

# Freedom to Teach



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**LAMONTE IS BACK** — After scoring three TD's in the first game last year, Central's Lamonte Janeau missed much of the season. Now he's back, stronger and faster than ever.

## School Board OKs Teaching Both Sides of Controversies

**CENTRAL** — The Central Community School Board adopted a new Science Policy Monday night designed to provide science teachers greater academic freedom, according to school board member Jim Lloyd, who authored the policy.

Under the policy, teachers will be able to teach about controversies in science, such as evolution, global warming, and human cloning, Lloyd said.

Although the policy was expected to draw some opposition, no one testified against it, and the school board voted 6-0 in favor of the new policy. Central became the second Louisiana school system to adopt such a policy. The Ouachita Parish School System was the first.

The policy takes advantage of the Louisiana Science Education

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Photo by Woody Jenkins

School Board member Jim Lloyd

## Council Kills Morgan Point Development

**CENTRAL** — Residents of Morgan Place subdivision won a big victory Tuesday night when the Central City Council voted down Morgan Point, a Planned Unit Development (PUD) proposed by developer Jeff Couvillion.

The project had been approved by the Central Planning & Zoning Commission, but residents of Morgan Place said it did not comply with the city's Master Plan.

They objected to the fact that the new development would not have its own entrance onto Hooper or Sullivan roads. Instead, residents of Morgan Point would enter and exit through Morgan Place.

They said the new subdivision would be too dense with 67 units.

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# Moms Lead Fight for Safe Roads

## As Signs Go Up, Truck Goes Down

**Woody Jenkins**  
 Editor, Central City News

**CENTRAL** — Some Central moms are fed up with Central's antiquated roads, which have resulted in dozens of deaths over the past 20 years. Now the informal group, led by Gail Lloyd, is taking action.

They are targeting Greenwell Springs Road between Magnolia Bridge and Liberty Road. Right now, they are looking for property to post signs that say things such as "Dangerous Road Slow Down" or "Speeding on this Road Is Deadly."

Ironically, on Wednesday morning, Central City News' Jolice Pro-



vost was taking photos of Gail Lloyd and Roxanne Atkinson putting up the first signs, when Ms. Provost was called away to another news story. A concrete truck traveling along Greenwell Springs Road had flipped over and was blocking Frenchtown Road.

Tow trucks and another concrete truck descended on the site to try to lift the heavy vehicle into an upright position. As traffic on Greenwell Springs Road backed up,

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**JUST AS** signs saying "Dangerous Road Slow Down" were being posted on Greenwell Springs Road, this concrete truck came tumbling through. "Heck Yea!" it declared.

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**TREVOR SANSONE** — Preparing for his second season on the LSU Track Team, the Central Flash, Trevor Sansone, is shown competing in the Texas Relays. LSU came in 2nd Place in the nation during the NCAA championships this summer.

## Country Living in the City

# Dems Boo Putting God Back in Party Platform

### 3 Times Obama Tried To Put God in Platform And 3 Times Delegates To DNC Shouted 'No!'

**Woody Jenkins**  
Editor, Central City News

**CENTRAL** — The spectacle of an American political party voting against God is unthinkable.

Yet, that's what happened at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina — not once but three times.

It was, or should be, the death knell of the Democratic Party.

Did you watch what happened on television? If not, you should watch it on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com). It can be found at <http://jhpoltics.com/2012/09/audio-levels-show-democrats-voted-no-on-recognizing-god-and-jerusalem/>

What happened? It seems the Democratic National Convention left out any mention of God in the Democratic Platform. So President Obama, not wanting to be criticized for leaving God out of their fine document, sent word that God should be inserted into the Platform.

Acting on behalf of the President, Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland moved to suspend the rules and insert a mild reference to God into the Platform.

Convention chairman and Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa called for the yeas and the nays.

A two-thirds' vote was required.

In a rare unscripted moment, a majority of the delegates clearly voted NO and made the amazing statement that they didn't want any reference to God in their Platform. It was obvious Villaraigosa thought delegates didn't understand. So he restated the question and once again called for the yeas and the nays.

Once again, a majority of the delegates voted NO!

Villaraigosa threw up his hands and appeared to be giving up on the matter. Clearly, there was nothing like a two-thirds' vote for including God in the Platform. In fact, there wasn't even a majority.

Villaraigosa staggered around, conferred with one of his advisers and called for the vote again, pleading for a yes vote. Then, for the third straight time, the Democrats rejected God and shouted NO!

This time Villaraigosa ignored their shouts and declared that the amendment had passed.

From the convention floor, delegates roundly booed the ruling.

It was a stunning moment. The Democratic Party is so far gone that its convention is made up of radical leftists (like Obama) and even farther-left radical nut-jobs.

And these are the people who would govern America?

Any party that rejects God not once but three straight times is a disgrace and so far out of the mainstream of American thought that it cannot be taken seriously.

I cannot believe that the Ameri-

can people would stoop to supporting this party in November.

If they do, our days as a free people surely are numbered.

So we must work tirelessly from now to Nov. 6 to make sure that these people are removed from the White House and the halls of power in Congress. We must not sit on the sidelines but stand up for America!

★★★

Sen. David Vitter will be honored Friday as "Man of the Year" by the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge with an event at the City Club at 11:30 a.m. All proceeds will go to support the work of the Republican Party in this fall's election. For tickets, call 921-1433.



Woody Jenkins



**SCHOOL COMPLEX** — One of the principal subcontractors responsible for construction of the new Central School Complex was Jay Dykes of Dykes Electric. Congratulations for the outstanding work!

