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200th Anniversary of Statehood on April 30, 2012

Louisiana Bicentennial



Florida Parishes, Including Central, Did Not Join State Until Aug. 4, 1812

Woody Jenkins

Editor, Central City News

CENTRAL — While Louisiana proudly celebrates the 200th anniversary of statehood on April 30, 2012, residents of Central could wait awhile before celebrating.

The area which is now the City of Central didn't become part of the State of Louisiana until Aug. 4, 1812 — more than three months *after* the rest of the state!

In fact, it literally took an Act of Congress to make the "Florida Parishes" part of Louisiana. Some in Congress wanted to make the former Spanish colony of West Florida, which had declared its independence in 1810, part of the State of Georgia. If they had succeeded, we might all be Bulldogs now!

The people of West Florida suffered greatly for having been left out of the original State of Louisiana. The Louisiana Constitution was drafted in early 1812 without any representation from the Florida Parishes. Once they were admitted to the state, the Florida Parishes were sorely under-represented

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SYMBOLS OF LOUISIANA — New Louisiana Flag (left), Louisiana Bicentennial stamp (center), and Bicentennial baby Brynley Claire Smith

Festival of Two Rivers Starts Friday

CENTRAL — The 4th Annual Festival of the Two Rivers will be held at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church this Friday, April 27 from 5 to 11 p.m., Saturday, April 28, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, April 29, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Festival of Two Rivers is an opportunity for Central to come together to support St. Alphonsus

church and school and celebrate the Central community.

**Festival of the Two Rivers
April 27-29, 2012
St. Alphonsus Church**

The Festival of the Two Rivers commemorates the role that the Amite and Comite rivers have

played and continue to play in the life of Central. It's also a time to enjoy great food, entertainment, friends, and family.

To make amusement rides more affordable, passports will be available for use all weekend and arm-bands will be available for daily admission to rides.

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Central Residents Run for Delegate Saturday

Conservative Slate 3 Takes on Ron Paul, Romney Slates in Kristenwood Voting

CENTRAL — On March 24, Louisiana Republicans gave 49 percent of their votes to former Sen. Rick Santorum in Louisiana's Presidential Primary. Former Gov. Mitt Romney received 25 percent.

But the Presidential Primary allocated only 15 of Louisiana's 46 delegates to the Republican National Convention.

The other 31 delegates to the party's national convention will be chosen at the Louisiana Republican Party's state convention June 2.

Delegates to the state convention will be elected this Saturday, April 28 in an election conducted



LOUISIANA CONSERVATIVE DELEGATION, SLATE 3 — Five Central residents are running on the Conservative Delegate Slate this Saturday, including (left to right) Tony Perkins, Richard Perkins, Jolice Provost, and Jr. Shelton. Rep. Valarie Hodges is not shown.

by the Louisiana Republican Party.

In East Baton Rouge Parish, voting will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon at two polling places — Kristenwood at 14025 Green-

well Springs Rd. for Republican voters who reside north of Florida Boulevard and Jefferson Baptist Church for Republican voters who reside south of Florida Blvd.

Five Central residents are running for state delegate on the Conservative Slate (Slate 3), including former Rep. Tony Perkins, Richard

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Country Living in the City

CATS Tax Is Inherently Flawed, Discriminatory

By Urging Passage of \$184 Million CATS Tax, Baton Rouge Chamber Is Helping Destroy BR

Woody Jenkins
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BATON ROUGE — The \$184 million property tax increase passed last Saturday for the Capital Area Transit System is a tax homeowners and property owners simply cannot afford. Moreover, the tax vote was inherently flawed and discriminatory, in part because homeowners and property owners in the inner city of Baton Rouge will be taxed to provide bus services to over 20 square miles of more affluent residential and commercial areas south of the city limits.

It is no accident that voters in those 20 square miles were excluded from voting on the tax in this election. The results from Saturday's \$184 million CATS property tax election could be easily predicted because the gerrymandered taxing district, which is 55 percent black, was designed to create a pre-determined outcome, namely

the passage of the tax.

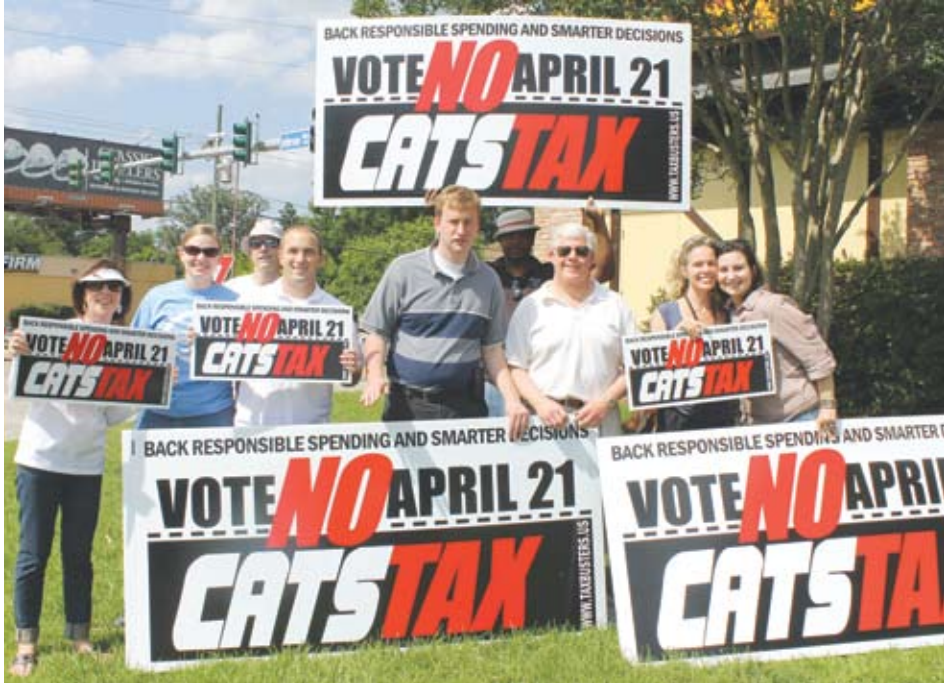
The proponents of the tax said the boundaries of the City of Baton Rouge were chosen as the boundaries of the taxing district because that is similar to the service area of the Capital Area Transit System. However, that is demonstrably not true. The CATS service area includes more than 20 square miles of the parish which are not in the City of Baton Rouge, such as

