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3,000 Pack Bethany for 100th Central Graduation

A Promising Future



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READY TO WALK — Members of the Central High School Class of 2012 were all-smiles last Friday moments before receiving their diplomas. Shown are Hayley Fontenette, Jenna Forbes, Rani Forbes, John Fralick, Jr., Garry Frank, and Quinton Franklin.

CHS Diploma Has Increasing Prestige in LA

Woody Jenkins
 Editor, Central City News

CENTRAL — Central High School conducted its 100th annual graduation ceremony last Friday night. A total of 224 seniors walked across the stage and received their diplomas at Bethany World Prayer Center in Baker. More than 3,000 students, teachers, friends, and family attended the event. Supt. Mike Faulk congratulated the graduates for their achievements and wished them well for the future. Principal Bob Wales said it was the conclusion of another successful year at Central High.



Central has highest ACT scores in state.

A diploma from Central High means even more this year, since the announcement that Central's High School students had the highest

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Rep. Valarie Hodges Blocks Loop Funding

BATON ROUGE — State Rep. Valarie Hodges Tuesday convinced the Louisiana House of Representatives to adopt an amendment that could block funding for the proposed Baton Rouge Loop. Mayor-President Kip Holden has twice been to Communist China to seek funding for the Loop from a bank controlled by the Peoples Republic of China. The House was considering SB 723, which would

allow the Louisiana Secretary of Economic Development to enter into "cooperative endeavor agreements" with foreign governments and foreign companies for the construc-



Rep. Valarie Hodges

tion of infrastructure in Louisiana. Hodges expressed concern about the bill and offered an amendment to prohibit foreign governments from acquiring public roads, bridges, airports, and ports in Louisiana. Hodges distributed news articles showing the announcement by China's government-owned shipping company, COSCO, that it is seeking to purchase a major port

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Photo by Jolice Provost

TOP PERFORMING 3rd GRADERS THREE YEARS IN A ROW — Tanglewood principal Sandy Davis welcomed students to the new School Complex last week. The State Department of Education announced Wednesday Tanglewood has the top-performing 3rd graders in the state for the 3rd straight year. Mrs. Davis and Jason Fountain have been chosen as co-principals for the new Central Middle School.

Property Tax Increase without Vote of People

CENTRAL — The Louisiana Constitution provides that every four years, all real property in the state will be reappraised by the parish assessor, and 2012 is a reappraisal year. Under the constitution, millage rates will be "rolled back" so that reappraisal results in no increase in property taxes. But local governments can then vote to "roll millages forward," thereby increasing taxes without a vote of the people.

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Will Senate Kill Inspector General?

BATON ROUGE — The Louisiana House has eliminated the entire \$1.7 million budget of the Office of Inspector General, the only non-political law enforcement agency in the state charged specifically with prosecuting corruption in state government. Inspector General Stephen Street said Monday, "They told me when I took this job that if I did it right, they would try to close us down, and that's happening."

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INSPECTOR GENERAL STEPHEN STREET (right) and chief investigator Greg Phares at Press Club Monday. The State Senate could defund their anti-corruption efforts..

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METRO COUNCILMAN SCOTT WILSON (left) spoke to the first Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon May 8 and announced his plan to run for reelection Nov. 8. Others on hand included Judge Toni Higginbotham (center) running for Supreme Court and Judge Mike McDonald, who is running for reelection to the 1st Circuit Court of Appeal.

Country Living in the City

Old-Time Politics Could End Anti-Corruption Unit

Watch How Senate Votes on Funding Louisiana Office of Inspector General

Woody Jenkins
Editor, Central City News

BATON ROUGE — Just when you think Louisiana has turned the corner and is putting the past behind, you realize it hasn't.

Politics never seems to change, perhaps because it involves people, and people don't change, do they?

A few years ago, Gov. Buddy Roemer created the Office of Inspector General to ferret out corruption in state government. In 2008, Gov. Bobby Jindal went to the legislature and, for the first time, placed the Office of Inspector General in the statutes and gave it real law enforcement powers. Since then, Inspector General Stephen Street and chief inves-

tigator Greg Phares have come down hard on governmental corruption at the state level.

With a budget of only \$1.7 million, they are the only independent law enforcement agency in state government that is charged with fighting governmental corruption — without having to

consider the politics of what they find. Now the House Appropriations Committee, at the urging of Rep. Joe Harrison of Napoleonville, has stripped the Office of Inspector General of its entire budget and left its continued existence in question. Harrison's argument is that the office is "duplicatory" of other law enforcement agencies.

We don't buy that argument. This is not about getting rid of duplication in state government. This is about shutting down the one law enforcement agency that can look at political corruption and go after it — regardless of who it is!

In the past year alone, the Office

of Inspector General uncovered more than \$3.5 million in fraud and waste, and there are many cases still under investigation.

I'm looking at an article from the Mar. 29, 2012, edition of the *Baton Rouge Advocate*. It is entitled, "Louisiana Worst in Corruption."

It says, "Louisiana ranked No. 1 in public corruption conviction cases per capita in the 2000's, according to a recently published report in a national magazine that analyzes government policies at all levels."

"Governing Magazine compiled U.S. Justice Department data from 2001 to 2010 about the number of public corruption convictions — government officials found guilty of corruption in office — in each state."

The records showed that in the 10 years from 2001 to 2010, Louisiana had 384 public officials convicted of public corruption — more than any other state per 100,000 people.

Think of it: 384 of our public officials convicted of public corruption in just the past 10 years!

Now is not the time to shut down the Office of Inspector General.

Rather, this is a time for the Inspector General and his staff to redouble their efforts.

The Louisiana Senate will soon vote on whether to restore the funding of the Office of Inspector General, and every citizen of Central should be watching closely to see how each of our senators votes.

A vote in favor of funding this important agency will save our taxpayer dollars, help eliminate corruption, and improve our quality of life and our business climate.

A vote against funding the Office of Inspector General is a vote to revert to the bad old days of open and widespread corruption.

Louisiana is already No. 1 in the

number of crooked public officials. Shouldn't that wake us up?

The vote in the Senate will be on an amendment to HB 1, the general appropriations bill.

Let's keep our eyes open for this vote and hold our elected officials accountable!

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Dramatic Changes in Our Schools. Over the next few days, Central Middle School and Central Intermediate School will close their doors and begin the move to the new Central School Complex.

What an exciting time for our students and our teachers! Our community has pulled together and worked very hard for this moment to come.

Now the School Board has appointed Sandy Davis and Jason Fountain as the new co-principals at Central Middle. After one year, Mrs. Davis is scheduled to become assistant superintendent, and Mr. Fountain is supposed to become principal at Central Middle. The two have achieved great things at Tanglewood Elementary, the highest performing elementary school in the state, and we expect no less in their new roles.

Meanwhile, the School Board will need a new principal at Tanglewood — big shoes to fill. Supt. Mike Faulk said he is considering hiring a temporary principal from within the school system or perhaps hiring a retired school administrator to fill in for a year.

Supt. Faulk said, "In order to avoid the problems we had in the selection of a new Central Middle principal, we need to go through an orderly process of advertising, doing background checks, and interviewing candidates. We don't have time to do that between now and August. That's why I may recommend a temporary appointment to give us time to fill this important position permanently."

