

# Engineers rally to win over Breathitt, 6-0

## Senior pitcher Andrew Elam has all the right stuff against Bobcats

Senior pitcher Andrew Elam had all the right stuff on Monday for the Estill Engineers, allowing zero runs and besting Breathitt County by a score of 6-0 as the entire team rallied together following the devastating loss last week by the passing of their beloved coach Blake Crowe. The Estill County Schools last week named Blake's father, former Estill baseball coach Brian Crowe to take his place.

The Engineers got on board in the second inning when sophomore Thomas Forehand singled on a 3-1 count, scoring one run.

Estill put up three runs in the third inning. Seniors Kamden Powell and

Rocky Hix and sophomore Braeden Waddle, all contributed in the big inning with RBIs.

A single by Tincher in the first inning was a positive for Breathitt County.

Elam earned the victory on the mound for Engineers. The right-hander allowed eight hits and zero runs over seven innings, striking out ten and walking one.

Bellamy took the loss for Breathitt County. The hurler went six innings, allowing six runs on eight hits, striking out nine and walking zero.

The Engineers racked up eight hits. Waddle, Forehand, and Powell each collected multiple

hits for Engineers. Waddle went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Engineers in hits. Engineers didn't commit a single error in the field. Waddle had the most chances in the field with 11. Estill stole seven bases during the game as two players stole more than one. Senior fielder Waylan Puckett led the way with three.

Breathitt County tallied eight hits in the game. A. Combs and Stacy all had multiple hits for Breathitt County.

Estill improved to 11-11 on the season and figures to be one of the top teams in the 14th Region with a 7-2 region record. The Engineers are unde-

feated against 56th District opponents with a 4-0 record and only one more district game scheduled.

Powell County's Pirates are second in the district at 4-2 with Owsley's Owls third at 2-3. The Lee County Bobcats are at rock bottom with no wins in five games.

Good luck, Engineers!

### Estill County Engineers 2021 Boys Baseball

May 18	Jackson County	A	
May 20	Lexington Christian	A	6:00
May 21	Lee County	A	5:30
May 22	Clay County		
May 22	Letcher County Central		
May 24	Garrard County	A	6:00

# 23-4 Lady Engineers picked 19th in state

The 19th ranked Estill County Lady Engineers quickly rebounded from the team's first loss of the season against Montgomery County, and despite three more losses against some of the toughest competition in the state, the Estill Ladies have won five straight to improve to 23-4.

Estill had beaten Breathitt County 5-2 then lost in a replay against East Jessamine 5-4 after beating them handily in the season's first game.

The Lady Engineers played three games in the prestigious Five Star General at Lafayette, winning 5-4 over Mercer County and losing 5-0 to one of the state's top-rated teams, host Lafayette. Estill also lost to Woodford County, 7-1.

Since that time, the Lady Engineers have picked up five straight, shutting out Lee County and Rowan County each by 13-0 and Bates Creek's Lady Commodores, 6-0.

Estill won 15-4 over Bath County but Lady Engineers coach Lynn West

was particularly proud of the game ending play at second base by the Lady Engineers, saying, "Last out of the game against Bath County. Runner on first did something she wishes she hadn't! Watch the Lady Engineers collapse all 9 players on the runner, and are waiting their turn to get her! Love this team! Great job Henlee (Hunter) to get it started!" See video!

The Lady Engineers defeated 11th Region Scott County on Monday night, 6-0, in Irvine.

Estill still leads the 14th Region where they are 7-0, and the Lady Engineers at 3-0, with remaining games against Lee County and Owsley County, are a sure bet to win the 56th District regular season title.

Good luck, Lady Engineers!

### Estill Lady Engineers 2021 Girls Fastpitch Softball

May 18	Jackson City	H	6:00
May 19	Model	H	5:30
May 21	Hazard	H	6:30
May 24	Breathitt County	H	6:00
May 25	Owsley County	H	6:00
May 27	Lee County	A	6:00
May 28	Fleming County	A	6:15

Lynn West, Coach

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# Gatton Academy recognizes Estill counselor Callie Rogers for support

The Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky recently recognized 22 educators from across the Commonwealth, including Estill County High School counselor Callie Rogers, for their support of high ability students. The educators were recognized at the program's May 2 Commencement in WKU's Diddle Arena.

