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Several options considered to ease jail overcrowding

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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County officials are considering options offered by multiple companies in order to address overcrowding at the Coryell County Jail – a longstanding concern.

Among the companies that are being considered to potentially provide temporary housing for inmates are All Detainment Solutions, BMarko Structures, Boxx Modular, Eagle Modular Buildings and Sprung Structures.

The proposal from All Detainment Solutions would be to use 52-foot tractor-trailer units that are repurposed to house inmates.

Sprung Structures offers buildings that are 50 by 120 feet, although sizes can be modified to meet clients' needs. Choos-

ing a customized option, however, would take more time for the structure to be delivered.

Articles with some details on the All Detainment Solutions and Sprung Structures options have appeared in previous editions of The Messenger.

BMarko offers modular jail systems, which according to the company's website require minimal onsite construction. Information on the website states: "When constructing modular correctional facilities for an existing prison or jail, you have to be creative on how to safely and securely construct your new expansions. Modular correctional buildings and modular jails are a smart solution to fulfill your permanent or temporary space expansion needs."

Unlike many of the portable structures used for detain-

ment, pictures on the BMarko website show stacking options

for potential multi-level inmate housing. Boxx Modular was an option that was seen and suggested for consideration by new Pct. 2 Commissioner Scott Weddle, who recently replaced Daren Moore in this post.

One question that commissioners and County Judge Roger Miller have had is whether or not the temporary facilities could be used to house inmates who are medium security or even high security risks.

Coryell County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Ron Morgan said a recent review of the county jail population indicates 15% were considered minimum security, 79% were deemed to be medium security and 4% required maximum security.

Morgan said he has been informed detention space can be

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Righteous Roots growing stronger



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FUTURE RIGHTEOUS ROOTS HOME: The old Scott's Funeral Home building will be the new location of Righteous Roots crisis center in Gatesville. The building will allow the nonprofit organization to expand the services it provides to help people escape the cycle of abuse.

A new home is on the horizon for nonprofit dedicated to help those suffering from trauma of abuse

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Since 2018, Righteous Roots Crisis Center has worked to help people suffering from abuse related, life altering concerns and has offered a variety of programs ranging from emotional healing to anger management, parenting and marriage improvement. Now, the nonprofit is planning to take a big step, moving to a larger location and expanding its programs.

Gladys Whitenburg, social services administrator for Righteous Roots, gave an update on the charity organization's plans during a recent meeting of the Gatesville Lions Club.

Righteous Roots is currently located at 503 B East Main in Gatesville, and will eventually move to the former Scott's Funeral Home building on East Leon Street.

"This building happened to be the one Melanie (Diserens, the director and founder of Righteous Roots) has always dreamed of," Whitenburg said. "Hopefully by the end of the year, we'll be moved into our new location."

The faith-based organization has "grown significantly," Whitenburg said. "You know when you have someone there daily, your mission is going to grow."

She said Righteous Roots has served "75 to 100 new clients who have come in for either one on one counseling or a class."

Counseling is available at no cost three days a week, and those in need of services can call 254-651-3600 to schedule an appointment.

To help fund programs offered, Righteous Roots will have a special fundraiser this fall, presenting its own version of Dancing With

MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE: For Melanie Webb Diserens (left) and Gladys Whitenburg, being able to help victims of abuse is a strong calling, an effort to help people rise above the pain and anguish they have experienced and grasp a better future. A new building with much more space will allow Righteous Roots to expand its programs.

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the Stars, as local couples compete for judges' choice and people's choice awards.

Sarah Belcher is joining the organization as program coordinator.

A variety of brown bag lunch presentations are offered at Righteous Roots with Belcher helping lead that effort. Topics have included social media safety and privacy protection; tips for parents and recent graduates entering the next phase of life; living your faith in a hostile world; recognizing, responding to and reporting child abuse; making marriage work with a traveling spouse; talking with children about personal body safety; crime victim resources and human trafficking.

A list of programs can be found on the Righteous Roots Gatesville Facebook page.

Those planning to attend a brown bag session can call or email info@righteousroots if they are interested in reserving a meal. Catering the event is Carlus' Park Street Burgers, which provides a cheeseburger, chips, drink and dessert for \$9.