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Central High Graduation Ceremony

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ACT scores in Louisiana last year.

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Bethany World Prayer Center provides a dramatic setting for Central's graduation ceremonies each year. The large sanctuary has no beams and is adorned with the flags of roughly 200 nations.

The event was attended by members of the Central Community School Board, school board staff, and Central High School faculty members.

The valedictorian and two co-salutatorians spoke to the assembly:

- Valedictorian Juan Carlos Ramirez, Jr.
- Co-salutatorians Austin Thrasher Firesheets and Bethany René Gonzales

As is often the case at Central High graduations, the valedictorian's address was full of surprises.

Ramirez said he had been named the Quietest Boy in the Senior Class. One teacher said afterwards, "I haven't heard that young man say 20 words in the past four years!" Nevertheless, young Ramirez had plenty to say Friday night.

A master of understatement with a dry wit, Juan said it was too bad most members of the senior class had done just enough to get by and never really applied themselves to the opportunity afforded them.

He assured them that this method of operation would not work in the real world.



SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT and co-salutatorian Austin Firesheets addresses the 100th graduating class of Central High School.



Supt. Mike Faulk

His words were like the blade of a swordsman who slices off a hand or an ear before his opponent knows it is gone.

It was a speech that most assuredly was not well received by all. But when he finished, there was a slight pause and then a rousing



Austin Firesheets, Co-Salutatorian

standing ovation from his classmates.

As the Class of 2012 filed out of the massive chamber, the 100th Central High School graduation came to an end, and the rest of the graduates' lives lies ahead.

★★★

Supt. Mike Faulk has his hands full these days with the completion of the new Central School Complex. He is busy closing two schools, opening two schools, and moving everything, including 2,400 students and 200 employees. The 2012-2013 school year will begin Aug. 8 for school employees and Aug. 13 for students.

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Collin Story, Jaden Romaine, Emily Benoit, and Chloe Buhler



Lizabeth Fajardo, Zachary Schumpert, Samantha Carcamo, and Johnnie Daniels



Dana Bramlet, Layla Crain, Skylar David, Hannah Dunn, and Alexia Garner



Ms. Hope Carline and Madison Zeigler

Touring New School Complex • Photos by Jolice Provost

Cookin' Board Election Set May 30

CENTRAL — Cookin' in Central will elect five board members to serve three-year terms. Anyone interested in serving must fill out an application and email it to aas-col@yahoo.com or fifetire@yahoo.com by May 30. The election will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the next general meeting on Tuesday, June 5 at Kristenwood.

Requirements and duties of Board of Directors: Board of Directors must be an active member of the organization. If elected to the Board of Directors one will be required to serve a three (3) year term or until a successor is elected.

Each director is required to chair, co-chair, or serve on at least one committee. Each director is required to be available to work both days of the annual event and at any other event that the organization may hold as a fundraising activity. Each director is required to attend a minimum of 75 percent of membership and board meetings. Directors not meeting the attendance requirement will be notified by letter from the Secretary or President.

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Principal Sandy Davis greets Gayle Fondren



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Principal Rhonda Taylor and Hailey Gautro



Supt. Mike Faulk meeting the buses



Max Bryant, Kyle Rogillio, Cade Cassels, Lane Wolfe, and Logan Starkey



Nicholas Noble and Dawson Andrews



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Workers unload boxes and move them into the new school complex

Touring New Middle School • Photos by Jolice Provost



Mallory Rusk and Camille Gautreaux



Jim Barnett shows off new bathrooms



Supt. Mike Faulk, architect Phil Rutter, principal Rhonda Taylor, and Wyndi Bonvillain



Sandy Davis and Jason Fountain

Central High School's Class of 2012



Corey Davis and John Davis



Valedictorian Juan Ramirez and co-salutatorians Austin Firesheets and Bethany Gonzales



Garilan Triplett and Vivian Ryder



Maranda Schmidt, Samantha Seguin, and Tamera Shows



Luke Galbo, Autumn Knox-Rounds, and Hailey Cothorn



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Central High Graduation • Photos by Woody Jenkins

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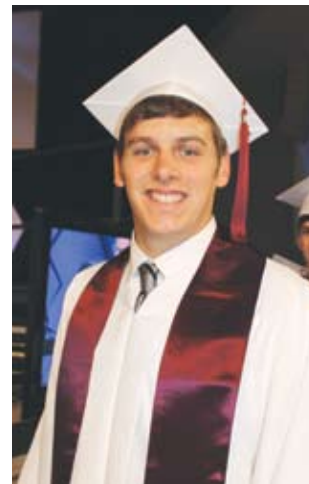


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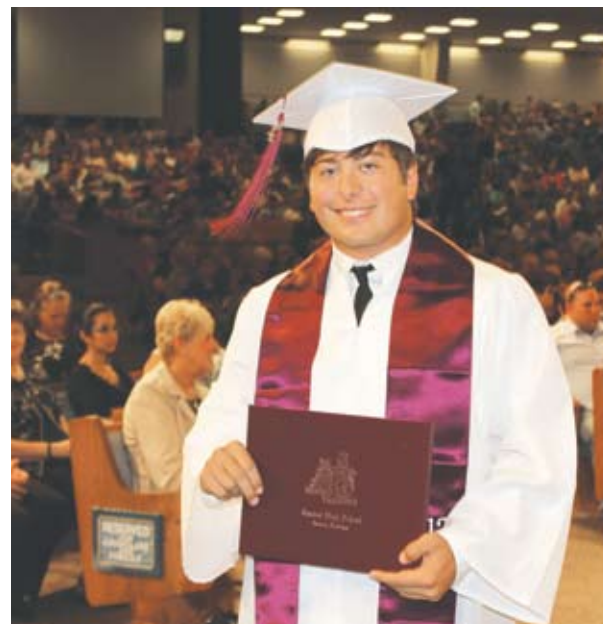
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SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT and co-salutatorian Austin Firesheets addresses the Central High School Class of 2012 along with students, faculty



Choir from Cental High School performs at graduation ceremony.



Co-salutatorian Bethany Gonzales



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Grad from Central High School at Bethany



Graduates, friends, and family at the 100th graduation ceremony in the history of the school. Graduation was held at Bethany World Prayer Center in Baker.



Graduation Ceremonies
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Valedictorian Juan Ramirez



Central High administrators David Prescott, Bob Wales, and Beth Miller



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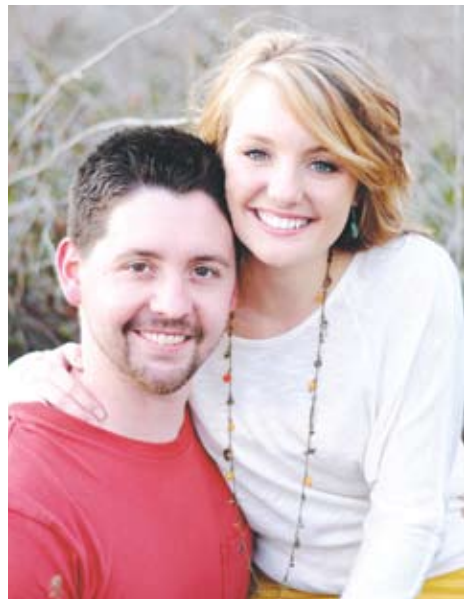
FIRMIN, JOHNSON

Rachel Firmin and Joe Johnson will wed May 26 at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Baton Rouge.

