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State Dept. of Education Grades Central Schools

Central Schools: A

Early Voting Underway at 4 Locations

BATON ROUGE — Early voting for the Nov. 6 election began Tuesday. In the first two days, more than 6,000 voters went to the polls in East Baton Rouge Parish. Early voting will continue 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Tuesday, Oct. 30 at the following locations in Baton Rouge:

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Central Private Homecoming Queen Alex Easley (right) and 2011 Queen Jada Pocorello.

Until Now, Only Zachary Earned 'A' Rating from Education Dept.

Woody Jenkins
Editor, Central City News

BATON ROUGE — The Central Community School System has received a coveted "A" rating from the Louisiana Department of Education, as a result of School and District Performance Scores released Tuesday. Until now, only the Zachary Community School System had received an "A" rating from the state.

Supt. Mike Faulk said the score is the culmination of the efforts of Central's teachers, students,

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Term Limits for Central School Board on Ballot

CENTRAL — Among the numerous candidates and propositions on the Nov. 6 election ballot will be a proposal to allow voters to limit the terms of members of the Central Community School Board to three consecutive four-year terms.

The proposal will be on the ballot as the result of the passage of a state law which required voters in every school district in the state to consider the proposition.

The purpose of term limits is to prevent the accumulation of power

by an individual who stays in office for a long time. But opponents say it should be up to the voters to make that decision in each individ-

ual case.

Former Central school board president Sharon Browning said she opposes the proposition, say-

ing, "When an elected official is doing a good job, why limit his time in office? When he's not doing a good job, vote him out!"

Homecoming, Fall Festivals This Weekend

CENTRAL — Central High School will hold a Talent Show Thursday at 7 p.m. Homecoming festivities begin Friday with a Pep Rally at 12:30 p.m. Central High hosts Scotlandville at 7 p.m. with

Homecoming ceremonies planned for half-time and the Homecoming Dance Saturday at 8 p.m. Meanwhile, Central will host many Fall Festivals starting Saturday.

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New Alcohol Rules
Metro Council ordinance allowing bars to open on Sunday won't apply in Central.

City Center 'Overlay' Zone Being Planned

Council Reluctant To Grant Rezoning Until It Sees Plan

Woody Jenkins
Editor, Central City News

CENTRAL — The City of Central could receive a proposed plan to create a City Center Overlay District by January 2013, according to David Barrow, executive assistant to Mayor Mac Watts. Barrow said the plan, which is costing \$350,000 in Block Grant funds, would include a development plan

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PROPOSED CENTRAL TOWN CENTER — By January 2013, the City of Central could receive a plan from Moore Planning Group providing details on a proposed City Center Overlay District in the area around Hooper, Sullivan, Gurney, and Joor roads.

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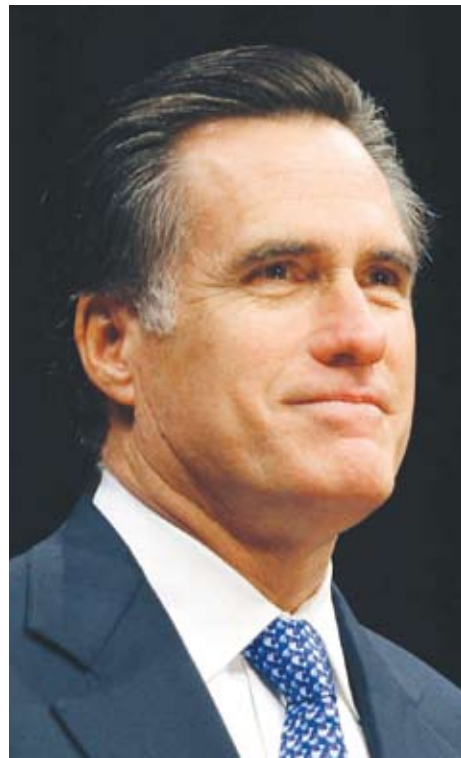
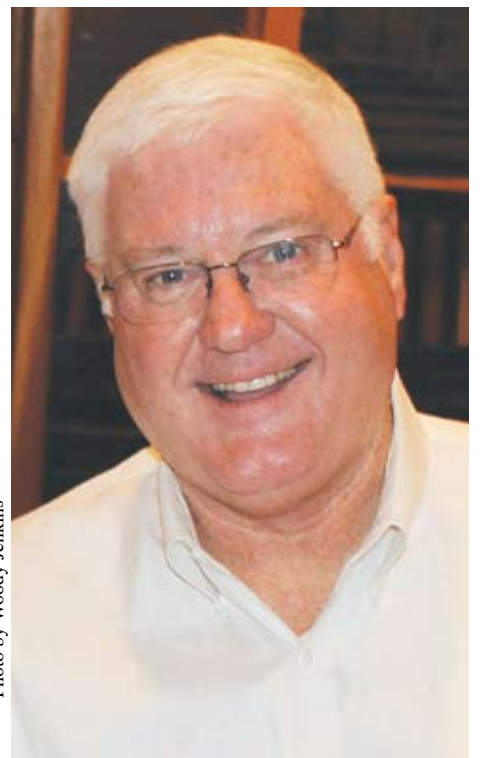


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STANDARD-BEARERS — Republican Presidential nominee Mitt Romney (left) and Mayor-President candidate Mike Walker lead the GOP ticket into the Nov. 6 election.

Country Living in the City

Romney, Walker Deserve Our Support

Both United States, East Baton Rouge Are at Crossroads, Need Leadership

Woody Jenkins
Editor, Central City News

CENTRAL — Nov. 6 can't come soon enough for me. I'm ready to vote now. There's only been one election when I've felt like this before. That was in 1980 when President Carter was running for

reelection, and the nation united behind Ronald Reagan.

In the case of Carter, I felt as though our nation would be doomed if he got reelected. I think that was a correct assessment.

