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“Wheeler: town of friendship and pride”



Jesus Enriquez breaks free for 37 yd run 1st Qtr.

Wheeler County Commissioners' Court

\$41,062 for Security Door

The Commissioners' Court of Wheeler County, Texas, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Wheeler County Courthouse at 401 Main Street, Wheeler, Texas, to consider prior bills and discuss matters of mutual concern and to take action on the following agenda items:

At 10:00 a.m. court was reconvened and action was taken on the 14 items on the agenda.

- The minutes for the previous meetings were approved.
- The reports of the county officers were approved.
- There were no budget amendments for approval.
- The court approved the budget transfers presented.
- The line item transfers presented were approved.
- No action was taken on the Wheeler County Policy Manual.
- The burn ban remains Stage One.
- John Walker, Commissioner Pct. 4, received permission to remove Mikey Solis from the payroll as full-time employee, effective

September 30, 2022.

• David Simpson, Commissioner, Pct. 3, received permission to place 35mph speed limit signs on Co. Rd. 11, north of Lela for the first mile and a half.

• The court voted to accept
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Donald Finsterwald Is Buried Oct. 11

Donald Finsterwald, 90, of Wheeler, TX passed away on Friday, October 7, 2022 in Wheeler. Graveside services were held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at Wheeler Cemetery in Wheeler with Shawn Zybach and David Zybach officiating. Arrangements were by Robertson Funeral Directors

of Wheeler.

Donald was born on July 10, 1932 in Wheeler County, TX to Herbert and Essie Smith Finsterwald. He attended Briscoe Schools and lived in Wheeler County his entire life. He was a farmer/rancher and also worked at Meadows Water Well Service helping Brady Meadows. After retirement, he began helping the communities in Wheeler stay clean by picking up cans along the streets and highways. He was a member of the Wheeler Lions Club and Wheeler Area Church of Christ.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Marie Wright and her husband, John; his brother, Charles Finsterwald; his brother-in-law, Don Patterson; and two special cousins, Doris Finsterwald and Larry Finsterwald.

Survivors include his sisters, Laverne Patterson of Lubbock, TX and Mona Reynolds and husband, Don, of Dallas, TX; three nieces; two nephews; special friends, Margie Conner and Claudine Finsterwald; and all his brother and sisters at Wheeler Area Church of Christ.

The family wish to thank all the staff at Parkview Assisted Living and BSA Hospice, especially Kathy Copeland who was so special to him.

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Arron Atherton forced out of bounds after 25 yd gain 2nd Qtr.



By Louie C. Stas

The County Football Championship is at stake Friday, when the Mustangs travel to Shamrock. **GOOD LUCK, MUSTANGS!**

— cwe —

I measured 0.62" moisture Monday morning; that was the total since Thursday evening. We left Thursday evening, so
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STORM REPORT



As Reported by...
Stormie Meriwether,
U.C.O. Freshman

Dearest Friends, For a very long time I have wanted to sing in a choir in a university. It almost didn't happen! On Wednesday, last week I was so sick I could not go to my classes. I was afraid that I had COVID, again, and I would be out for at least one week. I was lucky. It was only the 24 hour "bug!" I missed two days
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Wheeler FFA Plans Shrimp Boil Sun.

The Wheeler FFA will be holding their annual Shrimp Boil Sunday, October 16. Your are invited to join you friends and neighbors at the Wheeler County Show Barn for an enjoyable meal or do take-out.

The hours are 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at a cost of \$15.00.

Merely Mustard

One of my great pleasures is reading (a limited number of) newspapers. Sometimes I read them more thoroughly than I do at other times. And they are usually not newspapers that take more than about 15 minutes to make it through completely. (Side anecdote: At one time a number of years ago, I had access to The Wall Street Journal without having a subscription to it; I benefited from someone else's bulk subscription agreement with

that paper, and the papers were stacked up and there for the taking. And what frustrated me about that publication, even more than the sheer boredom I felt for the topics which were generally printed, was the size of the paper. Reading it would have been a day-long endeavor. An editorial column often took 10-15 minutes to read, and it simply frustrated me to have so many options of articles, some of which were of interest to me, and

insufficient time to read them. I say all of this as a way of describing the papers that I do enjoy reading, which stand in contrast to behemoths such as The Wall Street Journal.)

