

Barry Ivey vs. Scott Wilson Saturday, March 2

Decision Time

Watson Looks To Central as Role Model in Incorporation

WATSON — Residents of the Livingston Parish community of Watson held a forum Thursday to unveil plans to seek a referendum on whether to incorporate Watson as a municipality.

Bob Watts, one of the leaders of the organization Neighbors in Action, said his group has followed the development of the City of Central since 2005 and hopes to model their new city in part after Central.

Watts said the City of Watson would provide local residents a way to manage growth and development in the area and prevent the Baton Rouge Loop and

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DOWN TO THE WIRE— Barry Ivey (left) and Scott Wilson (right) are down to the wire in their race to fill a vacancy in the Louisiana House from House District 65.

Top Vote-Getter To Be Sworn for April 7 Session Of Legislature

CENTRAL — Candidates for the Louisiana House of Representatives in a special election this Saturday fear a low voter turnout — perhaps as low as 15 to 20 percent.

As a result, the two candidates, Barry Ivey and Scott Wilson, are appealing to their supporters to go to the polls and vote.

Both Ivey and Wilson are Republicans and have campaigned on conservative issues.

Both say they oppose additional taxes and support infrastructure improvements such as the extension of Hooper Road across the Amite River. Wilson is a Metro Councilman and president of a trucking

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Candidates List Contributors to State Legislative Race

CENTRAL — Two candidates for state representative from House District 65 in this Saturday's special election have funded their campaigns in quite different ways.

Metro Councilman Scott Wilson, who was unopposed for reelection to the Council last fall, started the campaign with nearly \$45,000 left over in his campaign account and

has raised additional funds from a variety of sources, mostly business enterprises. His opponent, Barry Ivey, has funded almost his entire campaign with his own personal

funds. Here is a listing:
Scott Wilson (before 9/2012)
 • Allen & LeBlanc, \$1,500
 • Amedisys, \$1,000

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Proposal for Old Middle School Unveiled

3 Buildings Would Be Renovated for Community Use

CENTRAL — After months of consideration and two public hearings, Supt. Mike Faulk Monday released a proposed plan for future use of the old Central Middle School property at the corner of Hooper and Sullivan roads.

Now the superintendent is hoping the public will make comments and provide some direction on how the school system should proceed with the use of the 26-acre site.

Faulk's plan includes two phases. The first would involve removing all but three buildings on the property and renovating the remaining buildings for use by the school system and the community.

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St. Alphonsus Has Fun Raising Money



Photo by Jolice Provost

Claire Davis celebrates her winning bid for a painting at St. Alphonsus.

Hundreds Turn Out To Support Future Of Central Church

CENTRAL — Hundreds gathered at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church Saturday night for the annual St. Alphonsus Auction and A Taste of Central, and the event raised tens of thousands of dollars for the local parish.

The event featured food from Central's restaurants and spirited bidding for a wide array of donated items. One of the highlights of the event was the drawing for the \$10,000 raffle, which was won by Freddie and Linda Housewright.

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FINAL DAY — Pope Benedict XVI honored on final day of papacy.

Country Living in the City

Pope Benedict XVI Honored for Job Well Done

Woody Jenkins
Editor, Central City News

CENTRAL — Father Mike Moroney of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Central has had quite a month. He has been honored as National Distinguished Pastor — one of only 12 priests to be so honored in the entire country.

Then last Saturday, he presided over a bang-up success at the St. Alphonsus Auction and A Taste of Central, an annual event which draws hundreds to enjoy the best food of Central restaurants and participate in the auction which produces tens of thousands of dollars for the local church.

Jolice Provost of *Central City News* captured a photograph of Father Mike riding a bicycle inside the Family Center during the Auction.

"I must have looked pretty stupid," the father told me when I let him know we had the picture.

"Not at all," I laughed. "But you do look like a man of the people!"

Indeed he is. Ironically, he is a figure who is larger than life but at the same time someone who is highly accessible to everyday church members and to citizens of Central who aren't members at St. Alphonsus at all.

On Wednesday, Father Mike spoke about Pope Benedict XVI on the pope's second to last day of service. He remembered his first encounter with the future pope when he was a student in the seminary. "He is an outstanding writer, and I read him in college. He is considered a great writer in the Catholic tradition, especially on the Eucharist."

"He was a wonderful pope who was ecumenical, and that's important to me. He will also be remembered for cleaning up things that needed to be cleaned up."

"Now, with his decision to retire, this is an historic moment. He had tremendous courage to recognize

that it is time to retire. We all seem to think we can go on forever. He has made many tough decisions."

"Normally, when a pope dies, there are nine days of mourning, but that will not occur. Within the next couple of weeks, the Cardinals will convene. You know the tradition of black smoke and white smoke. Each day, if there is no decision, they release black smoke. But when a pope is chosen, they will release white smoke. Then within minutes, we will know who the new pope is."