- Towne Center
- Mall of Louisiana
- Perkins Rowe
- Baton Rouge General Hospital on Bluebonnet
- Gardere Lane area south of Burbank
- Bluebonnet Road from Burbank to Airline Hwy.
- Perkins Road from Bluebonnet to Siegen Lane
- Siegen from Perkins to Airline
- Summa Avenue from Essen to Bluebonnet
- Airline Highway from Bluebonnet to Siegen

CATS could have easily gone to the legislature and asked for permission



Woody Jenkins



TAXBUSTERS — Taxbusters, a Baton Rouge-based organization formed to protect taxpayers, conducted an active campaign against the CATS tax. Shown sign waving at Jefferson at Old Hammond, Central's Stacy and Dwight Hudson (2nd and 4th from left). For more on Taxbusters, go to www.taxbusters.us or see Taxbusters on Facebook.

to create a taxing district that would coincide with their service area, but they did not.

The 20 square miles south of the city that is served by CATS is a more affluent residential and commercial area that voted overwhelmingly against an even smaller CATS tax two years ago. People in these areas are understandably outraged that they were not allowed to vote in this election, especially since many of them own commercial and other property inside the city limits.

Instead, property owners from poorer areas inside the city limits will now be taxed to pay for services in adjacent wealthier areas to the south when the people in those areas would not have voted for such a tax! It is highly discriminatory to impose taxes on the homeowners and business owners inside the city limits to provide services outside the city limits.

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Who won't pay the CATS tax? Exxon, Albermarle, Entergy, Georgia Pacific, Towne Center, Mall of Louisiana, and Perkins Row, all of which are "outside" the city limits. Also, non-profits and churches that supported the tax won't pay it. **Who will pay it?** The homeowners and small business owners of Baton Rouge.

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Baton Rouge Area Chamber was driving force behind the tax. The campaign for passage of the \$184 million CATS property tax increase was led by a coalition of big businesses organized by the Baton Rouge Area Chamber of Commerce. It also included black political leaders, black churches, far-left unions such as SEIU, and community organizing groups. Ironically, few of the supporters will actually pay the massive tax increase.

The largest businesses and largest retailers in the parish are located outside the city limits, and the churches and non-profit groups such as the Chamber of Commerce pay no property taxes. The victims of this tax increase will

be homeowners in the City of Baton Rouge, especially black homeowners who will no longer benefit from the homestead exemption, and those small business owners who still have businesses in the city. This tax will hit all of them very hard.

From the standpoint of economic development and bringing jobs to the City of Baton Rouge, this sends the worst kind of message. Baton Rouge is already suffering from a high crime rate and poor government-run schools. It needs capital investment, but the message to business is, "You're an idiot if you locate your business inside the city limits."

Now the city faces ever-increasing property taxes promoted by, of all people, the Chamber of Commerce. Businesses that might otherwise consider locating in Baton Rouge will certainly think twice. Why locate inside the city limits, if you can be subjected to massive, unnecessary tax increases promoted by a coalition of big business and the far left?

Hopefully, this vote will send a message to the entire parish and encourage them to make major changes in City-Parish government this fall. We need to control the taxing authority of state agencies such as CATS and local taxing agencies, and we need to replace the current Mayor-President with one who will protect property owners from massive tax increases and who will aggressively fight the growing crime problem in Baton Rouge.

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For Central, Aug. 4 Will Be Historic

200 Years Ago...
On Aug. 4, 1812,
This Area Became
Part of the Great
State of Louisiana

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in the Louisiana House and Senate. This was long before the Supreme Court's "one-man, one-vote" decision, and the Florida Parishes' representatives and senators had little voice in the proceedings.

Moreover, there was no way to reapportion the legislature, because the Constitution of 1812 had no procedure for adopting amendments. It took the adoption of an entirely new Constitution in 1845 for East Baton Rouge and other parishes in the former Republic of West Florida to be fairly allocated state representatives and senators based on population.

The admission of Louisiana as a state on April 30, 1812, occurred only after the United States House and Senate considered the matter for nearly two years. Reading the debates about Louisiana on the floor of Congress is as entertaining and hilarious as any topic ever heard in our nation's capital.

Basically, many in Congress considered Louisiana a backward and foreign domain completely unsuited for statehood. In the course of numerous debates over two years, Louisiana statehood brought many issues to the forefront, some of which are still relevant today.