Belcher said she is new to Gatesville and is excited to be involved at Righteous Roots.

"I stopped in and asked how I could help and Gladys put me to work," she said. She has specialized in parenting classes and child development in previous employment.

Cases of abuse are occurring not only in big cities but small communities, Whitenburg said, referring to a recent case involving

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New system will ensure improved local airport weather info

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

The city of Gatesville will be replacing a faulty Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) at the Gatesville Municipal Airport, thanks in large part to a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation that will pay for the majority of the cost.

"The current system was installed in 2004 and several of the components no longer function," said City Manager Bill Parry.

This system allows pilots and others who are interested to obtain accurate and up-to-date information on weather conditions — including wind speeds — at the airport.

The city submitted a 2023 capital improvement project to the transportation department, and TxDOT offered to advance the project and fund 75% of the cost. The total estimated cost is \$150,000, and the city will be required to pay \$37,500 of that with the state paying for the rest.

Following a public hearing, final approval is expected this fall.

Pete Weston with Centex Aviation, located at 137 Airport Road, said there have been recurring problems with AWOS at the airport.

"It has been constant trouble," he said. "It's unreliable and people call all the time asking when it will be fixed. It's been a long time coming. We really do need a reliable system."

Parry said the need to replace the system is not unexpected, and

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Helping prepare for the worst

BY JEFF OSBORNE
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Helping the county respond to unforeseen crisis situations and plan for whatever disasters may arise are tasks for the Coryell County Emergency Management department.

Bob Harrell recently addressed the Coryell County Commissioners Court, noting this is the first time in seven years he has come before the court during the budgeting process. He explained some of the items on the budget and some upcoming priorities.

One of the line items on the emergency management budget is simply labeled "miscellaneous," and Harrell explained the primary use for those funds.

"That fund allows me to provide immediate assistance by purchasing fuel to help first responders whenever there are disasters," Harrell said. "It's normally a big chunk of what I turn back to the county at the end of the year, but as fuel costs

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1st Cavalry receives 44th Medal of Honor recipient

BY U.S. ARMY MASTER SGT. MIRIAM ESPINOZA
1ST CAVALRY DIVISION PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FORT HOOD — President Joe Biden awarded the Medal of Honor to Staff Sgt. Edward N. Kaneshiro Jul. 5 during a ceremony at the White House in Washington D.C. Kaneshiro, now the 1st Cavalry Division's 44th Medal of Honor recipient, was assigned to C. Troop, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment during the Vietnam War.

Kaneshiro's award was presented to his son John Kaneshiro, who followed his dad's footsteps joining the Army as a non-commissioned officer and reaching the rank of Master Sgt. before retiring.

John, who was only four months old when his father deployed to Vietnam, said it was the shared experience of wearing the uniform of the United States that helped bring him closer to his father, who he did not get an opportunity to know while growing up.

1st Cavalry Division's command team; Maj. Gen. John B. Richardson IV, commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Shade Munday, division command sergeant major, attended the ceremony to support Kaneshiro's family and honor his service and sacrifice.

"It's an honor to be here in support of the Kaneshiro family and to represent the 19,000 Troopers from the 1st Cavalry Division during this historic moment," said Munday. "His heroic actions will inspire the division's young troopers, past and present, to be better than they were yesterday and to lead by example as Staff Sgt. Kaneshiro did when he was called upon to defend

his country."

During a mission in the Kim Son Valley, Vietnam, in December 1966, Kaneshiro's unit came under fire from North Vietnamese Troops. Kaneshiro crawled forward to attack, using six grenades and an M16 rifle. His brave actions saved the lives of U.S. Soldiers and resulted in success for the next mission of Army forces.

"Our vision in the division is to have a fit, disciplined, well trained, cohesive team trained to fight and win our wars," said Maj. Gen. John B. Richardson IV, commanding general, 1st Cavalry Division. "And what Staff Sgt. Kaneshiro did for us is role model that, he put those words into actions." Kaneshiro's daughter, Noemi, who was 10 years old when he deployed to Vietnam, said growing up without a father and seeing the effect on their mother was difficult; however, she is proud of their father's display of courage and determination during combat in Vietnam.