We are still paying for Carter's incompetent, left-wing rule more than 30 years later. It was, after all, Carter who allowed Iran to fall into the hands of the ayatollahs. During his reign, we lost Afghanistan, Nicaragua, and Angola to the Soviets. Afghanistan continues to be a serious problem today. The Sandinistas in Nicaragua have spread their leftist ideology all over Latin America. And the oil of Angola

continues to feed a dictatorial state in Africa. We got rid of Carter,

praise God, and got instead Ronald Reagan whose policies ultimately resulted in the fall of the Soviet Union, the tearing down of the Berlin Wall, and the end of the Cold War.

But Obama is infinitely more dangerous than Carter, simply because Obama does not share many of our basic American values. We all know his economic policies have been an unmitigated disaster.

But there are much deeper problems with Obama that should disturb every thinking person. He has a very sinister side that is downright frightening.

That sinister side is epitomized

by two high profile disasters — Fast and Furious Scandal and Benghazi. In Fast and Furious, Obama's administration supplied thousands of automatic weapons to Mexican drug lords. In Benghazi, he failed to take action to save American lives at our consulate and he intentionally lied to the American people about the terrorist attack.

Gov. Mitt Romney is an honest, capable leader who can put our nation back on the right track, and it is a blessing that he is on the ballot.

Here in East Baton Rouge, we have perhaps the highest murder rate in the nation and a parish that is disintegrating before our eyes.

Fortunately, we have a capable leader in Mike Walker to carry our banner into the race for Mayor-President. I am eager to vote for Romney and Walker — perhaps more eager to vote than at any time in my life!



Woody Jenkins



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Full-Court Press to Bring CMS to Higher Level

A-Team in Place at Central Middle

Principals from Top Elementary In State Take Helm at CMS

Woody Jenkins
Editor, Central City News

CENTRAL — Central Middle School, now located at the new \$45 million Central School Complex, is a school undergoing change on many fronts. In some respects, it is an entirely new school. With the retirement of the long-time principal and the move to all-new facilities, Central Middle has a new leadership team.

Students at the school also have a tough new set of rules that have brought some complaints. But Central schools Supt. Mike Faulk said, "With the move, it was an ideal time to make some changes. It's about more than rules. It's about expectations. Students will be responsible, respectful, and orderly. You really can't have learning without order. It is a radical shift. We're raising expectations and that should result in raising performance."

In the state's School Performance Scores, which were released Tuesday, Central Middle scored a C, based on last year's testing, which occurred before the move. The school missed receiving a B by only 9/10ths of a point. Still, it was the lowest performing of Central's five public schools. Central High, Tanglewood, and Bellingrath Hills received A's, while Central Intermediate received a B.

Supt. Faulk has brought in his A-Team to provide leadership at the new Central Middle School — Sandy Davis and Jason Fountain.

Davis served as principal at Tanglewood Elementary, which had the highest performing 3rd graders in the



NEW LEADERSHIP AT CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL — Co-principals Jason Fountain (left) and Sandy Davis (right) flank Central school board member Will Easley (2nd from left) and his wife Dot at ceremonies honoring Ronnie Devall. See Page 6.

state for the past four years based on the state's School Performance Scores. Fountain served as assistant principal at the school.

Now Davis and Fountain have teamed up as co-principals at the new Central Middle School. If all goes as expected, Supt. Faulk said that next year Fountain will become principal at the school, and Davis will become Assistant Superintendent for the entire Central school system.

One of the controversies at the school has been new limits on talking in the hallways. Davis said there is not a total ban on talking but that things have to be "quiet and respectful." Students are asked to walk on the right hand side of the hallways.

For some Central old-timers, it is reminiscent of legendary Central High principal J. A. Smith, who served the school for 30 years and also had strict controls on talking and hall behavior.

Supt. Faulk said, "When it comes to rules, the principal at each school has a team of teachers. They sit with their team and address issues in the school. The rules that have been adopted were not picked out of the air. They are designed to give teachers the ability to focus on teaching. A lot of things are being considered — from bullying to cooperative learning to the use of technology in the schools."

Faulk said, "People are always concerned about middle schools, because you have students from age 11

to age 15 or 16. That's a big difference. There are big changes going on in students' lives and differences in maturity levels. Around the state, middle schools generally under perform, and there's a presumption that students will have a hard time adapting. But we believe it is essential to provide greater structure as they go through the transition in their lives, so that they will perform at the level of achievement that they are actually at."

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City Center Overlay Zone Pending

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for the zone, which would include the area bounded by Hooper, Sullivan, Gurney, and Joor, plus additional areas nearby, such as the four corners of Hooper at Sullivan roads and the four corners at Hooper and Joor roads.

Barrow said the plan, which is being drafted by Moore Planning Group, would provide guidelines for future development of a Town Center. An area as small as 20 acres could provide a start, he said. The City Center Overlay District plan would include regulations on future development in the area, Barrow said.

The Town Center could include a City Hall, School Board office, Post Office, City Auditorium, Library, residential and commercial areas, and a sports complex, depending on the development plan.

The City of Central would have



PROPOSED CITY CENTER OVERLAY DISTRICT — The shaded red area above could become the new City Center Overlay District if approved by the City Council.

no means to expropriate property for such development but could encourage property owners who chose to participate in the plan.

The anticipated plan resulted in the Central Planning & Zoning Commission deferring the proposed rezoning of the service station on the southwest corner of Hooper and Sullivan roads in 2010, when commissioners said they wanted to wait to see the overlay district plan. This month, the City Council rejected a proposed rezoning of the northeast corner of Hooper at Sullivan. Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Washington said the Council should be consistent. "If we reject the rezoning of one corner of an intersection pending receipt of the proposed overlay plan, we shouldn't approve the rezoning of a lot right across the street when the proposed plan hasn't yet arrived," he said.

Central P&Z: Different Decisions at Same Intersection

CENTRAL — An as yet unseen plan to create a City Center Overlay District is creating controversy.

Last month, the Central Planning & Zoning Commission voted to approve the rezoning of the northeast corner of Hooper and Sullivan roads. The rezoning, which was proposed by developer Brandon Dodson and Jonathan Starns, would have changed the zoning of the property from rural to light commercial, in order to permit construction of a shopping center.

