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### **YMCA Gymnastics Team off to USAG State**

Warsaw, Indiana – The YMCA “Kosco Kippers” recently competed at Elkhart YMCA’s “Disco Divas” invitational held in Elkhart, IN and Gymnastics Michiana “Time to Shine” invitational held in Mishawaka, IN.

The Level 3 Team brought home 1<sup>st</sup> place, the Level 4 Team brought home 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and the Level 5 Team brought home 5<sup>th</sup> place from Elkhart. Lorelle Perry placed first in her age group for Level 3. Gabi Lancaster, Jazzmine Brown and Briana Holland placed first in their age groups for Level 4. YMCA Coach Tonya Welsh says, “The Kosco Kippers have had a lot of success this year and it’s been a great pleasure to coach these individuals. The girls should do well at USAG state and I hope our success follows us to state.”

Of the thirty-five member Kosco Kippers gymnastics team, twenty-three outstanding gymnasts will be advancing to USAG State. Lori Pennington with an all-around score of 32.00 qualified for the Level 3 State Meet. Jazzmine Brown with an all-around score of 35.10, Hayley Campbell 33.325, Mallory Walerko 33.60, Lauren Kuhl 32.175, Gabi Lancaster 33.825, Mia Harvey 33.65, Bridgette Thomson 32.25, Georgia Alley 32.75, Kaia Hummitch 33.70. Ana Kolton 33.025, Alex Koontz 32.40, Ashlynn Robbins 32.825, and Briana Holland with an all-around score of 35.10 qualified for the Level 3 and 4 State Meet and will be going to New Castle, Indiana on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

Molly Borchers with an all-around score of 32.875, Lexi O’Connell 32.00, Sandi Handrich 32.00, Shannon Winslow 32.975 and Kathy Frazzetta 32.55 qualified for the Level 5 State Meet and will be going to Indianapolis, Indiana on March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Megan Swanson with an all-around score of 34.05, Brittany Sherman 33.925, and Jo Richard 33.075 qualified for the Level 7 State Meet. The Level 7 State Meet will be held in Connersville, Indiana on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

To qualify for the state competition, each gymnast must receive an all around score of 32.00 or higher at any designated local meet in Indiana. The meet consists of competitions in vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercises. Each score received for these events is added together for the all around score.

The YMCA “Kosco Kippers” is a competitive gymnastics team for ages six and older. For more information contact Tonya Welsh at (574) 269-9622.

The Kosciusko Community YMCA, a not for profit organization, provides community based programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all of Kosciusko County. All the efforts and offerings of the YMCA are guided by the core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. The Kosciusko Community YMCA does not deny any youth, adult, or family membership or participation based on their inability to pay. Need-based scholarships are available.