Back on track – reading the paper is one of my pleasures of the week. And I have found that I enjoy reading the paper the most when I do it on a weekend morning, often while I am eating breakfast and drinking coffee. This requires that the table be basically clear of everything

except my dishes and the paper. It also almost requires that I am the only one at table at that particular time. It can work with two people, but if all the chairs are filled it makes spreading out a newspaper problematic.

Another prerequisite to maximum enjoyment of reading the newspaper is having the morning light in the window. It is preferable that the sun is shining, but even on a cloudy day the
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Sandra Schaffer's Death Is Reported

Sandra G. Schaffer, 60, of Wheeler, TX passed away on Friday, October 7, 2022 in Wheeler. The family will hold a Memorial Service at a later date.

Cremation and arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Wheeler.

Sandra was born on September 7, 1962 in Topeka, KS to Roy and Irene Bauer Morgan. She grew up in Walker, MO. She married Kenneth Schaffer on March 1, 2019 in Nevada, MO. She had been a resident of Wheeler, TX for two years. She enjoyed crocheting, especially potholders. Most important to her was her family. She loved spending time with her grandkids.

Sandra was preceded in death by her parents; her grandson, Lukas Whaley; and her sister, Angela Sloan.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth of Wheeler, TX; two daughters, Sonja Weyant of Longmont, CO and Crystal Modlin of Wheeler, TX; her son, Nathan Modlin of Nevada, MO; two sisters, Yvonna Hooper of Nevada, MO and Kelly Pierce of Mount Washington, KY; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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The Fort Elliott One Act Play attended the Clarendon College theater workshop on Wednesday, September 28. It's going to be a great year with this group of kids!

You Do Make a Difference

By Bryan Golden

Do you make a difference in the world? Does anyone care about what you do? Are some people more important than others? We all ask ourselves these questions from time to time. Some people wonder about them more than others.

You do make a difference. You are important. Who you are and what you do does matter. You may have wondered what's the purpose of life. Or perhaps you contemplated the nature of the big picture.

There are many more questions than answers. But we don't need all of the answers to lead meaningful lives. Everything you do and each person you impact has a ripple effect, just like a stone thrown into a pond.

Every occupation helps people and fills some need. If it didn't, the job wouldn't exist. Although there may be a wide range of compensation, lower pay doesn't mean a job is less important. All people are equal, regardless of what they do to earn a living. What can make a person special is how they treat others.

A special person treats others with concern, care, and consideration. A special person's economic status, education, intelligence, or occupation is irrelevant. If you want to make a difference in the world you can do so one person at a time. By having a positive influence on just one person's life, you will have made a significant difference in this world.

The seemingly simple act of saying hello and smiling at a stranger will brighten the day of at least two people; the person who smiled and the one they smiled at. When you help improve someone else's day, who knows how many other people they will have a positive impact on as a result. It's like a good will chain letter that keeps multiplying.

You have three spheres of influence: immediate, direct, and extended. In your immediate sphere are all those people who know you and with whom you have repeated contact. These include family, friends, acquaintances, and coworkers.

Many of the people in your immediate sphere depend on and rely on you more than you or they realize. Although people do not show their gratitude to you as often as they should, your presence is nonetheless important to them.

Your direct sphere of influence includes all the people you have personal contact with. Contact involves any kind of interpersonal communication including in person, over the phone, mail, email, or visual. You can have direct contact with a person once, and then never cross paths again.

You have personal contact with people everywhere you go. You talk to many people over the phone or via mail/email that you will never meet in person. You have visual contact with people in other vehicles when you are driving.

When you are polite and caring, it makes a difference to others. How do you feel when you are treated this way? It affects you as the receiver the same way it impacts others when you are the transmitter.

Your extended sphere of influence includes those that are affected by the people you have had direct contact with. One good deed will have a ripple effect that extends farther than you can ever imagine.

So don't underestimate the difference you make in the world. It is far greater than you realize. If someone voices appreciation for what you have done, ask them to repay you by showing the same consideration for someone else.

