



## Middle school softball champions

The Roxboro Community School girls' middle school softball team won their tournament on Monday, May 9, and are conference champions. They were undefeated for the entire season, with the exception of one tied game. Congratulations to the girls, head coach Jeff Mangum, and assistant coaches Rodney Adams and Hank Briggs.

## Winstead earns West Point admission, scholarship

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Roxboro Community School (RCS) Senior Collin Winstead will make school history this fall when he enters prep school for West Point admission.

This is the first such honor for a RCS student.

West Point Association of Graduates offers scholarships to only one percent of qualified candidates.

Winstead was one of the 35 candidates chosen nationally from a field of over 3,000 qualified applicants to receive this scholarship. He said he was honored to be chosen and was looking forward to fulfilling his dream of going to West Point.

He will leave in August for the prep school.

Roxboro Community



Winstead

High School Principal Darkarai Bryant said, "The decision to serve our country in the armed services is a duty that I respect more than I can put into words. My father is a retired 23-year veteran who served in the Army, so I observed the dedication and sacrifice it demands. Being accepted to West Point is no small feat. I know Collin and his parents are proud, of not only the academic focus it took for this acceptance, but also in the strength of character that comes along with this honor. RCS is proud of him as well, and we wish him the best of luck as he accepts this

huge responsibility to serve."

According to the West Point website, "The purpose of the United States Military Academy Preparatory School (USMAPS) is to prepare candidates selected by the United States Military Academy Admission's office for the academic, physical, and military challenges of the United States Military Academy at West Point. The USMAPS, the Prep School, or West Point Prep, was formally established in 1946. The school exists as an avenue of opportunity to a carefully selected group of soldiers and civilians by providing them the academic, leadership and physical skills that will prepare them for success as Cadets at the United States Military Academy."

## RCS golf team makes school history

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Long days on the course paid off as the Roxboro Community School golf team made history. The 2016 Bulldogs were the first team to ever make it to the regionals.

Individual golfers have qualified for the regionals in the past, but never the team.

The NCHSAA Mid-east 1A Golf Regional was played on May 2 at Coharie Country Club in Clinton.

Nine teams qualified for the regionals. The top three teams advancing from the regionals were Rosewood, Franklin Academy and Lakewood. One of the goals for next year's team will be to advance to the second round of the state playoffs.

According to assistant coach Justin Bettendorf, "This year has been very successful. Being my first year as coach, I was not really sure what to expect for this season. But I definitely did not expect the team to finish third in the conference and make regionals as a team."

Bettendorf added, "I think the 2017 team can be even better than the 2016 team. We have a core group of younger players who are willing to put in some work in the offseason

to get better."

He feels the team needs to improve their consistency and mental toughness over the summer.

The RCS Golf Team, along with the Person High School Golf Team, will be hosting a Fundraiser Tournament at Roxboro Country Club (RCC) on Saturday, May 28.

Lunch will be served at noon and tee-off will be at 1 p.m.

The tournament will consist of four-person teams, Captain's Choice. Cost is \$50 per person (\$40 for RCC members). Hole Sponsorships are \$50.

For more information, contact Roxboro Country Club at 336-599-2332.

# Why AP?

BY DELANEY SULLIVAN  
BULLHORN EDITOR

May is the prime time for students in advanced placement (AP) classes to take their exams, which are given nationwide.

The AP curriculum consists of high school courses that are equivalent to undergraduate college courses.

Students who take an AP exam can earn credits and accelerated placement in college. AP classes have been offered at Roxboro Community School (RCS) for 10 years.

When asked why she takes AP courses, veteran and current student of AP Kailey Oakley said, "They'll prepare me for college, I can gain college credit if I pass the exams, and they challenge me academically."

Oakley has taken AP U.S. history, AP psychology, AP world history, AP English language and composition, and AP human geography. Next year, her senior year, she plans to take AP environmental science, AP calculus, and AP English literature and composition.

First year AP student Dustin Humphries, who took AP psychology, said, "AP psychology has definitely benefited me. I have changed my study habits based on psychological principles and have seen how psychology is apparent in everyday life. Psychology is ubiquitous."

Dr. Melissa Bartlett, an English III and AP English language and composition teacher at RCS, said, "I would advise students contemplating enrolling in AP English language and composition to prepare to write, write, write and to really learn English grammar, sentence structure, and prose composition."

There is no doubt that taking an AP class is stressful, especially as exams rapidly approach.

Senior Autumn Butler gave the tip, "Don't wait until the last minute to

study. Don't cram the night before the test. Plan ahead. Not doing so can be detrimental."

The exams started on May 2 and ended yesterday, Friday, May 13. Over 30 AP exams were given this year.

Wanda Ball, English IV and AP English literature and composition teacher, said, "To be successful in AP English courses or any AP courses, in fact, students must be excellent readers. AP course exams require students to write sophisticated analytical essays within a 40-minute timed session, responding to reading which students have not studied in class. While many students excel on writing and discussion on texts which are studied in class, AP writing and reading require students to tackle brand new information where there is no teacher to provide guidance."

"These AP students must have the skills, confidence, and initiative to operate independently in responding to new tasks and texts."

Ball has been teaching at RCS since 2006 and teaching AP since 2007.

"From my experience, just because a student makes good grades in an honors class, that is not an indicator he or she will be as successful in an AP class," she added.

Adam Ramsey, a RCS senior, has taken AP English language and composition,

AP English literature and composition, AP calculus, AP world history, AP statistics, and AP psychology.

"I really feel that taking AP classes has not only challenged me academically, but has also introduced me to a group of people who truly care about their studies," said Ramsey. "Taking AP classes has fostered a sense of independence that I will carry with me to college."

Not only are AP courses offered on campus, but the North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVPS) offers AP classes that RCS doesn't offer in-house.

Roxboro Community High School Principal Darkarai Bryant, said, "AP courses, whether taken locally within our building or virtually, are a great way for high school students to gain exposure to the rigor of college level courses. We are fortunate at RCS, that even though we are a relatively small high school, [we are able] to offer a variety of AP opportunities on-site and supplemented by the NCVPS."

"Encouraging all our students to challenge themselves academically is the major part of what RCS is all about, and the AP course of study is a resource we use to accomplish that task."

RCS students are grateful to all the teachers who help to make the AP courses possible and for encouraging students to discover their full potential.

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All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended Project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The IDEA-Part B Project is open to the public for review and comments during the week of May 16-27, 2016. Please contact Dominique Booker, Coordinator of Exceptional Children Programs, at (336) 597-0200 to schedule an appointment. Roxboro Community School is located at 115 Lake Drive, Roxboro, NC 27573.

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