SANFORD, CRAWFORD

Paige Sanford and Caleb Crawford will exchange vows June 8 at Hemingbough in St. Francisville.

Paige Sanford, Caleb Crawford To Wed June 8 at Hemingbough



Paige Sanford and Caleb Crawford

ST. FRANCISVILLE — Paige Marie Sanford of Prairieville and Caleb Ryan Crawford of Central will marry in a 7 p.m. ceremony on Fri-

day, June 8, 2012, at Hemingbough in St. Francisville.

Paige is the daughter of Kevin and Dana Sanford of Prairieville. She is the granddaughter of Zeke Nola and Melba Howel both of Baton Rouge, Billy Sanford of Walker, and Linda Sue Ainsworth of Collins, Miss.

Paige is a graduate of St. Amant High School and is a student at Southeastern Louisiana University majoring in accounting.

Her fiancé is the son of Larry and Vickie Crawford of Central. He is the grandson of Bob and Jodie Crawford and Jerry and Jimmie Tarver, all of Central.

Caleb is a graduate of Bethany Christian School and Louisiana State University. He is employed as the business officer for the EBRP Central Garage. He is a worship leader at Cornerstone Fellowship in Central.



Kristy Brignac and Keith Smith

Kristy Brignac and Keith Smith to Wed On June 15 at St. John in Plaquemine

PLAQUEMINE — Kristy Lyn Brignac of Plaquemine and Keith Walter Robert Smith of Central are to be wed Friday, June 15, 2012, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Plaquemine.

Kristy is the daughter of Paul Brignac and the late Terry Clement Brignac of Plaquemine. She is the granddaughter of Milton and Catherine Clement of Plaquemine and Rose Brignac of Brusly and the late Pierre Brignac, Sr.

Kristy is a graduate of Plaquemine High School and Louisiana

State University with a degree in elementary education. She is a teacher at Iberville Math, Science, and Arts Academy West in Plaquemine.

Her fiancé is the son of Richard and Patricia Smith of Central. He is the grandson of the late Walter and Harriet Smith and the late Robert and Louanna Heckmann of Heath, Ohio.

Keith is a graduate of Central High School and Iowa Wesleyan College with a degree in exercise science. He is a fireman with the Plaquemine Fire Department.

Rachel Firmin, Joe Johnson To Exchange Vows May 26

BATON ROUGE — Rachel Angelica Firmin of Central and Joseph Scot "Joe" Johnson of Pine Grove will marry in a 1 p.m. ceremony Saturday, May 26, 2012, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Dr. Anthony and Mrs. Judy LoBue and Mr. and Mrs. H.P. "Pete" Firmin III, all of Central. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Venanzio Guarino III of Central, Mr. Ed and Mrs. Glenda Lipinski of Baton Rouge, and Mr. and Mrs. H.P. "Pete" Firmin, Jr. of Denham Springs.

Rachel is a graduate of St. Joseph's Academy and is enrolled at Louisiana State University pursuing a degree in dietetics.

Her fiancé is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Scot Johnson of Pine Grove. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boudreaux of Greensburg, Mr. Paul and Mrs. Rhonda Lamendola of Gonzales, and Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Johnson of Pine Grove.



Rachel Firmin and Joe Johnson

Joe is a graduate of Walker High School. He graduated from Southeastern University in 2011 with a degree in business management. He is a unit manager at Waffle House. After they are married, the couple will reside in Central.

Charlee Nicole Simpson

Jeffery and Kimberley Simpson are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Charlee Nicole.

Charlee was born Feb. 15, 2012. She weighed eight pounds, three ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Proud grandparents are James and Kitty Moak of Dutchtown and Jeff and Dana Simpson of Zachary. Great-grandparents are Sue Moak Corban of Central, Mary Lou Boyd of Zachary, Elaine Wilkins of Diamondhead, Miss., and Marvin Simpson of Baton Rouge.



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Leslie Giacone, Lance Lachney To Wed June 24 in New Orleans



Leslie Giacone and Lance Lachney

NEW ORLEANS — Leslie Lynn Giacone of Baton Rouge and Lance Robert Lachney of Forest Hill will marry in a 1 p.m. ceremony Sunday, June 24, 2012, on Carnival Cruise Ship Conquest in New Orleans.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Joe and Brenda Giacone of Central. She is the granddaughter of Linnie Crayton of Tickfaw and the late Elmer Crayton and the late Nick and Lena Giacone of Independence.

Leslie is a graduate of St. Joseph's Academy and of Baton Rouge College. She is a certified paralegal and is employed at a local court as a minute clerk.

Her fiancé is the son of Mark and Phyllis Lachney of Forest Hill. He is the grandson of the late Annie Cole and Coleman Cole of Clark and Mary Lachney and the late Lloyd Lachney of Alexandria.

Lance is a graduate of Rapides High School. He is employed as a supervisor at a local offshore drilling company.

Margen LaBauve, Joseph Fairchild Exchanged Vows in Denham Springs

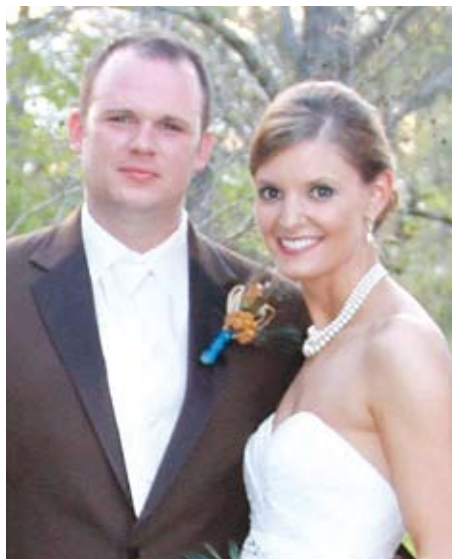
DENHAM SPRINGS — Margen Rae LaBauve of Central and Joseph Houston Fairchild of Greenwell Springs were united in marriage on March 17, 2012, at Oakleigh House in Denham Springs. Jeff Sâche officiated the 6:30 p.m. ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Joey and Anita Labauve of Central. She is the granddaughter of Warren and Dot LaBauve of Plaquemine and the late Butsy and Ann Hymel of Plaquemine.

She was given in marriage by her father, Joey LaBauve. She was attended by her matron of honor, Ashley Vanderbeck; maid of honor, Courtney LaBauve; and bridesmaids Keri Navarro, Kristy Reynaud, and Michelle Desselle.

The bridegroom is the son of the late Houston and Cathy Fairchild of Greenwell Springs. He is the grandson of the late George and Helen Fairchild of Greenwell Springs and the late Robert and Alaine Fletcher of Baton Rouge.