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## Major Controversies Won't Be Off-Limits

# Board Pushes Academic Freedom

## Teachers Can Discuss Topics Like Evolution, Climate Change

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Act of 2008, which was passed by the legislature and signed by Gov. Jindal. That legislation says its purpose is to "promote critical thinking skills, logical analysis, and open and objective discussions of scientific theories being studied,"

Lloyd said the purpose of the new policy is to help provide Central's students pursue a premiere science education.

"The President told us, 'Our quality of science education lags behind that of many other nations,' and it is important that our science education should distinguish between the data and testable theories of science on the one hand, and unproven philosophical claims made in the name of science on the other hand," he said.

In his statement, Lloyd said, "Not long ago, the Association of Professional Educators of Louisiana polled its members and learned that a large percentage of them wel-



**NEW SCIENCE POLICY** — Central Community School Board members Jim Lloyd (seated), Dr. David Walker, president Dr. Jim Gardner, and Roxanne Atkinson.

comed guidance concerning how to better teach controversial science subjects. The following year, Supt. Bob Webber of the Ouachita Parish School System quietly surveyed his own science teachers and learned that 100 percent welcomed some

specific guidance on this issue."

"That led to a unanimous adoption of the Science Curriculum Policy by the Ouachita school system. The policy passed constitutional scrutiny by the board's legal counsel, and it has received no legal challenges. Regarding its popularity, Mickey Cleveland, a representative of the Ouachita school

system, is here tonight with a letter signed by 20 Ouachita science teachers expressing appreciation for the academic freedom afforded by that resolution."

Lloyd said, "There is false belief that it is unconstitutional to teach criticisms of topics such as evolution, when the Constitution does the opposite. It actually prohibits the censoring of scientific ideas. Teaching the controversy is legal and legitimate. The ACLU and Americans United for the Separation of Church and State both agree that 'Any genuinely scientific evidence for or against any explanation of life may be taught.'"

"Using scientific disagreements over topics such as evolution to help students learn more about how science deals with controversy is a valuable part of the learning process. Public schools have broad discretion in developing curricula. Evolution is currently taught uncritically."

"A 'Teach-the-Controversy' approach helps both advocates and critics of evolutionary theory to have a better understanding of the claims of evolution and its supporting evidence. Teaching this and all subjects objectively means presenting both the scientific evidence for and against each theory."

"The debate is really about Science vs. Science," he said.

Lloyd said the Louisiana Science Education Act has not been challenged in the courts and appears to meet constitutional standards.



**UNANIMOUS APPROVAL** — The Central Community School Board Monday night unanimously approved a new Science Policy promoting more academic freedom.

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# Morgan Place Residents Rally to Beat

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**TRIED TO KEEP MORGAN POINT ALIVE** — Councilman Louis DeJohn (far right) tried to keep the Morgan Point development alive by proposing to reduce the number of homes from 67 to 55, but Morgan Place residents continued to oppose the project because the only entrance to the development would have been through their subdivision. Councilman Aaron Moak also tried to save the project by recommending it to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Washington (left), Councilman Tony LoBue (3rd from left), and Councilman Wayne Messina opposed the project. In the end, all five Councilman voted against it. Second from left is Mayor Mac Watts.

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The subdivision was out of compliance with the city's low density building standards, according to Woodrow Mohammed, building officer with the City of Central. He said the maximum number of units would be 55. City Councilman Louis DeJohn tried to keep the project alive by reducing the number of units from 67 to 55 but that proposal died for lack of a second.

Jeff Couvillion introduced Morgan Point to the Council as a project of Acadiana Development which would have curbs and gutters and 3.5 acres of undisturbed property plus walking trails and bike paths. He said he made every effort to comply with the

UDC and the Master Plan. He said that if he made the lots any larger, it would take away from the planned amenities.

No one from the public spoke in favor of the plan, but a number of residents of Morgan Place spoke against it:

- Johnny Anderson said Morgan Point should have its own entrance and utilities and not rely on Morgan Place. He said the new project was not up to the standards of Morgan Place, that the traffic counts were flawed, and that the water pressure tests had not been updated since 2004. He also questioned the plans for sewer ties in for Morgan Point. He said this proposal was part of a trend toward

sub-par developments in Central. He presented a petition signed by more than 200 residents of his subdivision in opposition to Morgan Point.

- David Thompson said Morgan Point was designated in the Master Plan as a low density development but the proposal did not meet that standard. He said Morgan Point had quarter-acre lots, twice the density allowed. In addition, the entrance to Morgan Point would have two rows of closely-spaced housing. "This is not the sanctuary envisioned by the Master Plan," he said.

- Brian Rowe said, "We trust our leaders to focus on smart growth and keeping our country environment" but that this proposal failed to do

that. "This development needs its own entrance from Sullivan Road and its own sewer system."

- Tim Lazaroe objected to the lot size and the lack of its own entrance. "This looks like the 4th filing of Morgan Place, but it doesn't fit."

- Lee Fawcett said he feared Morgan Point would ultimately be used to create a connection between Hooper and Wax roads, making Morgan Place a shortcut to Magnolia Bridge. He also expressed concern about potential backups in the sewer system.

- Lee Bagot said her major concern is the safety of residents and their children and grandchildren. She also expressed concern about Morgan

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## The Doctor is In.

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**DISCUSS LOW DENSITY PROJECT** — Woodrow Muhammed, City of Central planner, told the Council Morgan Point would have to be reduced to 55 units to be listed as a low density project. At left is Planning & Zoning chairman Rodney Bonvillain.