However, the City Council rejected the proposed rezoning. Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Washington said he feels the city should be consistent. In 2010, the Central Planning & Zoning

Commission deferred action on a plan by Randy Kirkendahl to rezone the southwest corner of the same intersection from rural to commercial. At the time, members of the P&Z said they could not approve the rezoning until they had received the proposed City Center Overlay District plan, which has been in the works for the past two years by Moore Planning Group.

But Washington said it is unfair to prevent Kirkendahl from rezoning his property and yet allow Dodson and Starns to rezone the property right across the street when the City Center Overlay Plan has still not been received by the City.

Supporters of the Dodson-Starns

rezoning say there is no comparison between the two. They say Kirkendahl wanted to rezone his property for an unspecified commercial use, while Dodson and Starns had a plan for developing a specific project.

But Washington said Kirkendahl wanted the rezoning simply to conform to his existing use as a service station.

Formerly, property in East Baton Rouge Parish zoned rural could be used for a wide variety of purposes. However, the adoption of the Horizon Plan in the 1990's grandfathered in existing uses of rural property but limited future changes in its use. Washington said Kirkendahl simply

wanted to conform the zoning of his property to its existing use.

Councilman Wayne Messina asked, "Why would the P&Z defer the rezoning of one corner of the intersection based on waiting to see the City Center Overlay Plan but approve rezoning the other corner when we still haven't seen the overlay plan?"

Washington said he favors having a Town Center and would like to see the development of the northeast corner of Hooper and Sullivan. However, he said the development of that corner should conform to the City Center Overlay Plan and not get in under the wire without having to comply with the expected regulations.

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Louisiana's School Performance Scores

Central Schools Ranked 4th in State

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parents, school board, and community. Overall, Central ranked 4th among Louisiana's 69 public school systems. More than in past years, the ratings reflected students' test scores. Other factors, such as attendance and drop out rates, carried less weight this year.

The grading scale for individual schools and school systems is as follows:

2012 La. Dept. of Education Grading System

"A" Grade	120 to 200
"B" Grade	105 to 119.9
"C" Grade	90 to 104.9
"D" Grade	75 to 89.9
"F" Grade	0 to 74.9

The top-performing school systems in the state were:

2012 La. Dept. of Education District Performance Scores

Zachary Schools	134.7
Orleans Parish	133.8
West Feliciana	124.3
Central Schools	124.1
Plaquemines	123.0
St. Tammany	122.8
Ascension	121.2
Vernon Parish	118.3
St. Charles Parish	118.3
Livingston Parish	117.4

The score for Orleans Parish is a bit deceiving because very few schools are left in the Orleans school system after the state's takeover of failing schools and the creation of a large number of char-



Central High School senior class of 2012

ter schools in that parish.

On Wednesday, Central school Supt. Mike Faulk told the *Central City News*, "We're very pleased that every one of our schools made progress... The key to our continued progress has been our emphasis and investment in professional development for our teachers, administrators, and staff."

"We are focused on those things that transfer into the classroom and impact student learning," he said. "Our teachers have been receptive to the training given to them, and they have worked hard to implement learning strategies that work for all their students, at every

school and in every classroom."

Faulk emphasized the importance of the school system's three-day summer training session each year. "We do our training in the summer and we pay our teachers to attend," he said.

"We just believe that it's better to invest in this type of training, rather than taking our teachers out of class and having to pay a substitute to manage their class while they are away. This way, our teachers are getting the training and we're keeping them in the classroom more."

School board president Dr. Jim Gardner reacted to the "A" rating

by saying, "Congratulations go to our students, teachers, administrators, staff, and the superintendent. All have worked very hard and deserve our praise. I am very proud of their efforts. Go Wildcats!"

Board vice president Will Easley said, "We are on our way to the top, thanks to great students, teachers, Mr. Faulk, and the community! Plus our school board is second to none!" he laughed.

Former school board president and English teacher Sharon Browning said, "With such dedication and hard work from all involved, the sky is the limit for the Central Community School System!"

2012 La. Dept. of Education School Performance Scores Central Community Schools 2011-2012 School Year

SCHOOL	Yrs.	Score	Up	Grade
Central High	9-12	135.1	2.2	A
Tanglewood	2-3	128.9	6.8	A
Bellingrath Hills	K-1	127.0	6.5	A
Central Inter.	4-5	114.5	7.5	B
Central Middle	6-8	104.1	4.5	C

Source: Central Community School System

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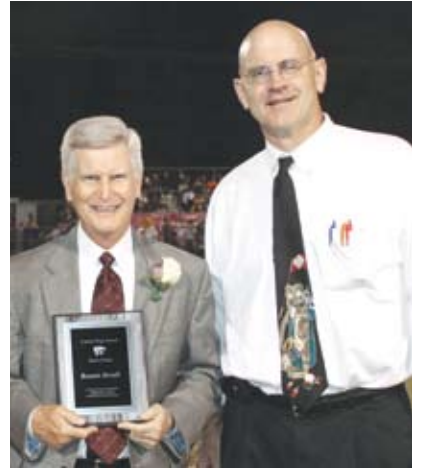
Ronnie Devall and Dr. Jim Gardner, school board president



Devall with Rodlyn, Madison, Macey, and Justin Babin



Chris Schexnayder, Ronnie Devall, and principal Bob Wales



Ronnie Devall and Bob Wales

CENTRAL — Former Central schools Assistant Supt. Ronnie E. Devall was inducted into the Central High School Hall of Fame last Thursday at halftime of the Central-Denham Springs football game. He

was honored at a reception at the cafeteria at the new School Complex before the game. Devall is a 1966 graduate of Central High School who earned a B.A. degree from Southeastern in

1971, and an M.Ed. in administration and Plus Thirty from LSU. Devall's career began in 1972. He served as a teacher and coach, principal, and assistant superintendent. He coached Broadmoor to

basketball state championships in 1985 and 1987, and was Louisiana 4-A Coach of the Year. He was awarded the High School Principal of the Year in East Baton Rouge See **DEVALL** on Page 14