Will the new pope continue the philosophies of Pope John Paul II and Benedict XVI? Father Mike said it is impossible to know. "We only know after they take office."

"Perhaps there will be an Italian pope," he said, "but perhaps not! One thing is sure: Whoever goes into the meeting a pope will leave as a Cardinal! The ones who are predicted to be pope never are."

Catholics and non-Catholics can be grateful for the selfless service of Pope Benedict XVI. We pray that his health improves and that he has many good years ahead.

Alcohol at Many BREC Parks. The Baton Rouge Recreation and Parks Commission Board will hold

a public hearing at 5 p.m. today at BREC headquarters on Florida Boulevard.

At the meeting, the board intends to approve a policy allowing the sale and consumption of alcohol at most of the BREC parks in the parish. This meeting has received almost no public attention, and it appears proper public notice was not given, because no details of the far-reaching policy have been available on the BREC website.

If BREC approves the policy, it will go to the Metro Council, where it has already supposedly been "well lobbied."

The Central Sports Park is among the parks that will be allowed to sell alcohol at certain times and under certain conditions. To express your views, contact your Metro Council members.



Woody Jenkins

★★★ BREC Plans to Allow Sale of

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How Obamacare Will Affect Small Business Owners

Chamber EBR Looks at Obamacare

Speaker Outlines New Regulations, Mandates, Taxes In Federal Law

BATON ROUGE — On Tuesday, Mike Bertaut of Blue Cross made his presentation on Obamacare as he had many times before, but this time his audience was wide-eyed and unbelieving as he walked through the countless rules, regulations, and taxes that small business owners will be subjected to.

The members of Chamber of Commerce of East Baton Rouge listened in amazement as Bertaut described new definitions of what constitutes a health insurance policy, steep increases in health insurance costs, and onerous regulations that business owners will have to meet before they even know if the law will apply to them.

Business owners walked into the meeting thinking they were exempt from the law's 50-employee minimum. Bertaut told them to think again. Under the act, the common law definition of employee applies. This means that many independent contractors and even suppliers will count as "employees" under the law. Bertaut spoke at the Chamber



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EBR's monthly membership meeting at Café Américain. Bertaut will provide a more in-depth version of his presentation on Obamacare this Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Chamber headquarters at 7547 Jefferson Highway. The two-hour seminar is part of the Chamber's CEE program and is open to anyone.



Chamber EBR members Joe Earl Easley, Bill Golden, and Bob Breaux



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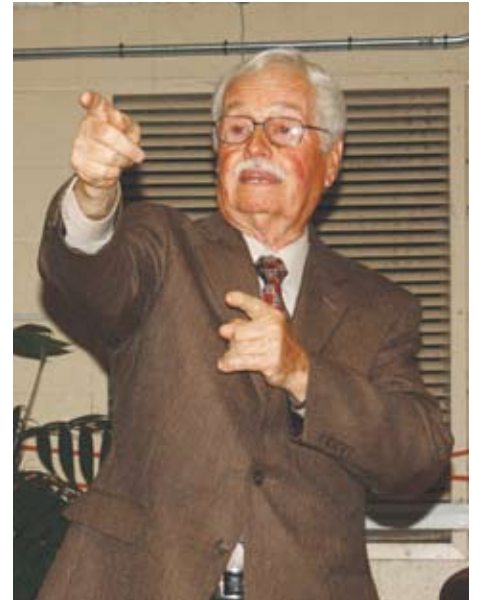
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Freddie and Linda Housewright, winners of the \$10,000 raffle



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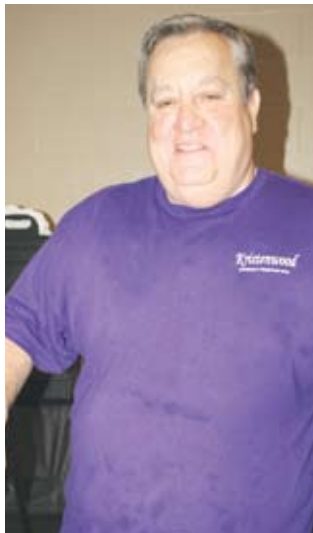
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Ivey-Wilson Race Down to 48 Hours



Candidate Barry Ivey

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company, while Ivey is the owner of a contractor that does work in nuclear power plants across the nation.

Many organizations, such as LABI and the Tea Party, have stayed out of the race. But Ivey won the endorsement of the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish, and Wilson won the endorsement of the Associated Builders and Contractors.

