



School Board president Dr. Jim Gardner, Central's Man of the Year

Dr. Jim Gardner Named Central's Man of the Year

Veteran Central Educator Guided Building of \$45M School Complex

Woody Jenkins
Editor, Central City News

CENTRAL — If you had lived near the intersection of Hooper and Joor roads in the late 1940's, you probably did your grocery shopping at Gardner's Store on the corner where Dr. Tim Raborn's dental office is now located.

In 1949, you certainly would have noticed Mrs. Gardner's handsome 14-year-old son Jim who would bag your groceries and carry them out to your car. After all,

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City Council Gives OK to Term Limits

Washington, LoBue, Messina Vote Yes, DeJohn, Moak No

CENTRAL — The Central City Council Tuesday night voted to establish terms for Mayor, Police Chief, and City Council.

Beginning July 1, 2014, these public officials would be limited to three four-year terms. If an official served two years or more of a unexpired term, that would count as a full four-year term.

The vote was 3-2. Voting Yes were Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Washington and Councilmen Tony LoBue and Wayne Messina. Voting No were Councilmen Louis DeJohn and Aaron Moak. DeJohn and Moak offered motions to reduce term limits to eight years and to make them retroactive, but these motions were defeated 3-2.

The ordinance tracks the Louisiana Constitution which provides term limits of 12 years for state legislators. That requirement too was prospective only.

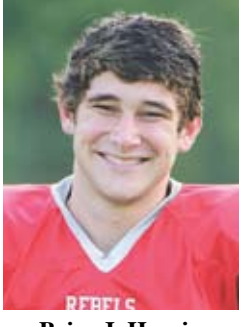
Three Killed in Traffic Accidents

CENTRAL — Three young people have lost their lives as the result of traffic accidents over the past week. On Sunday morning, a one-car crash left two men dead and another in the hospital.

Christopher McCoy, 27, 4525 Beaver Creek, Greenwell Springs, and Jonathan Love, 26, 14853 Joor Road, Lot #36, were pronounced dead on the scene. The driver ap-

parently lost control in the 14000 block of Carey Road, hit a culvert, and flipped over.

In a separate accident Monday morning, Brice J. Harris, 18, a student at



Brice J. Harris

Central Private, was fatally injured on his way to school. Young Harris apparently lost control of his vehicle while driving north on LA 1032 in Livingston Parish. The vehicle struck a tree, and Harris received fatal injuries. He was reportedly not wearing a seat belt. Services are Thursday morning at 11 a.m. at Hebron Baptist Church in Denham Springs.

Central Lifts Hughes to Supreme Court



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Jeff Hughes Will Give Republicans 4-3 Majority on La. Highest Court

CENTRAL — Republican Judge Jeff Hughes was elected to the Louisiana Supreme Court by a 53-47 margin over Democrat Judge John Guidry in Saturday's runoff election. Hughes becomes the first Republican elected to the court from the Baton Rouge area and gives Republicans a 4-3 majority on the court for the first time ever.

Hughes won strong majorities in Central, Livingston, Ascension, and

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Sheriff's Corporal Tullier greets an admirer during 26th Annual Christmas Parade

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MEMBER OF ELECTORAL COLLEGE — Supreme Court Justice-Elect Jeff Hughes (right) congratulates Scott Wilfong, who was elected Nov. 6 as the member of the Electoral College representing the 6th Congressional District. Wilfong will cast his vote for Mitt Romney at the meeting of the Electoral College on Monday, Dec. 17.

Country Living in the City

Jeff Hughes' Election Broke New Ground

Supreme Court Decision Opened Door for Judges To Speak Freely In Campaigns

Woody Jenkins
Editor, Central City News

CENTRAL — Judge Jeff Hughes' candidacy for the Louisiana Supreme Court broke new ground — in terms of both our political system and our legal system. Even though Louisiana has elected its judges throughout its history, candidates for judgeships have been ordered by the state supreme court not to discuss controversial issues during their campaigns. The theory was that this might cause a

How Jeff Hughes' Election Made History

- One of first candidates for a state Supreme Court to utilize right to comment on legal and political issues, in accordance with U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Minnesota Republican Party v. White*.
- Ran unequivocally on platform of pro-life, pro-gun, and pro-traditional marriage.
- Gave Republicans a 4-3 majority on Louisiana Supreme Court for first time in history.
- First Republican on Supreme Court from Capital Region
- First member of the Supreme Court ever elected from Livingston Parish

judge to be biased on his future rulings and might even disqualify him from sitting on a case.

But these kinds of prohibitions on freedom of speech were struck down in a 2003 case that made it all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. The court ruled that state supreme courts could not adopt rules to limit or restrict the right of candidates for judges to speak freely on important issues. The problem is that, until Jeff Hughes

ran for the Supreme Court, candidates for judge in Louisiana and other states have still been reluctant to speak out on controversial issues. But Jeff Hughes just ran

a tough, in-your-face campaign based on real issues — and won!