Gatton Academy announced, "We are so excited to recognize Callie Rogers, Estill County High School, as part of The Gatton Academy's Educator Recognition Program for the support the educator provided Morgan Samples in her journey to our program."

Here is how Morgan described Ms. Rogers's role in her journey to Gatton: "Callie supported me the whole way through my application, whether it was reading my essays or letting me use her room to write them. She was the first teacher to introduce me to real chemistry and it is because of her I decided to pursue a STEM school. She encouraged me to seek out Gatton and I would not be here if it wasn't for her never-ending

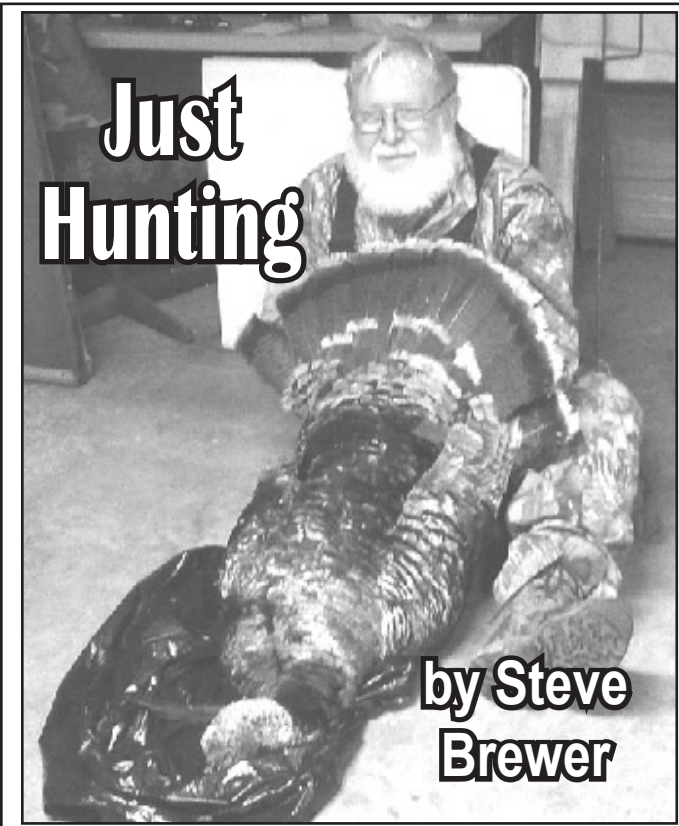
support. I am so grateful to have had her as a teacher and a friend."

We know our students often had help from a teacher, counselor, GT specialist, or principal to achieve their goals of coming to The Gatton Academy. We want to acknowledge the important role that educators play in our students having the opportunity to gain admission to Gatton.

We are grateful for the partnership with the Gatton Academy. Thank you Callie, for your continued support of high ability students and their pursuit of infinite possibilities.

Gatton Academy graduates were invited to nominate one educator from a Kentucky school to be recognized at graduation. Selected educators received a certificate of recognition, a specific message of gratitude from their nominating student(s), and were invited to stand to be acknowledged as their names were read during The Gatton Academy commencement ceremony.

See additional information and photo of Callie Rogers on Page 15.



Julius Caesar once said, "I came, I saw, I conquered." That is how it has been in my life, I have overcome every pitfall so far in this life. My Gould hunt to Mexico for my "Royal Slam" in turkey hunting, was no different. I knew where I was heading, after I knew there were 6 different breeds of wild turkey; the Eastern, which is the turkey we have here; the Rio, which in in states like Kansas, Texas, Nebraska, and a few others; the Merriam in Wyoming, South Dakota, and others; the Osceola, only in Florida; the Gould, in New Mexico and Arizona (they are on a draw system, so good luck there), and Mexico. Then you have the Ocellated in parts of Mexico and Central America.

I set my sights on hunting and harvesting at least one of all six. My quest started in the 90's, I am now one step from seeing my project out. I started trying to hunt Mexico in 2006, but was stopped by the Department of Homeland Security. They said it was too dangerous for Americans to travel there. The Cartel was killing Americans, it seemed, just for fun.

I kept trying, and this was my year. "I came, I saw, I conquered." As you see from my pictures, I took a nice

# "I came, I saw, I conquered!"

24-pound Gould that sported a nine-inch beard, with one inch spurs. Not the biggest in Mexico, but more than enough to bring my dream to life.

