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## COURT WATCH

# Bryant pleads to attempted theft

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A Sibley man accused of theft of oil and gas equipment pleaded guilty to attempted felony theft last week.

Michael Bryant, 63, of the 100 block of Brushy Creek Road in Sibley, went in front of 26th Judicial District Judge Jeff Thompson and was sentenced to time served. The charges of oper-

ating without a driver's license and operating a vehicle in an unsafe manner were dismissed.

Prosecutor Marcus Patillo says the deal came about because Bryant never actually stole anything.

"He actually didn't steal the equipment," Patillo said. "Where the equipment was, the owner caught him and another gentleman there and stopped them. So, technically, he didn't steal anything so it was attempted felony

theft."

Patillo says he believed Bryant was incarcerated for roughly six months.

The incident occurred Aug. 13, 2013, and Bryant was accused of "stealing machinery, drilling mud, welding equipment, pipe, fittings, pumps or any other oil and gas equipment used in connection with the drilling, production or maintenance of oil and gas wells, with the intent to deprive the owner or lessee of said items of a

value of \$25,000 or more," according to his bill of information.

Patillo told the Press-Herald on Aug. 24, that Bryant and another man were attempting to steal some equipment but were stopped before they could get out with the property.

"They had the property, but the owners arrived at the scene before they could take the property," he said at the time.

The other charges of crim-

inal trespassing and theft under \$500 stem from an incident on April 2, 2014, where he was accused of stealing two riding lawn mowers. A trial date of Oct. 23 has been set.

Bryant was originally charged with four warrants: theft of oil and gas equipment, no driver's license, vehicle without proper equipment and contempt of court. He was also originally

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## EDUCATION

# Lakeside principal named

Veteran teacher  
to lead school

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SIBLEY — Lakeside Jr./Sr. High School has named a new principal after the departure of former principal Johnny Rowland.

Denny Finley officially took the helm Monday morning under the guidance of acting principal Michelle Finley. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dan Rawls says to avoid the issue of nepotism, Michelle Finley will be moved to another position outside of Lakeside.

"She will be assigned to another position somewhere else," he said. "We've got a position lined up; we just haven't executed it yet. We just appointed him (Thursday)."

Denny Finley says his wife will stay at Lakeside for one week and then be moved to the other position.

"We knew going into the whole process that one of us would have to leave," he said, adding both he and his wife applied for the principal's position.

"That's why we both

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**FINLEY**



**Above, 2 Lucky Main Street Vapor Store owner Tommy Thompson prepares a vape pen for a waiting customer. Right, Thompson and wife Janet are shown.**  
Bruce Franklin/Press-Herald

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A popular method people are using to quit smoking is vaping, a process by which a person attempting to quit smoking gets the same effects of smoking a cigarette without the harsh chemicals and second hand smoke.

A store in Minden opened up about four months ago to cater to those who use this method, and owners Tommy and Janet Thompson say their customer base is growing.

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## FOOD DRIVE

# Hunters for Hungry food drive nearing

Date to donate  
is this Sunday

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It's time for hunters to clean out their freezers to make room for this year's hunting season.

Hunters can take what they cleaned out to Minden Floral, from 1 until 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 27, to be donated to the Joe LeBlanc Food Pantry and Minden Teen Challenge.

Director Jessica Lewis says other food item donations will be accepted as well. The only thing donors need to remember is that wild hog will not be accepted.

"This is the third year we've done it and it's sponsored by the Minden chapter of the Hunters for the Hungry," she said. "It's a nationwide event, and in Louisiana, I was told that Minden receives more donations than any other city, which was a shock to me."

The first year the event was held, she says they collected more than 1,000 pounds of wild game and food to distribute to their clients. Last year, she says they collected about 700 pounds. She says this year everyone is hoping to beat the first year's total.

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## NORTH WEBSTER

# Lumberjack fest draws big crowd

**THERESA GARDNER**  
Special to the Press-Herald

SPRINGHILL — The 32nd annual Springhill Lumberjack Festival drew in large crowds despite the high temperatures this past weekend.

The two-day event, which was held at the Springhill

Convention and Activity Center, had 30 vendors this year and hundreds of local and outside supporters.

Renee Jones, who serves as vice president on the Lumberjack Festival Committee says she was pleased with this year's turnout.

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**The winner of the 32 annual Lumberjack Festival's Miss LumberJack Queen, Jessie Roy and her court were all smiles as they waved and threw candy to parade goers.** Theresa Gardner/Courtesy Photo



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After 30 years the focus of Citizens National Bank is to continue growing the company and to maximize the service to our communities of northwest Louisiana and maintain the slogan as “Your Kind of Bank.”

ELECTION 2015

## Deadline to register to vote is Wed.

STAFF REPORT

Secretary of State Tom Schedler is reminding Louisianians that the deadline to register to vote in the Oct. 24 gubernatorial primary is Wednesday, Sept. 23.

The deadline is for citizens who have never registered to vote as well as voters who would like to make changes to their registration.

“Campaign season is kicking into high gear across Louisiana, and I am encour-

aging citizens to get engaged in this year’s important elections,” Secretary of State

Tom Schedler said. “There are more than 600 races statewide, ranging from governor to city council, up for grabs in October. The only way for your voice to be heard is to register and vote. Don’t miss out on the opportunity to



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participate in democracy.”

Citizens can register to vote online at [www.GeauxVote.com](http://www.GeauxVote.com); at Webster Parish Registrar of Voters Office in the Webster Parish Courthouse; while obtaining services at the Office of Motor Vehicles, public assistance agencies, public schools, colleges and libraries; or by mail.

Louisianians can also utilize our smartphone app, GeauxVote Mobile, to access registration, ballot and polling place information.

After registering, voters should download the GeauxVote Mobile smartphone app. The app provides registration information as well as voting districts, sample ballots, polling place information and election results.

Early voting for the gubernatorial primary election is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 10 through Saturday, Oct. 17, excluding Sunday.

## FESTIVAL

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“We usually have the festival in October,” Jones said. “But we were rained out so bad last year, that we decided that it might be a good idea to move it up some.”

Jones went on to mention other changes the festival experienced.

“We had some very loyal chairpersons to resign last year. Cliff Carter and his wife who is known as the Sticker Lady,” she said. “We also lost the late Jill Hodges.” Jones, who serves in her second term with the festival, also said the success of the annual event is attributed to others such as its president, Sharon Ainsworth, chaplain James Burns and treasurer Kathy Thompson.

The festival ended with a packed house as Springhill’s own country legend, Joe Stampley entertained with some of his famous hits.

“The people are always so supportive and seem to look forward to this annual festival,” she said. “Without them it wouldn’t be a success.”



**Maycy Ratcliff and her older cousin Maddison couldn't resist the pony rides.** Theresa Gardner/Courtesy Photo

## FOOD

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“It doesn’t just have to be meat,” she said. “It can be canned goods, dry goods, any frozen foods. That food is going to be taken and divided between Joe LeBlanc and Minden Teen Challenge.”

Freezers will be on site ready to accept the donated goods, Lewis said. Hunters for the Hungry hosts the event at Minden Floral because they have freezers normally used for their flowers on site to handle the influx of donations.