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Rebecca Westberg

CENTRAL — Mike Gardner's 8th grade students at Central Middle School had an assignment on what should be done with the old middle school site. Out of 153 students, 90 chose a sports complex. Here are some of their ideas:

Destine Milano and Cami Tynes — New high school

Dylan Sanchez and Cory McCarty — Dirt bike track

Keith Blanda, Cuera Peel, and Cassidy Chapman — More restaurants and stores

Zakeyah Trehan — Community pool to keep children fit

Rodolfo Perez — Police station and city hall

Dejanae Jordan and Brianna Dewald — Teenage hangout to keep kids off drugs and safe

Brady Jones, Josh Hebert, Heather Zumo, Cameron Campanile, and Thomas Guy — All sports center/complex

Kara Jewel — Theme park

Kai-Lee Newman — Library

Annie Gonzales — Museum

Rebecca Westberg — Equestrian center

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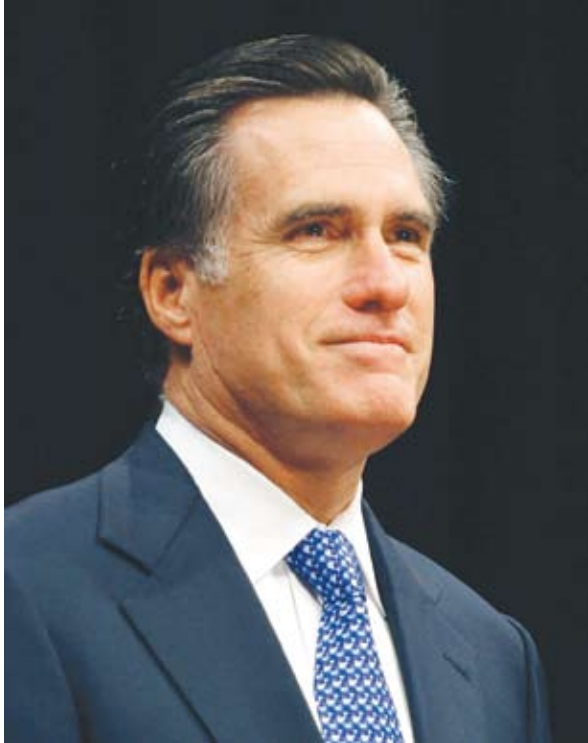
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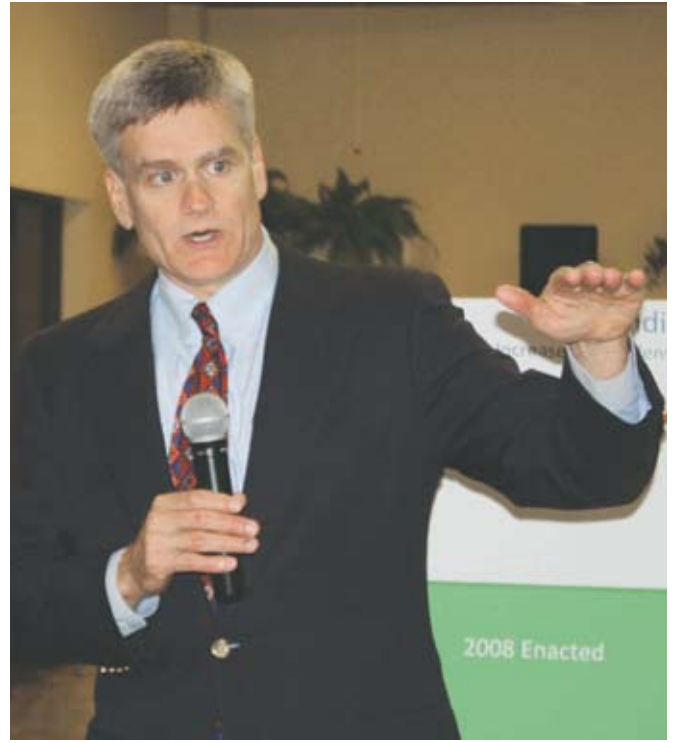
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“Greenwell Springs” Appears on Wolverine Roster

Central’s Dileo Key to Michigan Victory

From Hooper Rd. To Parkview to Ann Arbor, Mich., Dileo Makes Mark

ANN ARBOR — The University of Michigan football roster includes an unusual entry — one of the players lists his hometown as “Greenwell Springs, LA.” It is Central’s Drew Dileo who led Parkview Baptist to a 3A State Championship before accepting a scholarship to play for the Michigan Wolverines.

Last Saturday, Dileo made national news by leading Michigan to an excited 12-10 victory over arch-rival Michigan State. Dileo, the son of Mike and Melanie Dileo of Central, caught four key passes for 92 yards and set up the Wolverines’ winning field goal.

Dileo was coached at Parkview by David Simoneaux, who is now assistant coach at Central High.

Here is the report on Dileo’s performance from the *Detroit Free Press*:



Central’s Drew Dileo catches pass to set up winning field goal for Michigan Saturday.

“Without Dileo, there would be no Paul Bunyan Trophy, 12-10 win over Michigan State or last-second, game-winning heroics. He was the one who

caught four passes for 92 yards, each one a monster, and caught every long snap, positioning all four field goals perfectly. ‘Drew is not the biggest guy, he’s not the fastest guy, but the one thing Drew is, he’s a football player,’ coach Brady Hoke said. That’s the ultimate compliment from Hoke, who shows it in the many ways he uses Dileo. In crucial passing downs, on the holds, on return teams. Whenever the game is on the line, he’s a trusted player. Clearly, quarterback Denard Robinson trusts him. On a second-quarter third-and-6 for a 22-yard gain. On a second-quarter third-and-11 for 15 yards. On a first-down, 35-yard catch to set up a field goal, also in the second. Then, when U-M needed 20 yards to get into Brendan Gibbons’ field-goal range on the final drive, Dileo caught a 20-yard pass. U-M spiked the ball, and most of the offensive players left the field — except Dileo. That’s when he went to hold for Gibbons and the field goal they’ll never forget. ‘We knew their DBs didn’t really cover once the quarterback started scrambling, so I just got open, he found me, he made a good ball, and I caught it,’ Dileo said. MSU coach Mark Dantonio agreed. ‘They’ve got some other great players, but I think the guy’s a gamer,’ he said. And he showed that out there.”