He staked out a strong conservative message — pro-life, pro-gun, and pro-traditional marriage. As a result, he has become the first Republican ever elected from the Baton Rouge area to the state Supreme Court and has given Republicans a 4-3 majority on the court.



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Hughes' victory ought to send a message to every candidate for judge — don't be afraid of saying what you believe and running a campaign based on real issues!

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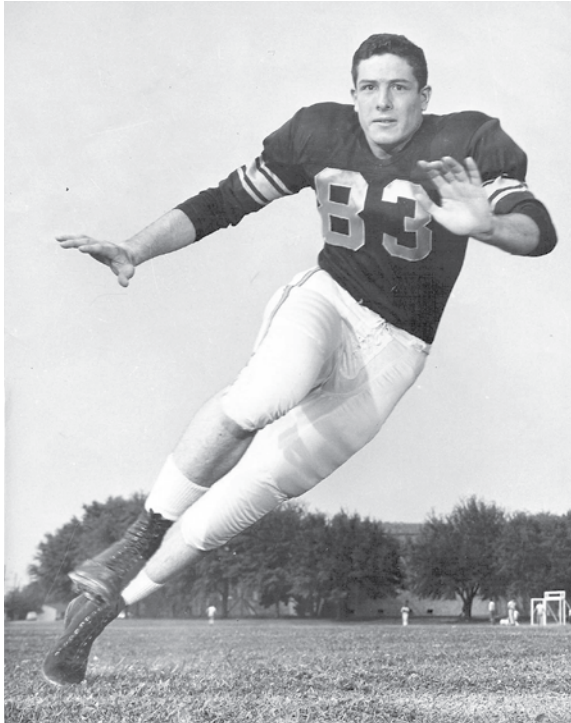
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2012 Man of the Year Dr. Jim Gardner

65-Year Love Affair with Central



DR. JIM GARDNER — (Left to right) At age 10, wearing knickers; playing for the LSU Tigers in mid-1950's, and newly-weds Jim and Mary Ann Gardner in early 1990's.

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Jim already stood 6 feet tall. He was a big, athletic kid whom the coaches at Central High had begun to notice. And he had an infectious smile that the girls seemed to like.

Today, more than 60 years later, that young man has lived a full and successful life. Yet, he is still serving the people of Central — now as president of the Central Community School Board.

Over the past two years, Dr. Jim Gardner oversaw construction of Central's \$45 million school complex — one of the largest construction projects in the history of the parish, a facility that has raised Central's schools from among the worst in the state to among the best.

He is a little older now, but he still has the bearing of the athlete he once was, and he still has the infectious smile that lights up a room.

Central High head football coach Sid Edwards said, "Dr. Jim Gardner is a great man! He's a visionary. And one of his most important traits is that he is a balanced man — with a broad perspective of education, which encompasses academia, extracurricular activities, and athletics. He sees value and merit in all of these."

"He also knows his football!" Coach Sid laughed, "He gives me advice from time to time, and he's

right!" Jim Gardner should know his football. He was Most Valuable Player on the Central High School

team in his senior year. But he's proudest of another award he received that year — the first-ever

J. A. Smith Best Athlete Award, which was personally presented by See **DR JIM** on Page 4



DR. JIM GARDNER helping renovate Bellingrath Elementary in 2007

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Dr. Jim Gardner: From Football Fame

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legendary Central High principal J.A. Smith.

Jim earned a football scholarship to LSU and became the first Central High graduate to actually play for the Tigers.

The Central High School football team photo for 1952 showed Donald Ray Kennard on the front row wearing number 43 and Jim Gardner on the back row, the only player without a chin strap. Not a single Central player had a face mask. That was a thing of the future.

Jim Gardner's senior year on the LSU Tiger football team was 1957 — one year before LSU's first-ever National Championship team. He is No. 80 in the front row. Just to the left is All-American Jimmy Taylor. Others in the photo include the great All-American Billy Cannon, Warren Rabb, and Johnny Robinson. 1957 was the only year Jimmy Taylor and Billy Cannon were on the team together.

Jim Gardner's grandfather was a Baptist minister from Natchitoches who took his wife to Panama to start a church during the construction of the Panama Canal right after the turn of the century. Jim's mother, Mattie Wise Gardner, was born in the U.S. Canal Zone in 1906. Jim's dad, Urban H. Gardner, was a railroad man from Texas.

Jim grew up with a strong Christian influence from his parents.

In 1948, the Gardners bought a small grocery store in Central. They called it Gardner's Store. It was no more than 500 square feet, and the family lived in the back of the store. Jim was 13 when the family came to Central, and his parents used the store to teach him the importance of



Central High football team of 1953 — Donald Ray Kennard is No. 43 in front. Jim Gardner is in the back row, 5th from right.



CROWLEY HIGH COACHES — (Left to right) James M. Griffin, Charles Oakley, and James W. Gardner during the 1958 football season. Gardner taught mathematics.

hard work and treating people right.