For example, the right to vote of blacks was a major topic of debate. Louisiana's territorial representative in Congress, Julien Poydras, believed that "free people of color" should be allowed the right to vote, and for awhile Congress sided with him on that. Later, those opposed to giving free blacks the right to vote blocked statehood, and that right was amended out of the legislation.

The issue of West Florida swirled around the House and Senate. First West Florida was in, then it was out, then after statehood had been agreed to, Congress ordered the Louisiana Legislature to annex the Florida Parishes prior to the state's being allowed to elect members of Congress.

The Florida Parishes — and what is now the City of Central — became part of Louisiana on Aug. 4, 1812.

Just a few weeks ago, former Sen. Rick Santorum created a furor in Puerto Rico when he said that Puerto Rico should be required to



TALL SHIPS honored Louisiana's Bicentennial in New Orleans last weekend.

adopt English as its primary language prior to admission as a state.

Ironically, that is a very old issue, and Santorum was on the side of history. Congress first required English to be the primary language when it considered statehood for Louisiana. Fearful that French would be the dominant language in Louisiana, Congress provided in the Louisiana Enabling Act of 1811 as follows:

...[A]fter the admission of said territory of Orleans as a state into the Union, the laws which such state may pass shall be promulgated, and its records of every description shall be preserved, and its judicial and legislative written proceedings conducted, in the language in which the laws and the judicial and legislative written proceedings of the United States are now published and conducted....

We in Central can celebrate Louisiana's Bicentennial April 30, but we have reason to celebrate again when our own bicentennial comes around on Aug. 4!

150 Years Ago...
On Aug. 4, 1862,
Greenwell Springs
Launched Battle
Of Baton Rouge

CENTRAL — If any particular day in Central's history should be remembered, it is August 4.

It was on Aug. 4, 1812, that Central — and the rest of the Florida Parishes — were annexed to the State of Louisiana. That will be 200 years ago this year. It was on Aug. 4, 1862, that Greenwell Springs served as the launching pad for the Battle of Baton Rouge. That important date will have its 150th anniversary later this year.

In August 1862, more than 6,000 sick, ill-clad, poorly-armed Confederate soldiers began marching from Camp Moore in Tangipahoa Parish toward Baton Rouge, as part of well-coordinated plan to recapture the city from the Union Army. On the evening of Aug. 4, 1862, most of the Confederate soldiers camped out at the Greenwell Springs Resort and Hotel, where the Greenwell Springs Hospital is today. Only about half were able to go into battle the next day. After the battle, the army returned to Greenwell Springs, which served as a hospital for the wounded.

For more on the Civil War in the Baton Rouge area, read *The Civil War and Capturing the Mississippi* by Dennis Dufrene of Central at all bookstores.



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Louisiana Conservative Slate Includes Five Well-Known Leaders from Central

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Perkins, Jolice Provost, Jr. Shelton, and Rep. Valarie Hodges.

Two other Central residents are running for Alternate Delegate on the Louisiana Conservative Delegate Slate, Slate 3 — Lawana Perkins, wife of Tony Perkins, and former Tea Party president Dwight Hudson.

Central resident Linnie Leavines is a candidate for delegate on the Ron Paul Slate. She is on Ron Paul Slate 1.

On Saturday, April 28, all voters in East Baton Rouge Parish who have been on the voting rolls as registered Republicans since Dec. 15, 2011, are eligible to vote.

They should go by Kristenwood between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon. Voters in line by 12 noon will be allowed to vote.

This is not a caucus, and there will be no speeches. Voters will simply go in, show their photo I.D., take a ballot, and vote.

Republican voters can either vote for one of the Slates on the front of the ballot or they can vote for individual candidates on the back of the ballot. However, a ballot will be thrown out if the voter votes on both sides of the ballot. In addition, a ballot will be thrown out if the voter votes for more than one Slate on the front of the ballot or more than 25 delegates and 12 alternates on the back of the ballot.

The normal restrictions against



CENTRAL CANDIDATES for delegate in this Saturday's election include Rep. Valarie Hodges (left) who is running on the Louisiana Conservative Delegate Slate (Slate 3) and Linnie Leavines (right) who is running on the Ron Paul delegate slate (Slate 1).

campaigning within 500 feet of a voting precinct do not apply in this election, because it is not being conducted by the State of Louisiana but rather by the Republican Party of Louisiana.

Former Rep. Tony Perkins said it is important to send a conservative delegation from Louisiana to the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Florida, Aug. 27-30, 2012. The convention, composed of delegates elected from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U. S. territories, will formally nominate the Republican



CANDIDATES from Central for alternate delegate on the Louisiana Conservative Delegate Slate (Slate 3) include Lawana Perkins (left) and Dwight Hudson (right).

candidates for President and Vice President and adopt the Republican National Platform.

Perkins said a conservative delegation from Louisiana will push the Republican nominee to the right and help insure that the party adopts a conservative platform.

Four years ago, the same conservative group, led by Republican National Committeeman Ross Little, carried all seven of Louisiana's Congressional districts, and conservatives swept virtually all Louisiana's delegate spots.

Central City News editor Woody Jenkins was elected by the Louisiana delegation to the 2008 Republican National Convention to serve as Louisiana's member of the Platform Committee. In that capacity, he passed more than a dozen planks in the party Platform, all of which were ratified by the full convention.

This year, Louisiana has only six

Congressional districts. Republican voters will elect 25 delegates to the state Republican convention from each of those six districts, along with 12 alternates.