Kaneshiro was born in Honolulu, HI, the 8th of 16 siblings. He graduated from high school and worked on the family farm until he joined the U.S. Army in 1959. He fathered five children with his wife; and in July 1966 he deployed to Vietnam when his oldest child was 10 years old and his youngest was only four months.

Following the White House ceremony, Kaneshiro was inducted into the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes, during a second ceremony the next day, where Noemi was presented with a portrait of her father along with the Medal of Honor flag. Several key defense department lead-



John Kaneshiro, the son of former U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Edward Kaneshiro, receives the Medal of Honor from the president Joseph R. Biden in the East Room at the White House in Washington, D.C.

COURTESY PHOTO

ers attended the Hall of Heroes ceremony including Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth, Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Joseph M. Martin, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley.

During her speech about the four Medal of Honor recipients being recognized, Wormuth said, "In the moments that mattered most, these men made the choice time and time again to step forward, they reached deep into their per-

sonal reserves of faith, values, and training and in the most dangerous situations they mustered the strength to prevail."

Kaneshiro served as a squad leader as part of the Blues unit, a unit that took the flight to the enemy. When the enemy was drawn out of their hiding spot, his unit was called to go in and look for the fight.

After months of intense fighting and countless acts of heroism, Kaneshiro was ultimately killed by the enemy in March 1967.

Kaneshiro left behind his wife Mitsuko, and their five children. Mitsuko passed away on April 10, 2022, less than three months from the Medal of Honor presentation. She was 90 years old.

"Staff Sgt. Kaneshiro showed courage and strength in an incredibly dangerous situation, said Lt. Col. James Ray, commander, 1-9 CAV. "His acts of heroism and gallantry serve as an incredible example. We are grateful for his sacrifice and bravery."

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rise it becomes even more important. This allows me to take care of immediate emergency related items."

He said that with an anticipated rise of inflation of about 8.9% by the Consumer Price Index (which is determined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics), the county will want to be prepared for whatever challenges await.

One of the things Harrell will be working on is helping local school districts with a comprehensive safety and security plan. The Texas Education Agency made this a requirement for districts about two years ago, Harrell said, but in the aftermath of the tragic Uvalde school shootings in May, it will be an even greater priority this year.

Harrell will work with the Gatesville, Jonesboro, Oglesby, Evant and Copperas Cove school districts to update their plans.

"Most schools are buying shields that are bullet resis-

tant," he said.

Harrell is also restarting emergency planning committee meetings, which had been suspended in the wake of COVID-19.

"At our EPC (Emergency Planning Committee) meeting we will invite community members and businesses to talk about the things that are needed to help keep the community safe," he said. "We want to give the public a voice in these issues and get their feedback."

Harrell said one of the issues people may want to focus on is the possibility of constructing new emergency shelters.

"I am researching the availability of grants," he said. "The GLO (Texas General Land Office) is focused on building resilient communities, and building tornado or violent storm shelters is one way to address that."

"Grants can also help with the purchase of additional fire hydrants for outlying areas. That takes planning and engineering, and it also takes money. Grants would defi-

nately help."

The Central Texas Council of Governments, which includes Coryell, Bell and five other counties, are "looking at regional projects for emergency planning and security that would allow cost sharing and the ability to tap into a greater pool of resources," Harrell said.

Harrell noted that Harker Heights is the location of a regional emergency management command center, which helps area communities with disaster response. There is also a portable water storage tank that can be moved into other communities to provide potable water during emergencies, he added.

Harrell said that partnerships with different entities throughout the region are beneficial to emergency response.

"I'm glad we have a mutual aid agreement now with Fort Hood, and you'll probably see even more of these in the future," he said.

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built to meet whatever security level the county needs - including maximum security.

"The difference will be the fencing," he said.

Weddle said Boxx was

"another alternative and we would be doing business with a Texas company."

Boxx is based in Fort Worth, Sprung has an office in Houston, All Detainment Solutions is based in Missouri, Eagle is located in Illinois and BMarko has its headquarters in Georgia.

Weddle said a meeting

with representatives of the companies offering temporary detention facilities would be beneficial, and Miller expressed agreement in order to "get more detailed information." Miller said the county will continue to gather information on vendors.