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# Development Plan by Jeff Couvillion

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**MORGAN PLACE RESIDENTS SPEAK OUT** — The City Council heard opposition from Lee Bagot, David Thompson, Brian Rowe, Johnny Anderson, and Lee Fawcett.

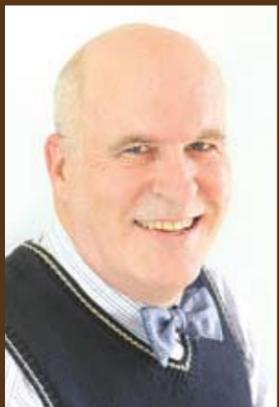


**CENTRAL CITY COUNCIL** at its meeting Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2012. Police Chief Doug Browning is shown addressing the Council.

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# IBTS Wins Praise for Storm Efforts

**Woody Jenkins**  
Editor, Central City News

**CENTRAL** — IBTS, the private non-profit organization that provides city services in Central, won high praise for their work during Hurricane Isaac at last Tuesday night's City Council meeting.

In an interview Tuesday afternoon, top officials of IBTS explained their efforts before and during the hurricane.

David Ratcliff, IBTS program director for the City of Central, said planning began in June and culminated with a four-hour emergency planning meeting involving Mayor Mac Watts the Monday before Isaac hit Louisiana.

"One of the most important decisions was to position emergency equipment at strategic points around the City of Central. Trees down on Sullivan, Lovett, or Gurney can severely limit our access to an area in need," Ratcliff said. "So we wanted to be sure equipment was available in all parts of the city, and that we were able to respond very quickly."

When the storm hit, everyone worked together, including the Mayor's office, Central Fire Department, Sheriff's Office, and IBTS, he said.

Sure enough, large trees went down on Sullivan, Lovett, and Gurney. Phone poles were sheared off, and electrical wires were tangled.

"We worked together to seal off

Individuals and employees that I would like to compliment for their dedication and commitment to the City of Central are Ray Louis, Public Works Director, and his crews, Debbie Mouton and Ashley Clayton for manning the EOC. I would like to thank the citizens of the City of Central for volunteering assistance during the storm and being patient until issues were resolved. I would like to offer special thanks to the Mayor, Council, Fire Chief and Staff and Sheriff's Dept. for all the assistance and direction provided to the City of Central Municipal Services/IBTS.

— David Ratcliff of IBTS



Photo by Woody Jenkins

the affected area. We had stationed trucks throughout the city that had all of the signs and emergency markers necessary to seal off an area.

In most cases, crews were sent

out to help as soon as calls were received. Ratcliff said IBTS considered the weather conditions, the location, and the safety of employees. "Employee safety is always our No.

1 concern," he said.

When IBTS lost telephone contact, calls were routed to the Central Fire Station, where they were answered by IBTS personnel.

Altogether, IBTS responded to calls at more than 40 locations.

The company made a strong effort to clean ditches in the city before Isaac hit, in order to facilitate drainage. After the hurricane had passed, they returned and cleaned the ditches again. "The easiest way to cause flooding is to have ditches filled with debris," Ratcliff said.

Ratcliff was among the IBTS workers who were deployed during and immediately after the storm.

On Thursday, we found him driving a Caterpillar tractor, moving giant trees off Sullivan Road.

Ratcliff was proud that trees were removed from Central's roads almost immediately after they fell.

**Lessons Learned.** Ratcliff said he plans to have more staging areas and more personnel available for the next hurricane.

The Fire Chief and the Mayor have asked for IBTS to conduct a self evaluation of their performance, and Ratcliff expects that to be ready soon.

Individuals involved in the interview were Ashok Goswami, IBTS/CEO, Greg Seldon, IBTS/Director of Local Government Solution, and David Ratcliff, IBTS/Program Director, City of Central.

## EQUIPMENT PRE-STAGED ACROSS CENTRAL

Equipment pre-staged throughout Central were three four-wheel drive Case 580 backhoes with thumbs for tree and debris removal, two rubber tire trackhoes, dump trucks and trailers, pickup trucks and trailers inventoried and loaded with all emergency barricading, lighting, and tools such as chain saws and accessories to respond immediately to downed trees and to open roadways. IBTS also had two local contractors on standby with equipment pre-staged.

# A Shining Light Is Gone, Yet He Lives On

**Sid Edwards**  
Head Football Coach, Central High School

**CENTRAL** — "Every day's a great day — because you woke up!" Arthur Richardson said with a smile.

Arthur passed away recently and has left a big hole.

He was a shining light in our community.

Arthur was a janitor at our school, Central High School, and he touched a lot of people's lives.

I was one of them.

He'd say to me, "I want to talk

to you!"

"Why?" I asked.

"Because you know..." he said.

"Then you know too!" I said, and we both laughed.

"Every day's a great day!"

I told the coaches he died, and a lot of them had never met him. What a shame!

I went to his funeral, and I fig-



Richardson

ured I'd be the only one there from the school.

But when I got there, I saw so many people I knew!

He had touched so many lives!

He was at Central Intermediate for years.

He'd give a student a sucker or a silver dollar or two.

And he'd tell them, "Every day's a great day, because you woke up!"

Mr. Arthur's wife works at the Clerk's office. At the funeral, a lot of people came from the Clerk's

and the Assessor's offices.

Mr. Arthur had retired, and he didn't need to work.

But he did, and he spread happiness and encouragement to everyone he met.

What an honor it was to be his friend!

Mr. Arthur was 66. He left two children and a granddaughter.

A shining light is gone, but thank God, Mr. Arthur lives on!

Always remember, "Every day's a great day, because you woke up!"