Nonperishable goods that will be accepted can include flour, sugar, cornmeal, pasta and other staple items. They accept pasta sauces, peanut butter and other nonperishable goods, she said.

All donations must be dated and labeled.

She says last year, they received frozen pies, turkey, deer meat, frozen vegetables, and other frozen foods.

While the food pantry accepts frozen foods and

nonperishables, she says meat donations are very limited, and through the avenue of Hunters for the Hungry, this gives them an opportunity to offer meat in the food boxes they distribute.

“Very rarely do we have meat as an option to purchase from the North Louisiana Food Bank,” she said. “Hunters for the Hungry came to me that very first year, and asked if we would be willing to accept deer meat. We weren’t going to turn away meat, because that’s a huge blessing.”

For those who wish to donate wild game and cannot make it to the event Sunday, Lewis says it must go

through Wild Thangs Processing or a processor certified by the Hunters for the Hungry program.

“The donor has to take it to a processor, they will get it ready and notify us to come pick it up,” she said.

And if needed, donors will not have to get out of their vehicles at Minden Floral, she said. Hunters and volunteers from the JLFP and Minden Teen Challenge will be on hand to unload their donations.

Can’t make it on Clean Out Your Freezer Day? Call or email Virginia at Hunters for the Hungry at (225) 765-2860 or [hfh@wlf.la.gov](mailto:hfh@wlf.la.gov), or Lewis at 465-6726.



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## Arrests for the week of Sept. 9

### MINDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael Anderson Jr., 24, 700 block of Randy Lane in Haughton. Charged with possession of Schedule I CDS Synthetic Marijuana (Second offense, felony), possession of drug paraphernalia, no insurance, and careless operation.

Karen Meredith, 59, 600 block of Howell Street in Minden. Charged with theft.

Angilee Merrell, 21, 100 block of Volman Lane Road in Columbia. Charged with public intoxication.

Tadarrius Green, 21, 200 block of Abney Street in Minden. Charged with simple battery.

Chrystal Dawn Thomas, 36, 100 block of Country Pines Road in Minden. Charged with possession of Schedule I marijuana, possession of Schedule II methamphetamine, prohibited acts, and possession of paraphernalia (felony).

Justice Leann Butler, 19, 100 block of Carr Road in Dubberly. Charged with possession of Schedule II methamphetamine (felony).

Tracie Rene Hattaway, 42, 1000 block of Tillman Road

in Minden. Charged with interfering with an officer.

Gerry D. Chism, 40, 1000 block of Tillman Road in Minden. Charged with possession of a firearm by convicted felon, disturbing the peace, simple assault, and remaining after forbidden (felony).

Jared L. Miller, 22, 100 block of Washington Street in Minden. Charged with stop sign and no insurance.

Alexis Champion, 17, 100 block of Squire Street in Minden. Charged with disturbing the peace by fighting.

Antwaune Loud, 26, 200 block of Leroy Tillman Road

in Heflin. Charged with possession of Schedule 1 CDS synthetic canninbanoid, probation hold, and is a fugitive from Webster Parish Sheriff's Office.

Katie Woodard, 25, 500 block of Lanning Street in Minden. Charged with disturbing the peace, possession of Schedule II CDS, and prohibited acts.

Shakita Parker, 21, 600 block of Marion Street in Minden. Charged with theft of utilities.

Demarcus Green, 18, 300 block of Abney Street in Minden. Charged with interfering with officers.

### OBITUARIES

#### J.C. Johnson

Services for J.C. Johnson will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2015 at First United Methodist Church in Minden with burial to follow at Shady Grove Cemetery in Haynesville. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until service time Tuesday at the church.



JOHNSON

J.C. was born in Athens on Jan. 17, 1933 to Chester and Annie Maude Johnson. He graduated from Haynesville High School in 1951. J.C. was best known for his nearly 50-year career in the automobile business at Donnie Waller Ford, Bienville Motors, and J.C. Johnson Ford in Haynesville, Arcadia and Minden, respectively. During his career J.C. served as president and board member of Louisiana Automobile Dealers Association and Self Insurers Fund. He also served as president and board member of the Ford Dealers Advertising Fund.

Although J.C. was not a graduate of LSU, through his love for the university he was instrumental in starting the Webster Parish alumni chapter and scholarship fund. He went on to serve as a member of the LSU Alumni Board. Through his strong faith in God, J.C. was also an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Minden. J.C. was a devoted husband, father, and friend to many. His strong character, enthusiastic smile, and charm will be remembered by all.

J.C. is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 63 years, Annie Laura, brother, Donald (Frances), sister, Carolyn Olson (Richard), son, Don, grandchildren Dylan, Kyle, Lauren

(John) and Heath (Amy), and three great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Chester and Annie Johnson of Haynesville and son Richard of Minden.

Pallbearers will be Dylan Johnson, Kyle Johnson, Heath Johnson, Cory Olson, John Mitchell, and Mike Olson.

Honorary pallbearers will be Homer Thomas, F.M. Branch, Doug Lewis, Russell Adams, Joe Story, Larry Jordan, Curtis McCrary, Fred Berry, and the Builders Sunday School Class.

#### Audrey Legg

Audrey Faye Anderson Legg passed away in the early morning hours of Sept. 18, 2015, just two days after celebrating her 82nd birthday. She was born in Stringer, Mississippi, to Lamar and Beatrice Anderson. Her three brothers were Harold Ray, Latrell and Larry Anderson.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015, at the Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. Officiating was the Rev. Steve Gilley. Interment was at the Gardens of Memory, Minden. Visitation with family and friends was at Rose-Neath Funeral Home on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 5 until 7 p.m.

Audrey worked for many years as a bank teller, first in Brooklyn, New York, where her husband, Jim, was stationed in the Navy; then in Baton Rouge, where Jim attended LSU, and finally for many years in her hometown of Minden, where she and Jim raised their family.

She was a graceful, elegant, and devoted wife and mother to her three sons, as well as a committed daughter to



LEGG

her parents and brothers. She was a proud and loving grandmother to eight grandchildren and remained active in their lives. They adored and looked up to her. She was a very active member of the First Baptist Church senior adult group, where she enjoyed singing in the senior adult choir and participating in many senior adult activities. Her family looked to her as a shining example of tireless and devoted love for others.

Audrey was a passionate sports fan, most notably following the LSU Tigers football team, and years back the hometown Minden Crimson Tide. It was a joy to watch her in her later years as she continued to follow all LSU sporting events very closely. She was a supporter of the Minden Crimson Tide in her earlier years, participating in the Minden High Quarterback Club, and cheering the Crimson Tide teams on to state championship victories in both football and baseball in the 1980 and 1981 seasons.

Audrey is survived by her children, Mike Legg of Minden, Don and Catherine Legg, of Monroe, and David and Rhonda Legg, of Yardley, Pennsylvania. She is also survived by one brother, Latrell Anderson, of Laurel, Mississippi. She is survived by her eight grandchildren: Amy Legg of San Antonio, Texas, Mark Legg and wife Lindsey of Tomball, Texas, Corbin Legg of Monroe, Kaleb Legg of Baton Rouge, Bailey Richardson, of Monroe, Olivia Legg, Adrienne Legg, and John David Legg, all of Yardley, Pennsylvania.