The two candidates have mostly run positive campaigns until this week when charges and counter-

Louisiana House of Representatives March 2 Special Election House District 65

1-89	Episcopal High School	3200 Woodland Ridge Blvd.
1-97	DPW East Lot	15202 S. Choctaw Dr. Extension
1-98A	Wedgewood Elementary	2330 Aspenwood Dr.
1-98B	Wedgewood Elementary	2330 Aspenwood Dr.
3-1A	Grace UPC	13845 Hooper Rd.
3-1B	Grace UPC	13845 Hooper Rd.
3-6A	Central Middle School	11526 Sullivan Rd.
3-6B	Central Middle School	11526 Sullivan Rd.
3-9A	St. Alphonsus Catholic School	14040 Greenwell Springs Rd.
3-9B	St. Alphonsus Catholic School	14040 Greenwell Springs Rd.
3-12A	River Oaks Elementary	950 Fontainebleau Dr.
3-12B	River Oaks Elementary	950 Fontainebleau Dr.
3-14A	Central Middle School	11526 Sullivan Rd.
3-14B	Central Middle School	11526 Sullivan Rd.
3-21A	Southeast Middle School	15000 S. Harrells Ferry Rd.
3-21B	Southeast Middle School	15000 S. Harrells Ferry Rd.
3-25A	Central High School	10200 E. Brookside Dr.
3-25B	Central High School	10200 E. Brookside Dr.
3-26A	Bellingrath Hills Elementary	6612 Audusson Dr.
3-26B	Bellingrath Hills Elementary	6612 Audusson Dr.
3-28A	BREC - Forest Park	13900 S. Harrells Ferry Rd.
3-28B	BREC - Forest Park	13900 S. Harrells Ferry Rd.
3-30A	Tanglewood Elementary	9352 Rustling Oaks Dr.
3-30B	Tanglewood Elementary	9352 Rustling Oaks Dr.
3-32A	Eastside Volunteer Fire	15094 Old Hammond Hwy.
3-32B	Eastside Volunteer Fire	15094 Old Hammond Hwy.
3-46	Bellingrath Hills Elementary	6612 Audusson Dr.
3-54	BREC - Hamilton Ave. Rec Center	16200 Hamilton Ave.



Candidate Scott Wilson

focus on direct mail.

Ivey has mailed twice as many direct mail pieces into voters' homes as Wilson. Both candidates have done a lot of phone calling and door-to-door work. In the final days of the campaign, Ivey is advertising on television, and Wilson is advertising on radio.

One issue that has divided the candidates is abortion. Ivey says he is 100 percent pro-life, while Wilson says he does not object to abortion in cases of rape and incest.

charges began. However, none of the attacks are as heated as those found in many races.

During the campaign, Wilson

benefitted from name recognition and his experience on the Metro Council. But Ivey has run an aggressive campaign with a major

Contributions Listed from Ivey-Wilson Campaign Reports

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- Arkel, \$750
- Alton Ashy, \$1,000
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Faulk Makes Proposal for Old CMS

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Targeted for removal are the old auditorium and gymnasium, the cafeteria, sixth grade building, library, and air conditioning and heating building.

The old girls gym facing Sullivan Road would be offered to the community. If an organization agrees to remove and restore it, they could have it, Faulk said. Otherwise, it too would be taken down. Contractors who have visited the building say it would be difficult to move and restore and quite expensive. One compromise is to remove the gym floor, which is in relatively good shape, and use it for some other purpose.