In those days, Mr. Eisworth had a store on the Greenwell Springs Road

at the intersection with Sullivan.

Mr. Ezell had a store at Joor and Sullivan. The Edwards Store was

at Hooper and Sullivan, and Mr. J.D. Long had a store at Blackwater and Core. At the intersection of Hooper and Plank roads was the Six-Mile Store, so named because it was six miles from Baton Rouge.

"There weren't many people in Central in those days, and we knew just about everyone," Gardner said. Today, almost all of their customers have passed away. Jim would give a lot for a photo of Gardner's Store. "We didn't have a camera. Not many people did."

Gardner graduated from Central High in 1953. He earned his B.S. in 1957 and went on to earn his Master's in 1961 and his Doctorate in 1973, all from LSU.

At Central High, Jim met Elaine Hodgeson, and they became high school sweethearts. They married in 1954, after Jim's freshman year at LSU. After graduation from LSU, they moved to Crowley, where Jim

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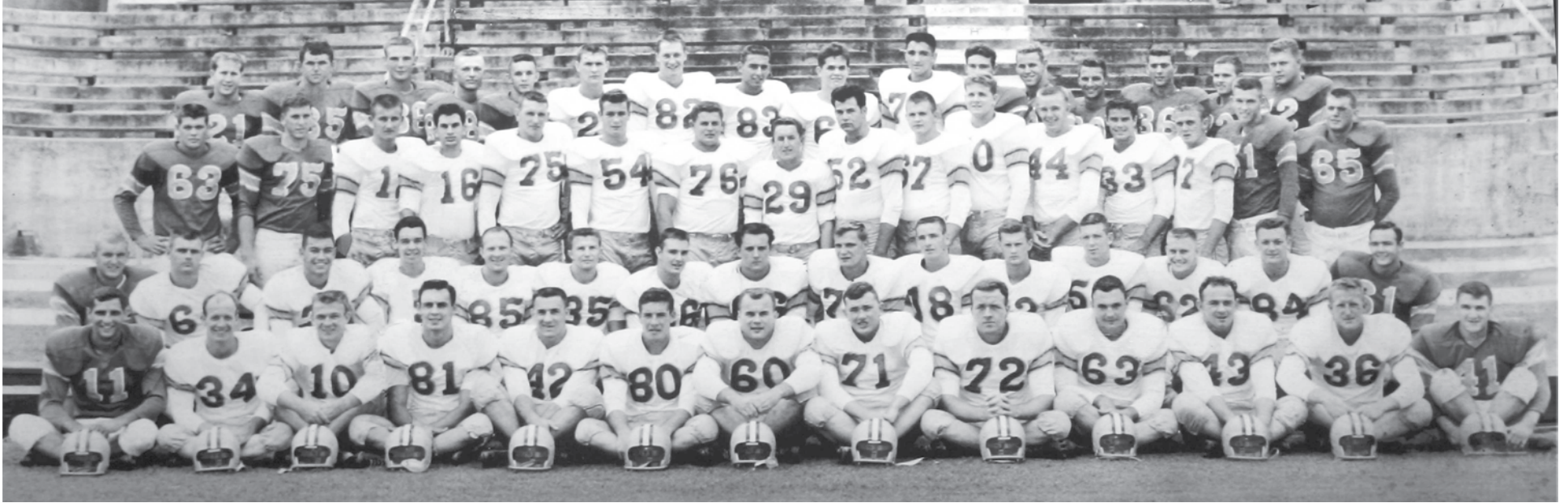
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LSU FIGHTING TIGERS of 1957 — Dr. Jim Gardner is No. 80 in front row. Next to him is No. 42, All-American Jimmy Taylor. Others include Bill Cannon (6th in top row).

accepted a position as a teacher and coach at Crowley High School. They won District championships but in 1963, his Crowley team lost to Central and David LeSage in the quarterfinals.

Elaine and Jim had one natural child, Dennis Gardner. They lost a child and were unable to have more. But they adopted two children, John Gardner and Anne Marie Sensat. They raised another child, Mark Hornsby, whom they never formally adopted but who is like a son to them. Today Mark is Federal Magistrate in Shreveport.

Jim taught and coached until 1966 when he joined the central office staff of the Acadia Parish School Board. He developed an expertise in computers in the very early days of computers and managed the parish's computer operations. The main frame computer was the size of a

“ He’s a joy to work with. He’s a deep thinker. He works very well with board members. He always strives to make decisions based on the best interests of the school system. ”

— Supt. Mike Faulk of Central community schools

“ He has the experience. Education is his life. He keeps us informed and involved. He’s a man of the highest character, a great leader for us. ”

— Will Easley, vice president, Central school board

“ Dr. Gardner adds perspective. His experience and his ability to analyze data are invaluable. He is willing to both constructively challenge and be a supportive advisor to the superintendent. He is our unanimous choice for a second term. ”

— Jim Lloyd, member, Central school board

school classroom. He became active in state and national computer organizations and served as president of the Louisiana Association of Computer Users in Education. He left the school board in 1978 to become a private education consultant. He worked for five years at the Louisiana Department of Education and 13 years at Southern University.