Serving as pallbearers will be sons Mike, Don and David Legg, along with grandsons Mark, Corbin, Kaleb and John David Legg.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be made to First Baptist Church Building Fund in Minden.

### VAPE

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2 Lucky Main Street Vapor Store is located at 615 Main Street in downtown Minden and offers an array of flavors and equipment to help smokers stop.

"I have people that come in here every week and say, 'I haven't had a cigarette since...,'" she said. "I get that a lot, and I'm feeling better."

Many of those who frequent 2 Lucky, Janet Thompson says, don't buy products with nicotine in it, but still need something to do with their hands.

Janet Thompson says she and her husband opened the store because Tommy Thompson suffers from COPD and this is the method he used to quit smoking about a year ago.

"We opened it because it was such a tremendous help to my husband," she said. "He has COPD and he couldn't lay down at night. After smoking the vapors for a while, he got better and better, and he breathes much better now."

They opened the store to offer Mindenites an avenue in which to purchase their products.

The nicotine products they offer are all from the United States with purer chemicals that are considered safe by the Centers for Disease Control, she said. There are three chemicals, which include PG and VG, which are additives found in the food people eat. The third chemical is the nicotine.

"It's what the juice is

made of," Tommy Thompson said. "It's vegetable glycerin and propylene glycol."

The Thompsons offer a variety of flavors from cigarette flavors, including menthol, to fruity and sweet flavors. Janet Thompson says they are beginning to offer coffee flavors as well, like Irish cream. They also have a flavor called unicorn milk, which is a mixture of flavors, she said.

Nicotine levels in the pens, boxes or pipes are based on how much the smoker used to smoke. For instance, if a smoker smoked two packs a day, then the nicotine level

would be equivalent to that, and then it would go down from there as the reformed smoker continues to downgrade.

Prices are competitive as well, she said. The most expensive part will be the start up kits, which includes the pen and two vials of juice. One vial will last about a week, she said, and it equates to several packs of

cigarettes.

Tony Guillory, a regular customer, says he hasn't smoked a cigarette since he walked into their doors two months ago. He says he feels better and has cut back on the amount of nicotine in his vapor pen.

"It's been at least two months," he said. "I wanted to quit smoking for my health. I can breathe a lot better. I quit smoking the day I bought it (the vapor kit), and haven't had one since. I don't have near the cravings I had before. I have a lot more energy, no coughing, and I just feel a lot better."

and criminal trespass.

The contempt of court charge was dismissed, and he pleaded down to attempted theft.

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charged with simple theft

### LAKESIDE

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applied for the job," he said. "We just knew that the good Lord would take care of us and send us in the right direction. She's an excellent administrator, and I think they have bigger plans for her one day."

He says she's done an excellent job as acting principal and has kept everything organized. So while he will be learning "on the fly," he says,

her organization will help him get a good head start.

He says Lakeside is his home, and he told board members during the interview process that Lakeside is where he wants to be.

"This is my 15th year at Lakeside, and 18 and a half years in education," he said. "I live in the community, and I have one child here and one child that will be here in the future. I've just always wanted to be at Lakeside. It's home to me."

He says Lakeside is a great school and the faculty

is the best a principal could ask for.

"They're super, and I'm not going to be in a rush to change anything," he said. "Obviously, things change, but I definitely want to see things get better each and every year."

Finley taught history and coached baseball and junior high football. He says Coach Will Gray will continue to lead the baseball team as head coach, but an assistant will be named in the near future to join the coaching staff. A substitute teacher has

taken the helm in the classroom until his former position can be filled, he said.

Finley graduated from LaSalle High School in 1992 and attended Northeast Louisiana University, graduating in 1997 with a degree in social studies and physical education.

His teaching career began in Webster Parish at Sarepta High School in the spring of 1998, moving to Lakeside to teach in 2001.

He graduated from Louisiana Tech in 2013 with his master's degree in educa-

tion leadership.

"My goal is to mainly always support my staff and be by their side," he said. "I don't plan to ask them to do anything that I wouldn't do myself. I think if you treat them right, they'll get in the classroom and work hard."

He says he will miss teaching, because he's always enjoyed working with the kids.

"It was hard for me to decide to leave the classroom, because I've always loved being a teacher," he said.

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ADDRESS

## It's time for Congress to pass a responsible budget

It's hard to believe, but it was seven years ago this week that one of Wall Street's biggest investment banks went bankrupt, triggering a meltdown on Wall Street and the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. And in the months that followed, millions of Americans lost their jobs, their homes, and the savings they'd worked so hard to build.

Today's a different story. Over the past five and a half years, our businesses have created more than 13 million new jobs. The unemployment rate is lower than it's been in over seven years. Manufacturing is growing. Housing is bouncing back. We've reduced our deficits by two-thirds. And 16 million more Americans now know the security of health insurance.

This is your progress. It's because of your hard work and sacrifice that America has come back from crisis faster than almost every other advanced nation on Earth. We remain the safest, strongest bet in the world.

Of course, you might not know all that if you only listened to the bluster of political season, when it's in the interest of some politicians to paint America as dark and depressing as possible. But I don't see it that way. I've met too many Americans who prove, day in and day out, that this is a place where anything is possible. Yes, we have a lot of work to do to rebuild a middle class that's had the odds stacked against it now for decades. That's the thing about America — our work is never finished. We always strive to be better — to perfect ourselves.

We just have to make the right choices. And if Republicans want to help, they can choose, right now, to pass a budget that helps us grow our economy even faster, create jobs even faster, lift people's incomes and prospects even faster. But they've only got until the end of the month to do it — or they'll shut down our government for the second time in two years.

Democrats are ready to sit down and negotiate with Republicans right now. But it should be over legitimate issues like how much do we invest in education, job training, and infrastructure — not unrelated ideological issues like Planned Parenthood. We need to set our sights higher than that. We need to reverse harmful cuts to middle-class economic priorities, close loopholes that benefit only a fortunate few at the top, and invest more in the things that help our entire economy grow.

There's nothing principled about the idea of another government shutdown. There's nothing patriotic about denying the progress you've worked so hard to make. America is great right now — not because of our government, or our wealth, or our power, but because of everyone who works hard every day to move this country forward. Now Congress needs to work as hard as you do.

