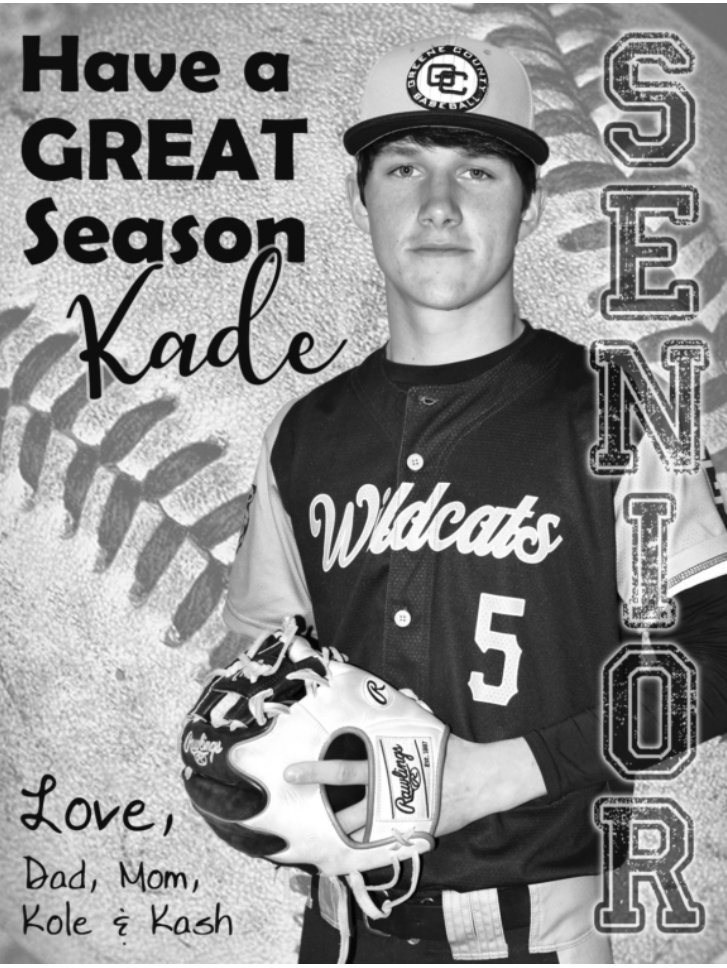
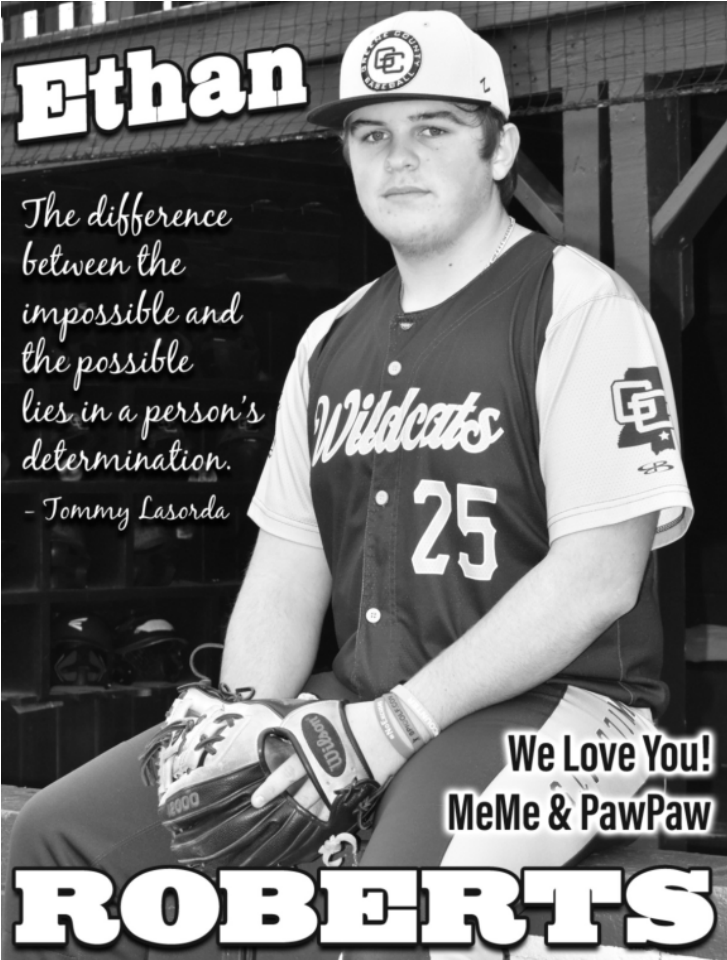
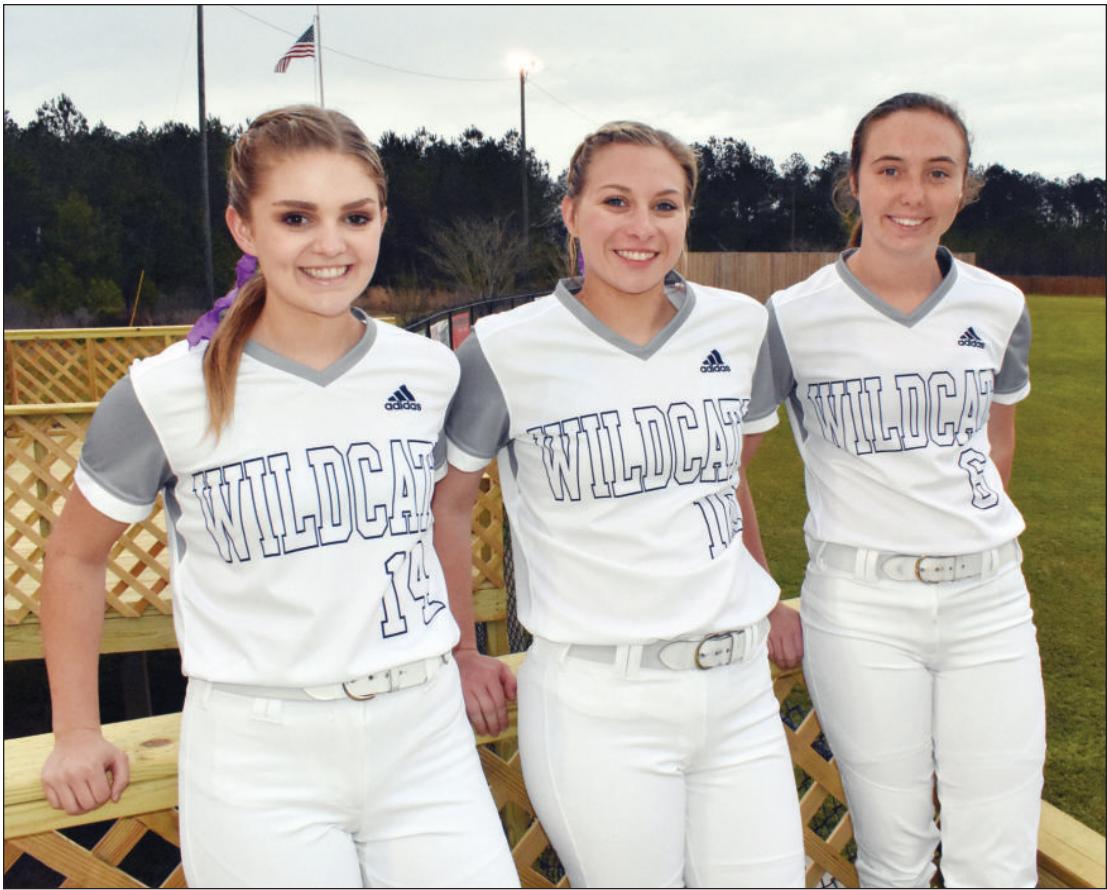