He and wife Elaine moved back to their beloved Central in 1985. Unfortunately, by then, Elaine was suffering from very serious health problems, mostly caused by her diabetes. This led to kidney failure and a heart attack. Family friends recount how Jim took care of her faithfully during years of illness before Elaine passed away.

In 1991, Jim married Mary Ann Gilson of Natchitoches. Mary Ann has two children, Laura Seabaugh and Ginger Conner. Laura's husband

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Dr. Jim Gardner: From Football Fame



Dr. Jim Gardner being sworn in



Dr. Jim Gardner during board meeting



Jim and Mary Ann Gardner



2012 MAN OF THE YEAR — Central school board president Dr. Jim Gardner with his wife Mary Ann were honored this week by his selection as Central's Man of the Year.



CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD — (1st row) Ruby Foil, Sharon Browning, Roxanne Atkinson, (2nd row) Will Easley, Jim Lloyd, Jim Gardner, and Dr. David Walker.



Ronnie Devall and Jim Gardner



Ground-breaking for school complex

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is Rep. Alan Seabaugh of Shreveport. Ginger's husband is Rev. Oren Conner, pastor of First Baptist Church of Baton Rouge.

For many years, Dr. Gardner has been a widely sought-after expert on education matters.

In 2006, when Gov. Kathleen Blanco was considering whom to appoint to the first Central Community School Board, the late Rep. Donald

Ray Kennard nominated Dr. Gardner for one of the seven positions on the board. She approved that nomination, and Dr. Gardner was a member of the first school board when it was sworn in January 2007.

Since then, Jim Gardner has played a key role in every important decision made by the board, including the selection of Mike Faulk as the school system's first superintendent, the apportionment of the school board

into seven single-member districts, the creation of Central Intermediate School, and the submission to the voters of a bond and tax election to build the new Central School Board.

In December 2010, Gardner was elected president of the school board — a critical position because the school system was just beginning the design, letting of bids, and construction of the \$45 million school complex.

His first two-year term as president

has seen the complex move from design to completion. Today, Central has one of the finest school facilities in the South. During the design and construction period, a thousand things could have gone wrong. But, thanks to a good superintendent, an active, involved school board, and an experienced and committed school board president, the school complex has been a great success.

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Political Influence Shifting Out of Baton Rouge

Suburban Voters in Central, Livingston, Ascension, Southeast BR Elected Hughes

Pro-Life, Pro-Gun, Marriage Themes Resonated with Suburban Voters

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Southeast Baton Rouge, while narrowly losing the rest of the district. The district includes Ascension, East and West Baton Rouge, East and West Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, and Pointe Coupee parishes.

Hughes lost East Baton Rouge by 5,577 votes, but carried Livingston by 10,659 votes and Ascension by 2,243 votes. According to pollster John Couvillion, in East Baton Rouge, Hughes received 45 percent of the votes cast — not bad for a staunch conservative. Hughes swept Central with a 2,746-vote margin, or 86 percent of the votes cast. He carried Southeast Baton Rouge with 69 percent and, surprisingly, the Highland/Perkins area with 52 percent. Even the Garden District, a hotbed of more liberal whites, delivered good news for Hughes. He received 49 percent and barely lost the Garden District.

The suburban areas in the Capital region both inside and outside East Baton Rouge Parish clearly outvoted the City of Baton Rouge and handed Hughes an historic victory.

According to the Louisiana Secretary of State, the parish-by-parish



LIVINGSTON NIGHT — Judge Jeff Hughes (center) was congratulated at his victory party by Livingston assessor Jeff Taylor (left) and parish president Layton Ricks.

results were as follows:

Parish	Guidry	Hughes
Ascension	3,495	5,738
EBR	31,160	25,583
E Feliciana	1,831	1,825
Iberville	3,926	3,136
Livingston	1,512	12,171
P. Coupee	1,623	1,380
WBR	2,888	2,301
W Feliciana	824	805
Total	47,259	52,939
Percentage	47.2%	52.8%

Hughes ran on a strongly conservative platform that emphasized his

support for the right to life, the right to keep and bear arms, and support for traditional marriage between one man and one woman.

On the other hand, Guidry declined to state his position on controversial issues. Prior to 2003, the Canon of Ethics issued by the State Supreme Court in many states prohibited candidates for judgeships from stating their position on controversial political or legal issues.

However, in 2003, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that judicial candidates have freedom of speech and may speak on any topic. Nevertheless, since that decision, few judicial candidates around the nation have taken advantage of the opportunity to state their views publicly.

According to a spokesman for the Louisiana Supreme Court, sitting judges are prohibited only from commenting on cases currently pending in a Louisiana court.

When Guidry served in the Louisiana House and Senate, he had a very liberal voting record. However, as a judge, he has cultivated a more moderate image.