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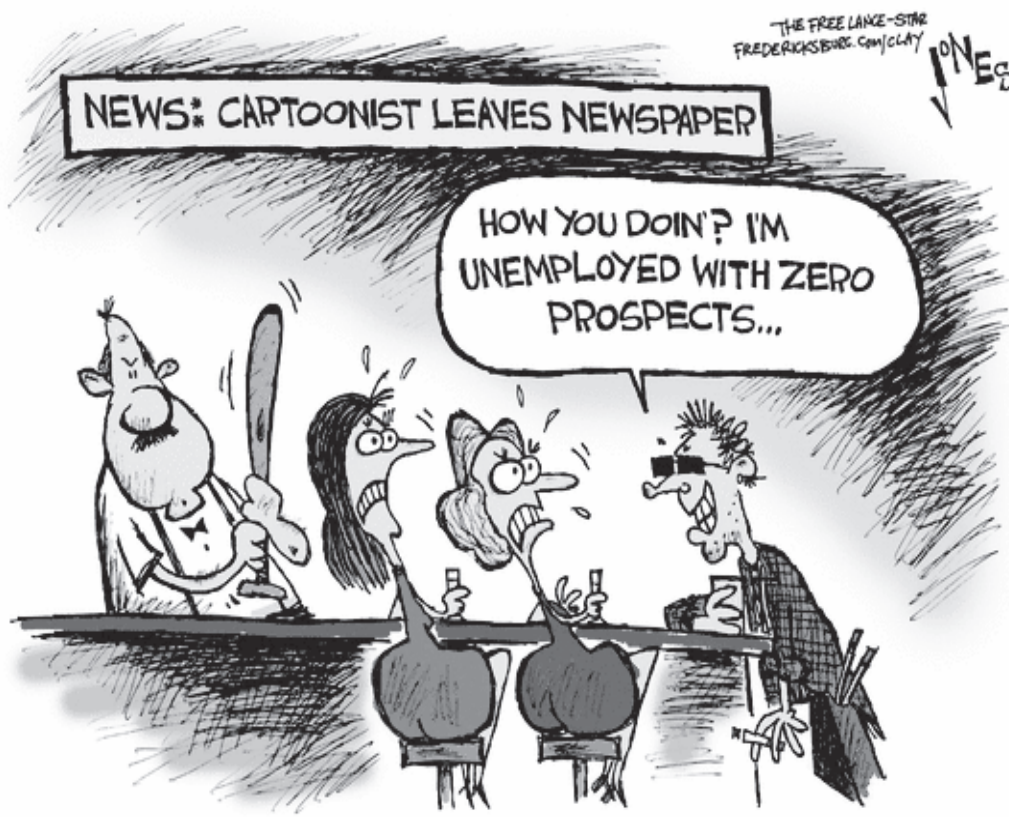
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## ANALYSIS

# Jindal loses in attack on Common Core standards

Gov. Bobby Jindal's attack on the Common Core education standards has faltered at every step, the latest failure coming at the hands of a federal judge who rejected the governor's claims against the standards.

Despite the string of defeats, the effort gave Jindal the ability to insist he was working to jettison the standards as he runs for the Republican presidential nomination, and that might just have been the point of the taxpayer-funded legal strikes at Common Core.

Louisiana's public school students are being taught with the multistate standards.

The Common Core standards are math and English benchmarks describing what students should know after completing each grade. They have been adopted by more than 40 states to better prepare students for college and careers.

Opponents, including Jindal, say the standards are developmentally inappropriate and part of federal efforts to nationalize education. The Louisiana governor once supported the standards, but changed his position as Common Core became more unpopular in the GOP.

He's been unable to persuade the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, known as BESE, or state lawmakers to strip Common Core from Louisiana's classrooms, however, even as he heightened his criticism. Jindal tried to suspend

testing contracts last year tied to the state's use of Common Core, saying the education department and BESE didn't properly follow Louisiana's procurement law in the contract award. Parents, teachers and a charter school organization sued, and the state education board joined in the lawsuit.

In August 2014, state district court Judge Todd Hernandez lifted Jindal's contract suspension and said the Jindal administration didn't provide any evidence to support the governor's claims that contracting law was violated.

Common Core standardized testing for students in third through eighth grade continued as planned last spring. And three months ago, the 1st Circuit Court of Appeal upheld Hernandez's decision. A three-judge panel said Jindal's attempt to halt the testing contracts was an "unconstitutional interference" with the education department and BESE.

Jindal is appealing. After Hernandez's rejection of Jindal's attempt to derail the Common Core testing, the governor went to federal court.

He sued the U.S. Department of Education, accusing it of manipulating \$4.3 billion in federal grant money and policy waivers to illegally pressure states to adopt the English and math standards and associated testing.

On Wednesday, Jindal lost that fight as well.

U.S. District Judge Shelly Dick rejected the governor's request to block federal officials from penalizing his state if it quits using Common Core, saying Jindal failed to show any such threat exists.

As she refused the governor's motion for a preliminary injunction against the education department, Dick was direct in suggesting Jindal would have difficulty win-

ning his broader lawsuit against the federal agency.

Jindal claimed in his lawsuit that the education department's actions forced states to move toward a national education curriculum in violation of the state sovereignty clause in the Constitution and federal law.

In her 33-page ruling, Dick rejected those claims, saying Jindal provided "no evidence" his state was made to adopt a particular set of education standards, curriculum, instructional programs or testing.

"The evidence supports the finding that participation in both (the grant and waiver) programs is completely voluntarily and not unconstitutionally coercive," the judge wrote.

Jindal's lawyer Jimmy Faircloth said he will appeal that ruling.

Meanwhile, in the last legislative session, getting rid of Common Core was one of the governor's top priorities. But he couldn't get it done.

Rather than prohibit use of Common Core, the Legislature required a widespread review of the individual standards to determine which ones it might want to keep, reject or tweak, with public meetings, legislative oversight and an up-or-down vote from the governor.

That review won't be complete until after Jindal, who is term-limited, leaves office in January.

If Louisiana ever scraps Common Core, it won't be on Jindal's watch, and it appears it won't be because of his efforts.

Jindal may have gotten talking points, but he can't claim victories against Common Core.

Melinda Deslatte covers Louisiana politics for The Associated Press.

## PERSPECTIVE

# Do remote bosses cause inequality?

Could there be a reason for the widening pay gap that's not exactly economic? There could be.

The employment rate has fallen to a very low 5.1 percent. A tightening labor market is supposed to lead to higher wages, but that's not happening. Some of the lowest wages are actually falling.

Productivity gains — whereby workers produce more in the same amount of time — traditionally boost paychecks. Not nowadays.

Bosses and their investors are grabbing most of the profits. That's not just because they can but because there's no longer much of a social cost for not sharing. Technology and globalization have created a thick buffer between the top earners and public opinion.

That wasn't always the case. After World War II, lingering public anger over the Great Depression and some profiteering during the war created an expectation that business and labor would share in the postwar prosperity, former MIT professor Frank Levy once told me.

A golden age for the American worker ensued. Productivity rose fast and wages along with it. Until 1973.

Between 1973 and 2014, net productivity grew over 72 percent while the real wages of the median worker rose just 8.7 percent, according to a new study by the Economic Policy Institute.

"If the hourly pay of typical American workers had kept pace with productivity growth since the 1970s," the report said, "then there would have been no rise in income inequality during that period."

There could be several reasons for this. One must be employers' becoming ever more remote from their employees. That has turned working people from being their teammates to being mere economic inputs, alongside the cost of energy, raw materials and borrowing.

As the old black-and-white movies showed, factory owners and Main Street merchants lived in the same town as their workers, even if on opposite sides of the tracks.

Bosses who treated their people badly were shunned.

Owners and workers now often live on different continents. The captains of the growing gig economy, as epitomized by Uber, may not even set eyes on those enriching them. The dealings are done impersonally online. (Uber is fighting against having to even recognize its drivers as employees. That would entitle them to some added benefits.)