Major Changes Underway at Central Middle School This Year

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lockers and students are not allowed to carry book sacks. Students do not carry textbooks to and from home or around the campus. Textbooks are provided in each classroom, and students are given a set of books to use at home. Instead, students carry with them a binder, containing study plans, assignments, and other materials.

The absence of lockers and the fact that students travel light keep unwanted materials off school property, Davis said. Students have an eight-period day, which allows them to go to every class every day. Supt. Faulk said the previous block system meant that students attended some courses every other day, which did not work as well.

Fountain said Central Middle is building on the success of the past.

“Mr. John Cashio, the previous principal, did a good job, and now we want to continue and carry it to another level. With the new building, we are spread over a large area. We’re trying to put the best structure in place. We want to provide a safe environment and a good learning environment for every child.”

Davis said the school is teaching from Stephen Covey’s *Seven Habits of Highly Successful People*. “Right now, our students are getting used to those habits and building leadership,” she said. She said more information is available at www.theleaderinme.org.

Davis said every 8th grader at Central Middle will have the opportunity to earn Carnegie credits toward high school graduation. High school courses are available in Algebra, Spanish I, and Computer Science.

Faulk said he is confident students at Central Middle will look back and know that their time at the school prepared them to be successful in high school and beyond.

Central school board vice president Will Easley said he has tremendous confidence in co-principals Sandy Davis and Jason Fountain. “Great principals are essential to successful schools, and we are very fortunate to have them in these leadership capacities.”

Former school board president Sharon Browning said, “I have spent almost 50 years in Central schools, as a student, teacher, counselor, and now as a board member. Our most successful schools are those with a long history of very strong discipline — J. A. Smith, Glen Gentry, and others who followed in their spirit. Sandy Davis and Jason Fountain are a perfect fit for us. Where there is strong discipline, excellence follows.”

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Central's Brett Courville follows his blockers. Courville was named WAFF-TV Player of the Week.



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Central's band



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CENTRAL — Fresh off an impressive victory over arch-rival Denham Springs, the Central Wildcats (7-1) host Scotlandville for the District 4-5A Championship and a

spot in the State Playoffs. Scotlandville is "the real deal," according to Central head coach Sid Edwards. "They're huge, big on both sides of the ball, and the

fastest and most talented team we've played." Both Central and Scotlandville are undefeated in district play. Scotlandville has two losses — against Class 3A No. 1

Parkview and rival McKinley. Coach Sid praised the Wildcat team for a "magnificent performance" against Denham Springs and stopping their SEC-bound run-



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ning back Caleb Blanchard. "They hit Blanchard hard and held on to him until the calvary arrived!"

Edwards said Wildcat quarterback Brett Courville established himself as "one of the elite quarterbacks in the state" last week. Courville was responsible for 300 total yards and was named WAFB-TV's Player of the Week.

"Our team played well in all phases of the game. The offensive line was great, and the defensive line was outstanding. Our kids fought hard and did a tremendous job. Devon Gales had a great

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game, and Lamonte Janeau played well once again. On the defense, I noticed Thomas Eddlemon and Tony Ragusa." Two Wildcats will be out with injuries for the game — Tyler Abadie, offensive lineman, and Justin Vessell, safety.

For Central defensive coordinator Ken Hilton, the Scotlandville

game will be emotional. He led the Hornets to an 8-3 season last year and was named Metro Coach of the Year before joining Central.


Coach Sid said, "I know I seem repetitive, but this is a really big game against a really great team. We won't be able to afford mistakes."

— Editor Woody Jenkins

CENTRAL — On Wednesday, Central head football coach Sid Edwards said, "Devin Croft is a total team player. He does a great job for the Wildcats. He's a blue collar worker who comes to work everyday and gets the job done. I have a lot of confidence in Devin. He's a very important part of this team. He's a good example of what Central High football is all about."



Central's 2012 varsity cheerleaders




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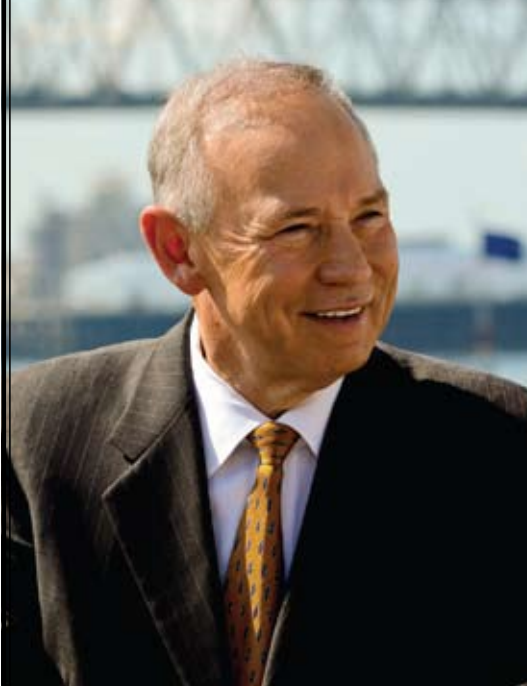


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Central Private Homecoming Court



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CENTRAL — Miss Alex Easley was named the 2012 Central Private School Homecoming Queen in ceremonies at Rebel Field. She was crowned by the 2011 Homecoming Queen, Jada Pocorello.

Miss Pocorello, daughter of Lonnie and Tara Pocorello, attends Our Lady of the Lake College in Baton Rouge where she is majoring in nursing.

Members of the Homecoming Court were:

- Freshman maid **Natalie Easley Broussard** is the daughter of Bruce and Desaree Broussard of Ethel. This is her first year to attend Central Private School. Natalie is a member of the Dixie Darlings and the Fellowship of Christian Students. She attends Bethany World Prayer Center in Baker.

In the future she plans to attend college and pursue a career in the medical field.