AWOS

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system is not unexpected, and there are sufficient funds in the city's airport fund to provide the 25% that Gatesville will be required to pay.

"We knew this needed to

be done and we've waited for the most favorable funding opportunity," he said. "There are no more 90-10 grants (in which the state would fund 90% of the cost). This was the best available."

Information provided by AWOS includes wind speed and direction, barometric pressure, temperature, ceil-

ing and visibility.

Current weather information can be obtained from the airport by calling 254-865-6742. However, until a new system is put in place, some information, such as wind speed, may not be available.

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two girls who went missing from McGregor and who were later found and reported being treated poorly by a man in Georgetown.

"They were at a pool party and a man joined the party, and no one else knew him," she said. "Thankfully, through information from those at the party and parents, they were able to locate the girls."

"These things are happen-

ing more often and closer to home, so we need to be aware and take steps to protect people."

For more information on Righteous Roots, visit righteousroots.org online or call 254-651-3600.

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Lego winners announced

As the Summer Reading Program at the Gatesville Public Library comes to an end, the library would like to announce their Lego model winners. The theme this summer was "Oceans of Possibilities," and competition was steep as the children created models of the ocean floor. Winning models included sea labs with moon pools, all sorts of ocean landforms such as seamounts and volcanoes, as well as odd things such as sunken ships, space trash, sunken cities and a lost treasure or two. Taking first place were contestants Shanna Bates, Isolde Gomez and Saoirse White. Second place went to Penny and Sadie Blanchard. Winners took home Walmart and Sonic gift cards.



LEGO MODEL WINNERS: Pictured above are Lego model first place winners, from left, Shanna Bates, Isolde Gomez and Saoirse White. In the photo to the right, second place winners are Penny (left) and Sadie Blanchard. The Lego contest was part of the Summer Reading Program at the Gatesville Public Library.



Letter to the Editor

Assistance is appreciated

Dear Editor,

Recently I backed into a ditch on FM 215 and was stuck for about 45 minutes. We were amazed at the number of people that stopped to help. Gatesville is blessed to have so many caring citizens. Our thanks to all that stopped to help.

Ray Turk
Temple

Hill family reunion to be held Aug. 13

The Hill family reunion will be held on Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Jonesboro Community Center. Doors will open around 10 a.m. Barbecue brisket and tea will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring their favorite side dish

and any items they might want to donate for the raffle. For more information, contact Elizabeth Lord at 254-679-1090.

The Jonesboro Community Center is located at 11625 Highway 36 in Jonesboro.

United Women in Faith meeting held July 12

The regular meeting of the United Women in Faith was held July 12, 2022, in the banquet room of the Methodist Church in Gatesville beginning at 5:30 p.m. Sixteen members were present. Hostesses were Mary Beth Rivers and Debbie Martin.

President Patsy Smart called the meeting to order by leading in the Blessing. As members were having refreshments, Linda Klontz led the group in picking new prayer partners for the month. Smart thanked the hostesses and read The Purpose. Velva Riddle read from the Daily Prayer Guide and Response Magazine. Shirleen Chandler presented the program, called "The Old Order of Things Has Passed Away." The scripture was Revela-

tion 21:1-7, A New Heaven, and a New Earth. Discussion included fear of studying some parts of the Bible, such as the book of Revelation. These verses bring news from John that Jesus will bring the Holy City, the New Jerusalem to us on earth and will dwell with us in a new and wonderful era. Members were asked to think about how they have studied the Bible and what hopes they have for the future of our church and the world. Chandler led in singing "When We All Get to Heaven."

President Smart called the business meeting to order. New business began with planning their annual Salad Supper, to be held on Aug. 9 at 6 p.m. Members volunteered to help and were

asked to invite visitors to attend. Members are to bring their salads and be at the church by 5 p.m. Invitations will go out to The Presbyterian ladies and Mountain Baptist ladies, including pastors and their wives. The next item of new business was presented by Melinda Ivy, chair of the Nominating Committee. She asked officers who were present to continue if possible; she would contact those who were not present. Voting will take place at their September meeting. Some officers will meet to fill out the Mission Today report. Their fiscal year ends July 31. Discussion was held about honoring women with Gift in Memory cards and Gift to Mission cards. Riddle made a

motion, seconded by Klontz, to give \$20 Memory Cards to relatives of women who had died during the past year and to give a Gift to Mission cards to Jane Harvey for her continued help in their children's program, especially during the recent Vacation Bible School. Motion carried.