The State Convention will meet June 2 and elect Louisiana's national convention delegates.

Ross Little has been working to organize the Conservative Slate since December. He said about 75 percent of the Conservative Slate favored Santorum at the time that he dropped out of the race, while about 25 favored former Speaker Newt Gingrich.

"Those conservative leaders are the ones still on our slate, and we believe it is important to send a conservative delegation to Tampa, in order to keep our nominee as conservative as possible," he said.

The Ron Paul Slate has also been working hard in Louisiana since last year, and they are expected to do well in the voting this Saturday. The Ron Paul headquarters on Jefferson Highway has been phone banking Republican voters for months, in an effort to get them to vote Saturday.

Gov. Mitt Romney filed a delegate slate at the last minute, but is not believed to be well organized in the state. He just began an advertising campaign for his delegate slate.

Former Speaker Newt Gingrich filed a slate containing the same names as Slate 3, the Conservative Slate. A voter who wishes to vote for Gingrich should vote for Slate 2. However, those votes will be added to the votes of the candidates on Slate 3.

Most observers expect the contest Saturday to be primarily between the Louisiana Conservative Delegate Slate (Slate 3) and the Ron Paul Slate (Slate 1) for control of the Louisiana delegation.

With almost half the delegates still to be chosen and no conservative candidates running against Gov. Romney, we don't want the rest of the delegates to be hand-picked RINO moderates. The only way to prevent that is to run our conservative slate.

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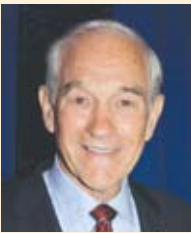
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RON PAUL SLATES • Vote for Slate 1

If you are for Ron Paul, vote for Slate 1.



NEWT GINGRICH SLATE • Vote for Slate 2

If you are for Newt Gingrich, vote for Slate 2. Gingrich has endorsed the candidates of the Conservative Slate (Slate 3). Therefore, votes for Slates 2 and 3 will be combined.



CONSERVATIVE SLATE • Vote for Slate 3

Most members of this slate were formerly committed to Santorum. Their goal is a conservative platform and a conservative nominee for Vice President.



MITT ROMNEY SLATE • Vote for Slate 5

If you are for Mitt Romney, vote for Slate 5.

Or Vote for Up to 25 Candidates for Delegate and Up to 12 Candidates for Alternate on the Back of the Ballot

NOTE: Your ballot will be invalidated if you vote on BOTH sides of the ballot or if you vote for MORE the 25 delegates or 12 alternate delegates.

Vote for Individual Delegates (up to 25)

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Conservative-S-G means the Conservative-Santorum-Gingrich ticket • Central candidates in bold face

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Federal Study Shows Head Start Has No Long-Term Educational Benefits

EDITOR'S NOTE: As the Central Community School System develops policies on early childhood education, the Obama Administration's study on the Head Start Program is well worth reading. It can be found at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/hs/impact_study/reports/impact_study/executive_summary_final.pdf

Lindsey Burke
Heritage Foundation

After some prodding, the Obama administration released the long-overdue first grade evaluation of the federal Head Start program. As expected, the results show that the \$7 billion per year program provides little benefit to children – and great expense to taxpayers.

The evaluation, which was mandated by Congress during the 1998 reauthorization of the program, found little impact on student well-being. After collecting data on more than 5,000 three and four-year-old children randomly assigned to either a Head Start or a non Head Start control group, the Department of Health and Human Services found “few sustained benefits”. From the report:

In sum, this report finds that providing access to Head Start has benefits for both 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds in the cognitive, health, and parenting domains, and for 3-year-olds in the social-emotional domain. However, the benefits of access to Head Start at age four are largely absent by 1st grade for the program population as a whole. For 3-year-olds, there are few sustained benefits, although access to the program may lead to improved parent-child relationships through 1st grade.

While these results are uninspiring, they become even less impressive when more closely examined. Heritage's David Muhlhausen calls into question the less-than-rigorous statistical methods employed by HHS:



FORMER ISTROUMA and Southeastern Louisiana football great Wayne Sullivan (2nd from left) and family at Cookin' in Central.

In some cases, HHS reports statistically significant impacts based on a standard of statistical significance is $p < 0.10$ which is not the norm for most social scientists. The 0.05 level is the norm. With a sample of 4,667 children, there is no reason to use the easier 0.10 level. The larger your sample size the easier it is to find statistically significant findings, so using 0.10 as the standard for statistical significance is unwarranted with a large sample.

For example, if they used the standard level of significance for the 1st grade year language and literacy measures, then the study would report no statistically measurable impact on all eleven measures. Instead, the lower standard used by HHS allows for them to report that Head Start had at least one positive impact on raised language and literacy.

In essence, had HHS not used a

less-rigorous method of evaluating Head Start, the report would have shown no impact on the language and literacy outcomes for the four-year-old cohort.

Taxpayers have been on the hook for more than \$100 billion for the Head Start program since 1965. This federal evaluation, which effectively shows no lasting impact on children after first grade and no difference between those children who attended Head Start and those who did not, should call into question the merits of increasing funding for the program, which the Obama administration recently did as part of the so-called “stimulus” bill.