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# Moms Have Had Enough of Unsafe Roads

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workmen tried with little success to put the downed vehicle back on its wheels.

Finally, an elaborate set of harnesses pulled by three vehicles was able to do the job. The concrete truck was owned by Heck Industries.

The ladies' sign "Dangerous Road! Slow Down" seemed to be answered by the sign on the top of the concrete truck, "Heck Yeah!"

Gail Lloyd said the group has been doing its homework, talking to the Mayor and state legislators and advocating major improvements to Central's roads.

In the long term, Mrs. Lloyd said the answer is widening roads like Greenwell Springs, building shoulders, and cutting trees.

But in the short term, people need to take action themselves, she said.

"There are only three speed limit signs on Greenwell Springs Road between Magnolia Bridge and Liberty Road," she said. "We suggested more speed limit signs to DOTD, but it's apparently going to take awhile."

"Meanwhile, people are dying. We can't wait!"

So Ms. Lloyd ordered some signs to be made by Central Graphics. "They thought it was a great idea, and gave us a discount!" she said.

"We called State Police to try to find out just how many people have died on these roads, but they didn't have any numbers."

"One of the first property owners to agree to put up a sign was Pete



Photo by Jolice Provost

**WARNING** — Gail Lloyd and Roxanne Atkinson hanging signs on trees along Greenwell Springs Road. They're hoping more property owners will allow them to post signs.



Firmin. He said that in the past 20 years, there have been more than 50 accidents in front of his home and many fatalities," she said.

"David Smith said one particular curve has been especially deadly, and all of the fatalities in that spot have been speed or alcohol related.

People come around the curve too fast. They hit the gravel and then go into the ditch."

Ms. Lloyd said the fundamental problem is roads that are too narrow with no shoulders, combined with steep drop-offs and trees immediately past the ditch.

"There's really no room for error on these roads," she said.

When you combine the antiquated roads with speed or alcohol or both, it is a deadly combination, she said.

Ms. Lloyd said there are two things people can do to help:

- Put warning signs on their property along Central's dangerous roads.

- Call state legislators such as Sens. Dale Erdey and Bodi White and Reps. Valarie Hodges and Cliff Richardson and encourage them to get DOTD to prioritize the widening of Greenwell Springs Road and other narrow, two-lane roads in Central.

Most of the fatalities have been on Greenwell Springs, Sullivan, and Denham roads but Hooper, Wax, and Frenchtown roads all suffer from the same design problems.

Gail Lloyd said people who want to put signs in their yards or help in other ways should call her at 225-223-4626.

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# Central Wildcats Off to a Good Start as



**MEET THE WILDCATS** — Senior linebacker Thomas Eddlemon (left) addresses the crowd as Coach Sid Edwards and his fe



**CENTRAL** — Central High's 34-28 victory over St. Thomas More Friday night was "a great victory over a storied football program," according to Wildcat coach Sid Edwards. "I was very pleased with our young men. We played with emotion. There was more fire and focus. I'm very proud of our Wildcats but this is a marathon, not a sprint. We have to get ready for a capable Woodlawn team."

Wildcat offensive coordinator David Simoneaux said, "The St. Thomas More game presented a playoff atmosphere. They have a great tradition and were a classy group of young men."

Simoneaux said he was particularly proud of the Wildcats' three second-half drives of 99, 87, and 82 yards. He said one of the key differences in the game was conditioning. "It was an epic battle, and our guys had the grit to find a way to win."

Simoneaux said, "Gary Triplett was a huge spark plug. He took control. Brett Courville proved himself a warrior. He had some huge throws, and yet he runs

like a fullback. Devon Gales was a cool hand with two big catches. For someone who weighs 145 pounds, he loves to hit. He had a great hit on their linebacker early on. He's everything we talk about when we say Central fight."

Simoneaux also credited the Wildcats' defensive stand at the end of the game and had high praise for defensive coordinator Ken Hilton. "Our men stopped them on four straight plays inside the 10 with a minute left. Coach Hilton has come in and earned everyone's respect. The kids feed off his energy. He's a master of his craft." Simoneaux said former NFL star Eugene Daniels, who has recently joined the Wildcats' staff, has been a tremendous addition. "The offensive line had a great

night against St. Thomas More," he said, "and led us to 260 rushing yards. This offense is ahead of any offense I've had."

★★★

**Scouting Report: Woodlawn.** Central coach Sid Edwards says fans should look out for Woodlawn's No. 5, Cameron Lazare, a wide receiver and return specialist. "This young man is greased lightning. He's averaging about 60 yards per return. We'll have to stop him."

Another major threat on the Woodlawn roster is their kicker who hit a 47-yard field goal last week and barely missed one at 55 yards. "If they're inside our 50, they're in scoring position," he said.

Offensively, Woodlawn likes to run — "Three yards and a cloud of

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# Coach Sid Edwards Takes Helm Again



ellow teammates look on. Central Wildcat athletes (center). Willie the Wildcat and the cheerleaders sing the alma mater (right).

dust.” They run an I formation. Although their record is 0-2, they are far better than that. They have the athletes. Woodlawn has a big offensive line. No big stars on defense. Central will have to jump ahead, or they could have big trouble.