Wal-Mart's decision last year to start raising its infamously low wages came out of world headquarters in Bentonville, Arkansas. Wolfe Research had downgraded Wal-Mart stock because the chain's overworked staff was unable to keep the shelves stocked. The stores were looking shabby because of "Walmart U.S.'s relentless focus on costs," it said.

So the pay raise — still well below the \$15-an-hour level being legislated in some states and cities — was clearly not motivated to win the affections of the 500,000 workers. (The good opinion of stockroom clerks — and their families — would have mattered to the local retailers that Wal-Mart had long ago put out of business.)

We can accuse these employers of greed until we're blue in the face. But shaming is a dull weapon against weakened social restraints.

The very rich are more and more separated from everyone else. In their circles, net wealth is often regarded as the supreme mark of personal excellence. The workers, as the conservative movement tells them, should be grateful they even have a job.

It's hard to see what can change all this. Higher minimum wages are an obvious place to start — as are labor laws mandating paid vacation.

One thing that might raise the social price for gross inequality is publicizing the difference in pay between the top executives and the lowest workers. The question always remains, Are the bosses too cushioned to care?

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# Around Town

September 25, 2015

A Salad Luncheon and Silent Auction will be held at the Presbyterian Church Activities Center from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Salad luncheaon is \$9 per person. Pro-ceeds benefit American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

September 26, 2015

The Anna Pink Ribbon Cancer Foundation will pres-ent a “Beauty in Pink Fashion Show” at 1 p.m. at the Minden Civic Center. Call 318-639-5035 for more information.

September 27, 2015

Faith-to-Faith Ministries COGIC will celebrate its one year anniversary at 3 p.m.

Mt. Comfort Baptist Church will be celebrating 146 Years of God's Grace and Mercy at 2:30pm. The Reverend Royal Scott from Greater St. Paul will act as special guest.

Mayflower Baptist Church will celebrate Annual Women's Day at 3 p.m. with guest speaker sister Everlean Hollard.

Annual Men Day program to be held at Union Grove Baptist Church at 3 p.m. Guest pastor and church will be Pastor R.J. Atkins and St. Mark Baptist Church from Magnolia.

Mt. Zion CME will have a 145th Anniversary celebra-tion at 3 p.m. with guest speaker the Rev. Benjamin J. Martin.

Tillman Church of God in Christ will have a pastoral appreciation celebration at 3 p.m. The guest speaker is Superintendent Stephen Bradley.

Jamestown Baptist Church Homecoming will be at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Everett Geis, Sr will be guest speaker. Covered dish luncheon and fellowship will follow.

# Community Health Fair



Valley Springs Baptist Church’s Women Outreach Min-istries hosted a Health Fair August 29, 2015. David Raines Community Health Clinic, Walmart Vision, Tru Tone Hearing, Shake those Pounds and other guests participated in promoting wellness and offering vari-ous health screenings.


Pictured above left Ruth Ann Payne, Volunteer Fire-men: Mason Cuptles, fire fighter, Chief Bryan Williams, Lt. Bob Callahan, Jean Waller-Stevens, Willie Mae Gill. “Response for smoke and carbon dioxide detectors was great,” said Lt. Callahan. “This was the best health fair I’ve attended, the format was stupendous,” said Jean Waller- Stevens.

Above Ruby Gage gets her blood pressure checked while Gloria Mcghee, Martha Cosby, and Mary Walton, gather information from David Raines CHC manager Sue Walters.

Left is event coordinator Gri Jackson presenting Dr. Denise Webb a certificate of appreciation for participa-tion in the fair. Also presented with certificates were Sue Walters and Shake Those Pounds distributor Val Carrey. Courtesy Photos


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## SPORTS briefs

### FOOTBALL

#### Last week's football contest winners

Colby Sherrard is the winner of last week's edition of the MPH football contest with 19 correct picks, the only one to reach that number. Tying for second and third place place were Marty Fletcher and Linda Tate with 18 correct picks, both just one point off on their tiebreaker score for the Eagles/Falcons game.

### NFL

#### Saints doomed by mistakes at home

**NEW ORLEANS** — Drew Brees started moving his right arm as if to loosen his throwing shoulder after a heavy hit from Tampa Bay defensive end Jacquies Smith.

Asked if he even considered sitting out even a snap or two to take stock of what was apparently bothering him, Brees responded, "Absolutely not."

Yet he didn't play up to his usual, prolific standard, and the Saints fell to 0-2 with a 26-19 loss to the Buccaneers on Sunday.

After missing the playoffs with a 7-9 record last season, the Saints overhauled their roster, which is now loaded with young players. But they still hoped to return quickly to contention with key veterans like Brees leading the way. For the time being, however, they sit alone in last place in the NFC South, already two games behind Atlanta and Carolina.

The Saints turned the ball over twice on fumbles — one each by running back Mark Ingram and receiver Willie Snead — and once on Chris Conte's interception of Brees. Saints coach Sean Payton said he was pleased to see his defense come up with some clutch turnovers and third-down stops in the fourth quarter, but was left frustrated by an array of mistakes by all units. In addition to turnovers, the Saints were hampered by a shanked punt, a missed field goal, a blocked point-after kick, a muffed punt that resulted in poor field position, four sacks of Brees and 10 penalties for 115 yards.

### NFL

#### Patriots put 40 on Rex Ryan, Bills

**ORCHARD PARK, N.Y.** — Add Rex Ryan to the ever-growing list of Bills coaches who have come up short against Tom Brady and the New England Patriots.

In silencing a raucous crowd and exposing Ryan's brash talk for bluster, Brady threw three touchdowns and 466 yards passing — the second-most of his career and most by any player against Buffalo — in a 40-32 win Sunday.

Brady improved his record to 24-3 against Buffalo. It's a string of dominance that began in 2001, when Gregg Williams was coaching the Bills. And Brady has managed to beat all six Bills coaches since — including Perry Fewell, who took over on an interim basis after Dick Jauron was fired during the 2009 season.

### HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# ONE FOR THE BOOKS

## TIDE DEFEAT KNIGHTS 27-20 IN WEBSTER PARISH SUPER BOWL



Minden quarterback Antonio Rivette fights for yardage against North Webster in Friday's Webster Parish Super Bowl. Courtesy Photo/Douglas Blow



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**SPRINGHILL** - On an absolutely gorgeous night for football, Minden and North Webster gave football fans all they could ask for and more, with the Crimson Tide escaping Springhill victorious, 27-20.

"I knew it was going to be a game like this," Minden head coach Spencer Heard said. "Our defense was able to keep us in it and our offense was able to make the plays when we needed to. We'll enjoy this win and the confidence it gives us moving forward."

It was the game everyone in Webster Parish circled when the LHSAA released official football schedules back in June. Few, myself included, thought the game could live up to the hype being placed on the "Webster Parish Super Bowl," but the two programs treated fans to a game that had a little bit of everything.

"It was a good football game," North Webster head coach John Ware said. "The game took off in the wrong direction for us, but we did what we do and hung in there to make it a heck of a football game. There was some hard hitting and some guts laid out on the field last night."

The Tide began the game with a successful onside kick off the foot of Justin McCready, setting themselves up with good field position. After a well-executed screen pass to Tavarius Edwards, Antonio Rivette showed

off his legs with a pair of first down runs before falling into the end zone for a touchdown on fourth and goal.

