

Hearts in Motion cheer squads take home first-place trophies

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DELPHOS — The Delphos-based Hearts In Motion Baton, Dance, & Cheer Center's competitive cheerleading squads got off on the right foot when both teams won first place at the season's first competition on Jan. 13 at the Cheer Max Competition in Dayton.

Next, the teams competed on Jan. 19 in Dayton at the Spirit Round up and earned a second first-place win for both squads and have received US Finals bids to compete in the end-of-season event.

This is the first year for the studio's All Star competitive cheer teams. The competition routine the girls perform includes a two-minute routine composed of dance, tumbling, jumps and stunts. They practice two days a week and have been doing so since October.

The Youth Team, the SweetHearts, consists of girls ranging in age from 6-9 and the senior team, the HeartBreakers, consists of girls ranging from 10-17. The two teams even scored some perfect "10s" from the judges.

Coaching the squads are Jenna Dancer, Tonia Twining, Michelle Burgei and Jamie Crippin.

The squads have three more competitions scheduled as well as a performance at a Cleveland Cavaliers game.

The season will end in April and tryouts for the new season will be held in April/May.