Andrew Coulson over at Cato points to the hypocrisy of continuing to bolster funding an unquestionably ineffective program, while ending one of the most effective education programs ever created:

There are other government education programs whose effects actually grow substantially over time, and that are comparatively economical. Consider the federal DC voucher program...by their third year in private schools, the evidence was clear that voucher-receiving students were reading more than two grade levels above a randomized control group that stayed in public schools... But Congress, and particularly Democrats, have defunded the DC voucher program while raising spending on Head Start. President Obama is at the forefront of this travesty.

Head Start is the federal government's largest early education program. For more than 40 years, this pet project has been a sinkhole for taxpayer dollars and an ineffective education program for children. As Congress considers expanding the federal government's role in early childhood education, the new Head Start evaluation should clearly signal to policymakers the necessity of reforming existing programs – not furthering ineffective models such as Head Start.

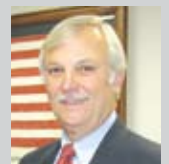
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The event will offer rides, amusements, and game booths.

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Saturday, April 28

11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Entertainment will include:

Kelsey Bordelon from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

St. Alphonsus School Drama Club from 1 to 2 p.m.

Central's Got Talent from 3 to 6 p.m.

Bingo from 2 to 4 p.m.

Colorblind from 7 to 10 p.m.

The event will offer rides, amusements, and game booths.



KATELYN MORRIS, Ashley Hess, and Alanna Cowart at last year's Festival.

Sunday, May 16

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Entertainment will include:

St. Alphonsus Children's Choir at 11:30 a.m.

Legworks by Terri at 12:30 p.m.

Bingo from 2 to 4 p.m.

Best Band Encore from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

In addition to the food listed above, the feature Sunday will be BBQ Chicken Dinners.

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ABC CRAFT COMPETITION 1ST PLACE WINNERS — The Central High School welding team competed against 23 other schools in the recent Associated Builders & Contractors competition. Members of the winning team were (left to right) Andrew Breau, Logan Burton, and Joseph Lester. Shown with welding teacher Roger Ball.



CENTRAL — The Central High School welding team won 1st place at the Associated Builders & Contractors Craft Competition on March 22. The Wildcat team outscored 23 other competing schools. Team members were: **Andrew Breau**, who won weld-


ing gloves, a socket set, a large welding bag, hat, \$75 Chase giftcard, and \$25 American Express giftcard. Breau won 1st place in team competition and 2nd place in individual competition. **Joseph Lester** won a hat, welding gloves, a socket set, \$50 Bass

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BOLEY, SIBLEY

Jennifer Boley and Micah Sibley will marry May 19 at The Oakleigh House in Denham Springs.

BALLARD, KELLEY

Brooke Ballard and Curt Kelley will exchange vows June 1 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Baton Rouge.



Brooke Ballard and Curt Kelley

Brooke Ballard and Curt Kelley to Exchange Vows June 1 at St. Joseph

BATON ROUGE — Curt Kelley and Brooke Ballard will marry in a 5 p.m. ceremony Friday, June 1, 2012, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Baton Rouge. The bride-elect is the daughter of Beth Orillion of Central and Brad Ballard of Maurepas. She is the granddaughter of Frances Calamia and the late Louis Calamia and the late Mr. and Mrs. Troy Allen Ballard, Sr., all of Baton Rouge. Brooke is a graduate of Central

High School. She graduated from Louisiana State University with a degree in elementary education. Her fiancé is the son of John and Vicki Kelley. He is the grandson of Raymond and Betty Burns and J.C. Kelley and Betty Kelley, all of Baton Rouge. Curt is a graduate of Central High School. He is a process operator with ExxonMobil of Baton Rouge.

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Jennifer Boley, Micah Sibley to Wed May 19 at The Oakleigh House



Jennifer Boley and Micah Sibley

DENHAM SPRINGS — Jennifer Amanda Boley of Walker and Micah James Sibley of Pride will marry in a 7 p.m. ceremony Saturday, May 19, 2012, at The Oakleigh House in Denham Springs. The bride-elect is the daughter of James and Mona Boley of Walker. She is the granddaughter of Gertrude Boley Vansickle, the late John Wesley Boley, and the late Arthur Joseph and Myrtis Tetreau. Jennifer is a graduate of Walker High School. She is employed with Dr. John Barksdale, DDS. Her fiancé is the son of Melvin and Deborah Sibley of Pride. He is the grandson of Bobby and Catherine Gurney, the late Doretha Gurney, and Anna Phillips and the late Sulcer Leo Phillips. Micah is a graduate of Northeast High School. He is a firefighter with St. George Fire Department. The couple will reside in Watson.



Micah Shane Allen

Jason and Heather Allen of Central are proud to announce the birth of their son, Micah Shane. He was welcomed home by his brother, Caleb and sister, Gabby. Micah was born on Nov. 24, 2011. He weighed six pounds, nine ounces, and was 22 inches long. Proud grandparents are Martin and Tammie Woolfork of Central and Ernest and Linda Allen of Zachary.

Brynley Claire Smith

Cory and Haley (Torres) Smith are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Brynley Claire. Brynley was born at Ochsner Medical Center in Baton Rouge on Feb. 27, 2012. She weighed nine pounds, five ounces, and was 22 inches long. Proud grandparents are Kenny and Traci Torres of Denham Springs, Debbie Craven of Central, and Glen Smith of Baton Rouge. Great-grandparents are Frank and Louise Smith of Central, Venice and Penny Watts of Denham Springs, Patricia Craven King of Central, Bobby Craven of Central, and the late Murphy and Mamie Torres of Baton Rouge.