- Freshman maid **Brielle Elizabeth Ricca** is the daughter of Greg and Angel Ricca of Watson. She has attended CPS for three years and is a varsity cheerleader this year. Brielle is a member of the Junior Beta Club. She attends Live Oak Methodist Church in Watson and enjoys spending time with

family and friends and shopping. After graduating from high school, Brielle plans to attend Louisiana State University and become a social worker.

- Sophomore maid **Shelby Alexandra Romero** is the daughter of Joseph and Pamela Romero of Pride. This is her first time on Homecoming Court. She has attended Central Private for 12 years. Shelby is a member of the Lady Rebels varsity basketball team, varsity softball team, and track team. She is a member of the State Championship 4x100 and 4x200 relay track teams and proudly wears a state championship ring in celebration of this victory! Shelby is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the National Beta Club. She enjoys hanging out with her best friends Lauren West, Alex Wicker, and Reagan Baggett as well as running to relieve stress. In the future, Shelby plans to attend college and PA school, then return to Baton Rouge to work for an orthopedic surgeon.

- Sophomore maid **Alexandra Rose Wicker** is the daughter of Bill Wicker and Stacie Butler, both of Central. She has been a student at Central Private for 12 years starting in K-4, and this is her second year on Homecoming Court. Alex has been a varsity cheerleader for two years and is a member of the National Beta Club, Lady Rebels varsity basketball team, varsity softball team, tennis team, and track team. She attends Zoar Baptist Church, Comite Baptist Church, and Blackwater Methodist Church where she is involved in youth groups, rallies, and church camps. Alex cherishes her friends and family, playing AAU basketball, and doing Mrs. Tate's Algebra II homework every night. She has some interesting bucket list items: be a carry for a day, learn how to bartend, and set foot on every continent. In her real future, Alex plans to play college basketball and study law.

- Junior maid **Hope LeAnne Hebert** is the daughter of Joey Hebert, Christine Bunch, and Bill and Kim Hebert, all of Central. This is Hope's first year at Central Private School. She is a member of the Dixie Darlings, the Lady Rebels varsity basketball team, and the 4-H Club. Hope is a member of Bluff Creek Baptist Church, where she participates in the youth group and community service projects. After graduation from high school, Hope plans to become a veterinarian.

- Junior maid **Kaitlyn Anne Samson** is the daughter of Joey and Julie Samson of Zachary. She has been a student at Central Private for seven years. Kaitlyn is a member of the varsity cheerleading squad and has been a cheerleader since kindergarten. This is her third year on Homecoming Court. Kaitlyn is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and an active member of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. In her spare time, she enjoys riding four-wheelers, shopping with MeMe, cooking with Mom, watching football with Dad, and hanging out with Hannah and Brent. After graduation from high school, Kaitlyn plans to attend



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Alexandria and Maranatha Easley

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• Senior maid **Shelby Marie Bates** is the daughter of Tammie and James Domma and Mark and Kelly Bates, all of Central. She has been a CPS student for 13 years and is a member of Greenwell Springs Baptist Church. She is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Shelby enjoys hanging out with Reagan Baggett and Aubrey and Anna Grace Dean, babysitting for Mrs. Coon, going to LSU football games, and being silly with her awesome cheer team. She plans to try out for the Universal Cheerleaders Association staff and travel the country to teach cheer camps and is looking forward to performing in a New Year's Day Parade in London, England with Ms. Rea as her chaperone. Shelby plans to attend Nicholls State University where she hopes to be a cheerleader and major in kinesiology.

• Senior maid **Kimberly Nicole Gagnet** is the daughter of Clay and Cheryl Gagnet of Denham Springs. This is her second year at Central Private School. Kimberly is the co-captain of the varsity cheer squad, batgirl for the varsity Rebels baseball team, Senior Class Treasurer, and the reporter of the National Honor Society. She is a member of Amite Baptist Church, where she is an active member of the youth group and has participated in mission trips to Texas and Puerto Rico. In her spare time, Kimberly enjoys hanging out with her boyfriend and CPS alumni, Hunter Fauntleroy, going fishing, taking tumbling classes, photography, and double-dating with Blake McCulley and his girlfriend. In the future, Kimberly plans to attend LSU to earn a business degree and become a professional photographer. She also plans to be a batgirl for the LSU Tiger baseball team.

• Senior maid **Tori Elizabeth Tate** is the daughter of Patrick and Angela Tate of Zachary. Tori has attended CPS for two years, and this is her first year to represent her class on the Homecoming Court. She is the one and only member of the CPS swim team and is known as the Little Mermaid. She is a year-round swimmer for Tiger Aquatics and a member of the Lady Rebel varsity basketball

team. Tori is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and is the Laurel Class President. After graduating from high school, she plans to obtain a medical degree and become a pediatric oncologist.

• Homecoming Queen **Alexandria Morgan Easley** is the daughter of Maranatha Easley of Baker. This is her third year at Central Private School and her third year on Homecoming Court. Alex is currently serving as the captain of the Dixie Darlings and is the Senior Class Secretary, a member of the Fellowship of Christian Students, a batgirl for the varsity Rebels baseball team, and co-captain of the Rebel soccer team. She plays competitive soccer for the Baton Rouge Soccer League and is a dancer at Legworks. In her spare time, Alex enjoys hanging out with Hunter Wallace and her best friends Katelyn, Kimberly, Tori, Symantha, and Mason. She is a member of Journey Church, where she is involved in the youth group and community service projects. Alex plans to attend Louisiana State University to major in merchandising and marketing, and to be a batgirl for the Tigers' baseball team.

Junior pages for this year are **Master Avery Lloyd Foster, Miss Gabriella Grace O'Neal** and **Miss Makayla Marie O'Neal**.

Avery is the son of Andrew and Alison Foster of Baker and has been at CPS for two years. He is a member of Bethel Primitive Baptist Church. Avery loves to go camping with his family and make s'mores at the campfire. At school, his favorite thing is "inside recess." When Avery grows up, he wants to join the military and be an Army man.