You do make a difference, one person at a time.



Creed Newkirk on his way to 10 plus yds for a first down 3rd Qtr.



Ruvinky Garza meets Clarendon headon at the line of scrimmage 2nd Qtr.



Jesus Enriquez breaks this tackle to fight for 3 yds more 1st Qtr.



Jesus Enriquez drags Clarendon player for about seven yds 1st Qtr.



Emmanuel Hernandez and Elpidio Navarette bring down Clarendon runner 1st Qtr.

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Merely (from Page 1)

natural light lends itself to far more enjoyment than even the best that electric lighting could offer. I don't know if it is a throwback to a romanticized, somewhat archaic, and possibly inaccurate notion of the morning delivery of the daily newspaper, read over table in the morning light, or the fact that I do most of my clearest thinking and comprehending in the morning, or just that I enjoy almost everything better in the morning than I do the afternoon or evening; but since I have identified the conditions which yield the greatest enjoyment of the act of reading the newspaper, I try to wait until the conditions are right before I begin. I am going to read the paper one way or the other, but why not do it in the way that I enjoy it the most? You know it is true, "There is a time for everything," the Scriptures say.

Chat (from Page 1)

I am not sure when Wheeler received moisture.

— cwe —

Friday evening we attended Stormie's choir performance and we were very proud of her.

— cwe —

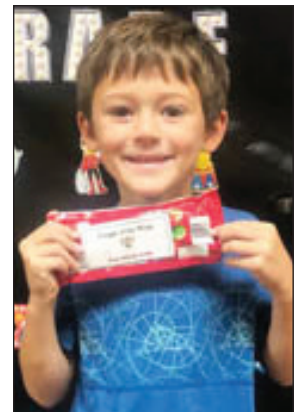
Ronal Wayne and Juanita arrived Friday evening and returned home Saturday evening.

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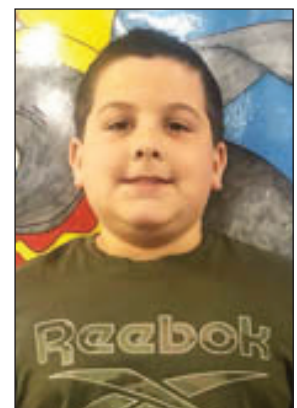
The Musae family had the Meriwether family over to their home for hamburgers and the Texas/OU game.

— cwe —

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WENT FISHING: Boyd Austin, Parkview Assisted Living resident. Deleise Atwood arranged for Boyd to have a day at a secret location near Shamrock. He proudly shows his catch of an 8 lb. catfish. He was accompanied by his daughter, Lois Puryear. "Thanks, Deleise.

Comm. (from Page 1)

a sealed bid from Debbie Deebele in the amount of \$5,410 for Schlegel Bldg. 1-W. 125 E 225 Schlegel Shamrock TX, 79096.

• The court approved the

Storm (from Page 1)

of school and I missed dress rehearsal for my concert. I thought my choir director would not let me sing. She was very glad I was back!

Singing in the concert was one of my best times ever! Baba and Pop came with my mom and dad. I am thankful they all came to hear me sing. I am thankful that I was able to sing!

It was Texas vs OU football weekend. We went to Gina and Tates to watch the game and have a family day. Jennifer was the happiest person there. UT beat OU! I didn't watch the game. I had to work on assignments. Jaeden had to leave to practice golf. She is doing very well. Good job, Jaeden!

Fall Break is this week. That's it!

Donald (from Page 1)

Thanks also go to Mechelle Batenhorse and Jerry Allison at Shamrock General Hospital.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Wheeler Area Church of Christ, PO Box 1250, Wheeler, TX 79096, or High Plains Children's Home, PO Box 7448, Amarillo, TX 79114.

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removal of Sierra Bass as part-time employee, effective Oct. 1, 2022.

• Sherri Jones, District Clerk, requested and received permission to purchase a metal security door for her office at a cost of \$41,062.00.

• The court accepted letter from Doshier, Pickens & Francis, LLC for an outside audit for FY 2022.