In this election, he put together an unusual coalition of the Democratic Party, black churches, paid election day workers, the Louisiana Association of Business & Industry, and some oil and gas PAC's.

On the other hand, Hughes was supported by the Louisiana Republican Party, the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge and Ascension parishes, the Tea Party of Louisiana, and a long list of elected officials, primarily from Livingston, Ascension, and Central.

With a turnout which had been projected at 20 percent, both candidates knew that turning out their voters was the key to victory. In the

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	Supreme Court		Court of Appeal		
	Guidry	Hughes	Carter	McDonald	
Dec. 8, 2012 Election					
City of Central, LA					
2-8A	Gas Utility No. 1	18	178	16	178
2-8B	Gas Utility No. 1	17	183	9	190
3-1A	Central Worship Center	30	189	22	191
3-1B	Central Worship Center	16	224	11	228
3-2A	Cornerstone Fellowship	28	124	25	125
3-2B	Cornerstone Fellowship	19	137	13	140
3-6A	Central Middle School	8	116	6	114
3-6B	Central Middle School	13	129	15	128
3-9A	St. Alphonsus School	50	208	42	213
3-9B	St. Alphonsus School	56	245	47	253
3-14A	Central Middle School	20	140	19	139
3-14B	Central Middle School	17	121	12	131
3-25A	Central High School	29	121	29	120
3-25B	Central High School	17	113	11	115
3-26A	Bellingrath Hills Elementary	40	170	33	172
3-26B	Bellingrath Hills Elementary	20	166	17	166
3-30A	Tanglewood Elementary	40	159	31	167
3-30B	Tanglewood Elementary	16	159	14	157
3-37	Cornerstone Fellowship	34	147	26	154
3-46	Central Fire Station	18	223	13	222
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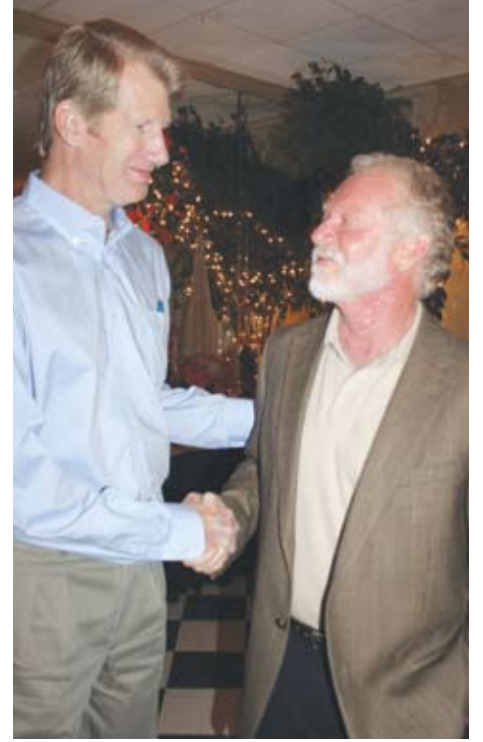
Livingston Parish Demonstrated Growing



Mike Dowty and Paul Hughes



JUDGE JEFF HUGHES with (left to right) Dixie Lizana, Alyssa Wilson, and his fiancée, Lisa Lizana. Dixie is Lisa's mother, and Alyssa is Lisa's daughter.



Judge Hughes and Craig Stafford

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 end, Hughes did the better job. Both candidates suffered from divisions within their ranks. Hughes suffered from LABI's support of Guidry but more than made up for it by outspending Guidry three to one, if independent expenditures made on his behalf are included. Judge Guidry also suffered from divisions within his ranks because of lack of support from former Sen. Cleo Fields and several other black leaders. Fields reportedly "went fishing" and didn't help Guidry. Several years ago, Guidry ruled against Fields in a suit on whether

Fields was eligible to seek another term in the State Senate. After the decision, Guidry drew opposition for reelection to the Court of Appeal from Cleo Fields' brother, District Judge Wilson Fields. In some recent elections, the cast of characters supporting or opposing the various candidates has seemed to have little to do with the party affiliation, political philosophy, or voting record of the candidate. Rather, when one special interest weighs into a race on behalf of a candidate, groups opposed to the first group weigh in to support his opponent.

In the Nov. 6 primary for the Supreme Court, LABI endorsed Judge Bill Morvant. Immediately, trial lawyers opposed to LABI policies, weighed in to support of "anyone but Morvant." When Judge Morvant lost in the primary, LABI switched its support to Guidry, and some trial lawyers rushed to support Hughes, the only non-Guidry candidates. Ironically, the groups seemed to line up for or against the candidates despite no commitment from Guidry or Hughes on their issues. Hughes is expected to be sworn in on or about Jan. 29, 2013.

Central Landslide Elects McDonald

CENTRAL — Appeal Court Judge Mike McDonald was handily reelected Saturday as a result of a landslide in Central where he received nearly 90 percent of the vote.