Gabriella is the daughter of Lance and Melissa O'Neal of Central and this is her second year as a CPS student. She attends Greenwell Springs Baptist Church where she is a Sunday School, Children's Church, and Awana Club member. Gabriella enjoys playing t-ball and has been dancing for two years. In the future, she wants to go to college and be a dentist.

Makayla is the daughter of Lance and Melissa O'Neal of Central and she has been at CPS for two years. She attends Greenwell Springs Baptist

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What's Happening Around Central

CENTRAL — Events coming up in and around Central:

Thursday, October 25
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Friday, October 26
BBQ and Garage Sale
 Magnolia United Methodist Church will kickoff Homecoming festivities with the church's annual Moe Bourke Barbeque and Garage Sale. Chicken dinners will be \$8 per plate and will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Walk ups welcome and orders of five or more can be delivered. The garage sale begins at 7 a.m. and goes to 2 p.m. For information, contact the church at 261-2789 or Herman Rogillio at 335-3100.

Saturday, October 27
Benefit Golf Tournament
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 A four-man Scramble Golf Tournament will be held at Fennwood Country Club, 6003 Fennwood Dr., Zachary, for Michael "Keith" Crochet. Cost is \$400 per team; \$450 Gold Sponsor team and an ad at hole; \$100 Silver Sponsor ad at hole; \$20 per person for hole in one. Auction



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Saturday, October 27
Istrouma Class of '77 Reunion
7 to 11 p.m.
 The Istrouma High Class of '77 proudly presents Rock-n-Reunion, a gathering for all 70's grads at Reflec-

tions, 9230 Cortana Place. Tickets are \$75. Ticket includes unlimited buffet, beer, wine, and frozen drinks. Cash bar and security will be provided. Music provided by Riptide. Contact Debbie Armoney at dbueche12@yahoo.com or 261-6790.

Sunday, October 28
Homecoming Services • 10:30 a.m.
 Magnolia United Methodist Church will celebrate the 70th anniversary of its founding. Former pastor Frank Pennington will be the guest speaker for the occasion. During the service, Ms. Kathryn Foster, sole surviving founding member of the church, will be honored. A "Memorial Moment" will be observed with the lighting of

a candle in memory of Joyce Bass.
October 29 and 30
Central Private Bidy Ball Camp • 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
 Central Private will hold a Bidy Ball Mini-Camp at the Central Private Gym. Players will receive coaching from Henry Gantz and players from both district championship boys and girls teams. Cost is \$40. For information, email hhgantz@gmail.com.

Sunday, November 11
Veterans Mass • 10 a.m.
 St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church, 14040 Greenwell Springs Road, will celebrate a Veterans Mass honoring Veterans of all branches of the U.S. military. The event is open to the public and will include special recognition of attending veterans from each military branch. Guest speaker will be Brig. Gen. Richard W. Averitt, retired. St. Alphonsus will be collecting small size toiletries for the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana to send to U.S. soldiers overseas. These items can be brought to all the masses on the weekend of Nov. 10 and 11 or dropped off at the church office during business hours. For information, call 261-4650.

Tuesday, November 13
Victory Harvest Church MOPS
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
 Victory Harvest Church MOPS will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at Victory Harvest Church, 3953 N. Flannery Road. Limited childcare is available. Moms should email Barbara Womack at vhmops@cox.net or call 275-5255 to check availability. Mothers who are pregnant with their first child or have a preschooler K-5 or younger are invited to join the group.



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Ronnie Devall to CHS Hall of Fame

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2004. Devall served as the President of the East Baton Rouge Parish Principal's Association from 2001-2007. He guided Central High to "Exemplary Academic Growth" ranking and a School Performance score of 112.4 in 2004-2005. During the reception in the cafeteria at the new School Complex, Devall expressed his appreciation to all who made his election possible, especially the many faculty members who served with him over the years.

Devall joked that he had recently been mysteriously kicked off the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. "Apparently, there's a rule that no member of the committee can be elected to the Hall of Fame!" Former Central school board president Sharon Browning said, "A true Wildcat! Ronnie Devall's induction was heart-warming. No one is more deserving than he. Ronnie spent his entire life in Central. He continued our tradition of Central High's being an outstanding school under his leadership."




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Fall Festivals In and Around Central

**Friday, October 26
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BREC's North Sherwood Forest Community Park, 3140 N. Sherwood Forest Dr., will host a Halloween Carnival. The haunting excitement consists of carnival games, ghostly visitors, costume contest, a haunted house, inflatables, and much more. The fee is \$2 per person for the Haunted House and is open to all ages. The first 10 games are free and additional tickets can be purchased. For information, call 275-0568 or visit brec.org.

**Saturday, October 27
Halloween Extravaganza
6 to 8 p.m.**

A Halloween Extravaganza will be held at the St. Alphonsus Family Center for toddlers through 5th grade. Children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be hayrides, free food, games, crafts, and lots of family fun!

**October 26, 27, and 31
Blood Creek Manor Haunted House**

Blood Creek Manor Haunted House, 6010 Wet Creek Ave, Greenwell Springs, will be open to the public on Friday, Oct. 26 and Saturday, Oct. 27, 7 to 10 p.m. and Halloween night, Oct. 31, 7 to 9 p.m. There will be a Trick or Treat hayride and fun small child activities on Halloween night, 6 to 8 p.m. Cost: \$5 minimum donation. A portion will be donated to Lawson Hebert and his family. Non perishable food items will also be collected for the Central City Food Bank.

**Saturday, October 27
Pumpkin Patch Craft Show
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

The Pumpkin Patch Craft Show will be held at Blackwater United Methodist Church, 10000 Blackwater Rd. For information, contact Jo Anne Lewis at 261-4646 or Joanne@blackwaterumc.org.

**Saturday, October 27
Grace UPC Fall Fest • 5 p.m.**

Grace United Pentecostal Church, 13845 Hooper Rd., welcomes everyone to our annual Fall Fest. We will enjoy food, inflatables, games, horses, trunk or treat, and more. No scary costumes please!