• The court approved the 15 holidays for 2023; they are Jan. 2, New Year's; Jan 16, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Feb. 20, President's Day; April 7, Good Friday; May 29, Memorial Day; June 19, Emancipation Day; July 4, Independence Day; Sept. 4, Labor Day; Oct. 9, Columbus Day; Nov. 10, Veteran's Day; November 23-24, Thanksgiving, and Dec. 22-25; Christmas.

• The court voted to pay the bills in the amount of \$274,706.03.

To the Editor
The Wheeler Times
Wheeler, Texas

Dear Editor,

We are fortunate to have the tennis courts available for use by the public. There is always trash to be picked up each week before the courts can be used.

To those who use the courts: "Please pick up your trash and put it in the containers."

Signed,
Beverly Bryant

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Creed Newkirk spins away from defense for extra yardage 2nd Qtr.

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9-8	Guymon	There	5:00/JV Follows
9-15	Sanford-Fritch	Shamrock	6:15/JV Follows
9-22	Open		
9-29	Boys Ranch	Here	5:00/JV Follows
10-6	Clarendon*	There	5:00/JV Follows
10-13	Shamrock*	Here	5:00/JV Follows
10-20	Wellington*	There	5:00/JV Follows
10-27	Memphis*	There	5:00/JV Follows
11-3	Quanah*	Here	5:00/JV Follows

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Ruvinzky Garza and Barrett Meadows bring down Clarendon player 2nd Qtr.

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Levi Ashurst spins for five hard earned yards 1st Qtr.

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4	Shane Waldrop	SR	WR	DB
5	Jesus Enriquez	JR	RB	DB
6	Emmanuel Hernandez	JR	TE	LB
7	Levi Ashurst	JR	TB	DB
9	Jackson Graves	FR	TE	DL
10	Elpidio Navarrette	JR	WR	DB
11	Braden Key	JR	RB	DB
12	Luis Jaquez	SR	RB	LB
13	Arron Atherton	FR	RB	DB
15	Ryan Childress	SR	RB	LB
22	Derick Moreno	SR	TE	DL
23	Julius Atherton	SO	RB	LB
50	Dylan Marshall	SR	OL	DL
52	Jose Herrera	JR	OL	DL
53	Austin Atkins	JR	OL	LB
54	Enrique Proa	SO	OL	DL
56	Isaiah Chavez	JR	OL	DL
65	Jose Perez	JR	OL	DL
74	Barrett Meadows	SO	OL	DL
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14	David Samaniego	FR	RB	DB
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27	Abraham Sigala	FR	TE	LB
42	Kyler Moss	FR	RB	LB
41	Braxton Scott	SO	OL	DL
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60	Edwin Ramirez	FR	OL	DL
61	Carson Searle	FR	OL	DL
64	Ty Taylor	FR	OL	DL
65	Jose Perez	SO	OL	DL
68	Christian Lopez	SO	OL	DL
70	Caison Oswalt	FR	OL	DL
74	Orin Tyree	SO	OL	DL
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8-19	Gruver	There (Scrimmage)	6:00
8-26	Booker	W-6 B-16	
9-2	Hooker	There	7:00
9-9	Guyman**	W-24, G-22	7:00
9-16	Windthorst	W-16, WI-47	7:00
9-23	Open		
9-30	Boys Ranch	W-12, B-28	7:00
10-7	Clarendon*	W-0, C-47	7:00
10-14	Shamrock*	There	7:00
10-21	Wellington*	Here	7:00
10-28	Memphis*^	Here	7:00
11-4	Quanah*	There	7:00

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Elpidio Navarrette drives runner out of bounds 2nd Qtr.

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—Photo by Matt Gary

Jackson Graves on one of his many pass receptions 3rd Qtr.

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Ryan Childress returns kickoff through heavy defensive opposition for 27 yds 1st Qtr.