He was attended by his best man, Kidd Fernandez. Grooms-



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fairchild

men were Matt Falke, Justin Di-girolamo, Dusty Gerino, and Josh Fairchild, and ring bearer Henry Desselle. Usher was Nathan La-Bauve.

The reception took place at Oakleigh House. Following a wedding trip to Blue Ridge, Ga., the couple resides in Greenwell Springs.



DERBY DAY LUNCHEON — Victoria Pichon, Katie Varnado, Lauren Russell, Brooke Ballard, Kristi Smith, Amber Miley, Andrea Zuniga, and Callie Gray

Brooke Ballard Was Honored with Derby Day Bridesmaids' Luncheon

ST. FRANCISVILLE — A Derby Day Bridesmaids' Luncheon was held Sunday, May 6, 2012, for Brooke Ballard, the bride-elect of Curt Kelley, both of Central, at Brick Hall, the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Allen Ballard, Jr. in St. Francisville.

Co-hosting the event were the bride-elect's aunts, Lynn Ballard and Sharon Phillips. Members of the bridal party and special guests, adorned with their best hats, gathered for mimosas and mint juleps before the fun-filled derby race began.

Each guest chose a wedding-themed horse to enter the race. At the finish line, the winner was "With All My Heart," followed by "Just One Kiss," and "Wedding Bells" to show. After the race, the hostesses presented the honoree with a silver mint julep cup and a special handkerchief, handed down

from her late grandmother, Billie Ballard.

For lunch, the ladies enjoyed Derby Day chicken salad on lettuce leaf, club house shrimp in cucumber cups, race to the finish macaroni salad, and winner's circle fruit. After lunch, guests played an afternoon game of backyard croquet. But the real winners of the day were Brooke Ballard and Curt Kelley, who will be married on June 1, 2012, at the Cathedral at St. Joseph's in Baton Rouge.

Baker Class of '82

Baker High School Class of 1982 is planning a 30 year reunion. The reunion will be held Aug. 11, 2012. For information or to register, contact Kaye Ogden Buxton 245-4472 or visit the website ReunionManager.net

Obituaries

Helen McKey Crow

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints.

—Psalm 116:15



Helen Crow

Helen McKey Crow passed away peacefully Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at Loving and Caring Adult Home. She was born April 1, 1923, in Centreville, Miss., and resided in Central for the past 65 years.

She was retired from Little Folks Toy Store and was a member of Zoar Baptist Church. Never one to meet a stranger, she was known for her wit and charming ways. She always had a joke to tell or a story to share. She loved the *Central City News* and looked forward to getting it each week.

Survived by three sons and daughters-in-laws, Larry and Julia Crow, Steve and Sharon Crow, and Tim Crow; seven grandchildren

and their spouses, Michael and Tracy Crow, J.C. and Brigette Fresina, Brian and Macy Crow, Adam Crow, Melinda and Wes Clark, Nathan and Mauree Nantze, and Kyle Crow; 13 great-grandchildren; one sister, Myrtle "Wee-Wee" Taylor, and four special nieces, Pat Trupp, Brenda Cooke, Wanda Brown, and Connie Bordelon.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Horace Crow; parents Lee and Bessie McKey, and brother Earl Lee McKey.

Pallbearers were Brian Crow, Michael Crow, Adam Crow, Kyle Crow, J.C. Fresina, Nathan Nantze, Wes Clark, and Billy Cooke.

Special thanks to Lake Sherwood Retirement Village, the Carpenter House, and Cath and Sharon for their special care and compassion.

Visitation was held at Zoar Baptist Church with religious services conducted by Rev. Glen Miers. Interment followed at Greenoaks Memorial Park. Rabenhorst Funeral Home East, 11000 Florida Blvd., was in charge of arrangements.

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Roxane, Emily, and Eric Kemp



Elton, Jonathan, and Debra Veals



Johnny, Mary, and Terrie Hodges



Lisa, Morgan, and Darryl Monk



Stacy, Stephen, and Craig Oliphant

CENTRAL — Christian Home Educators Fellowship of Baton Rouge held their 2012 High School Graduation Saturday, May 12 at Greenwell Springs Baptist Church. There were 31 graduates, including six with ties to Central:

Victoria Rose Burges

Victoria Burges is the daughter of Eric and Joyce Burges and sister to Candace, Candra, Eric Jr., and Lawrence. Victoria has been home educated her entire life. She's an accomplished golfer and has won several tournaments. She has earned a TOPS scholarship and plans to study screenwriting.

Lauren Adrienne Cross

Lauren Adrienne Cross is the daughter of Mike and Kristie Cross. She has been home schooled for 10 years. She enjoys working with kids and has volunteered in the children's ministry at Bethany World Prayer Center for six years. She also had the opportunity to travel to China to do mission work. She has been dancing since she

was five and has studied ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, hip hop, and modern. She plans to study mass communication at LSU.

Mary Catherine Hodges

Mary Catherine, daughter of Johnny and Terrie Hodges, has been home educated for 12 years. Mary is an accomplished pianist and three-year member of the LPCC Chorale, which received superior ratings. As a four-year letterman and captain of Central High School's swim team, Mary qualified for the LHSAA State Swim Meet during her last three years. In the 50-yard freestyle, she placed eighth in the state. Her future plans are to attend SLU and major in nursing.

Emily Gracen Kemp

Emily, daughter of Eric and Roxane Kemp, has been home educated since kindergarten. Emily is a founding member of The Blustocking Society, an online literary club, and a member of the National Homeschool Honor Society. Emily is pursuing a bachelor's degree from Thomas Edison State College.

Connor Elliot Lloyd

Connor, the son of Jim and Gail Lloyd, has been home educated all of his life. He is an athlete, sportsman, avid hunter, musician, actor, and most importantly, a Christian. He has enjoyed playing baseball for CHEF and singing and acting for the Central Community Theater. He loves to laugh and entertain people, and plans to get a degree in communications.

Morgan M'lyn Monk

Morgan, daughter of Darryl and Lisa Monk, has been home educated for 10 years. She was involved in Bible drills for eight years through her church. Morgan enjoys playing the piano and singing, fishing, camping, hiking, spending time with her family. Morgan hopes to someday minister to children through missions. She plans to attend BRCC to study nutrition.

Stephen Craig Oliphant

Stephen, son of Craig and Stacy Oliphant, has been home educated since kindergarten. Stephen's future plans include

attending SLU to study mechanical engineering technology and business. Right now, he feels God is directing him to start a business.

Stephen Michael Sumrall

Stephen, the son of Randy and Julie Sumrall, has been home educated all of his life. Stephen has won awards on the national level in team policy debate, persuasive, and impromptu speaking. He has served as debate coach for Baton Rouge Speech and Debate Club and the president of the National Homeschool Honor Society. Stephen plans to attend LeTourneau University and study mechanical engineering.

Jonathan Esaiah Veals

Son of Elton and Debra Veals, Jonathan has been home educated since he was five years old. He has brothers Joshua and Elton, Jr. and sisters Chantele and Christian. Jonathan is a children's worship leader at Healing Place. Jonathan's interests include playing guitar, music, and photography. He plans to become a lawyer.