The Knights struggled on offense in the early going, and a snap over the head of punter Conroe McMullan sailed out of the end zone for a safety, moving Minden's early lead to 9-0.

Devin White got the Knights on the board with a punishing 40-yard run that came after a big hit on a punt return jarred the ball lose from Minden's Patrick Heard. The Tide would add another touchdown when middle linebacker Cameron Morgan dropped into zone coverage a n d



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yards for the score. The Tide led 16-6 at the half, but North Webster came out of the half guns blazing.

After Pedro Hernandez hit a 37-yard field goal, with ease I might add, the Knights strung together their best drive of the Knight, mixing the run and pass well. North Webster drove down to the Minden eight yard line where Jalen Smith cutback and found paydirt to make it 19-13.

Following a big defensive stop, the Knights had it back to start the fourth and final quarter. On the first play of the quarter, Devin White went right up the gut, made one man miss and turned on the jets, outrunning everyone in the Minden secondary on his way to a 72-yard score.

The Crimson Tide answered with a gutsy,

time-consuming drive that ended with a one yard touchdown plunge by Rivette, his second score of the game. McCready picked up a fumble to add a bizarre two-point conversion and make the score 27-20.

North Webster seized momentum immediately on a do-or-die drive late in the fourth quarter. Devin White ate up chunks of yardage, moving the Knights down the field and eventually setting up a first and goal from the two yard line.

On first and goal, the Tide stuffed White for a two yard loss. Second and goal, another huge stop, followed by another on third and goal. A penalty cost North Webster five huge yards, moving them back to the eight yard line. The Knights opted for a play action pass on fourth and goal, but Zi'Kerrion Baker diagnosed it quickly and came up with a game-saving sack of Huff. "Coach told us we would have to play through adversity," Baker said. "This gives us some momentum going into our district season. It was a tough fight out there tonight."

The Tide needed a first down to end the game, and on fourth and one from their own 25 yard line, Heard opted to go for it rather than punt it back to the Knights with 1:35 on the clock.

Rivette got the nod on the fourth down play, running into the teeth of the defense and gaining what looked like three quarters of a yard. The referees brought out the sticks for a measurement that revealed a Minden first down.

"I didn't even think it was close to be honest," Ware said. "They didn't even get back to the line of scrimmage and as I'm getting the offense ready they bring the chains out and call it a first down."

Heard saw it differently.

"I didn't think the spot was the best of spots for us," Heard said. "To me it looked like we got a bad spot, but these are high school refs doing the best they can."

As time expired, the Tide took a knee and the players and fans began to celebrate a hard-fought victory.

On the other side, an exhausted Knights team was consoled by their adoring fans who came out to watch the game, and although the scoreboard claimed North Webster had lost, the Knights had nothing to be ashamed of.

Two great teams from the same great parish came together and played one of the best games I have ever witnessed. Months of anticipation and excitement were justified through the passionate play of the best athletes Webster Parish has to offer, one of whom will surely suit up on Saturdays next fall. North Webster entered the game ranked No. 1 in Class 3A and likely won't fall far given the nature of the loss. For Minden, the win could vault them into the top 10 in Class 4A, a place the program couldn't dream of being just two seasons ago.

Whether you were rolling with the Tide or living the Knight life, Friday night was special.

Our area has its premier matchup back after a seven year hiatus. Let's hope it doesn't disappear on us anytime soon.

#### Statistics

For the Minden Crimson Tide, Rivette threw for 68 yards and ran for 53 yards and a pair of touchdowns to lead the offense. Rodtravion Rogers led the team rushing with 65 tough yards and Kolby Jackson muscled his way to 23 yards. Kelcey



Miller and Tavarius Edwards each caught two passes for 28 receiving yards, while Rogers had one catch for 12 yards.

Defensively, Morgan's 55-yard interception return was the play of the night, Kenneth Francis forced a timely fumble and Zi'Kerrion Baker led the team in tackles.

McCready punted four times on the night, with a long of 52 and an average of 45.5 yards per punt including one punt downed at the one yard line. Pedro Hernandez topped off the special teams effort with a clutch 37-yard field goal in the third quarter.

North Webster was led by none other than White who rushed for 225 yards and a pair of touchdowns against a very good Crimson Tide defense. Jalen Smith carried nine times for 42 yards and a touchdown in a solid effort and Blake Atchley had four carries for 27 yards.

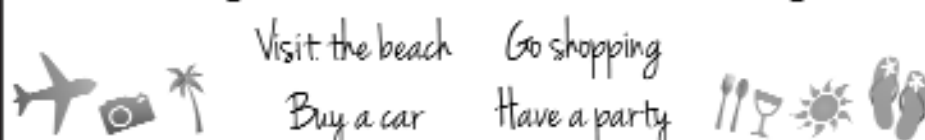
Huff didn't have many opportunities to pass against the Minden secondary, finishing 2-7 for eight yards with completions to Wesley Franklin and Jalen Smith.

#### Looking ahead

Minden will begin their district schedule on Friday at The Pit as they welcome the Fair Park Indians to Minden. Fair Park is 2-1 this season.

The North Webster Knights have another tough matchup next week, as they will host Class 5A Ouachita High School. The Lions are 1-1 fresh off a 43-35 loss to Class 4A powerhouse Neville.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# Glenbrook falls to Riverfield



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The Glenbrook Apaches showed their coach something Friday night, despite being on the wrong end of a 40-14 game against Riverfield Academy.

"I was really proud of our effort," Carmikle said. "Our defense played with their hair on fire coming out.

Offensively, we put the defense in some really bad situations, but we were able to go back and fourth with them a little bit."

The Apaches found their rhythm on offense late in the game.

"We could have folded in the second half," Carmikle said. "But we came out and battled, got some points on the board and finished. Even though we got beat, this may be the most proud of them I've been all year. Riverfield is a good football team."

Glenbrook's next contest will be a huge district clash with River Oaks in Monroe.

"When we do our jobs we are a good football team," Carmikle said. "Our guys are starting to believe."

Hunter Vaughn carried seven times for 65 yards and two touchdowns, adding 68 yards through the air. Marshall Meek added 40 yards rushing. Seth Tyler ran for 31 yards and Joseph Windham led the receivers with three catches for 64 yards. Drennan Keen led the defense with 10 tackles and two forced fumbles, Parker Christy added seven, Lyle Reagan had six tackles and an interception and Garrett Sanders finished with five tackles.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# Lakeside beat at Grambling



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GRAMBLING - The Lakeside Warriors had a tough night against the Grambling Kittens, suffering a 50-0 loss.

The Kittens got three touchdowns from Austin Andrews, including one on their first play from scrimmage, putting the Warriors in a hole they could never dig out of.

"We just weren't stepping up into the spots we were supposed to be," Lakeside head coach Joey Pesses said. "They were definitely the more aggressive team. As coaches we have to improve that."

The loss moves Lakeside's record to 0-3, but there is still plenty of time to turn it around.

"You've got to play the game and have fun with



Courtesy Photo/Tim Boyet

it," Pesses said. "You can't think so much, but that's where we are. In the Plain Dealing game we didn't think and we played with emotion. We have to get that back."