★★★

**Wildcats to Watch.** Here are Wildcats to watch this week:

- Ryan Morris, center, a spark plug, flies at 100 mph.
- Gary Triplett, dy-na-mite!
- Devon Gales, get it to him
- Brett Courville, count on him
- Jared Schoppe, unsung hero, big catch against STM, sparked the second half
- Dalton Holdman, LB, stellar, very physical

**Central 34 St. Thomas More 28**  
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- Ashton Stokes, DE, hit the STM QB on last series, flies at 100 mph
- Kevin Henry, DB, sophomore, very physical, wide open
- Donnie Lewis, LB, big stop last week, strong

★★★

**Notes on District 4-5A.** Denham Springs remains the team to beat. Two SEC commitments.

- Zachary, lost to Thibodaux last week, may not be as strong as last year
- Walker, much improved
- Scotlandville, down but still a threat
- Live Oak, improved

Game to watch this week: Denham Springs at Catholic. Catholic is much improved this year.



Coach Sid Edwards and Coach David Simoneaux

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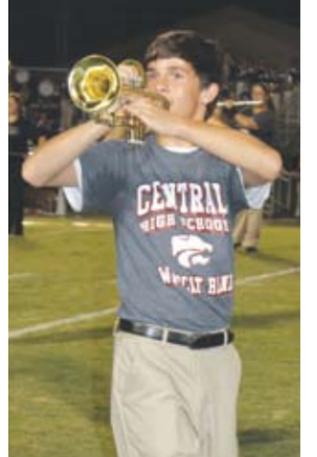
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Senior quarterback Brett Courville



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Coach Eugene Daniels, Senior John Milton, Junior Cole Edgens and his family, Junior Ashton Stokes.

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# Wildcats Travel to Woodlawn on Friday



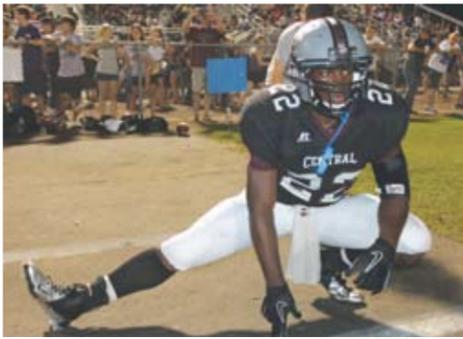
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# Milestones

Births • Engagements • Weddings • Deaths  
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## MAYO, CLARK

Christopher Mayo and Myranda Clark exchanged vows Aug. 4 at the Central home of Joe and Jeanie May.

## MILLER, MARCELLINO

Angelina Miller and Joshua-Caleb Marcellino will wed Oct. 20 at Honey Brake Lodge in Jonesville.

## Christopher Mayo and Myranda Clark Exchanged Wedding Vows on Aug. 4



Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Mayo

**CENTRAL** — Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Mayo exchanged vows on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2012, in Comite Hills on the grounds of Joe and Jeanie May's home. The ceremony was officiated by Rev. Fred Wideman of Broadmoor United Methodist Church.

The bride is the former Myranda Clark. Sisters of the groom, Jennifer Mayo Jarrell served as matron of honor, Haylee Mayo served as maid of honor, and Marissa Mayo as a bridesmaid. The bride's

daughters, Myrissa Hope Eisworth and Myrielle Faith Eisworth were bridesmaids. The flower girls were Mackenzie and Taylor Triche. Aryelle Hooper carried the memory flowers. The best man was Justin Brooks. Groomsmen were Sean Comer and Paul Jones. Daniel Triche and Ryan Mengelson-Clark were ring bearers. Eddie Manes and Amber McCann provided the wedding music.

After the ceremony, guests enjoyed food and fun with music by the Drew Danzy Band at the reception under the pavilion. The bride's sisters, Kayla Saltz and Dr. Myriah Mengelson-Clark served the cake. As the night wound down, a limo arrived to whisk the couple away amid a shower of bubbles.

The bride's parents are Dr. George and Dianne Clark of Central. Myranda is a graduate of the LSU School of Music.

The groom's parents are Clifford and Deborah Mayo of Central and grandparents are Joyce Hooper of Central and Johnny Mayo of Clarksville, Fla. Christopher is a graduate of Louisiana Tech in aviation management.

The couple makes their home in Central.

## Births



### Louis Joseph Savoye

Darren and Margaret (Jenkins) Savoye are proud to announce the birth of their son, Louis Joseph. He was welcomed home by big sister, Gabrielle. Louis Joseph was born Dec. 6, 2011. He weighed seven pounds and was 20 inches long. Proud grandparents are Woody and Diane Jenkins and Louis and Loretta Savoye.

### Mallory Marie McNeil

Eric and Laurie (Long) McNeil are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Mallory Marie. She was welcomed home by big brother, Kade and sisters, Bailey and Emma.

Mallory was born July 17, 2012, at 9:57 a.m. She weighed seven pounds and was 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Paul and Linda McNeil and Godparents are Darin and Renee David.



### Maddox and Miles Silvio

Keith and Kayla (Estess) Silvio are proud to announce the birth of their twin boys, Maddox James and Miles Ryan.

Maddox and Miles were born on June 11, 2012, at 7:44 and 7:45 p.m. at Woman's Hospital. Maddox weighed four pounds, 14 ounces, and was 17 inches long. Miles weighed four pounds, 11 ounces, and was 17 inches long. Proud grandparents are Den and Patricia Estess and Denny



and Judy Silvio, all of Central. Great-grandparents are Rita and the late Carl "Bo Bo" Estess, Jerry and Linda Courtney, all of Baker and Anthony and Wanda Silvio of Baton Rouge. Great great-grandmother is Alice Stokes.

### Harper Rose LaCroix

Nick and Kelli LaCroix are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Harper Rose. She was welcomed home by big sister, Hallea.

Harper was born at 3:11 p.m. July 17, 2012, at Woman's Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, one ounce, and was 19.5 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Abby and Lisa Camp and Kelvin and Cheryl LaCroix, all of Central. Great-grandparents are Faye Silvio and the late Junior Silvio, Rose Campo and the late A.C. Campo, Elmer and Irma Laird, and the late Elma and Joseph LaCroix.