Blake Roberts Donaldson

Brad and Lindsey (Jones) Donaldson are proud to announce the birth of their son, Blake Roberts. Blake was born Jan. 30, 2012, at 11:30 a.m. He weighed nine pounds, two ounces, and was 22.5 inches long. Proud grandparents are Larry and Lisa Donaldson of Central and Linda Jones and the late Osce Roberts Jones, Jr.



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Proud grandparents are J.B. and Scarlet Collier of Central and Ray and Linda Bergeron of Central.


Michael George Kelly

Michael and Hannah Kelly of Greenwell Springs are proud to announce the birth of their son, Michael George.

Michael was born Feb. 28, 2012. He weighed eight pounds, 2.9 ounces, and was 22 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Clifford and Linda George and Mike and Denise Kelly, all of Central.





Weston Douglas Richard

Doug and Jennifer (Cockerham) Richard are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Weston Douglas. He was welcomed home by his sister, Paisley.

Weston was born Feb. 17, 2012, at 12:28 p.m. He was eight pounds, three ounces, and 20-1/4 inches long.


Proud grandparents are Tony "Big Daddy" and Jeannine "Weezer" Cockerham of Central and Roger "Papaw" and Tammy "Mamaw" Fontenot of Iota and the late Franklin "Frankie" Richard. Great-grandparents are Donald and Barbara Simoneaux and Reda Cockerham and the late Robert Cockerham, all of Central; Warren and Betty Pousson of Iota, and the late Joyce Williams of Evangeline.

Harper Lelide Jenny

Megan and Steven Jenny are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Harper Lelide.

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Chia-Hsing Ling, Dr. Jee-Keoun Ko, Nancy Westfall, and Dr. Russell Westfall

The Westfalls Host Salon Concert to Raise Trip Money

CENTRAL — On Saturday, April 14, Dr. Russell and Nancy Westfall hosted a Salon Concert at their home in Central to raise money for the choir at Blackwater Methodist Church. The choir is taking a summer trip to participate in a mass choir singing Mozart's Requiem at Lincoln Center in New York City.

The musical performers were cellist Dr. Jee-Keoun Ko and pianist Chia-Hsing Lin. They gave an impressive concert which included classical works as well as a few contemporary pieces. About 85 Central residents were there to enjoy the concert, the food, the Westfall's gardens, and the beautiful day.

The salon concert raised over \$2,200. Special thanks to Blackwater Church member John Andre, who made a very generous donation which he raised through pressure washing homes specifically for this cause.



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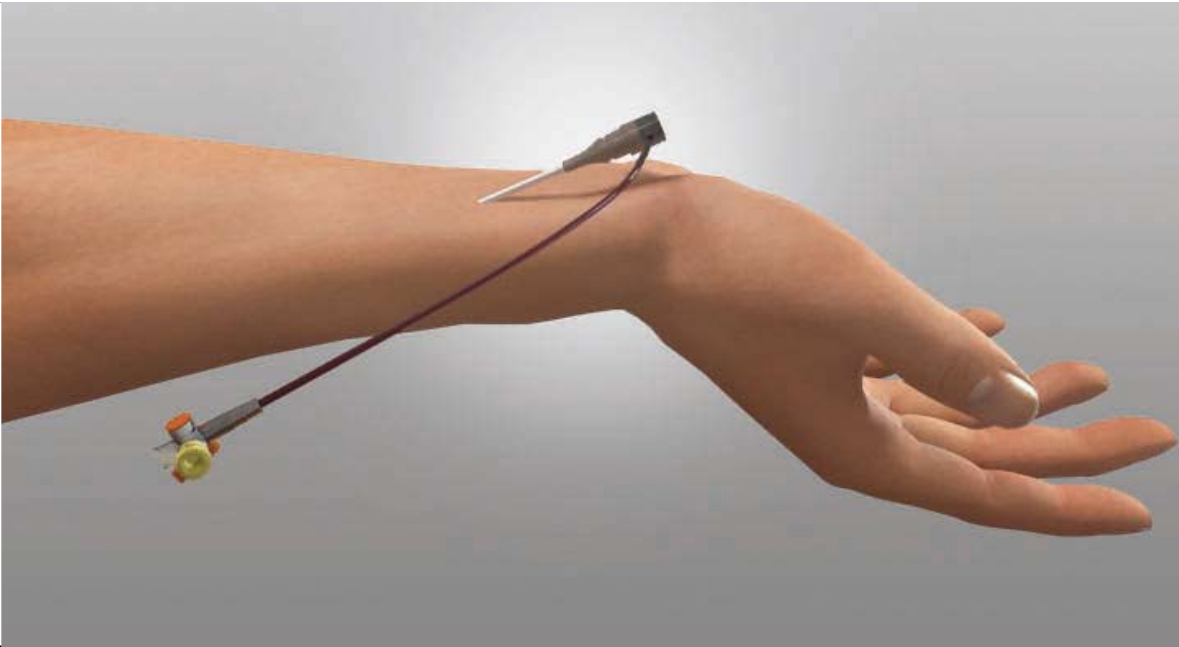


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Supreme Court Backs Central City News

Public Records Case Sent to District Court With Direction from La. 1st Circuit Court

NEW ORLEANS — The Louisiana Supreme Court gave an important legal victory to the *Central City News* last week when it threw out an appeal lodged by CH2MHILL in its attempt to keep secret certain records of the City of Central.