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8	KIT MACINA	SR	QBDB
10	TERRY MENEFIELD	JR	RB/LB
11	RHPY OWENS	SO	WR/DB
12	GUNNAR TERAN	SO	WR/DB
14	BRAXTON ALLEN	JR	WR/DB
15	JOSH WHITTINGTON	FR	RB/DB
16	CUTTER CARSON	FR	TE/DB
17	JEREMIAH LUNA	SO	RB/LB
21	LAYTON GILBERT	SO	RB/DB
22	CALEB BALL	JR	WR/DB
24	AIDEN PEEVEY	SR	TE/OLB
33	LUIS MARTINEZ	SR	RB/OLB
35	LOGAN CHASE	JR	TE/OLB
51	MICHAEL HOLLOWAY	SR	OL/DL
52	ERIC VILLEGAS	SO	OL/LB
54	JESSIE RAMOS	SO	
55	QUINTEN WRIGHT	SO	
56	LUKE BREITSCHOPF	SR	
60	NATE WHITTINGTON	SO	
62	BRYSON WARE	FR	
63	KYLE ISHEE	FR	
64	ISRAEL REYES	SO	
65	LAZLO ALFARO	SR	
68	KALEB BAGGETT	SR	
70	ALEX DIAZ	SR	OL/DL
75	RICKY SALDIVAR	SO	OL/DL
76	DREW GLASS	SR	OL/DL
88	HUNTER STROOPE	SR	TE/LB

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Enrique Proa and Isaiah Chavez team tackle Clarendon player.

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Mariah, Cody, Rowan, Trevor, MaKalli & Kanin
Mark, Joanna, Urrick & Hesston
Steve, Krista, Dylan & Kynslee
Mechelle, Danny, Hope, Austin & Wyatt

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Jesus Enriquez is assisted by Dylan Marshall to stop opening kickoff return.

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NAME	AGE	CHARGE	BOND	RELEASE
FINDLEY, TIMOTHY	25	DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED 2ND W/OPEN CONTAINER	\$2,500.00	10/5/22
		POSS DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	PTA	
		NO DL	PTA	
		NO LIABILITY INSURANCE	PTA	
		EXPIRED REGISTRATION	PTA	
LOCKE, JOEY	45	MAN/DEL CS PG 1>=1G<4G	\$25,000.00	IN CUSTODY
CULPEPPER, CLIFTON	44	PROH SUBSTANCE IN CORR FACILITY	\$15,000.00	IN CUSTODY
		POSS CS PG 3<28G	\$2,500.00	
		THEFT <\$100	CITATION	
SHEFFIELD, RAJAH	28	POSS DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	PTA	10/7/22
CARLILE, MATTHEW	30	MAN/DEL CS PG 1>=4G<200G	\$60,000.00	IN CUSTODY



IN CUSTODY IN WHEELER CO	
ARRIAGA, GASPAR	35
BARRETT, JASON	41
BRADSHAW, JENNIFER	46
BRADSHAW, MICHAEL	36
CARLILE, MATTHEW	30
CLARK, JASON	47
CULPEPPER, CLIFTON	44
CUNNINGHAM, JESSICA	36
DE LOS RIOS, FRANCISCO	45
DOWNING, ANDREW	37
EARL, WILLIAM	40
EGBERT, DANIEL	39
FIERROS, JAMIE	34
FREDERIC, DAVID	39
HANSON, ROBERT	28
HEMMERT, STACY	45
HENDERSON, STEPHEN	61
HOPE, JOSEPH	31
JOHNSON JR, WILLIAM	40
JONES, JAMES	55
LOCKE, JOEY	45
LOPEZ-MARTINEZ, OSCAR	26
MCREYNOLDS, JASON	42
MOON, VICTOR	33
PANNELL, RANDELL	60
PATINO, ESMERALDA	58
PHOMMAVANGH, PHIMPHA	62
POTTER, RANDAL	50
RUSSELL, EDD	52
SIMAJ-ICHAJ, MAXIMO	23
STEMBRIDGE, ROGER	62
TITSWORTH, GORDON	53
TOWERY, TARA	49
VALDIVIA, SERGIO	41
WATSON, CLINTON	30
WILLIAMS, CHARLI	47
YBARRA, MAXIMO	40



NEW FFA JACKETS: The Fort Elliott Freshman received their FFA jackets! Good luck to them all in their FFA events this year! (back row) Rylee Rose, Tucker Walden, Tazlan Brown, Aliyah McCarter, Alexis Mahler, Tatum Pigg, Valentin Molina-Ontiveros, (front row) Emma Reeder, Jaylee Dickey, Jaxon Meadows, Paisley Archer and Brylie Hand



Fort Elliott's Junior High Boys Cross Country Team placed 4th as a team (l. to r.) Lane Bailey, Isaac Scoggins, Ryder Angeley, Cutter Atkins, Maverick Barr, Kelton Sims, Kyler Robison and Colton Hefley.