**Tuesday, October 30
BREC-A-BOO Haunted
Hike • 5 to 8 p.m.**

BREC's Greenwood Community Park, 13350 Hwy. 19, Baker, will host a Haunted Hike. The haunting excitement consists of carnival games, ghostly visitors, a costume contest,



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ZOAR FALL FESTIVAL — Zoar Baptist sponsors one of the area's premier Fall Festivals on Wednesday, Oct. 31. This photo won 1st Place in Louisiana for Best Feature Photo.

inflatables, and a haunted hike around the ExxonMobil Nature Trail. The Haunted Trail is \$5 per person. The first 10 games are free and additional tickets can be purchased. For information, call 620-0500 or visit brec.org.

**Wednesday, October 31
Grace Family Church Fall Fest
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Grace Family Church, 13268 Denham Rd., will have a Family Fall Fest at the gym. Everyone is invited for

free food, games, space jump, prizes, hayrides, and candy! There will be a free drawing for a boy and girl scooter along with door prizes for adults, must be present to win. Children encouraged to wear costumes, nothing scary or inappropriate. For information, call Kim at 937-4435 or Bonnie at 298-6752.

**Wednesday, October 31
Sandy Creek Fall Festival
6 to 8 p.m.**

Sandy Creek Baptist Church, 22834

Liberty Road will have a Fall Festival. Everyone is invited for fun, games, candy, prizes, food, and drink.

**Wednesday, October 31
Galilee Fall Festival
6 to 8 p.m.**

Galilee Baptist Church, 11050 Greenwell Springs-Port Hudson Road, will have a Family Fall Festival. Come for a night of fun with carnival games, inflatables, and a dunking booth. The whole family can enjoy a bowl of jambalaya and candy of course. Sign up for door prizes. For information, call 654-5633.

**Wednesday, October 31
KidZone Karnival Fall Festival
6 to 8 p.m.**

Victory Harvest Church, 3953 North Flannery Road, invites you and your family to join them for exciting games, candy, prizes, food, and fun! KidZone Karnival Fest Fall Festival is a safe alternative to Halloween for your children. There will be a Fire Safe House, candy cannon, giant slide, hay ride, Patches the Dog, obstacle course, and much more.

**Wednesday, October 31
Journey Fest Western
6 to 8 p.m.**

Journey Church, 17407 Greenwell Springs Rd., invites you and your family to join them for games, hot air balloon, prizes, cotton candy, popcorn, corndogs, nachos, and more.

**Wednesday, October 31
Zoar Fall Festival • 6 to 8 p.m.**

Zoar Baptist Church, 11848 Hooper Road, invites everyone for hot air balloon rides, free food, carnival games, largest inflatables in Louisiana, door prizes, pony rides, and pre-k area. Bring non-perishable food items and help fill the Central Food Bank.

**Wednesday, October 31
GSBC Fall Festival • 6 to 8:30 p.m.**

Greenwell Springs Baptist Church, 19421 Greenwell Springs Rd., invites you and your family to the Fall Festival. For children 12 and under. Fun includes hayrides, horse rides, crawl through maze, carnival games, and candy. Concessions will be available for a minimal cost.

**Sunday, November 4
Children's Fall Festival
6 to 8 p.m.**

Indian Mound Baptist Church will have its annual Children's Fall Festival. Admission is free for all children 4 years through 5th grade. All children under 5 years must be accompanied by an adult. There will be an inflatable, food, games, treats, and fellowship.

Pumpkin Patch at Blackwater



Purchase your pumpkins at the Pumpkin Patch at Blackwater Methodist Church, 10000 Blackwater Road, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sunday 1-4 p.m. through Oct. 31

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What's New Around Central



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ALEXANDRA'S — A new boutique that carries a large variety of clothes, shoes, and accessories for women. Pictured are (left to right) Lori Kent, Jamie Hunt, and Mikayla Gerald. The store is located at 14790 Wax Road, Suite 109, 225-448-3757. Alexandra's has a second location at 20377 Old Scenic Hwy., Suite 109, Zachary, 225-654-6565.



Photo by Jolice Provost

SALLY'S BEAUTY SUPPLY — A store that carries a large variety of beauty aides. Shown are (left to right) Amber Charbonnet, Joann Eiceman, manager Lori Drankus, Keith Dowler, and Michelle Videgaray of corporate. The store is located at 14455 Wax Road, Suite S, 225-261-1522.

Births



Skyler Joseph Buvens

Joseph and Kaite (Hyde) Buvens are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Skyler Joseph.

Skyler was born at Woman's Hospital on Sept. 3, 2012, at 1:05 p.m. He weighed seven pounds, 13 ounces, and was 21.25 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Jolice and Emile Provost of Central, Brandon and Charlene Hyde of Central, and Michael and Rita Buvens of Walker. Great-grandparents are Peggy Doucet André, Ethel and the late Timothy "Huey" Hyde, Sonny and Myrt Provost, Joyce and Ralph Hawkins, the late Roy and Ruby Courtney, and the late John Henry and Patricia Buvens.

Lilah Ruth Moody

Lamon and Amanda (Lee) Moody are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Lilah Ruth. She was welcomed home by big brother Cohen and big sister Olivia.

Lilah was born Aug. 14, 2012, at 12:18 p.m. She weighed eight pounds, 15 ounces, and was 22 inches long.

Proud grandparents are James Byron and Candi Lee of Central, Robin Moody of Central, and Skip and Joan Moody of Jackson. Great-grandparents are Bonnie Drummond of Central and Bernie Lee of Baton Rouge.



Josiah George Gatechair

Joseph and Kendall (Hamilton) Gatechair are proud to announce the birth of their son, Josiah George.

Josiah was born at 1:46 p.m. Aug. 10, 2012. He weighed seven pounds, nine ounces, and was 20.25 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Jerry and Mandy Hamilton of Greenwell Springs, Joe and Jenny Gatechair of Violet, and David and Trudy Beach of Baton Rouge. Great-grandparents are Willie Mae Kelley and the late Clifton W. Kelley Sr., Ouida Z. Hamilton and the late George C. Hamilton, Earsking Gatechair and the late Annabelle Goodyear Gatechair, and Teeny and Johnnie LeBlanc.



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