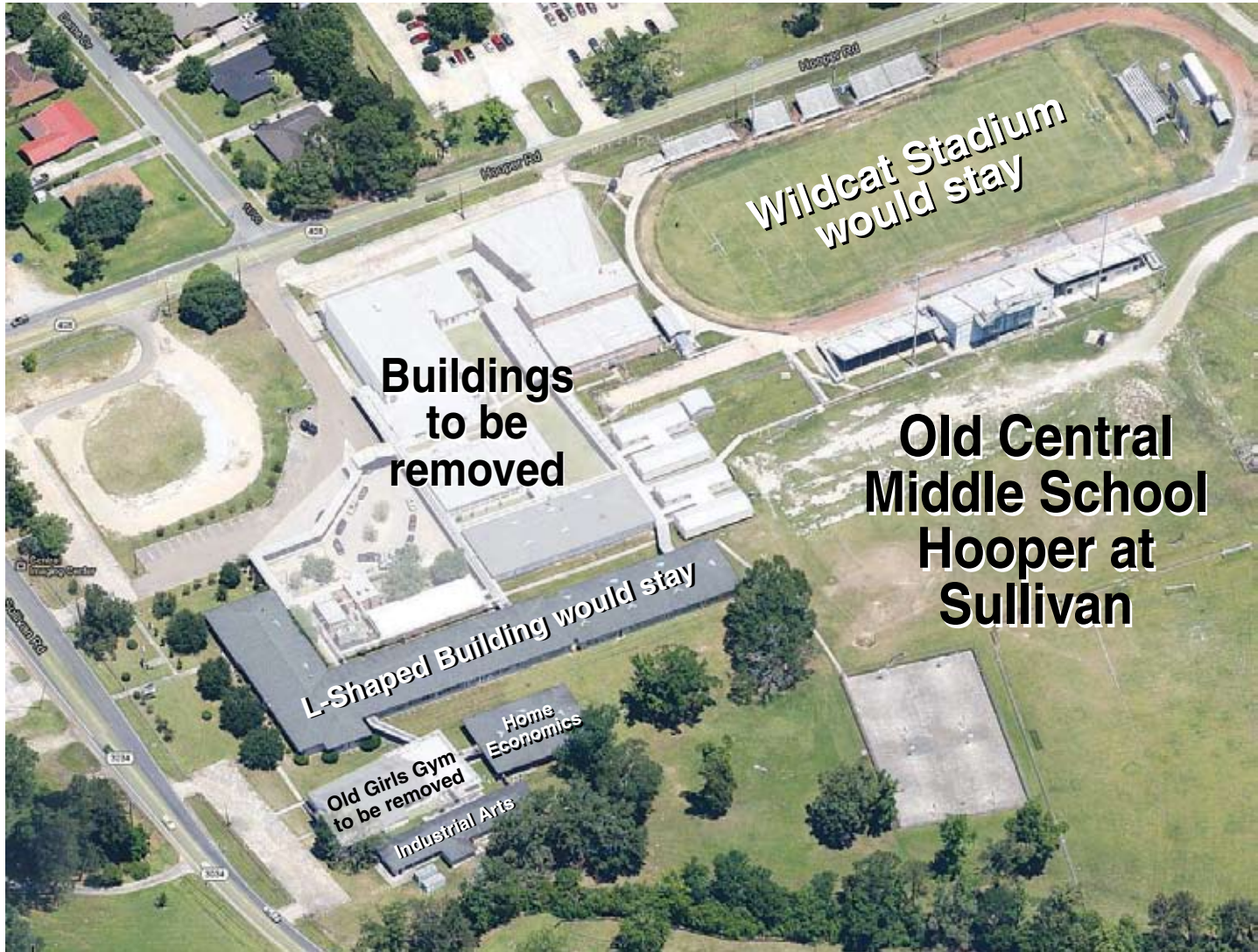
Under Faulk's plan, the three best buildings on the property would be retained and extensively restored. Those three buildings are

- The large L-shaped Central Middle administration building that faces Sullivan;

- The Home Economics building behind the old girls gym, and
- The Industrial Arts building to the right of the old girls gym.

Faulk envisions using the front part of the L-shaped building for school board administrative offices. He would use the Home Economics building for an alternative school and discipline. And the old Industrial Arts building would be used for purchasing, maintenance, and other purposes.

This would leave the back of the L-shaped building for use by the Central community. Faulk wants to offer the City of Central more than 20,000 square feet in the back of that building. The city would



simply have to renovate the space, and they would be able to lease the property for \$1 a year. The city is currently using 3,000 square feet for City Hall and 2,600 square feet for IBTS, he said.

Faulk would like to see part of the building used for things such as

a post office, parish library branch, registrar of voters, clerk of court, and drivers license.

The superintendent said he has sent copies of his proposal to the Mayor and City Councilmen for their review and comments. He said some Councilman have already expressed interest.

After the old buildings have been cleared and the renovations completed, the second phase of the plan includes inviting proposals for commercial development of the remainder of the property. At that time, the school board would have to determine if the proposals were in the best interest of the school system.

School board president Dr. Jim Gardner said one benefit of the plan would be to centralize many governmental services for the convenience of Central residents.

Gardner said he too wants to get citizens' reaction to the plan. Meanwhile, he said, the board will be pulling together the cost figures for implementing it.

Gardner said he is pleased the school board is able to make such a generous offer to the City of Central for shared use of the property. He said he believes that could ben-

efit the citizens of Central for years to come.

Reached at City Hall, David Barrow, chief administrative officer for the City of Central, said the city would be taking a look at the superintendent's proposal. He said one complicating factor is the fact that the City has not yet decided where it would like the City Center to be located. "But the good thing is we have time to consider the options," he said.

The property at the old Central Middle School has historic significance for the Central community. In the 1880's, a number of one-room schoolhouses existed in what is now Central. But the area was not called Central. Each area, such as Frenchtown Road, had its own name and its own school. Representatives of nine of the schools met to try to agree on the location of a high school. Ultimately, Hooper and Sullivan was chosen because it was centrally located among the various one-room schoolhouses. So that school was called the Central School. By the 1930's, the community was being referred to as "Central."

Supt. Faulk said citizens can express their opinions on the plan by emailing him at mfaulk@centralcss.org.

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Justice Hughes Takes Oath in Satsuma

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SWEARING IN —New Louisiana Supreme Court Associate Justice Jeff Hughes was sworn in by his brother Paul Hughes in ceremonies Sunday afternoon in Satsuma. At left, Hughes is shown with fiancée Lisa Lizano and her daughter Allysa. At right, Hughes recites pledge of allegiance with his fiancée, mother, father, and brother.