Coach Sid Says Spring Training A Big Success At Central High

Woody Jenkins
Editor, Central City News

BATON ROUGE — Because of new LHSAA rules and weather, the Central High football team went into last Thursday's annual Spring Football game with only seven days of practice.

Nevertheless, Central head coach Sid Edwards saw a lot that he liked, especially from the Central offense. "This is a time for evaluation," Edwards said, "but I have to say the veterans on our offense had a stellar performance."

Central used five quarterbacks in the Spring Game, including three sophomores, and all looked good.

If anything, the depth of talent on offense has Edwards thinking about whether to switch some players from offense to defense. "It's not out of the question," he said.

The defense is not as advanced this early, but that is typical for a Central team, Edwards said.

Scotlandville head coach Ken Hilton, District 4-5A's Coach of the Year last year, has left Scotlandville to join the Central Wildcats as defensive coordinator. Edwards said Coach Hilton brings a wealth of experience and talent to the job.

"Coach Hilton will do a terrific job!" he said.

The Wildcats will play in the Zachary Jamboree Aug. 24 and open the season with Istrouma Aug. 31.

Central Wildcats Paint Stadium

Last Saturday, the Central High Football Team painted Wildcat Stadium. Meet your Wildcats...



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Photos by Woody Jenkins

Donate Your Used Uniforms

CENTRAL — The Central Community Assistance Foundation (CCAF) is collecting school uniforms to recycle to those who need them.

The Foundation will select uniforms in good shape, clean them with the help of Central Cleaners, and then offer them to Central families who need help.

Applications for assistance from CCAF can be picked up at the Central Library on Joor, several local churches, and the Central Community School Board office.

Drop off your gently used school uniforms beginning Tuesday, May 29 through Friday, June 15 at the Central Walgreen's,

corner of Sullivan and Greenwell Springs; Central Chamber of Commerce, 13013 Hooper, or Central Community School Board Office, behind Capitol One Bank on Hooper.

Wal-Mart in Central will host a new and used uniform drive for CCAF on Saturday, June 9, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in front of the store on Sullivan.

Donors may drop off uniforms anytime during the week at the Central School Board office.

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Brett Courville, Jake Myers, and Thomas Garcia



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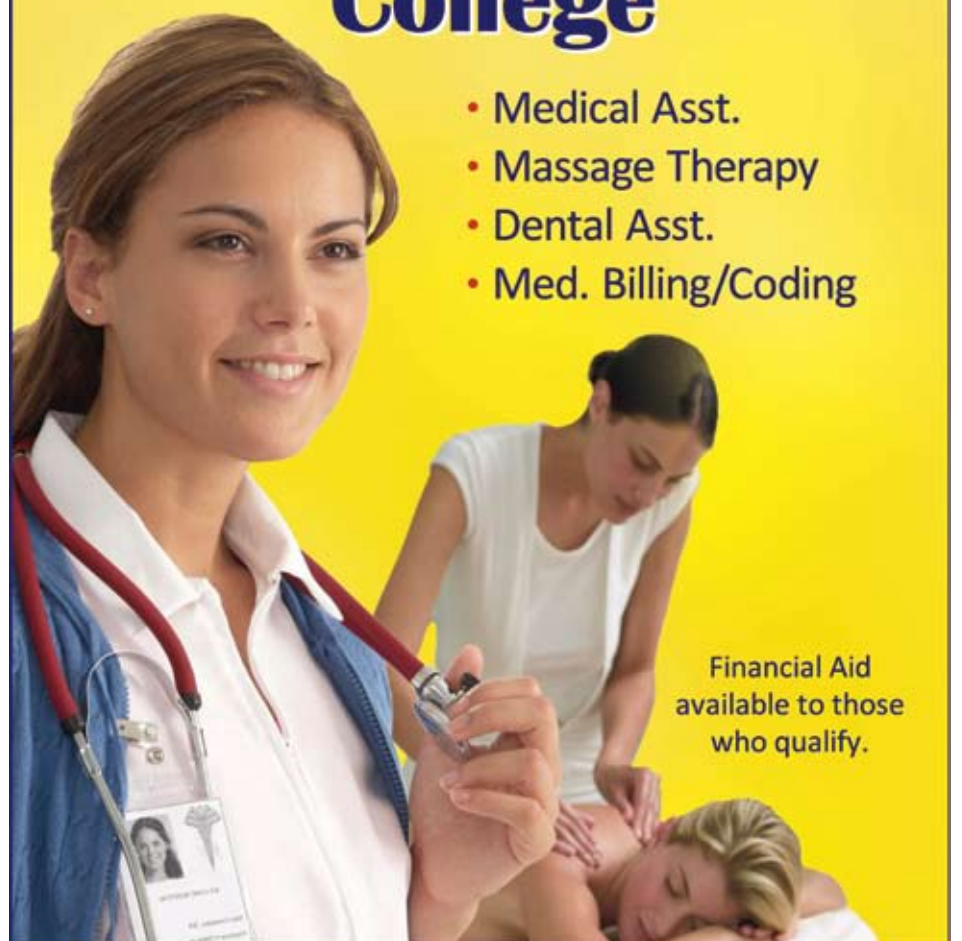
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Scenes from Central Spring Game



Thomas Edlemon



Central head football coach Sid Edwards confers with official before Central Spring Game



Justin Vessel

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Sophomore quarterback Trey Ball passes down field, and it's complete.



Fighting for long yardage in last Thursday night's Central Spring Football Game.