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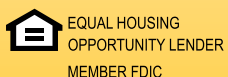
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FLAKE, CHAMPAGNE

Marlana Shaffer and Pete Firmin will exchange vows Jan. 25 at St. Alphon-sus Liguori Catholic Church.

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Heather Flake, Joshua Champagne Will Wed on Feb. 22 at St. Joseph



Heather Flake and Joshua Champagne FRENCH SETTLEMENT — Heather Lynn Flake and Joshua Joseph Champagne, both of St. Amant,

will marry in a 7 p.m. ceremony Feb. 22, 2013, at St. Joseph Church in French Settlement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland L. Flake, Jr. of Greenwell Springs. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Roland L. Flake, Sr. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Weatherford.

Heather is a graduate of Redemptorist High School and Our Lady of the Lake College. She is employed as a registered nurse at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital pediatric emergency room.

Her fiancé is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Brion Broussard of St. Amant and Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Champagne St. of Reserve. He is the grandson of Mr. Joseph Marks and the late Verlie Marks and Mrs. Melanie Champagne and the late O.J. Champagne.

Joshua is a graduate of St. Amant High School. He is employed at Marathon Petroleum Company.

Deaths

Johnathan Richard Love

Jonathan Richard Love passed away on Friday, Dec. 7, 2012, at the age of 26 due to a motor vehicle accident.

Born Aug. 21, 1986, to Richard and Susan Love. He was the owner of Influential Coatings. Jonathan loved life and had a God-given talent of creativeness in designing and fabricating custom trucks and cars.



Visitation was held at Seale Funeral Home in Central on Monday, Dec. 10, 2012, and again on Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012, until religious services conducted by Pastor Tom Day. Burial was at Greenoaks Memorial Park in Baton Rouge.

Survived by the love of his life, soul mate and fiancé, Stephanie Chiek; parents, Richard and Susan Pitre Love; sister, Jennifer Love Wilkinson and husband Caleb; nephew, Cole Wilkinson; aunt, Goldie Love LeBlanc "Aunt Sissy" and husband Dale; aunts, Lou Ann Thomas and husband Jerry, Karen Miller and husband Jimmy, Laura Jones and husband Jerry, and Carol Campbell and husband Todd; uncle, Marc Love and wife Denise; grandparents, Harold and Shirley Pitre, Thadys M. Love, and Jon L. Neames, Sr. Preceded in death by his grandfather, Richard G. Love.

Pallbearers were Jesse Medine, Jeremy Sanders, Blake Monson, Jarred Carroll, David Rowell, and Sergio Casillas, Jr. Seale Funeral Home, 9995 Hooper Road, Central, LA 70818 in charge of arrangements.

Harvey Lee Findley

Harvey Lee Findley passed away at 11:20 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at his residence in Baton Rouge at the age of 90. He was a retired petroleum inspector and after his retirement, designed and built sampling devices for the petroleum industry. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Visitation was held at Zoar Baptist Church Wednesday, Dec. 5 until religious services conducted by Dr. Kevin Hand. Burial was at Zoar Baptist Church Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jessie Bee Ratcliff Findley; a daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis and Steve Green; two sons, Ronald Lee and Tim Findley; a sister and brother-in-law, Margie and Bob Medlin; two grandsons, Mike and Jack Findley; two granddaughters, Alida and Clarisa Findley; mothers of his grandchildren, Susan Davidson and Lourdes Rodriguez; brothers-in-law, Claude Shannon

and Dale Jones; and sister-in-law, Margaret Findley.

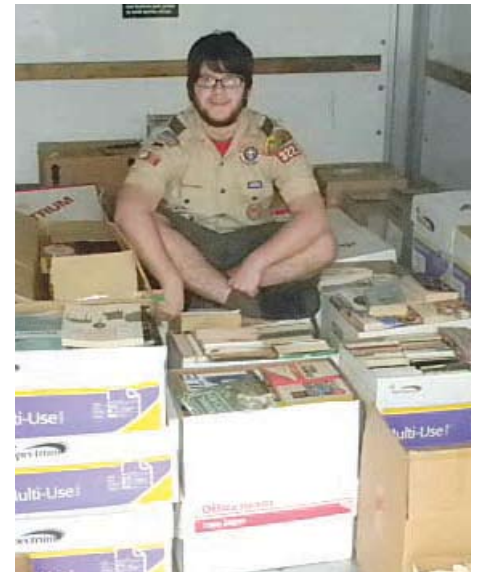
Preceded in death by his parents, Clement James and Gertrude Emily Bennett Findley; brothers, Robert and James Findley; sisters, Dorothy Findley and Alice Mae Jones. He was a member of Zoar Baptist Church and was a member of the Propeller Club.

Parker Reid Navarro

Parker Reid Navarro, a baby whose happiness was a blessing to many. Parker's life was short, but he lived it to the fullest, touching hundreds of lives.

