



**2023  
BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL  
ROUNDUP**

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**A special section**  
**of the**  
GAINESVILLE  
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Era 8U baseball, in full Sandlot mode.



Era 10U softball

Gainesville High School accomplished a big milestone this season by reaching the state baseball play-offs for the first time in three decades this year. Facing a district champion in the first round proved too much for Hayden Nichols and the Leopards, who fell to Springtown, 16-1 and 13-2.

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## Ex-Valley View start wraps up juco career with trip to Division II World Series

INDEPENDENCE, Kan. – A former Valley View Lady Eagle went to the junior college world series this spring in South Carolina.

Graci Buckley graduated from Valley View High School in 2021 and now pitches and plays third base for the Independence Community College softball team in Independence, Kansas.

She and her fellow Indy Pirates played in the first two rounds of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II World Series, held May 23-27 in Spartanburg.

Indy (25-21) finished conference play 11-11 and received the No. 8 seed in the Region VI Plains District B tournament. The Pirates opened that tournament by beating the No. 1 seed, Cowley County, then topped No. 5 Fort Scott to go to Spartanburg.

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## AREA HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL HONORS

### Gainesville

**Defensive Player of the**

**Year:** Kennedy Dodson

**First Team:** Breanna Barrientos, Addysan Pickett

**Second Team:** Abigail Vazquez

**Honorable Mention:**

Ahnna Edington, Jazlinn Ponce, Savannah Roessler

**Academic:** Breanna Barrientos, Anahi Castillo, Kennedy Dodson, Ahnna Edington, Grayce Ervin, Ashley Garza, Sydney Giles, Mary Gomulak, Ana Huerta, Rosalyn Martinez, Theresa Mote, Addysan Pickett, Jazlinn Ponce, Savannah Roessler Saryah Vargas, Abigail

Vazquez

### Whitesboro

**MVP:** Bradi Gallaway

**Pitcher of the Year:** Avery Howerton

**Catcher of the Year:**

Olivia Hildebrand

**Coaching staff of the**

**Year:** Whitesboro

**First Team:** Maci Graves, Melanie Baldwin, Tylar Olsen

**Second Team:** Addisen McBride, Keely Hartless

**Honorable Mention:** Maddy Cole, Abi Hildebrand, Brooklyn Lamb

**Academic:** Maddy Cole, Abby Robinson, Abi Hildebrand, Brooklyn Lamb,



Pitcher of the Year: Collinsville's Shelby Derzapf

Addisen McBride, Melanie Baldwin, Keely Hartless, Olivia Hildebrand, Brooklyn Wolf, Maci Graves, Bradi Gallaway,

Tylar Olsen, Claire Ortiz, Avery Howerton

kley, Cierra Kemp  
**Second Team:** Elyssa Clark

### Valley View

**First Team:** Reagan Brin-

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Tylar Olsen (right) joined Whitesboro teammates Melanie Baldwin and Maci Graves in taking first team honors.

**Good Luck  
To All Area  
Teams!**



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**HONORS, FROM PAGE B5**

**Honorable Mention:** Faith Huber  
**Academic:** Briana Gonzalez, Emma Moss, Reagan Brinkley, Cierra Kemp, Camrie Shelburne, Kamden Crisp

**Callisburg**

**First Team:** Brooklyn Sterling, Banner Tidwell

**Second Team:** Lexi Woolsey

**Honorable Mention:** Kaydin Gregory, Mikayla Stokx, Maddie Burt  
**Academic:** Maddie Burt, Lexi Woolsey, Brooklyn Sterling

**Muenster**

**MVP:** Brooke Tyler

**Catcher of the Year:** Anna Kay Hennigan

**First Team:** Maggie Hess, Emma Walterscheid

**Second Team:** Addison Aldriedge, Macy Bayer

**Honorable Mention:** Alyssa Lutkenhaus

**Academic:** Maggie Hess, Alyssa Lutkenhaus, Brooke Tyler, Macy Bayer, Macy Hess, Andie Schroeder, Jasmine Hacker, Emma Walterscheid, Emilie Scott, Faith Sicking, Anna Warren, AK Hennigan, Allie Stoffels, Sydney Miller

**Collinsville**

**Pitcher of the Year:** Shelby Derzapf

**Coach of the Year:** Zach Howard

**First Team:** Devyn Elvington,

Haidyn Bryson, Tessa Vannoy, Audrey Miller, Reece Elvington

**Second Team:** Addisyn McDonnell, Abby Martin

**Honorable Mention:** Audrey Light, Ashleigh Ortowski

**Academic:** Reece Elvington, Addisyn McDonnell

**Lindsay**

**Utility Player of the Year:** Caylee Cheaney

**First Team:** Reagan Swaney, Kylie Hielckert

**Second Team:** Corinn Schully, Macey Hawkins

**Honorable Mention:** Cassidy Tackett, Jenna Parkhill

**Academic:** Corinn Schully, Raylee Waugh, EmmaRae Cox, Sadie Wolf, Macey Hawkins, Kendall Brandewie, Caylee Cheaney, Elizabeth Hawkins, Emma Mauldin, Cassidy Tackett, Jenna Parkhill, Riya Dax, Mady Blanton, Avery Dieter