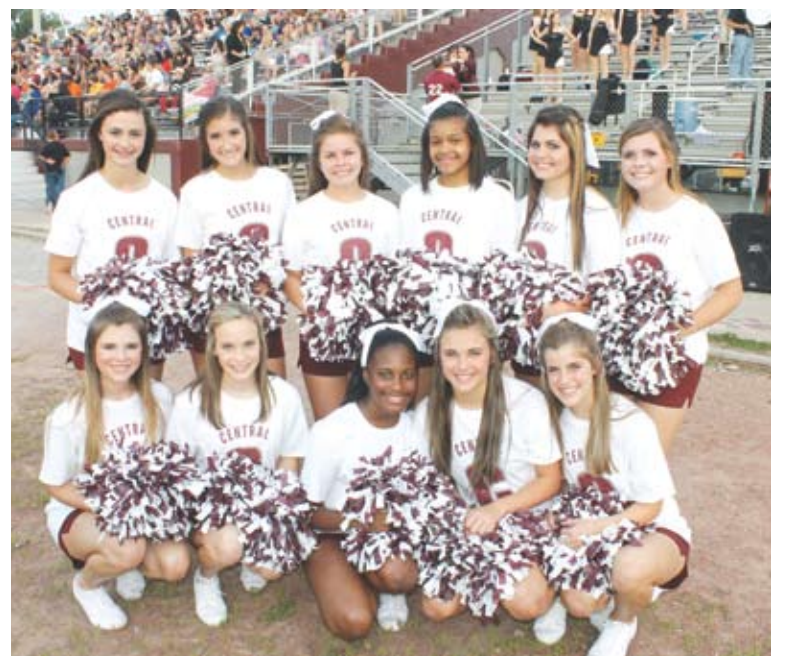
Jeremy Anderson goes up for pass



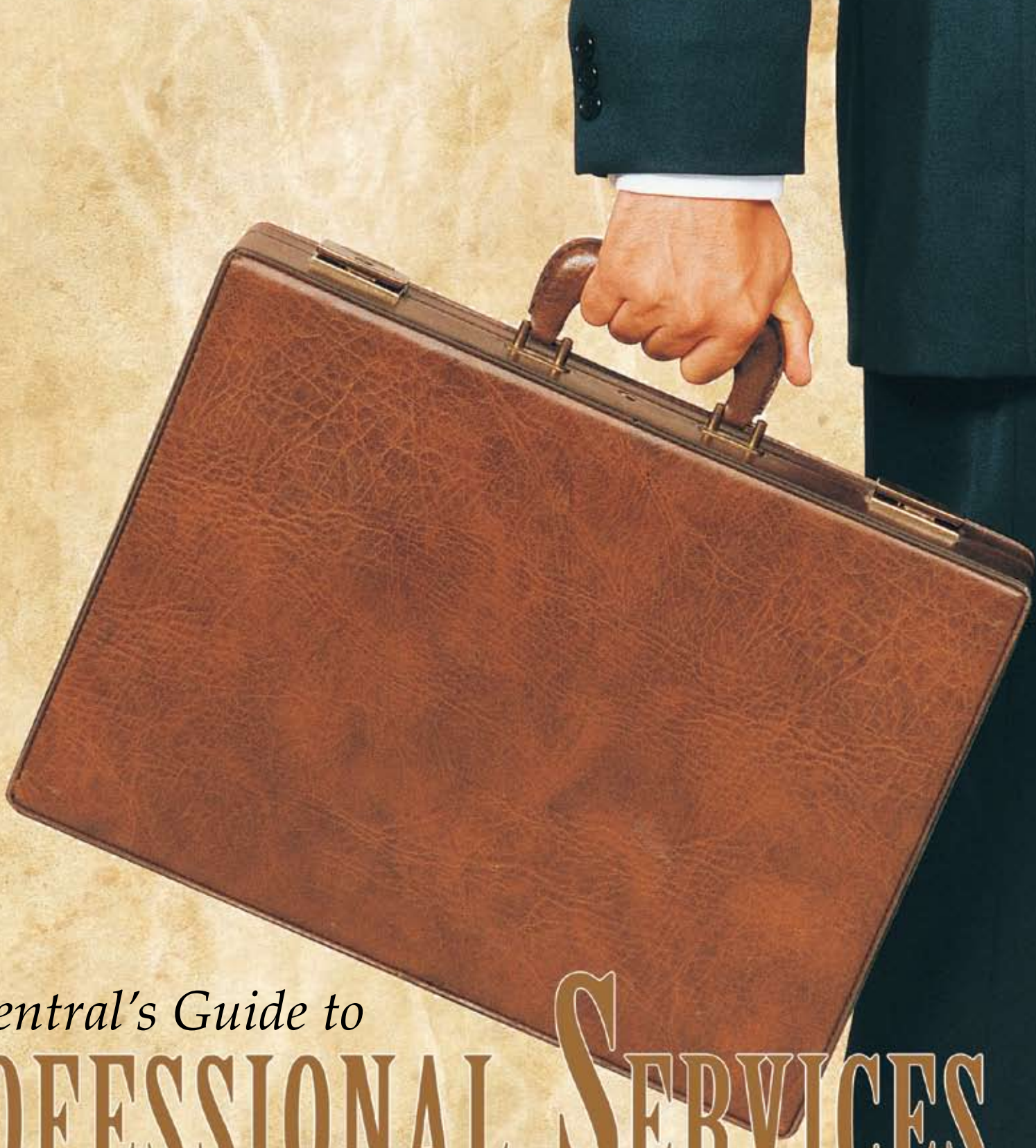
Sophomore quarterback Tyler Sansone rears back to pass, and it's caught by Jake Myers.



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Therapy Laser Sheds New Light on Treatment

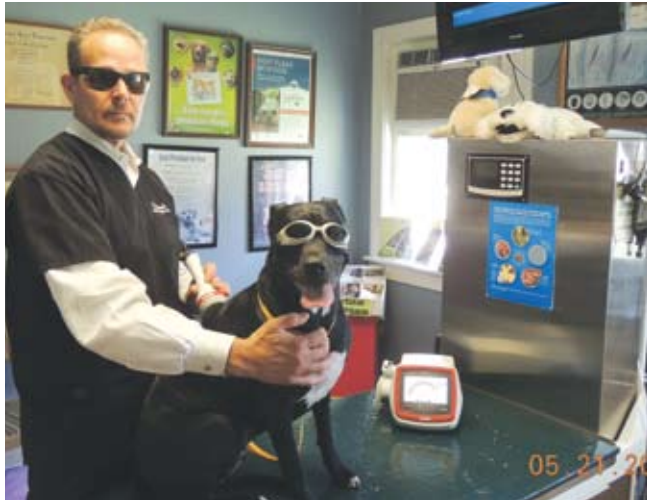
CENTRAL — Laser therapy is a wonderful innovative tool that is fairly new to the veterinarian profession. In February of 2007, the Food and Drug Administration gave its stamp of approval. Since then, laser therapy treatment has become a breakthrough treatment that not only has several healing benefits, such as a more rapid recovery post-surgery, but also provides pain relief during times of stress or discomfort for the patient.

Crossroads Animal Hospital now practices with a Class IV laser, which is about 50 times stronger than the somewhat popular Class III predecessors. This means that there better tissue penetration in a shorter amount of time with the Class IV laser. Also, Class IV lasers have an adjustable power setting, meaning that they can penetrate up to seven inches, whereas the Class III laser was only able to superficially illuminate the skin by penetrating a depth of one inch. With the greater depth of penetration and shorter treatment times, laser therapy treatment with a Class IV laser is an extremely efficient and effective treatment for many pets.

A few benefits of the Companion Therapy Laser system include the following:

- Pain relief
- Reduced inflammation
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- Accelerates wound healing
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Dr. Tony LoBue with the Class IV Laser and two of his furry patients

frequently asked questions by my clients for a better explanation of what Companion Laser Therapy can do for you and your pet.

What types of injuries does laser therapy treat?

Laser therapy treats a variety of wounds, aches, and conditions. I have used laser therapy in my clinic for cases of acute disc injuries to the spine or ligaments, chronic arthritic pain, and unresponsive local infection (e.g. chronic ear and anal gland infections) along with many others. The results of these treatments are extremely impressive. Nearly 80 percent of patients show significant improvement after only two to four treatments.

What can my pet and I expect during a therapeutic laser treatment?

Laser treatment therapy is very relaxing for the patient. Not only have I seen this in personal practice, but studies have proven that tissue endorphins are released during laser therapy treatments. Also, pets often have an increase in salivation and decreased pulse/respiration rate. All of these

reactions, the endorphins, salivation, and pulse rate, create a calming sensation for the patient. The laser hand-piece is moved in a scanning motion, either close to or in light contact with the skin tissue. A procedure may last as little or as long as 2-10 minutes for each affected area. It may also be a comfort to know that any pet owner can be present during the laser procedure.