SATSUMA — Court of Appeal Judge Jeff Hughes took the oath of office Sunday afternoon as a new associate justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court in ceremonies at the Satsuma community center.



DAVID FAMILY —The Jeff David family, publishers of the Livingston Parish News, applaud Judge Jeff Hughes.

The crowd of more than 400 included Supreme Court Associate Justice Greg Guidry of Jefferson Parish, Attorney General Buddy Caldwell, and numerous court of appeal and district judges, parish presidents, district attorneys, and other local officials from throughout the Florida parishes.

Hughes practiced law in Walker for 12 years, served as district court judge for 14 years, and served on the 1st Circuit Court of Appeal for eight years before being elected to the Supreme Court in a special election Dec. 8. Hughes is the first member of the State Supreme Court ever elected from Livingston Parish and the first Republican ever elected to the court from the Baton Rouge area. He replaces Kitty Kimball who resigned effective Jan. 29.

Speakers were *Livingston Parish News* publisher Jeff David and *Central City News* editor Woody Jenkins. David recounted his friendship with Hughes as the two grew up in Denham

Springs. He told how Hughes came to borrow his law books and then returned each time he chose to run for a different judgeships. Hughes defeated a sitting district judge, then a sitting appeal court judge before running against the sitting Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. He lost that race but came back and was elected to the Supreme Court Dec. 8, 2012.

Jenkins said Hughes' election reminds us how blessed we are to elect our judges in Louisiana. He said, "The United States is one of only three nations which elect their judges, the others being Japan and Switzerland. However, even in the United States, a majority of the states have supreme courts which are appointed rather than elected. Many of our problems originate from appointed federal judges who answer to no one. These include the decisions on abortion, prayer in schools, Obamacare, and many others. Thankfully, in Louisiana, we have the power to elect outstanding jurists like Jeff Hughes."

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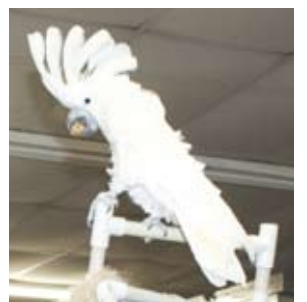
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RISPONE, PASSMAN

BreAnna Rispone and Patrick Passman will wed July 19 at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church.

NELSON, TINGLE

Ashley Nelson and Carl Tingle will exchange vows May 4 at Ashley Manor in Baton Rouge.

Ashley Nelson, Carl Tingle Set Wedding May 4 at Ashley Manor



Carl Tingle and Ashley Nelson

BATON ROUGE — Ashley Nelson of Denham Springs and Carl Tingle of Slaughter will marry in a 7 p.m. ceremony on May 4, 2013, at Ashley Manor in Baton Rouge.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Nelson of Greenwell Springs. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Everett Mayeaux and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Nelson.

Ashley is employed by the Central Community School System.

Her fiancé is the son of Betty Diane Tingle of Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anthony Tingle of Zachary. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tingle, Sr. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Rogers.

Carl is employed by Canadian National Railroad.

After a honeymoon to Jamaica, the couple will reside in Denham Springs.



Patrick Passman and BreAnna Rispone

Rispone, Passman To Marry July 19 At St. Alphonsus

GREENWELL SPRINGS — BreAnna Faye Rispone of Greenwell Springs and Patrick Michel Passman Jr. of Greenwell Springs, will marry in a 7 p.m. ceremony July 19, 2013, at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Greenwell Springs.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Vincent and Mimi Rispone of Greenwell Springs. She is the granddaughter of Gary Rispone and Glenda Rispone, of Greenwell Springs, and Helen Perry of Baton Rouge, and the late Alfred Perry Jr., of Baton Rouge.

BreAnna is a graduate of Central High School and attended BRCC, and is an employee of St. Alphonsus Catholic School.

Her fiancé is the son of Pat and Toni Passman of Greenwell Springs. He is the grandson of Nicole Passman, of Gonzales and the late Billy Passman, of Gonzales, and the late Parker Tubb and the late Velma Tubb, of Alabama.

He is a graduate of Northeast High School and an employee of ISC.

**Saturday, April 27
Central Class of '83 Reunion
7:30 to 11 p.m.**

Central High Class of '83 will have a reunion at De la Ronde Hall, 320 Third Street, Ste. 201, Baton Rouge. Cost is \$75 at the door. Entertainment will be the Chris Leblanc Band. There will be a buffet and a cash bar. For information, contact Tami Helmke Misuraca at 937-4083 or email chs1983@cox.net.

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Births

Jaxon McDaniel Lavigne

Jody and Arica Lavigne of Central are proud to announce the birth of their first son, Jaxon McDaniel.

