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**News Release**

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## GT Bay Gymnasts Win 5-State Regional Titles

(Dayton, OH) – Nine athletes representing Grand Traverse Bay Gymnastics were among 1,354 competitors who had qualified for the Region 5 Level 6 - 8 gymnastics championships held at the Dayton Convention Center in Ohio April 19 - 21. Each of the gymnasts had qualified based on scores achieved at the Michigan State Championships last month, and competed against other top gymnasts from Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, and Michigan.

Though the local gymnasts made up less than 1% of the field, they combined to win five championship gold medals, three second-place silvers, and two bronze. Four of the gold medals came in different levels on the vault apparatus, led by Zahra Mitchell's 9.800, and followed by Olivia Crane (9.775), Tabitha Pritchard (9.750), and Sklyar Hawkins (9.475). Pritchard also captured gold on beam to help her finish second all-around with a score of 37.900. Hawkins placed third on bars to also claim a second-place all-around finish, while Mitchell's characteristically consistent performance across all events landed her in third place in the all-around scoring.

Zoe Butler collected two silver medals for her bars and beam routines, and finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place all-around. Also competing for the Grand Traverse Bay Gymnastics team, but falling just outside the medal count, were Wessyn Clossen (4<sup>th</sup> place bars), Izzy Brooks (9<sup>th</sup> place all-around), Naima Mitchell (7<sup>th</sup> place all-around), and Maeve Carlson (9<sup>th</sup> place beam).

The meet concludes the season for Grand Traverse Bay Gymnastics, but the team continues to train throughout the summer and will resume competition in the fall.

For more information about Grand Traverse Bay Gymnastics, located in the Grand Traverse Mall, go to [www.gtbaygymnastics.com](http://www.gtbaygymnastics.com), or contact Betsy Van Deirse at 929-2869.

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*"Where Grace Abounds"*



**Zahra Mitchell**  
Region 5 Level 7 Vault Champion



**Skylar Hawkins**  
Region 5 Level 6 Vault Champion



**Olivia Crane**  
Region 5 Level 6 Vault Champion



**Tabitha Pritchard**  
Region 5 Level 7 Vault & Bars Champion

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