Human patients who have received laser therapy treatment report a gentle warming sensation in the area being treated. (An increase in local tissue temperature is not considered a therapeutic benefit, but it is comfortable!).

How many laser therapy treatments will my pet need?

Chronic problems are usually treated up to three times per week for two weeks. A transition period of one to two per week for 2 to 3 weeks. After concluding the transition period, we recommend a maintenance treatment once every 3 to 4 weeks. However, there are many patients that only need 2-3 laser treatments due to the lack of severity of the injury.

What are the goals of therapeutic laser therapy?

The main goals of therapeutic laser treatments are the following:

- Provide relief from pain and inflammation
- Restore range of motion or function
- Reduce or eliminate certain medications
- Give pets a higher-quality of life by being pain-free

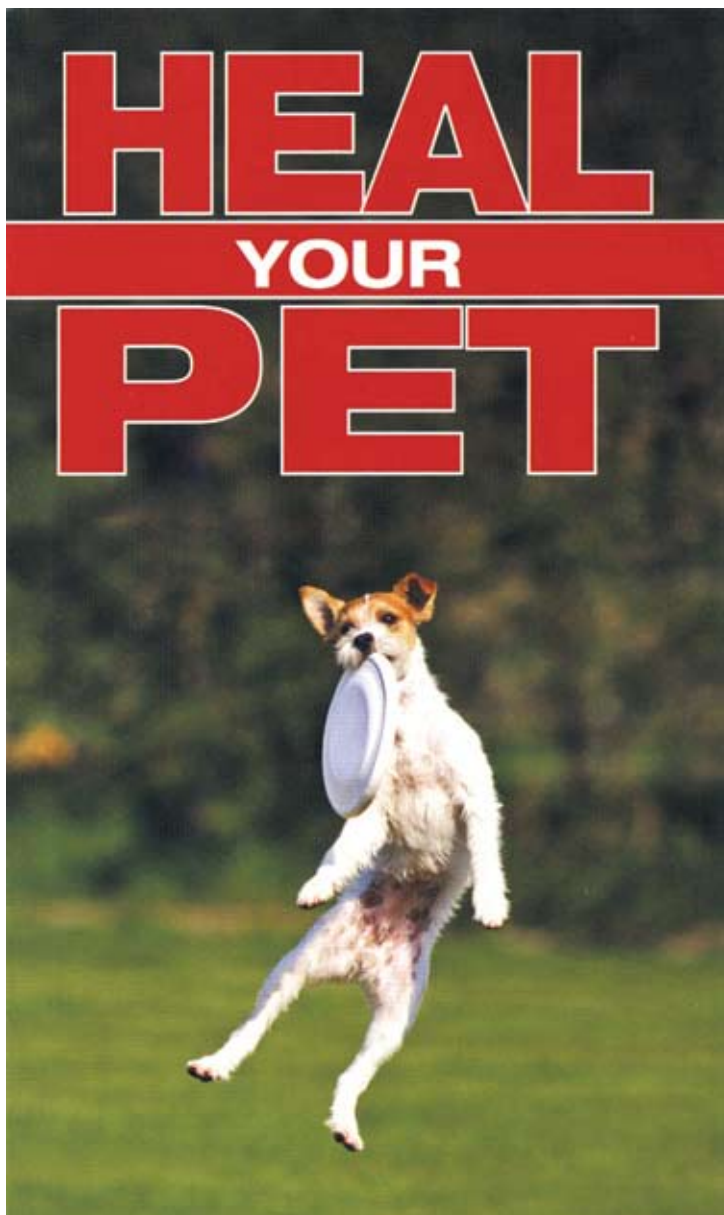
Will this replace routine arthritis treatments?

No, this does not replace routine arthritis treatments; however, it is very easily incorporated with the arthritis treatment arsenal and can improve the results of more traditional treatments such as non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, Adequan injections, glucosamine, nutraceuticals, and prescription diets. If an animal does suffer from arthritis, we do recommend a standard exam, an X-ray, and careful diagnosis to pinpoint the precise area of need before laser therapy treatment is implemented.

Conclusion: We are very excited to be able to offer the Class IV Companion Therapy Laser at Crossroads Animal Hospital. We understand that making any decision for your pet is a difficult task, and we support and encourage everyone to make an informed and researched decision about treatment for your pet. If you have any other inquiries, we would love to hear from you and have the opportunity to answer any questions you may have. Please contact us at Crossroads Animal Hospital- phone number (225) 261-6000 – to find out if Companion Laser Therapy is the right choice for you and your pet.

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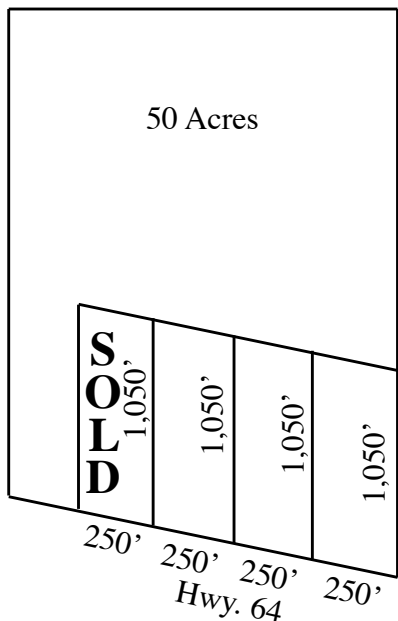
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CENTRAL — As election season heats up, you might be concerned over all the talk about taxes, Social Security, Medicare, and other financial topics.

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For example, to accommodate potential changes in either income taxes or investment-related taxes, seek "tax diversification" by own-

ing investments that are taxed in different ways.

Also, invest in quality companies with a global reach. These businesses are usually less dependent on a particular government program and are typically well-positioned to handle changes implemented in Washington.

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Friday, June 8

7:00p.m. **Oscar Shorts**

Screening of the animated short films that were nominated for an Academy Award in 2012.

Saturday, June 9

3:00p.m. – 6:00p.m. **Cartoon-A-Palooza**

No registration is needed for this free, family event. This event will be located in the Plaza for the Shaw Center for the Arts. There will be face painting, clowns, balloon artists, airbrush tattoos, caricature artists, carnival games, karaoke for the entire family, free cupcakes and open concessions.

4:00p.m. **Tangled Ever After and Red Stick Festival Competition Screenings**

This double feature will begin with Disney's *Tangled Ever After*, a short film sequel of the 2012 film, *Tangled*. Then stick around to watch animated short films that were entered into the festival's competition by students and professionals from all around the world.

Sunday, June 10

2:00p.m. **Super-Secret Special Presentation**

We have a very special event planned that is a huge, totally awesome secret that we cannot tell you about until June 6th. You just have to trust us. This is a family friendly event that you will not want to miss.

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Central Wildcat Baseball Camp May 28-30

CENTRAL — Events coming up in and around Central:

Thursday, May 24
Memorial Day Service • 7 p.m.
 The Central Mayor's Annual Memorial Day Service will be held at Grace United Pentecostal Church, 12845 Hooper Road. The service will honor and remember those who have served in the armed forces protecting our nation's freedoms. The Republican Women of Central are supporting this event and will be accepting donations to benefit the Blue Star and Gold Star Moms of Louisiana to provide care packages and necessities.