Jaxon was born at 5:42 p.m. on Jan. 15, 2013, at Ochsner Hospital in Baton Rouge. He weighed six pounds, nine ounces, and was 19 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Alvin and Marie Lavigne of Ville Platte, Thomas and Dr. Vera J. Alexander of Baton Rouge, and Julius Evans of New Orleans.



Jolie Harper DeJean

Andrew and Molly DeJean of Central are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Jolie Harper.

Jolie was born Jan. 2, 2013, at 7:45 p.m. at Woman's Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, six ounces, and was 21-1/4 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Jeff and Kathy Finley of Denham Springs, Terry and Tracy Rook of Central, and Bobby and Joan DeJean of Prairieville. Great-grandparents are Bill and Sue Brasher of Denham Springs, Aaron and Annette Tassin of Walker, and Shirley DeJean of Port Allen and the late Ashton DeJean.



Gage Michael Allen

Mike and Blaine Allen of Central are proud to announce the birth of their son, Gage Michael. He was welcomed home by big sisters, Grace and Lexie.

Gage was born on Jan. 21, 2013, at 7:54 a.m. at Lane Regional Medical Center. He weighed seven pounds, six ounces and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are John and Dawanna Champagne of Baker, Mike and Kim Allen of LaPlace and Doug and Mona Falcon of Baton Rouge. Great-grandparents are Alfred and Mary Delatte of Baker, Calvin and Sandy Medine of White Castle, Douglas and Louanna Persilver of Plaquemine and Mildred Daigle of Beaumont, Texas.



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Jimmy Hugh Vail Celebrates 80th Birthday

ZACHARY — Jimmy Hugh Vail turned 80 on Jan. 13, 2013. The celebration took place at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church on Old Scenic Highway in Zachary. Mr. Vail helped build the church, where he attends regularly and serves as an ordained Deacon.

Everyone was able to keep his birthday party a true surprise until he entered the crowded room of friends and family. The tables overflowed with food, and his cake was decorated with items that represent his various interests. There was a tractor, a dog, a corvette, and figures to represent his marriage and his four children.

Mr. Vail was born during the Great Depression on Jan. 13, 1933, in Drew, Miss. He met Jackie Gore in St Francisville, where they

attended high school, back when it was known as the old Julius Freyhan School. They married on Sept. 25, 1951. They have four children, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Their love for their grandson, Daniel Vail, lives on in their hearts and memories.

After high school, Mr. Vail went on to complete five more years of training to become an electrician. He retired in 1993 from 995 Electricians.

In the 20 years since he retired, he watched as their current home was being built in Central, where they have lived for the past 19 years. He currently keeps busy by mowing the grass at the church, and the 14 acres surrounding their home. In this case, he truly is “80 years young”!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY — Jimmy Vail celebrated his 80th birthday with family and friends. Shown are (1st row, left to right) Darran Vail, Cathy Anderson, Jimmy Vail, Jackie Vail, Steve Vail, and Brad Vail and (2nd row) Kaylan Quick, Victoria Vail, John Anderson, Josh Anderson, Jonathan Anderson, Lori Patterson holding Jace Anthony Quick, Connie Vail, and Christian Vail.

Deaths

Bentley Bryan Canales

Our beautiful baby Bentley Bryan Lorenzo Canales went to be with Jesus on Thursday, Feb. 7, 2013. He was 2-1/2 months old.



Canales

Visitation was at Seale Funeral Home in Denham Springs on Sunday, Feb. 10 with burial service to follow. He is survived by his parents, Kayle Morris and Cristian Canales; grandparents, Rebecca and Jesse Powell, Sueanna Canales, and the late Lorenzo Canales; great-grandparents, Randall and Cathie Young-Kin Bob and Teresa Sedlak and the late Larry Power, Sandra and Melvon Tyler; aunts, Katie, Taylor, and Kryssa Morris and Hailey Canales; uncles, Brandon and Paris Morris and Brandon and Juan Canales; great uncles, JJ Matherne and David Powell; great aunts, Carol Harris and Brandi Johnson, and numerous other family members.

Leighton Grace Smith

On Valentine’s Day, the day of love, God gave us Leighton Grace Smith. Shortly after our angel was called home. Our beautiful baby was given a lifetime of love even though she was with us so little time. Leighton was born Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013, at Woman’s Hospital and died Friday, Feb. 15, 2013, at Woman’s Hospital.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Tuesday, Feb. 19 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Lakeland. The service was conducted by Rev. Greg Daigle. Entombment was in False River Memorial Park Mausoleum conducted by Deacon Bob McDonner.