Central City News editor Woody Jenkins said, “We believe this is an important decision, protecting the public’s right to have access to public documents and a strong statement that privatization cannot be used as a shield to prevent public access to documents concerning the public’s business.”

The unanimous Supreme Court ruling left intact a decision by Louisiana’s 1st Circuit Court of Appeal that District Judge Kay Bates erred in granting a summary judgment in the case in favor of CH2MHILL.

The City of Central is the only Louisiana municipality that has been completely privatized. From 2008 to 2011, the city government was administered by a \$6 billion international company named CH2MHILL. In 2011, CH2MHILL lost its contract to run the city to a non-profit organization named IBTS.

This litigation originated in March 2010 when the City of Central was in the midst of municipal elections. Mayor candidate Jr. Shelton made an issue of high permit fees in the City of Central and blamed incumbent Mayor Mac Watts and CH2MHILL, which received 90 percent of the permit fees across the top.

A week before the election, Shelton ran an ad critical of the high fees. One day before the election an answer to Shelton’s ad appeared from the “City of Central.” That ad defended the city’s permit fee system.

After the election, the *Central City News* made a public records request for the documents related to the placement of the ad in the name of the “City of Central.” The city government said it had no such documents. And CH2MHILL, which ran the day-to-day operations of city government and received 80 percent of the city’s budget, said it was not subject to Louisiana’s Public Records Law.

The *Central City News* maintained that CH2MHILL was receiving taxpayer funds and administering city government. *Central City News* attorney Alex St. Amant said, “CH2MHILL was function-

ing as the city government and performing sovereign acts as though it were the government, such as issuing permits. It was the *de facto* government of the City of Central. As a result, it is subject to the Public Records Act.”

District Judge Kay Bates never held a trial on the substance of the case or allowed testimony, even though Louisiana law provides that Public Records cases are to be heard within 10 days.

Instead, Bates issued a summary judgment stating that CH2MHILL was a private company and, as such, was not subject to the Public Records Law.

The *Central City News* appealed Bates’ decision to Louisiana’s 1st Circuit Court of Appeals, contended that it was wrong for Bates to issue the summary judgment and that a private company can be subject to the Public Records Law if it functions as the *de facto* government of a city.

The Court of Appeals agreed with the *Central City News* and di-

rected Bates to hold a hearing on the connexity between CH2MHILL and the City of Central. It indicated that if the connexity was great, CH2MHILL would be subject to the Public Records Law.

The Louisiana Supreme Court upheld the decision of the 1st Circuit Court of Appeals, and now the case will return to Bates for a hearing.

The date of Bates’ hearing has not yet been set.

Thank You, Central Schools!

CENTRAL — Many thanks to the Central Community School System for their support of the “Active for Autism” Walk! Our system donated \$2,812.95 after our students participated in a “Dress for Autism” day at school.

Central High School raised \$354, Central Middle School \$513.59, Central Intermediate School \$512.15, Tanglewood \$532.61, and Bellingrath \$900.60.

We appreciate Supt. Mike Faulk and the five principals’ support of this endeavor. Also, thank you so much to all who came out to the walk to support these children and their families.

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Baton Rouge Area Chamber: A Threat to Business

Passing CATS Taxes, Opposing SE Schools, Featuring Communist Speaker Leave Some On Chamber Board Ready to Jump Ship

Woody Jenkins
Editor, Central City News

BATON ROUGE — It's been a long time since locally-owned small businesses in East Baton Rouge Parish felt they had a place of influence in the Baton Rouge Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has been the domain of large corporations and non-profit organizations for at least the past decade. Only those "investors" who give \$10,000, \$25,000, or \$50,000 a year hold much sway over Baton Rouge Area Chamber policy. But the Chamber really began to go down when it started getting \$450,000 annually of your taxpayer dollars as a direct appropriation from Mayor-President Kip Holden and the Metro Council. Now the Mayor-President's influence over Chamber policy is undeniable. The Chamber came out strongly in favor of Holden's \$1.1 billion Alive! proposal, which would have raised sales taxes in Central to 10.25 percent and raised property taxes. The Chamber also came out in favor of the Mayor's One Baton Rouge proposal. But three developments over the past few days have brought the Chamber's image to the breaking point:

- The Baton Rouge business community — few of whom are Chamber members — is starting to realize that the Baton Rouge Area Chamber was the leading force behind passage of last Saturday's \$184 million CATS property tax. Instead of fighting the tax, the Chamber was the chief organizer in support of the tax and the largest donor (\$15,000) for the tax.
- On Tuesday, the Chamber came out against Sen. Bodi White's bill to create the new Southeast Baton Rouge Community School District. In view of the success of the Central and Zachary community school systems, one would think the Chamber would be eager to embrace White's bill as a major vehicle for bringing affordable, quality public schools to South Baton Rouge and stopping the massive exodus out of the parish. Creation of independent community school districts in South Baton Rouge is the key to saving East Baton Rouge Parish. Productive, working people will not return to this parish until we offer good quality public schools and safe neighborhoods.
- But, no, the Baton Rouge Area Chamber has put itself on the side of the failing East Baton Rouge Parish School System and a future which is bleak and hopeless.
- This morning, the Baton Rouge Area Chamber held its Annual Shareholder Meeting at the Renaissance Hotel. The main speaker was scheduled to be Martin Jacques, who served for nearly 20 years as editor of *Marxism Today*, the official journal of the Communist Party of Great Britain. Jacques, who has apparently never renounced his Community Party views, was scheduled to speak on the inevitability of

Communist China ruling the world. An avowed Communist as keynote speaker at the Chamber's annual meeting? Adam Knapp, the Chamber president who is up to his neck in all of these decisions, reportedly told some of his Board members he didn't know Jacques was a Communist (even though the Chamber's own literature and website brags that Jacques was editor of the "renowned" publication *Marxism Today*.) Now some Chamber Board members reportedly have had enough and are ready to jump ship. The real question is whether the Chamber has drifted too far from the mainstream of the Baton Rouge business community and whether there is anything left to save.