May 25 and 26
St. Pius X Garage Sale
 St. Pius X Catholic Church is having a Garage Sale at the Activity Center, 6380 Hooper Road, Friday, May 25, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday, May 26, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plenty of items: household goods, toys, and furniture. No clothes or shoes.

May 28 through 30
Wildcat Baseball Camp
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Wildcat Baseball Camp will be held at Central High baseball field for boys ages 7 to 14. Hitting, bunting, fielding, sliding, throwing, base running, ground ball technique, and fly ball technique. Cost is \$100 and includes three days of instruction and a camp T-shirt. To pre-register contact Mike Forbes at 270-2674.

Saturday, June 2
Yard Sale • 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
VBS Registration Party • 11 a.m.
 Bethany Baptist Church, Baywood, 40963 Greenwell Springs, is having a yard sale, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a Vacation Bible School Registration Party, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Barbecue chicken dinners are available for \$8. For information, call 572-8790 or 572-8778

Saturday, June 2
Knights of Columbus Dance Fundraiser • 7 to 10 p.m.
 Knights of Columbus will hold



CAYL GIRLS COACHES PITCH CHAMPIONS — The Central Cool Cats won the CAYL Girls Coaches Pitch Tournament. Team members are (1st row, left to right) Dakota Haynsworth, Madison Ziegler, Taylin Jacobs, and Jaida Wilkinson and (2nd row) Coach Corey Crochet, Margie Chauvin, Baylee Crochet, Sadie Fontenot, Autumn Vessier, Karmen Johnson, Lexi Posey, Sydney Vines, and Coach Rodney Housley. Not pictured are Hayley Wall and Coach Phillip Ziegler.

a dance at Kristenwood featuring Van Broussard. Tickets are \$40 per couple. For information, call Wayne Messina at 505-7137 or 261-4771.

Saturday, June 2
CHS Class of '97 Reunion
7 to 10 p.m.
 The Central High School Class of 1997 is having their 15th reunion at The Varsity Theater. Tickets are \$28.50 a person if purchased on Paypal and \$27 a person if purchased by mail. For information, see Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/centralhighschool1997 or email centralHSclassof1997@gmail.com.

Sunday, June 2
Jambalaya Dinner
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 A jambalaya dinner benefit for Amy LeBlanc will be held at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. Cost is \$7. Pick up under bus port behind school.

June 4 through 8
Marketplace VBS
9 a.m. to 12 noon
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1921 Greenwell Springs, will have Marketplace Vacation Bible School for children who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade. Registration forms are available at www.gsbla.com or through the church office 261-2246.

Tuesday, June 5
Billy Cannon/Dalton Jones Golf Scramble & Social • 8 a.m.
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June 11 through 13
Girls' Basketball Camp
9 a.m. to 12 Noon
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June 11 through 15
Vacation Bible School
6:45 to 8:45 p.m.
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June 24 through 29
All About Kids Productions
 All About Kids Productions is coming to Greenwell Springs Baptist Church, 19421 Greenwell Springs. It is a high-energy, kid-oriented performing arts day camp. Kids learn Biblical principles for life-choices through an exciting week in the arts! For information or to register, visit www.lamplightartists.com. Register by June 2 to get a \$10 discount!

June 25 through 27
Todd McClure Youth Football Camp • 6 to 8 p.m.
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Saturday, June 30
PrimeTimers Dinner • 5:30 p.m.
 The PrimeTimers of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church are sponsoring a dinner featuring Cajun comedian Kent Gonsoulin. The buffet dinner and show will be held at Kristenwood on Greenwell Springs. Tickets are \$20 a person and are on sale at the church office. This event is open to everyone. Kent is one of the funniest Cajun comedians performing today. His family oriented Cajun humor keeps audiences laughing across the south.

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Old Timers Gather at Legislators' Reunion

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REUNION AT LEGISLATURE — Former House and Senate members returned to the State Capitol last week for the Annual Louisiana Legislative Reunion. In photo at left, former State Reps. Frank Simoneaux (1972-1982) Dick Guidry (1952-1956, 1964-1976), Benny Rouselle (1996-1999), and Frank Patti (1968-1996) exchange stories. Guidry is the youngest person ever elected to the Louisiana Legislature. He was 21 when elected in 1951. At right, Rep. Valarie Hodges (R-Central) welcomes former Rep. Lala Lalonde.

Rep. Hodges Prohibits Chinese Funding BR Loop

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on the Gulf of Mexico.

The ports of South Louisiana, New Orleans, and Baton Rouge together constitute the largest port complex in the Western Hemisphere. Hodges pointed out that there is currently no federal or Louisiana state law prohibiting a foreign government from purchasing public roads, bridges, toll-roads, airports, or ports.

Hodges said China has acquired port facilities on both the Atlantic and Pacific entrances to the Panama Canal as well as major ports in Mexico. China recently purchased a major bank with branches in California. Hodges cited China's purchase this week of AMC movie theaters, which includes 346 theaters across the nation and 23 of the largest 50 movie theaters.

Hodges said China has the cash to buy up America. She said the Louisiana Legislature can't stop

China from purchasing private businesses but it can and should stop them from purchasing Louisiana's government-owned infrastructure.

However, several House members led by House Commerce Committee chairman Eric Ponti (R-Baton Rouge) fought Hodges' amendment, saying it might have unintended consequences.

Hodges said it would be dangerous to sell off America's infrastructure, especially to a hostile dictatorship.

After 30 minutes of debate, her first amendment failed 23-66.

Then the first-term legislator offered a second amendment to try to stop funding for the Baton Rouge Loop. Mayor-President Kip Holden has been unable to get significant local, state, or federal funding for the Loop but he has tried to get the Chinese government bank to become the "private" partner

in a "public-private" partnership to build the Loop. The Chinese would only have to put up \$200 to \$300 million to become the owner of the entire Loop project, which could cost \$4 to \$6 billion.

Hodges' amendment prohibited the Secretary of Economic Development from adopting a Master Plan that includes funding of a toll-road in East Baton Rouge or

Livingston parishes. After some discussion, the amendment was approved unanimously.

Hodges said that, while the amendment does not prevent the Loop from being funded by local, state, or federal government, it should serve as a major barrier to any plan to allow Chinese or other foreign funding of the Loop.

BREC, Central Fire Plan to Raise Property Tax

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If every taxing body in East Baton Rouge Parish "rolled forward" tax millages to the maximum allowed, it could result in a tax increase of nearly \$10 million.

Property owners in Central are already facing the possibility of two such property tax increases — from BREC and the Central Fire Department, both of which have published notice of their intention to "roll forward" the millage rate. It takes a

two-thirds' vote of the body to pass the tax increase, but no vote of the people.

The Central Fire District will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26 to raise property taxes by \$151,572 a year.

BREC will hold a public hearing at 5:20 p.m. on Thursday, June 28 to raise property taxes parishwide by about \$1.5 million a year.

Any citizen may appear and testify on the proposed tax increases.

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