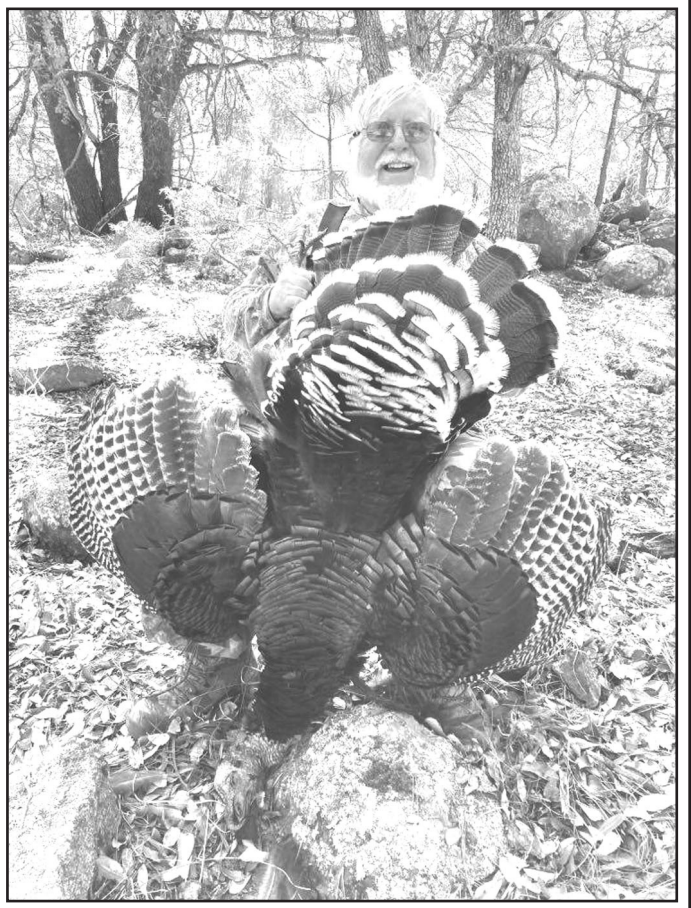
As soon as I crossed the border, I knew I had entered a world unlike any I had ever known; a world that time has forgotten. There was not a blade of grass to be seen, a place that my guide, Gerardo Villalpando, said had not seen a drop of rain in over a year. Although the native trees were green, I wondered how?

The dying custom here in America of putting a cross or flowers along the road where a love one has perished, is still strong in Mexico, except they build small houses and a place to pray for their loved ones. Some the size of a dog house, others eight feet, by eight feet.

As we went farther into the desert, the mountains loomed high above us, the place we would call home on my quest to take another step in making my dream come true. Gerardo told me our camp would be at 6,000 feet, and we would be hunting around 7,000 to 7,500 feet.

The dust was flying behind us, and I later learned, if you spit, the dust would boil from where you just spit. Gerardo picked me up in El Paso, Texas, and except at night when bed time came, never left my side. They ran the generator for three hours a day, at 4 a.m. when we got up, and then from dark until 10 p.m. Lights on, lights off. I know the best camera in the world is of course your eyes (which) are taking pictures every minute, and your mind stores them, and believe me I was worried I would run out of film.

The rancher lives in a 5000 square foot house, with five buildings that house his Cowboys. He has seven Cowboys, to man 200,000 acres. They travel on horseback and tend to 3,700 head of cattle. I was amazed to look at the cows, they were well under fed, in my opinion, and spent all the time looking for food. When I was there, the cowboys were working to separate the calves from the mother cows. They worked all day in 90 degree heat, changed horses around noon; and I thought, I have never seen not even a coal miner work this hard. No breaks, no nothing but round up those cattle. I saw cows walking up



Steve and his Gould turkey

the mountains, and was at least 8,000 feet up, trying to find food; water hardly to be found.

One of the things that struck me was the feral hogs that ran everywhere. The cowboys, my guide, the cooks, nobody even looked twice at them. I thought, they could be sitting on a gold mine with all those wild pigs, if they only would open up a season of them, and invite Americans to come hunt them. I would say I probably saw over 100 hogs, of different size, the time I was there.

Next week, I will take you on the hunt, a hunt that will be forever etched in the annuals of my mind. Stay tuned.

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