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REBEL ELECTRIC RIBBON CUTTING — On hand for Rebel Electric's ribbon cutting Wednesday, April 25 were Amber Martel and Gil and Michelle Matherne of GM Cable; Ken Maye of KMA Drafting & Design LLC; and Deana Vickry and Craig Simoneaux of Rebel Electric.



EDWARD JONES OPEN HOUSE — Edward Jones had an open house at 10954 Joor Road, Ste. D on Thursday, April 19. Shown are Lance R. Moulin and Lisa Hatfield. Edward Jones offers a personal approach to financial planning.

Should City of Central Honor Sgt. Homer Wise?



SCULPTOR Janice Mauro at work in Redding, Conn., on her statue of Sgt. Homer Wise of Central, winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

CENTRAL — During combat in Magliano, Italy, on June 14, 1944 during World War II, Central native Homer Wise performed a series of heroic feats which have seldom been matched in the history of the United States.

For his bravery and sacrifice, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, "the highest military award for bravery that can be awarded by the United States of America." He is one of only 464 who have received this honor.

Homer was the oldest of five children of William Tony Wise and Edna Stephens Wise of Cen-

tral. Born in 1917, he left home during the Depression at age 14 to help support the family. He joined the Army in Baton Rouge in 1941.

After the war, Homer married Madolyn DiSesa, and they lived in Stamford, Conn. In 1947, Homer reenlisted in the Army and served until 1966, retiring during the Vietnam War. He was one of six honorary pallbearers when the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was dedicated at Arlington National Cemetery in 1958.

Several years ago, James Vlas-to began a foundation to honor Homer Wise and a fundraising campaign to commission a bronze statue in his honor. Later this year, the statue, which has been completed by sculptor Janice Mauro of Redding, Conn., will be dedicated and placed on permanent display in Stamford, Conn.

In an interview with the *Central City News*, Janice Mauro said she is willing to sculpt another statue of Homer Wise, if it would be put on display at an appropriate place in his hometown of Central, La.

The cost of the entire project could be as much as \$75,000 to \$100,000.

In order to undertake such a project, a donor would have to step forward to fund the expenses or some individual or organization would have to take responsibility for the project.

If you are interested, contact Woody Jenkins, *Central City News*, at 225-921-1433.



HONESTY AND INTEGRITY AWARDS — Istrouma Masonic Lodge #414 held their annual Honesty and Integrity Awards on March 20. The awards were presented to Lewis Laurent and Jonathan Thibodeaux, both of Central, by Worshipful Master Rex W. Thornhill, Sr. Lewis Laurent (left) is the son of Larry and Karyn Laurent of Watson and grandson of George L., member of Istrouma Masonic Lodge #414, and Hilda S. Mitchell of Prairieville. Jonathan Thibodeaux (right) is the son of Dr. Wayne Thibodeaux of Monroe and Theresa Thibodeaux of Central and the grandson of Rex W. Thornhill, Sr. and Sheila Thornhill of Central.



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Thursday, May 17
Power Up Safely! A Night of Internet Safety • 6:30 p.m.
"Power Up Safely!" will feature topics on Internet safety, social networking, online solicitation of minors, and cyber-bullying. The event is sponsored by the Central Community School System and the CCSS Title I Department and will be held in the Central High Theatre.

Saturday, May 19
Missions Golf Tournament • 8 a.m.
Comite Baptist Church will have a Homecoming — Missions Golf Tournament. Four man scramble, \$45 person/\$180 team. Open to everyone. Proceeds benefit Children's Summer Mission Camps. For information, call 275-3382.

St. Joseph's Altar Honored Jesus' Earthly Father



ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR — The 3rd graders at St. Alphonsus, under the direction of Dawn Ashford, carried on a tradition of thanks by setting up the St. Joseph's Altar. This altar is a way of celebrating the life of a humble man who was the earthly father of Jesus.

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ST. ALPHONSUS VOLLEYBALL — The 6th grade girls volleyball team placed 2nd at a tournament hosted by St. Thomas More. The girls competed against six teams. Pictured are (left to right) Rachel Raggio, Hannah Moran, Madison Carmena, Adeline Holyfield, Lily Corba, Claire McNeely, Skylar Culmone, and Sarah Summerville. Team is coached by Sarah Whitlow, Kenny Wilson, and Myles Holyfield.



TATE KIRBY (left) shot this Tom with his 12 gauge in St. Martin Parish. The turkey was 20-pounds with a 10-inch beard and 1-1/2 spurs. **TAFT KIRBY** (right) shot this Tom from 15 yards in St. Martin Parish. This bird was 18-pounds with 10 inch beard and 7/8 inch spurs. They are sons of Shane and Angie Kirby and students at CMS.



ALL-MAIS SOCCER TEAM — The Central Private School family would like to congratulate senior Jacob Carter and junior Mitchell Garron for being named to the All-MAIS Soccer Team.

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