She is survived by her parents, Stephen and Jessica Cavalier Smith of New Roads; maternal grandparents, Mark and Jane Cavalier of Central; paternal grandmother, Peggy Smith of Oscar; maternal great-grandparents, Eric and Erlene Kidder of

Central; loving big sister, Adelynn Smith; special cousin, Devyn Cicero; aunt, Krystal Smith; Godmother and aunt, Amanda Cavalier; uncle, Zachary Cavalier; and Godfather and great uncle, Kevin Smith. She was preceded in death by paternal grandfather, Bert (Papa) Smith; maternal great-grandparents, Ervin and Ethel Cavalier; paternal great-grandparents, Wilfred and Dorothy Smith and Joseph and Ilka McDonner.

Thomas Eugene Temple, Sr.

Thomas Eugene Temple, Sr., age 83, passed away peacefully at his home on Gurney Road in Central, Saturday night, Feb. 16, 2013.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Betty Box Temple; two sons, Richard H. Perez and Robert Jay Temple Sr.; three grandchildren, Robert Jay Temple Jr., Adam F. Temple and Mistalyn Matte Watson; six great grandchildren, Jordan Temple Fournet, Gabriel, Abigail, Thomas, Steve, and Mary Temple; and one great great grandson Brycen Michael Fournet. Mr. Temple was preceded in death by a son, Thomas E. Temple, Jr., and a granddaughter Candace Temple. Mr. Temple was a longtime member of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 198 and retired after 30 years as Corporate Welding Engineer for Georgia Pacific Corporation of Atlanta, Ga. He spent most of his time at the Georgia Pacific plant at Port Hudson and is well known in this area. Graveside services were held at Evergreen Memorial Park, Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2013.

Brad Landon Denham

Brad Landon Denham passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2013, at his residence in Morgan City at the age of 36. He was employed with Gulf Coast Broadband in Morgan City. He attended Nichols State University and LSU. He was a member of Blackwater United Methodist Church.

Visitation was held at Blackwater United Methodist Church Friday, Feb. 22, until the memorial services conducted by Michi Head and Marie Williams.

Survived by his wife, Casey Batiste Denham; father and step-mother, Duane C. and Dodie Denham; mother and step-father, Donna Forbes and Ed Meyer; daughter, Brittany L. Denham; four sisters, Tara Shaffer, Terry Little, Sarah Rogillio and Callie Tranchina; three brothers, Todd Denham, Jonathan Meyer and Alexander Meyer; maternal grandmother, Margie Forbes; numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. Preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, O.T. “Dude” Forbes and paternal grandparents, Charles and Bertha Denham.

Louis Homer Russell

Louis Homer “LH” Russell, 73, a resident of Central and native of Florence, S.C., died at his home on Thursday, Feb. 21, 2013. He was retired from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff’s Office with 39 years of service.

Visitation will be held at Charlet Funeral Home, Inc., Friday, March 1, 5 to 7 p.m. memorial service conducted by Rev. Bill Pruitt.

He is survived by his daughter, Sherri Rairford and husband Matt of Zachary, sons, Mike Russell and wife Debbie of Denham Springs and Louis Paul Russell and wife Jennifer of Baton Rouge, Mother, Pauline Kerr of Baton Rouge, grandchildren, Shanon Blackwood, Robert “Tommy” Moore, Ryan Andrew Russell, Lauren Nicole Russell and Katelynne Marie Russell and great grandchild, Avery Jolie Blackwood. He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene Scharf Russell and brother, John Richard “Dick” Russell.

He was a 1959 Istrouma High graduate, served in US Army military police, FBI law enforcement training, LSU law enforcement training, started SWAT team, and 32nd degree Mason. He was the provider, an avid historian, story teller, artistic craftsman and gun enthusiast. He dearly loved his children, grandchildren and great grandchild.

Kellon D. Cothorn

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.” 2 Timothy 4:7. Husband, father, grandfather and friend, he was born on June 10, 1925, in Jayess, Miss., and passed away on Feb. 20, 2013, to be with the Lord. Visitation was held on Friday, Feb. 22, until

religious services at Zoar Baptist Church.

He was a graduate of Mississippi State University, a Navy veteran of World War II, and worked for US Rubber before becoming the owner of Cothorn’s AG and Cothorn’s Tire Store in Central. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. He was a faithful member of Zoar Baptist Church.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Vivian Cothorn; three beloved sons and his daughters-in-law, Ronnie and Kelli Cothorn, Kerry and Shae Cothorn, Keith and Brenda Cothorn; grandchildren, Heather and Rob Musial, Chase and Amanda, Kalyann, Lauren, Cade, Dalton, Christopher and Gavin; numerous nieces and nephews; brother-in-law and sisters-in-law, James and Dorthy Porter, Onita Cothorn, Yzelle Cothorn and Billie Cothorn. Preceded in death by his parents, Loomus and Minnie Cothorn; brothers, Talmadge, Duvaw and Dulith Cothorn. Pallbearers were Cade, Chase, Christopher, Thomas and Joe Cothorn and Doug Welborn. Honorary pallbearers include, C.J. Watson’s Sunday School Class and Gerald “Cooter” Sides.

