

# Y gymnasts bring home gold medal from states

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SCHUYLKILL — The Phoenixville branch of the Freedom Valley YMCA Level 4 gymnasts traveled to Warren, on Saturday, March 7, to compete in their state meet. Out of the 15 competing teams, Phoenixville came home with first-place gold medals.

This accomplishment is historic in that it is the first time the Phoenixville Level 4 gymnasts ever placed first in their state competition.

The following are some of the individual results:

Lily Buckley, age 7, placed first on the uneven bars, first on the floor routine and fifth all-around in her age group.

Leeza Galli, age 8, finished first on the balance beam and fourth all-around in the 8-year-old division.

The 9-year-old competitors were Vivian Lehman, Hope Hunsburger, Rachel Schaaf and Emily Crum. Lehman placed third on the vault, first on the uneven bars, first on the beam, second on the floor exercise and first all-around.

Hunsburger came in second on the beam, third on the floor and second all-around.

Schaaf finished second on uneven bars and fourth all-around.

Crum finished sixth all-around.

The 10-year-old team members are Emily Mycek, Mackenzy Luckowski and Paige Aley. Mycek placed third on the uneven bars, first on the balance beam, third on the floor and first all-around.

Luckowski finished second on the balance beam and fifth all-around.

Aley came in second on floor and seventh all-around.

Emily McDevitt, Meghan Campbell and Sabrina Hennessey comprise the 11-year-

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old gymnasts.

McDevitt placed second on the vault, first on the floor exercise and first all-around. Campbell finished first on the uneven bars and third all-around. Hennessey came in sixth all-around.

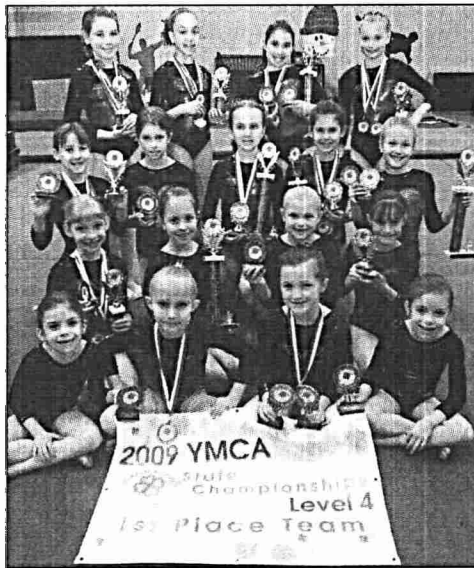
The Phoenixville Branch Gymnastics Team will be host-



ing the 2009 YMCA National Gymnastics Meet this June at the United Sports Training Center in Downingtown. Some 1,800 gymnasts from across the country will be attending. Volunteers are needed for the event.

The Web site is [www.ymca-nationals2009.org](http://www.ymca-nationals2009.org) for more information.

For more local gymnastics program information, contact Deirdre Wood, physical director, at 610-933-5861.



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**Level 4 gymnasts pose with their championship banner and trophies following their first place finish at the state competition.**