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## Equestrian Academy Completes Class



**INNER CITY YOUTH** — Central schools athletic director Sid Edwards (right) congratulates Harold Williams (center) and Rev. King (left) for their successful completion of the first Equestrian Academy. More than 40 inner city youth who had been identified as children at-risk completed the program which trains youth to ride and care for horses. They were mentored by 20 members of the Central High football, basketball, and baseball team. The project is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of East Baton Rouge Parish, Project Ride, and Harold Williams.

## Ashleigh Barbier, Ross St. Germain To Exchange Vows at St. Alphonsus



Ashleigh Barbier and Ross St. Germain

**CENTRAL** — Ashleigh Erin Barbier and Ross Henry St. Germain, both of Walker, will marry in a 7

p.m. ceremony Friday, Oct. 26 at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church.

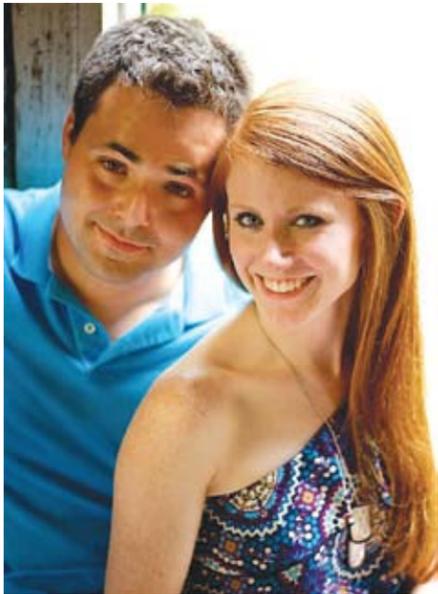
The bride-elect is the daughter of Larry and Kimberly Barbier of Baton Rouge. She is the granddaughter of Priscilla and Doug MacQueen and Angela and Daniel Lavespere, all of Baton Rouge, and Paul and Lori Brossett of Diamondhead, Miss.

Ashleigh is a graduate of St. Joseph's Academy and Our Lady of the Lake College. She is a registered nurse at Baton Rouge General Hospital.

Her fiancé is the son of Leonard and Mary St. Germain of Central. He is the grandson of Judy St. Germain of Collins, Miss and the late Leonard P. St. Germain, Ruby and Louis Gabriel of Denham Springs, and the late Henry J. Babin.

Ross is a graduate of Central High School and Oklahoma State University. He is a product support salesman with H&E Equipment Services, Inc.

## Miller, Marcellino to Wed at Honey Brake



Joshua-Caleb Marcellino and Angelina Miller

**LARTO LAKE, LA** — Angelina Nicole Miller of Central and Joshua-Caleb Marcellino of Laural, Miss. will marry in a 2 p.m. ceremony Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012, at Honey Brake Lodge, outside of Jonesville.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Gregory Miller of Central and Trinity Miller of Folsom. She is a graduate of Central High School and Louisiana State University. She has a degree in accounting.

Her fiancé is the son of Pastor Jerry and Dawn Marcellino of Laurel, Miss. He is a graduate of Laurel Christian High School and Belhaven University. He has a degree in business administration and is employed with the Honey Brake Lodge.



**CENTRAL BLOOMERS GARDEN CLUB**, beautification committee proudly presented the Jackie Brewer Memorial to Zoar Baptist Church. Since the 1990's, Zoar Baptist Church on Hooper Road has been privileged to the landscaping talents of some of its plant loving church members. It began and flourished for many years with the hardworking efforts of Harold and Gloria Krumholt. Pictured are senior pastor Kevin Hand and church members Susan Campbell and Vickie Rabb being presented the award by Central Bloomers Jean Barnard and Peggy Faulk.

## Morgan Place Residents Turn Back Proposed Morgan Point

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Place becoming a highway connecting Hooper and Wax roads.

After the opponents had spoken, Councilman Aaron Moak attempted to return the proposal to the Planning & Zoning Commission for further review. He said the Council does not have a final concept plan for the project. That motion failed for lack of a second.

Mayor Mac Watts asked Jeff Couvillion what the net acreage of the project would be, and Couvillion said 28 or 29 acres.

When asked the maximum number of lots which the project could contain and still be considered low density, Woodrow Muhammad, planner for the City of Central, said from 49 to 55 lots.

Councilman Tony LoBue spoke

against approval of the project. He said, "I have a problem with a project when I see so many people coming out to speak against it. We haven't talked about correcting the fact that the project does not have its own entrance and exit. If we say no, the developer can come back in a year and try again. This plan in its present form is all we have to vote on."

The Council voted to kill the vote 5-0. DeJohn said it was the first time in seven years he had voted against a development.

Since it was defeated, the project cannot be brought up for at least one year. Had it been sent back to the Planning & Zoning Commission, it could have returned to the Council within a few weeks.

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# What's Happening Around Central

**CENTRAL** — Events coming up in and around Central:

**Saturday, September 15**

**Art Sale • 8 a.m. to 12 noon**

The Art League of Central will be holding an original art sale at the Farmer's Market at Magnolia Methodist Church on Greenwell Springs. Everyone is invited to come and meet some of Central's talented artists. This is a cash sale only.