The Warriors will get back to work and hopefully rebound with a win at home against an even tougher opponent in Ouachita Christian School.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

# Romo goes down in Cowboys 20-10 win



PHILADELPHIA — Tony Romo joined Dez Bryant on the injured list with a broken left collarbone, but the Dallas Cowboys shut down DeMarco Murray and beat the Philadelphia

Eagles 20-10 on Sunday. Kyle Wilber returned a blocked punt 26 yards for touchdown, Brandon Weeden threw a 42-yard touchdown pass to Terrance Williams and the Cowboys (2-0) overcame a franchise-record 18 penalties in their 10th consecutive road win.

It's a costly victory for Dallas, however.

Romo suffered a similar injury in Week 7 in 2010 and missed the rest of the season. The team said he'll be evaluated on

Monday. Weeden is 5-16 as a starter, including 0-1 for the Cowboys. He finished 7 of 7 for 73 yards.

Dallas already lost Bryant last week. The All-Pro receiver will miss at least six weeks after having foot surgery.

Murray, the reigning NFL rushing champion, had 2 yards rushing on 13 carries in his first game against his former team. Sam Bradford had three turnovers, including an interception in the end zone. Philadelphia had 21

total yards in the first half and finished with 226.

The Eagles (0-2) were favorites to take the NFC East title away from Dallas, but look more like a team that will contend for the top pick in the draft than the play-offs.

Romo was knocked out of the game in the third quarter when Jordan Hicks sacked him. Fletcher Cox recovered Romo's fumble and Bradford drove the offense to the Cowboys 3

before Sean Lee intercepted his pass in the end zone.

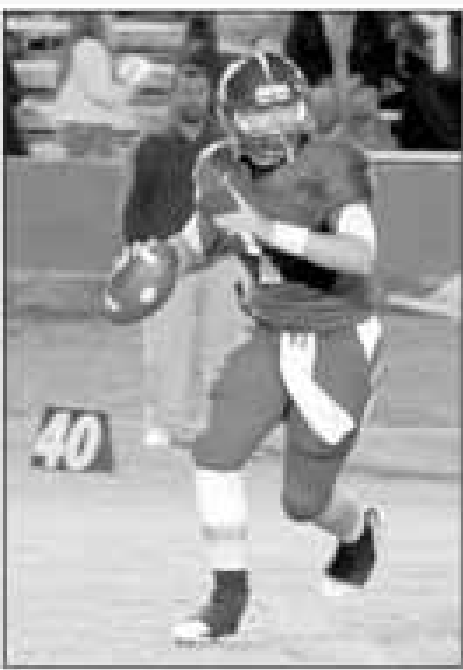
The Eagles trailed 13-3 when Malcolm Jenkins picked up Gavin Escobar's fumble and returned it to the Cowboys 30. But Bradford fumbled a shotgun snap on the next play and Nick Hayden recovered for Dallas.

Bradford threw another interception in the fourth quarter when the ball bounced off Zach Ertz's hands and J.J. Wilcox

picked it.

Both teams struggled on offense early and the Cowboys led 6-0 at half-time. The Eagles went three-and-out on five of their first seven possessions and the other two were four-and-outs.

Danny McCray blocked Donnie Jones' punt and Wilber returned it for a score to give the Cowboys a 13-0 lead. Weeden connected with Williams over the middle in the fourth to make it 20-3.



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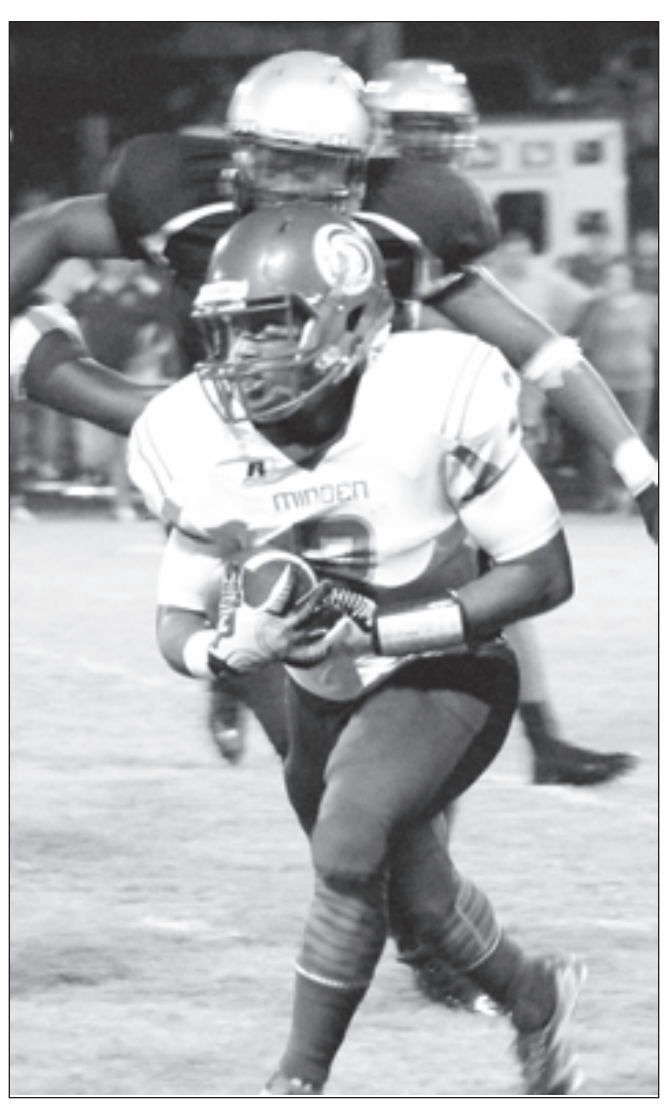