He is survived by his father and mother, Micah and Keri Navarro and big brother Cooper Navarro of Central; grandparents, Todd and Celeste Navarro of Central and Mike and Susie McLendon of Pride; great-grandparents, Nell Merritt of Central, Frederick and Deborah Navarro of Hazelhurst, Miss., and Frederick and Doris Haygood of LeComb; Aunt Kristen Navarro, Aunt Mikki McLendon, Aunt Donna Harrellson, Uncle Jason Causey, and Uncle Michael McLendon, as well as, many more loving family members and friends of the family.

Parker now resides with his Father in Heaven. Visitation was at Seale Funeral Home in Central Wednesday, Dec. 5 and at Cornerstone Fellowship Church Thursday, Dec. 6. Services were officiated by Rev. Caleb Crawford. Burial was at Evergreen Memorial Park in Denham Springs.



BRENNAN JOHNSON, an Eagle candidate, conducted a book drive to fulfill the service project portion of his Eagle rank. With the help of his Scout unit, Troop 322 chartered through St. Alphon-sus Catholic Church, he was able to collect 3,064 books to benefit the EBR Parish Book Mobile.

Births

Evangeline Kate Cali

Dominic and Cindy Cali are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful granddaughter, Evangeline Kate.

Evangeline was born Oct. 15, 2012, in Nashua, N.H. She weighed eight pounds, six ounces, and was 20.5 inches long.

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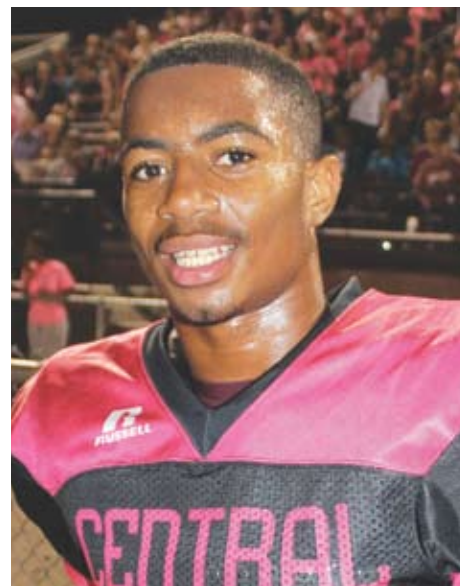
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RED STICK BOWL — Four senior Central High football players will take part in a post-season classic — the annual U. S. Army Red Stick Bowl. The four representing Central are (left to right) Paul Broussard, Brett Courville, Hunter Edgens, and Devon Gales. This year's game will be played at Denham Springs High School at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

Dr. Jim Gardner Discusses Goals for Schools' Next Four Years

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For all Dr. Gardner has accomplished, he credits Supt. Mike Faulk, his fellow school board members ("We have a great school board!"), and his most trusted friend, advisor, and confidant, his wife Mary Ann.

Now, Dr. Jim Gardner is looking ahead to further challenges for the Central school system. Here are some of his goals:

- Working with the Central community and the City of Central, develop a plan for use of the old Central Middle School property. Many proposals have been made but Dr. Gardner said he hopes the final plan will incorporate public space such as City Hall, Library, Post Office, School Board office, and other facilities.

- Move the school system as a whole to the No. 1 position in school performance scores. "I could argue for hours about how performance scores should be calculated but the fact is, this is how we are evaluated, and we need to be the best."

“After serving with Jim for nearly six years on the board, I know that he is totally focused on our school system and making it the best it can be. Jim is a good leader and a man of integrity. No one deserves it more than he.”

— Sharon Browning, past president, Central schools

“Jim has a real heart for children and their education. He's tireless in pursuit of improving the educational experience of all children and the teachers and administrators who touch their lives. It is a pleasure working with him on the board.”

— Roxanne Atkinson, member, Central school board

- The Central school system should implement its Strategic Plan, emphasizing those things that will enhance the educational process. "It's not all about college prep, but every course needs to be rigorous and relevant," he said.
- The Central school system must be highly competitive in attracting the best teachers and personnel, includ-

ing a competitive salary schedule.

- Central schools should be at the forefront of using technology in the educational process and in preparing students for productive work that utilizes technology.

- Locate the 9th Grade Academy in its own facility and make sure that 9th graders, who have a wide variety of interests, talents, and needs, have every opportunity to achieve their potential.

This week, the Central Community School Board elected Dr. Jim Gardner to his second two-year term as president of the board.

In light of his devotion to the people of Central, his long years of experience and faithful service, and his commitment to the future of the Central Community School System and its students, the Central City News is pleased to recognize Dr. Jim Gardner as Central's 2012 Man of the Year.

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CENTRAL — Events coming up in and around the Capital City:

**Saturday, December 15
Christmas Tour of Homes
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**December 16 and 21-24
Christmas Open House
5 to 10 p.m.**

Wayne and Diane Leader will open their home to the public for viewing of Christmas decorations for the eighth consecutive year.