**September 15 and 16**

**Auditions for The Nutcracker**

The Baton Rouge Ballet Theatre will hold open auditions for advanced dancers for its 2012-2013 season as well as children's auditions for The Nutcracker at dancers' Workshop. Season auditions will be Saturday, Sept. 15 at 10:30 a.m. These auditions are for classically trained advanced dancers. Auditions for children ages 8 to 12 for The Nutcracker will be Sunday, Sept. 16. Children must be 8 years old by Dec. 31, 2012. Times are: 12:45 p.m. boys ages 8 and older, 1:15 p.m. girls 8 years old, 2 p.m. girls 9 years old, 2:45 p.m. girls 10 years old, and 3:30 p.m. girls 11-12 years old. For information, contact Nicole Naquin or Leigh Phillips at 766-8370.

**Monday, September 17**

**Candidate Forum • 6:30 p.m.**

The Republican Women of Central is hosting a Candidate Forum at Kristenwood, 14025 Greenwell Springs. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and forum begins promptly at 7 p.m. Admission is free. You will be hearing from Republican candidates for the offices of Congress, Supreme Court, 1st Circuit Court of Appeal, EBR Mayor-President, and Public Service Commission. There will be a time for socializing and questions with the candidates after the forum. Dessert buffet provided for social hour after the forum. Cash bar will be available.

**September 18 and 19**

**Speaker Dr. Dennis Swanberg**

On Tuesday, Sept. 18, the Men's Ministry of Greenwell Spring Baptist



**JESSICA GUEDRY** of Central, won numerous championships in International Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation for 2012. She took 1st place in the IBJJF Houston International Open; 1st place at the Louisiana Open in Gi Division, No-Gi Division, Gi Absolute Division, and No-Gi Absolute Division; 3rd place at the Mundial World Championships; 1st place at the Grand Prix World Championships in No-Gi and Gi Absolute Divisions, and 3rd place at the Gulf Coast Classic in the Men's Division. Jessica is shown with (left photo) Jason Vermalean and (right photo, left to right) Tim Creteau, Travis Medine, Jessica, Josh Mancuso, Michael Atkinson, and Robert Auzenne.

Church will be hosting none other than comedian and speaker Dr. Dennis Swanberg. Games and activities begin in the gym at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., then a session with one of the most hilarious Christian comedians around, Dennis Swanberg, aka "the Swan." "The Swan" is sticking around for the Wednesday, Sept. 19 service. For information, call 261-2246 or visit gsbcla.com.

**Wednesday, September 19**

**Ask the Doctor • 12 noon to 1 p.m.**

Join Dr. Gregory Crenshaw of Vascular Specialty Center for an informal question and answer session during the "Ask the Doctor" Lunch and Learn in the staff development classroom at Lane Regional Medical Center. The session is free and includes a light lunch. Advance reservations are required by calling 654-5263.

**Thursday, September 20**

**Prostate Cancer Screening • 6 p.m.**

Lane Regional Medical Center and urologist Dr. Robert Grissom will host a free prostate cancer screening. Appointments are required and space is limited. For information or to schedule an appointment, call 654-5263.

**Friday, September 21**

**Ignite • 7 p.m.**

An Ignite Youth Rally will be held at Life Church Central, 10523 Lovett Rd. Live music from the Ignite Band and guest speaker will be Tommy DarDar from Bayouland Church in Houma. For information or to see the Ignite video, go to [www.lifechurch-central.org](http://www.lifechurch-central.org) or call 261-5309.

**Saturday, September 22**

**Human Nature Concert • 8 p.m.**

Tickets are now on sale for the Australian Motown group Human Nature at L'Auberge Baton Rouge Event Center. Floor tickets are \$20 and stadium seating is \$15. Tickets

can be purchased by visiting [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or calling Ticketmaster at 800-488-5252. Guests must be 21 years of age and present a valid photo ID. For information, visit [www.mylauberge.com](http://www.mylauberge.com).

**Monday, September 24**

**Brigitte Gabriel • 7 p.m.**

Brigitte Gabriel, leading global Islamic terrorism expert, will be a guest speaker at Christian Life Fellowship. See CENTRAL on Page 15



**A SCHOOL WITH HEART** — St. Alphonsus students will show their heart Thursday, Sept. 13, during their 4th annual Jump Rope for Heart event. Students will participate in jumping rope, limbo, hula hoops, obstacle course, egg and scooter races, as well as face painting. Last year, they raised almost \$6,000 and all proceeds were donated to the American Heart Association to help fight heart disease. Last year's top donator was Lia LeJeune (picture above) who raised \$225.

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# Central Rotary's Bed Race Coming Sept. 29



**CAMILLE E. JAMES** graduated from LSUHSC in New Orleans earning a bachelor of science degree in clinical laboratory science with Deans List honors. She earned a bachelor of science degree in biological sciences from LSU in 2009. Camille is a 2004 graduate of Central High School and is employed as a medical laboratory scientist at St. Joseph's hospital in Tampa, Fla. She is the daughter of Kathy Higginbotham of Central and Kevin James of Marksville.

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lowship, 2037 Quail Drive. Ms. Gabriel will speak on the rise of Islamic radicalism in your community and in our nation. Her story of survival as a persecuted Christian living in a bomb

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**Tuesday, September 25**

**Newborn Care Class • 6:30 p.m.**

Lane Regional Medical Center will offer a free newborn care class in the staff development classroom. "Baby Care Basics" covers all you need to know to care for your infant in the first weeks of life. Partners are encouraged to attend. Child care is not provided. Registration is required. For information or to register, call 654-5263.

**Saturday, September 29**

**City of Central Bed Race • 9 a.m.**

The Central Bed Race, sponsored by the Rotary, will be held at the former Starkey Academy on Joor Road. The race start is 10 a.m. Awards for Fastest Team, Best Decorated Bed, and Favorite Sleepwear. For information, contact Kim McDonald at 261-5111 or Jennifer Hinton at 925-8900, ext. 722.