District Officer Chandler invited members to consider attending Mission coming up in August. Luke 13 will be the topic of study held at Glen Lake Camp and also at First United Methodist Church in Temple. Their South District President, Donna Jensen, is presenting both studies.

The meeting adjourned with the Benediction.

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

TCU offers popular course on whiskey



TUMBLEWEED SMITH
Newspaper columnist and producer of *The Sound of Texas* radio series

take his course in whiskey.

"Historically the course has been very popular. It started at a modest number, and then went to a very large class of 50 to 60 students. Now I've retreated back down and typically I have about a dozen students. That way we can sit around a conference table and have thoughtful discussions. It's also the right number of people to squeeze into a van to go visit local distilleries."

The word whiskey comes from a Gaelic word meaning the water of life.

"Whiskey clearly is popular and captures a lot of big ideas in science and it's a great lens to look at history. It's also something that brings us all together."

Just about every country has a whiskey.

"Antarctica has to my knowledge no distillery yet."

Texas is becoming a whiskey making state.

"Texas is rich in distilleries. It's due to the momentum of the craft beer movement, the idea that whiskey is gaining in popularity and changes in legislation to make the permitting and cost associated with starting a distillery much more reasonable. We've got some of the best whiskeys in the country if not the world."

The course spends a lot of time on prohibition during which time in the 1920s and 30s the Walgreen chain of drug stores grew from 20 stores to more than 400 because it sold whiskey for medicinal purposes.

"The prohibition amendment said you can't sell it, you can't manufacture it, you can't transport it, you can't import or export it but drinking it is completely legal. The rule of the law was the Volstead Act that gave

specific exceptions. One was for scientific use; one was for medicinal use; and one was for sacramental use. The number of clergy also blossomed in that period as well."

One of the reasons Roosevelt won the presidential election in 1933 was that he vowed to end prohibition. Dr. Simonek said prohibition was the foundation for the women's rights movement.

"It allowed women to do something that was completely unreasonable. That's to get out of the house and pray in front of saloons."

Whiskey is the only alcohol he covers in his course.

"Maybe when we're done exploring that we'll move to tequila. That seems to be pretty popular as well."

Rodeo is July 28-30

The 85th annual Gatesville Riding Club Rodeo will be held Thursday, July 28, through Saturday, July 30th at 7:30 p.m.

Every night events will include Mutton Bustin', which will start at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday. It will be limited to 15 riders per night and there will be a \$30 entry fee. There will also be a Calf Scramble, which does not require pre-registration.

To register for Junior Barrels, call 254-493-8954 on Monday, July 25th from 7-9 p.m.

Once again, the rodeo will have its "Bubble Balls and Bulls" event for the spectators to enjoy.

Thursday will be "Military Appreciation Night" with admission fees of \$10 per adults and \$5 for kids age 6-12. Military ID is required for discount admission.

Friday will have a "Back the Blue" theme, and those attending are encouraged to wear blue to support law enforcement officers. On Saturday, the rodeo will feature an appearance by the Fort Hood 1st Cavalry Horse Platoon.

Gates to the rodeo will open at 6 p.m. The arena is located on Veteran's Memorial Drive in Gatesville.

Admission is \$12 for adults and \$7 for kids ages 6-12. Kids ages 5 and under get in free.



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GETTING A MOVE ON: Gatesville students had an opportunity to work on several wrestling skills and techniques during a summer camp July 11-15. For more pictures, see Page 8.

Battle the heat and try your hand at catching hybrid striped bass

BY MICHAEL ACOSTA
SPECIAL TO THE MESSENGER

When the hottest part of the summer starts showing its face, many anglers will choose not to bear the heat for obvious reasons. There is at least one species that keeps many anglers on the water during the summer and as if you didn't guess from this column's headline, it is the hybrid striped bass.

