beam and floor exercise, placing her 3rd All Around with a 32.450. Teammate Danielle Smith placed 3rd on vault.

Level 6 gymnast, Harmony Kolling, placed 1st on vault and balance beam, 2nd on uneven bars and 3rd on floor exercise. Her performance earned her 2nd place All Around with a score of 33.250. Teammate Sydney Bowser earned 4th place on vault, uneven bars and balance beam.

Andrea Keller, Level 7 gymnast, took 1st place on vault with a 9.0, and 2nd place on uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise earning her the 2nd place All Around recognition with a score of 35.000. Keller also single-handedly earned the 3rd place Level 7 team award.

The Level 8 girls once again emerged the first place team champions! Paige Keller had a great meet earning the 1st place All Around recognition with a score of 34.800. This included a 1st place on vault and balance beam and 2nd place on uneven bars and floor exercise. Teammate Samantha Shook earned 1st place on floor exercise, 2nd on vault and 3rd place on uneven bars and balance beam giving her the 2nd place All Around title with a 34.300. Leah Allread earned 1st on uneven bars, 2nd on balance beam and 3rd on vault

and floor exercise. Her All Around score of 34.200 earned her a 3rd place finish. Gymnast Allyson Manning earned 4th place in each event across the board.

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:

Jenna Frantz: Level 4 gymnast, Jenna Frantz

Andrea Keller: Level 7 gymnast, Andrea Keller

Paige Keller: Level 8 gymnast, Paige Keller