Dixie Berkett running for the Junior High Lady Cougars.



Jaycee McNeely running for the Junior High Lady Cougars.



Rylee Rose dives for the ball.



Tatum Pigg passes from the back row.

Baby Boomer Television

By: Rix Quinn
I don't sleep as much as I used to. Why?

I watch television well past ten p.m. And after my mid-evening nap (about one hour), I can cruise show choices into the wee hours.

I told my younger neighbor that when I had a child, I couldn't watch late TV because — at midnight — the stations "signed off." He looked at me like I'd jumped out of a history book.

"What do you mean signed off?" he asked.

I explained that "An announcer's voice would come on. He would say, 'We now conclude today's broadcasting.'

"After that, we'd see film of a flag waving while the national anthem played. Then the screen displayed a test pattern."

My neighbor stared at me vacantly. In a kindly-older-person way, I told him that a test pattern was a series of lines and concentric circles that helped viewers adjust the horizontal, vertical, and fine-tuning knobs on the front of a television set.

"You had knobs on a TV?" he asked. I explained that in the late 20th century, a viewer adjusted knobs to enhance the picture. There was the on-off switch, plus additional knobs that controlled brightness and color intensity. Station choices were from channels two through 13.

"Wow," he said, "you didn't have many selections. And what if you wanted to stream a movie, or record something to watch later, or show a DVD?"

I explained that those options weren't available. Back in the really old days BBC (Before Basic Cable), viewers received real-time broadcasts from giant towers that sent signals to an antenna on top of their roofs.

"But some people didn't have antenna, so they relied on rabbit ears on top of the television."

Rest of the lesson

A few more science lessons said to be fifth- and sixth-graders' answers on tests.

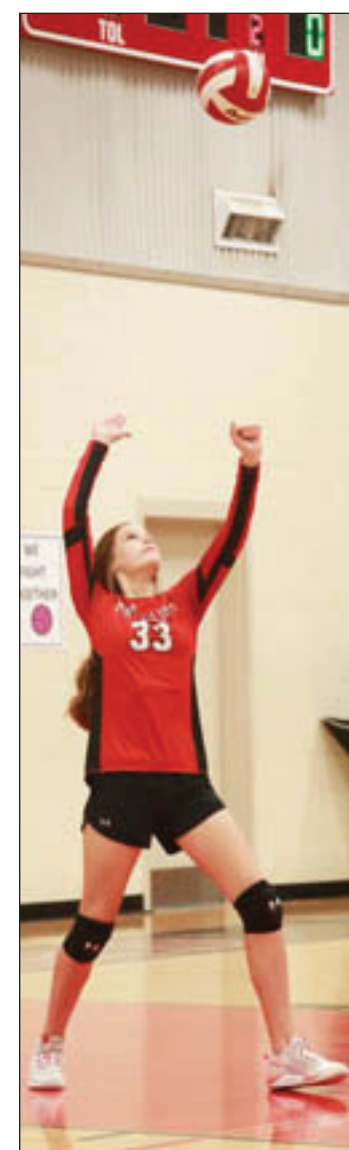
- When we look at a drop of water under a microscope, we find that there are twice as many H's as O's.

- Clouds just keep circling the Earth around and around and around. Then is not much else for them to do.

- Clouds are high-flying fogs.

- I'm not sure how clouds are formed. But the clouds know how to do it, and that is the important thing.

- We say perfume disappears because of evaporation. Evaporation gets blamed for a lot of things people forget to put the top on.



Aliyah McCarter serving for the Lady Cougars.



Charlee Hinton passing the ball, JH.

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