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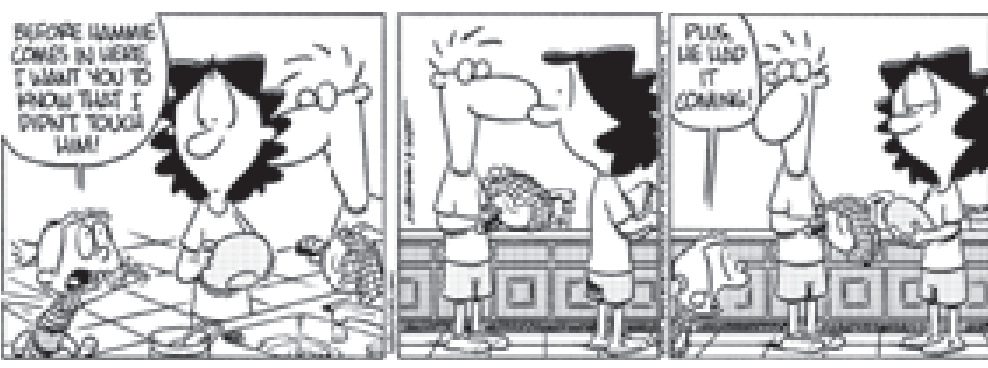
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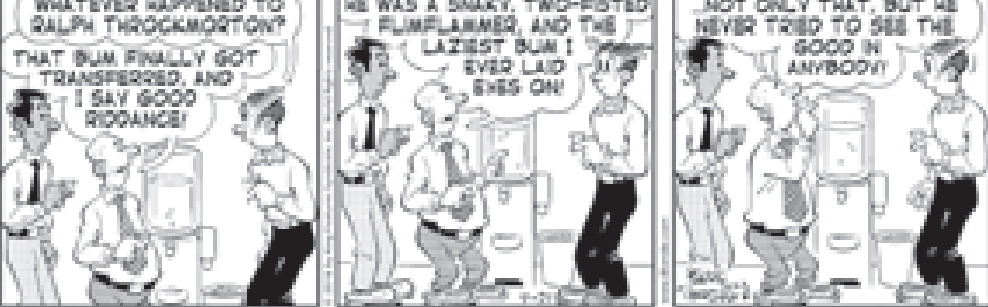
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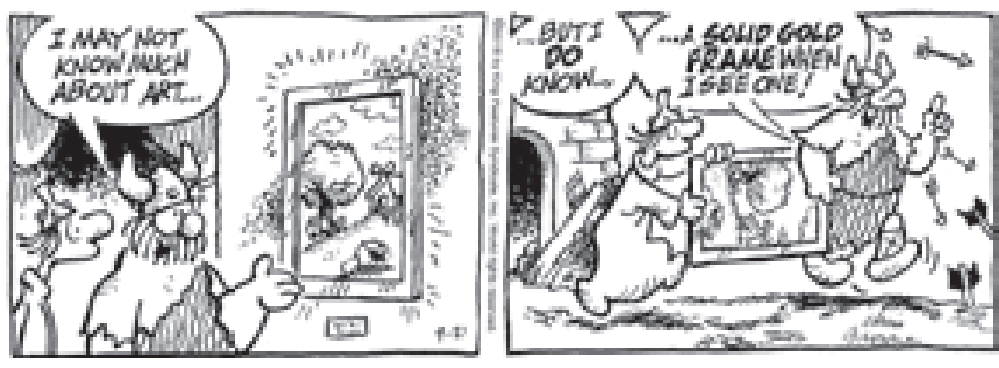
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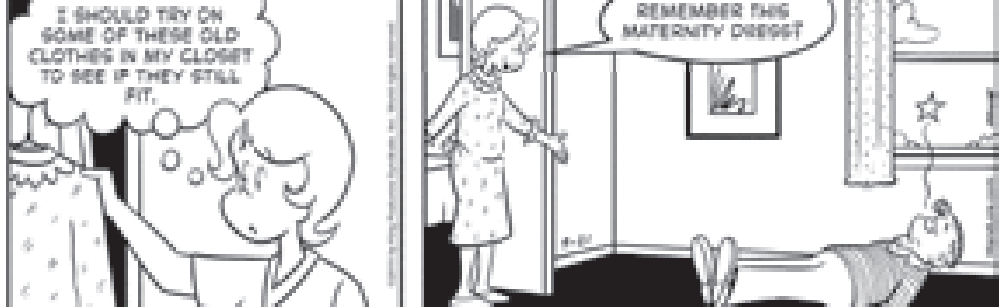
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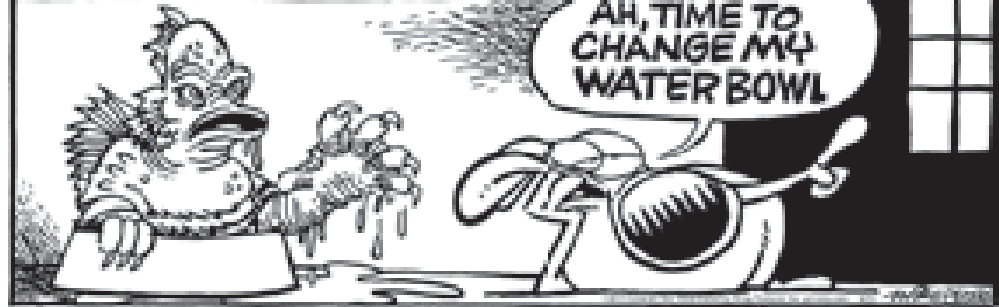
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September 14 & 21, 2015  
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**VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN REGULAR SESSION** SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

The Village of Dixie Inns Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session on September 14, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Ava Nell McWhorter, Alderperson Kay Stratton, Connie Woods and Evelyn Walden.

The meeting was called to order and the invocation and pledge of allegiance were given.

A motion was made by Kay Stratton and seconded by Connie Woods to adopt the minutes of the regular session on August 10, 2015. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

The financial statements were presented and were accepted.

**Department Reports:**

Mike Chreene reported that his department was running smoothly. He also reported that the work on the shoulders of Levee Road had been completed.

Police Chief James Edwards reported that Officer Josh McCormick is doing well at the academy and was almost half way through the course. He also showed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen a certificate of appreciation that his department received from the JROTC of Minden High School. He introduced Matt Wilson as a possible police reserve officer.

Alderman Kay Stratton informed participants of the meeting that all the workshops that were presented at the LMA convention could be seen online at the LMA site.

Mayor Ava Nell McWhorter reported that the animal control officer had resigned and the village was in the process of hiring a new one.

The clerk informed the council that an ad had been placed in the Minden Press Herald for the position. The Mayor also reported that she had received several acknowledgments of approval on the cleanliness of the Village.

New Business:

A motion was made by Evelyn Walden and seconded by Kay Stratton to adopt a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute on behalf and in the name of the Village of Dixie Inn a contract for Louisiana Community Development Block Grant engineering services. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Evelyn Walden and seconded by Connie Woods to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf and in the name of the Village of Dixie Inn for Louisiana Community Development Block Grant administrative services. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

There being no further business, a vote to adjourn was made by Kay Stratton and seconded by Connie Woods. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals W

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1 One of the Three Bears	37 Ritzy cracker spread	1 Energy	Matter-horn, for one
5 Sample from a snifter	40 Winter ailment	2 — Baba	21 Mil. training grp.
8 First victim	41 Lotion additive	3 Writing implement	22 Hee-haw
12 Lift	42 Figaro por-trayer, e.g.	4 Fifth or Madison	23 Zen paradoxes
14 Hayseed	47 Chess piece	5 Pack cargo	25 Certain church singer
15 Christmas wreath adorn-ment	48 Device mea-suring distance traveled	6 Charged bit	26 Cleo-patra's river
16 Press clothes	49 Formerly, formerly	7 Sham	27 A Great Lake
17 Fresh	50 Thanks-giving veggie	8 Melodi-ous	29 Entreaty
18 Rose pro-tectors	51 Old portico	9 "Ironside" star	31 Spring mo.
20 Photog-rapher Diane		10 Black, in verse	33 Customer
23 Jailer's janglers		11 Contact, e.g.	34 Para-troopers' gear
24 Tradi-tional stories		13 "Bullets," to a poker player	36 Slender
25 Regard as for-givable		19 Jekyll's alter ego	37 Super-hero costume part
28 Sch. org.			38 Winged
29 Aspect			39 Promises
30 A Gersh-win brother			40 Gift tag word
32 Tornado			43 Okla-homa city
34 Paper holder			44 Mel of baseball
35 Hawaiian neckwear			45 Ultra-modernist

**Solution time: 26 mins.**

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**Friday's Answers**

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