**December 15 and 16
"The Nutcracker—A Tale from the Bayou" • 2 p.m., 6 p.m.**

The Baton Rouge Ballet Theatre and the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra, will perform "The Nutcracker—A Tale from the Bayou," at the River Center Theatre for the Performing Arts. Tickets range from \$20-\$42 and may be purchased through the BRBT office at 766-8379, through the River Center Box Office, and at all Ticketmaster outlets. For information, call 766-8379 or visit www.batonrougeballet.org.

**December 15 and 16
"Charity's Gift"**

Cornerstone Fellowship, 9611 Blackwater Rd., will present "Charity's Gift," as a gift to the community. The original musical drama will be at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 and 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16. Free admission and reception following the Saturday evening performance. For



PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF COLONEL — Steve Aiton, a 1986 graduate of Central High and 1991 graduate of LSU, was promoted to the rank of Colonel in the United States Army. He and his family are stationed in Tampa, Fla. where he is assigned to the U.S. Central Command. Steve has served three deployments overseas. Shown are (left to right) Becky (Brister) Aiton, Col. Steve Aiton, Ryan, Megan, and Matthew. Celebrating the occasion with the family were Steve and Delana Aiton, Amy Aiton Couch, Reuben Aiton, and Edna Brister.

information, call 261-8795.

**Sunday, December 16
"St. Nick's Nativity"
10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

Comite Baptist Church's Music Ministry will present "St. Nick's Nativity." The church is located at 12250 Greenwell Springs. For information, call 275-3382.

**Sunday, December 16
Membership Meeting • 6 p.m.**

The Baton Rouge Softball Chapter of the LHSOA will hold a Membership Meeting for the 2013 high school softball season at Runnels High School, 17225 S. Harrell's

Ferry. Discussion on required mechanics clinics, registration, and the outlook for 2013 season and new LHSOA books and information. Veteran and rookie umpires are encouraged

to attend. Deadline to register is Jan. 11, 2013. For information, contact Paul Dufour at 933-9376 or email at LHSOA_softball@att.net.

**Thursday, December 20
Benefit Raffle**

A Benefit Raffle for Aubrie Ory. Three chances to win! All proceeds go to the care and cancer treatment of Aubrie. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at Central Municipal Services, 6703 Sullivan Road or call 262-5000.

**Saturday, December 22
Pink Tea with Mrs. Claus
10 a.m. to 12 noon**

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**Monday, December 24
Christmas Eve Service • 6 p.m.**

Comite Baptist Church, 12250 Greenwell Springs, will have a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. For information, call 275-3382.



BELLINGRATH HILLS ELEMENTARY — Supriya Jindal visited Bellingrath Hills on Wednesday, Nov. 28. Bellingrath's kindergarten was nominated and selected to receive an award from the Supriya Jindal Foundation for Louisiana's Children. Her visit included a hands-on center exploration with the students of Mrs. Jamie McCurley's class and she read the book "Corduroy."

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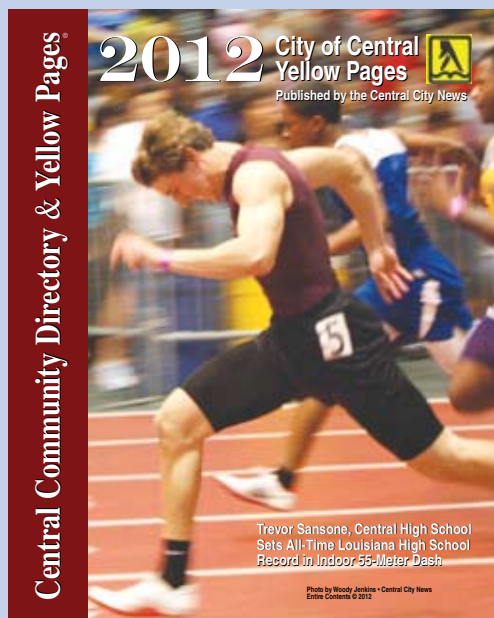
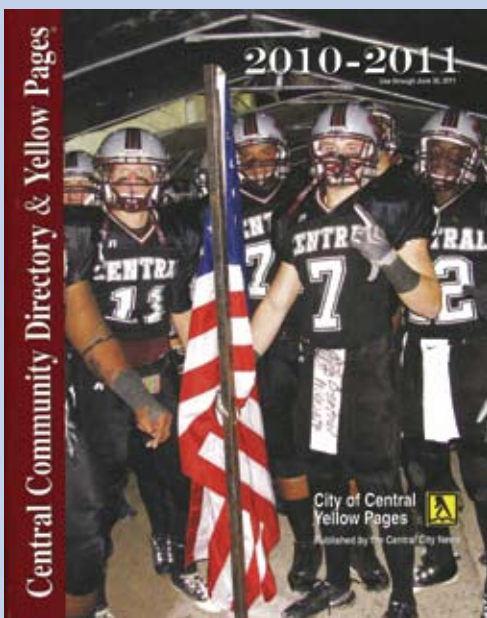


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