**Saturday, September 29**

**Fall Art Crawl • 6 to 9 p.m.**

The Zachary Artists Guild will host a Silent Auction during the Fall Art Crawl at the Zachary Chamber of Commerce, 4633 Main St. Come stroll downtown Zachary, enjoy the art of many local artists, and stop by the Chamber to bid on original

art work by Guild members. Watercolor, oil, photography, acrylic, picture books, and chain saw carvings are some of the art media that will be featured for bid. Listen to live music and sample wine and local beer. All proceeds of the Silent Auction will go to the Guild. For information, contact Margaret Harmon at 788-5999.

**Sunday, October 7**

**Nutcracker Auditions**

The Tri-Parish Ballet will hold auditions for The Nutcracker at Odyssey Academy of Dance, 31342 Hwy. 16 in Denham Springs, for children seven years through advanced dancers. More than 100 children will be selected to perform with the Houston Ballet II. Audition times are: 1 p.m. boys, 1:30 p.m. girls 7-9, 2:30 p.m. girls 10-13, 3:30 p.m. girls 14 and up, and 4:15 p.m. advanced dancers. For information, call Odyssey Academy of Dance at 665-3414 or email [triparishballet@aol.com](mailto:triparishballet@aol.com).

**October 8 through 31**

**Blackwater Pumpkin Patch**

The Pumpkin Patch is coming! Blackwater United Methodist Church, 10000 Blackwater Rd., is once again hosting its incredible Pumpkin Patch with literally thousands of pumpkins for sale! All sales profits go to benefit missions supported by the church. Featured will be games, hay rides, car show, crafts fair, space walk, and many other activities. Bring the whole family. No admission! For information, call 261-4646 or visit [www.blackwaterumc.org](http://www.blackwaterumc.org).



**CADET CHASE BROWN**, son of Randall and Stacey Brown and brother of Cameron Brown of Central, graduated from the United States Military Academy on May 26. He graduated from Central High in 2008 where he was the Central School System's first Student of the Year. While at West Point, he concentrated his studies in life science. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army within the Military Intelligence branch and will be attending his basic officer leadership course beginning in July at Ft. Huachuca, Ariz. and then will report to Ft. Hood, Texas for his first assignment.

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# Adoption of Great-Grandchild Brings Joy

## New Parents Say They Lost Weight, Feel More Alive, Better Than Ever

**Woody Jenkins**  
Editor, Central City News

**CENTRAL** — “You’re only as old as you feel!” Jamie Achee said Wednesday night.

The 67-year-old who looks at least 20 years younger said she’s feeling mighty young these days.

Her husband Winston, 69, said 10-month-old Trevin Ryder, their great-grandson and soon-to-be adopted child, has made him and Jamie “stronger, healthier, and happier.”

“We’re not in our ‘golden years!’” he laughed. “We have a purpose and a mission. I have more energy now than I’ve had in years. I do yard work now I wouldn’t have thought about doing 10 months ago. I’ve been completely revived.”

Jamie said, “I know we’re a little out of the ordinary. When we’re out with the baby, people usually just smile, but once in awhile they say, ‘Oh, grandparents’ day out!’ That brings on a conversation, and I say, ‘He’s ours and will be legally ours soon!’”

Jamie and Winston Achee have had Trevin since he was 19 days’



**A BIG BUNDLE OF JOY** — New parents Winston and Jamie Achee with their great-grandson Trevin, whom they will adopt soon. It’s quite a change for the Central residents.

old. “My granddaughter had fallen ill after the baby was born with infections and kidney stones. I was supposed to keep the baby just one day!”

But the granddaughter’s health problems persisted and the day became a week, then a month, and now 10 months.” Two months ago, their granddaughter asked the Achees to keep the baby. She told them she was unable to give him what he needs but wanted him to stay in the family.

For the Achees, it’s been a life-changer. “We love him so much!” Winston said.

month old — 25 pounds and 30 inches, which places him in the 98 percentile.

Then there’s the matter of his talking. He started calling Jamie “mama” at three months and started calling Winston “papa” at seven months.

He seems quite intelligent and is totally aware of everything going on around him.

Jamie says he almost never cries and never causes trouble.

On Saturdays, Winston has a ritual of taking Trevin to iHop, where he says the waitresses adore him. “I take him around Wal-Mart, and he loves it! No trouble at all!”

Once the baby is formally adopted, they plan to change his name to Trevin Ryder Achee.

Since his initials will be TRA, Jamie says they plan to call him Tra.

Somebody told Winston, “What are you thinking! You’re taking on a 20-year commitment!”

“It’s okay,” I told him, “I didn’t have any plans for the next 20 years anyway!”

The one concession to their age is that the Achees recently hired some help on Monday through Thursdays, and now Jamie can get out of the house a little bit.

So, is having a new baby the solution to old age?

“I think it is!” Winston said. “The other day we saw a couple our age. They were creeping along, taking choppy little steps. I told Jamie, ‘Do you know what they need? A new baby!’”

The Achees each have three children by a previous marriage but no children between them.

“We prayed that we could have a baby between us,” Winston said. “And now we do!”

Their days are a little different now. Not that of a typical person in his late 60’s.

“Every night I pray he sleeps through the night!” Jamie laughed. “And he usually does! But sometimes he wakes up at 4:30. If we’re lucky, he goes back to sleep.”

Young Trevin is a bit out of the ordinary in a number of ways. First, he is mighty big for a 10

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