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Several Wayne swimmers reach finals in state meet

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The U-8 freestyle relay team of, from left, Sumner Card, Sailor Morgan, Caroline Brockington and Alyssa DeLoach.

Tifton—Brittney Friese placed fourth at state in the U-14 100-yard freestyle, leading the way for the Wayne County Swim Team.

She followed that swim with a sixth-place finish in the 50-yard freestyle.

"I was very pleased at how all my swimmers finished. They did outstanding," said coach Vanessa Boyles. "This was one of the most competitive meets I have been to in a long, long time. All of these kids have worked so hard, and I just am so very proud of all of them. The times just continued to drop even at state with both relay and individual swimmers knocking off as much as 8-10 seconds. This is huge."

For Wayne County the younger girl swimmers stole the show as six swimmers in the U-8 division reached the finals.

Sailor Morgan placed sixth in the 25-yard freestyle and eighth in the 100-yard individual medley. Harley Souza placed sixth in the 25-yard backstroke. Alyssa DeLoach placed seventh in the 50-yard freestyle, and Jameson Gordon placed seventh in the 25-yard breaststroke.

The girls' team of Souza, Gordon, DeLoach and Card placed eighth in the 100-yard medley relay. The girls' team of Caroline Brockington, Card, DeLoach and Morgan placed seventh in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

In the U-10 boys division. Grainger Ballard placed seventh in the 25-yard backstroke.

In the U-10 girls division, the team of Madeline Dukes, Lexi Beaver, Carlin Collins and Gloria Blalock placed eighth in the freestyle relay.

In addition to Friese in the older events, Zach Williams placed seventh in the U-18 50-yard breaststroke. The U-18 girls' relay team of Emily Scarborough, Hattie Rogers, Lauren Stephens and Amanda Sharp placed sixth.

"I love all my swimmers like they were my own family." Boyles said. "I just want them to know how much they mean to me. I would also like to thank the swim parents, supporters, fans and Steve Card for all their support this summer."

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