**Era**

**First Team:** Kate Krebs, Kami Thorson

**Second Team:** Zoie Pierce, Kaden Weatherly

**Academic:** Zoie Pierce, Norma Martinez, Kate Krebs, Dancie Matthews, Madi Eaton, Kaden Weatherly, Hope Pearman, Hailey Peterson, Kami Thorson, Jaycie Trout, Briley Davies



Whitesboro's Addisen McBride took second team honors, while teammate Maddy Cole managed an honorable mention.



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## LOCALS GET 2A BASEBALL HONORS

The 2023 Class 2A baseball all-state team includes five local athletes as selected by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association.

Era catcher Will Hickson and Collinsville shortstop Logan Jenkins were named first team all-state. Era shortstop Cooper Weatherly, Muenster catcher Hunter Peel and Collinsville pitcher Rylan Newman received second team honors.

Hickson and Weatherly helped lead Era to the regional quarter-finals for the first time. Although the Hornets finished fourth in District 11-2A, Era played well in the postseason. The Hornets swept Sam Rayburn, a district champion, in the first round before rallying to defeat Seymour in the second.

Jenkins and Newman led Collinsville to the state tournament for the first time since 1999.

Although Jenkins was honored by the coaches association as a shortstop, he was also a starting pitcher alongside Newman and started the state semifinal game against Harleton.

Peel was a key part of Muenster's team this year. The Hornets finished the regular season tied for first in District 10-2A before



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Muenster catcher Hunter Peel (left) and Era catcher Will Hickson were among the area's top signal callers in 2023

reaching the second round of the playoffs.

Although Muenster hoped for a

little more out of this season, losing to a state semifinalist, Collinsville, in the playoffs and tying

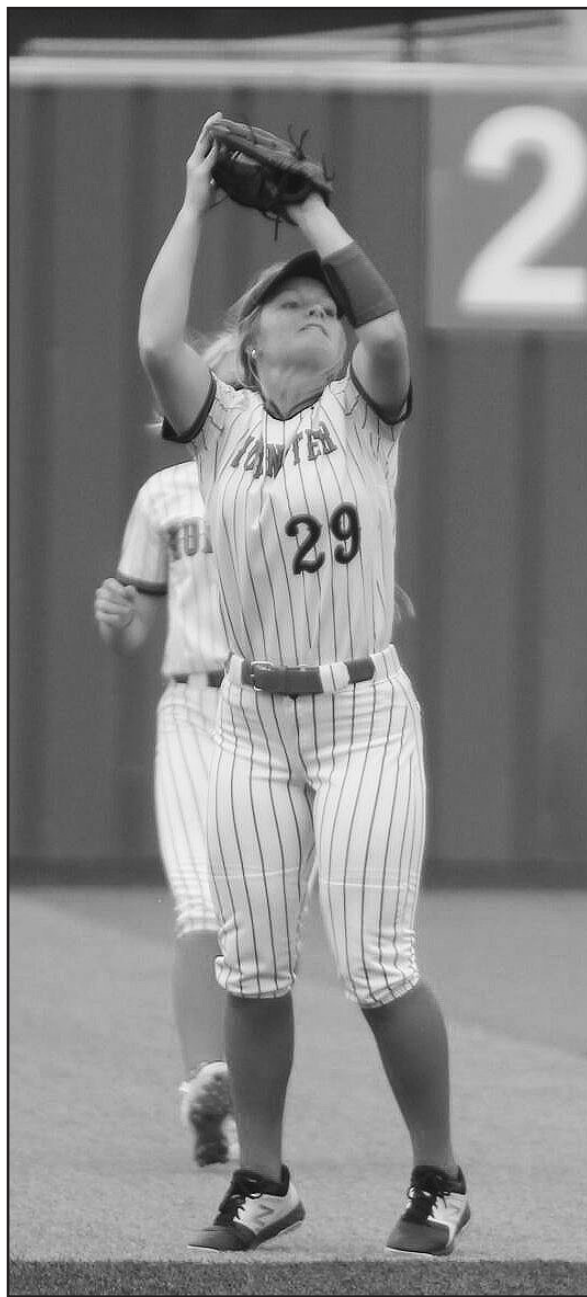
a regional semifinalist, Alvord, in district play is nonetheless impressive.



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The Muenster Lady Hornets fell in the regional semifinals to Trenton, losing 14-0 Thursday and 14-3 Friday at Prosper Rock Hill, despite a solid effort by Maggie Hess and her teammates.



Whitesboro missed out on its first trip to the state finals, as a great season ended in the regional finals. Addisen McBridge and Whitesboro lost to Emory Rains, 5-1 and 2-1.

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