The hybrid striped bass is a manmade species that is made by crossing a male white bass with a female striped bass. This essentially makes a voracious species that is not

quite as big as a striper, but a lot bigger than a white bass (typically called a sand bass). The Texas state record of 19.02 pounds comes from Lake Ray Hubbard near Dallas. Typical sizes on our area lakes are in the 3-10 pound range. The white bass part of the hybrid striped bass makes this species more tolerant of the Texas heat.

All species get stressed in the summer heat. The striped bass is more sensitive to the heat when compared to the hybrid striped bass. When the striper bite slows due to the heat, the hybrid striper is the species to seek.

These hot summer days will put the hybrid striped bass in fairly predictable locations and patterns. It can be extremely hot out there in the middle of the day, but that is soon forgotten when this species start to feed. These fish usually bite in numbers and they don't give up easy.

Typically, these "dog days" of summer start out pretty similar. The morning temperature is near 80 degrees, and it is already hot and humid before you even get started. There is generally little or no wind, and you will probably be looking forward to whatever kind of a breeze will come your way.

The hot weather aside, you are still ready to get out there. After donning the sunscreen, you are on the water heading for the fishing hole.

You will take advantage of the initial boat ride to the first hole as this may be most refreshing breeze you will probably get for the day.

It is a good idea to get on the water early. In the summer you do not want to miss the early bite as it may be all you get on some days. You never really know for sure what the bite will be, but as usual you want to be ready and prepared if they do bite.

Kid Scoop
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Kid Scoop Puzzler

Some sharks eat almost anything! Follow Chomper's trail to find some of the surprising things that have been found inside shark stomachs.

Standards Link: Environmental Science: Pollution in the environment can have detrimental effects on animals.

HOW TO DRAW A SHARK

SHARKS!

Most people are more afraid of sharks than bees. Yet bee stings have killed more people than sharks! Out of around 500 different kinds of sharks, most are not dangerous. The Great White shark is the most dangerous of all, but hardly anyone sees it. It likes to stay in deep ocean water where most people don't swim.

Standards Link: Life Science: Students understand that animals have different external features that help them survive in different habitats.

Shark Shapes

Sharks come in all shapes and sizes. Some have stripes. Others have spots. Can you list one or more ways each of these sharks is different from the others?

Example: The Leopard shark has spotted markings.

Standards Link: Students recognize similarities and differences in common objects.

Match each shark to its silhouette.

Nothing but the Tooth

No two kinds of sharks have the same kind of teeth. Scientists can tell what kind of shark a tooth came from just by the way it looks.

To find out what type of shark each tooth came from, unscramble the words.

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have features that help them survive in different environments.

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Shark Teeth

Use this code to find out more amazing facts about shark teeth.

Most sharks have _____ rows of teeth.

Sharks get a new set of teeth every _____ weeks. In _____ years, a Tiger shark will lose as many as _____ teeth.

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have features that help them survive in different environments.

How Do Sharks Float?

Shark livers are full of oil. To find out how oil helps sharks float, try this experiment.

- Put two tablespoons of cooking oil in a small jar.
- Fill the jar half full of water and put on the lid.
- Shake the jar.
- Set the jar down and watch what happens to the oil and water. Which one floats?

Standards Link: Physical Science: Conduct a simple investigation and analyze results to develop a logical conclusion.

Extra! Extra!

Dive into the newspaper to find:

- A word that starts with "sh"
- Five words that describe a shark
- A headline that is as long as the smallest shark
- Something sharp

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Students follow simple directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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W	V	W	E	E	T	A	T	K	S	
O	E	H	S	O	T	I	R	R	T	
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E	H	R	S	E	E	T	H	S		
N	S	U	O	R	E	G	N	A	D	
H	W	A	F	R	A	I	D	R	K	

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Vicious Verbs

Find five sentences or headlines in the newspaper. Replace a verb in each sentence or headline with another that is more vicious. What verb would be kinder? How does a different verb change the meaning of a sentence or headline?

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify verbs; use of synonyms.

Write On!

Best Family Adventure

Tell about a fun outing you went on with your family.

Working on wrestling skills, techniques



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Gatesville ISD students had an opportunity to work on their wrestling techniques during a summer wrestling camp held July 11-15. A session for students in grades 7-12 was held from 10-11 a.m., with younger students in grades 1-6 getting a chance to learn about wrestling earlier in the morning.