One last ride for GCHS seniors

Nine Greene County High School seniors will be enjoying their final seasons in Wildcat Blue this season. Baseball players (Above, L-R) Bradley Snyder, Dylan Miller, Drake Henderson, Kade Kittrell, Malachi Graham and Peyton Roberts, along with softball players (Right, L-R) Olivia Eubanks, Kayla Mazzocchi and Destiny Eubanks hope to bring some hardware back to their facilities before suiting up for graduation in May.

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Baseball and softball teams thankful for support, allowing continued upgrades to parks

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Baseball and softball can be expensive sports to play, particularly if teams want to have up-to-date equipment and nice facilities to practice and play on and serve as showpieces for their school and community.

GCHS coaches Tyler Barham and Nick Chatham each push to have compounds the players and fans can be proud of and certainly want the advantage of the safest and most up-to-date equipment available for their players. But, while the Greene County School District supports both programs financially, a large portion of the funds needed to operate the baseball and softball programs come from private donations, on-field sponsorships and, of course, fundraisers conducted by players and booster clubs.

Chatham and Barham don't take the support lightly.

"Thanks to all the parents and fans who have supported us through our fundraisers so far

this season and we look forward to you coming out and supporting our program this year," Chatham said recently. "We realize there is a lot of demand for that time and those dollars and we make sure our kids understand and appreciate the support."

Barham agreed and said it is important the student-athletes learn to appreciate and not take for granted the support they receive."

Chatham said he and his booster club officers put thought into who supports them financially when they have to purchase goods and services for the program. He said they look to spend their limited resources with their sponsors when they can as a show of appreciation, and in the community with other businesses, whether supporters or not, before looking to vendors out of the area.

"It is just the right thing to do from my perspective," Chatham said.

Gate receipts from games typ-

ically go toward paying umpires. Concessions revenues and fundraisers go toward equipment and maintenance and upgrades to the facilities.

Some of the upgrades made at the GCHS baseball complex this year include:

- a home plate halo behind home plate that is artificial turf;
- new chain link fencing around the field;
- the addition of new decks behind the outfield wall; and
- a new roll away batting cage for batting practice.

Down High School Road at the softball complex, Barham and his booster club has been active as well. Along with a facelift to the locker room this year, the GCHS players are enjoying:

- the addition of a new wooden outfield fence; and
- several new decks behind the outfield wall for spectators.

In the photos above, the baseball players are shown on their field's turf mound, while the senior Lady Cats are seated on one of their new outfield decks."



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