Special thanks to the St. Joseph Hospice and Carpenter House and also his special caregivers, Gladys Jones and Claudette Duncan.

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What's Happening in and Around Central

Powder Puff Game at Central High Tonight

CENTRAL — Events coming up in and around Central:

**Thursday, February 28
Powder Puff Game • 6:30 p.m.**

The Central High School Sports Medicine department is hosting the 6th Annual Powder Puff game at Wildcat Stadium. Admission is \$5. All money raised will go towards the Sports Medicine program.

**Thursday, February 28
Pachyderms of GBR • 6:30 p.m.**

Author, columnist, and public speaker, Humberto Fontova, will be featured speaker at the Pachyderms of GBR meeting at the Great Wall Chinese Restaurant, 3084 College Dr. Cost for the buffet is \$13. Pachyderm meetings are open to the public and guests are welcome. Reservations are requested. RSVP 644-5728 or email info@pachydermsofgr.org. For information, visit Facebook at www.facebook.com/PachydermsofGBR.

**February 28 through March 2
LSU Book Bazaar**

The annual Friends of the LSU Libraries' 2013 Book Bazaar will be held on Thursday, Feb. 28 through Saturday, March 2 at the 4-H Mini-Farm and Nelson Memorial Buildings at LSU. Hours of operation for the event will be 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.



LOUISIANA CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPION — Austin Bradford, a third grader at Central Private, earned another championship during the 2012 MTA Louisiana Cross-Country series. Austin won seven out of 10 rounds and received the hole shot award for eight out of 10 rounds. Austin received the 2012 LACC Overall Championship, as well as the No. 1 plate, which signifies his accomplishments during the LACC series.



Thursday, Feb. 28 and Friday, March 1 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 2.

**Saturday, March 2
Vascular Screening • 8 a.m.**

Lane Regional Medical Center and Vascular Specialty Center will host a free vascular screening for ages 55+

at the office of Dr. Gregory Crenshaw, 4801 McHugh Road, Ste. C. Screenings include ABI screening for Peripheral Arterial Disease, Carotid Artery Screening for Stroke, and AAA Screening for Abdominal Aneurysm. Must be 55 or older. Screening is by appointment only, call 654-5263 to register.

**Tuesday, March 5
Legislative Community Meeting • 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Sen. Sharon Weston Broome will hold a community meeting at the Zachary Branch Library, 1900 Church St. She will highlight issues for the upcoming session. Other community meetings are: Monday, March 11, 6:30 p.m., North Baton Rouge, LSU Medical Clinic Community Room, 5445 Airline Hwy. and Tuesday, March 19, 6 p.m., Greenwell Springs Library, 11300 Greenwell Springs.

**March 8 and 9
Greenwell Springs Baptist Arts & Crafts Fair**

Greenwell Springs Baptist Church, 19421 Greenwell Springs, will have their annual Arts and Crafts Fair Friday, March 8, 4 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, March 9, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. There will be an arts and crafts show, concessions, and carnival rides and games. All profits will go to send the children and youth to summer camp.

**March 8 through 10
Foster Road Baptist Church Revival**

Foster Road Baptist Church, 11333 Foster Road, will have a Revival. Friday night there will be a fellowship dinner in the gym at 5 p.m. followed by a revival service at 6:30 p.m. Saturday there will be a Scripture Egg Hunt for children in the gym at 4:30 p.m. and a worship service Sunday, March 10, 10:15 a.m. Guest speaker will be Bro. Mardy Guidry of Lufkin, Texas. Bro. Mardy brings a biblical, challenging, and contemporary message with a Cajun flare! A nursery will be provided for all services.

**March 8 through 10
Thrash & Treasure Sale**

This year's sale will take place at 14740 Plank Road, near the corner of Groom Road, the old Wal-Mart building in Baker. Sponsored by The Inner Wheel of Baton Rouge, the sale will benefit worthy causes, including Brave Heart, St. Vincent de Paul, and Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center. There will be furniture, collectibles, clothing, jewelry, housewares, and appliances. Times are Friday, March 8, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, March 9, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, March 10, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Saturday, March 9
Cajun Dance
8 to 10:30 p.m.**

The Cajun French Music Association's monthly dance will be held at the UCT Hall, 11175 Florida Blvd. Live entertainment by Wallace Trahan and the Rice & Gravy Band. Admission is \$10, children 12 and under free and students with ID, \$5. Free Cajun dance lessons at 7 p.m. with admission. Party cakes, foods, and snacks are welcome, no drinks or ice chests. For information, visit www.batonrougecajundance.com.

**Monday, March 11
CPS Registration**

Central Private School will begin accepting applications for new students for the upcoming school year. For information, call 261-3341.

**Tuesday, March 12
Victory Harvest Church MOPS
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

Victory Harvest Church MOPS will meet on the second Tuesday

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**Thursday, March 14
Historical Lecture • 6 p.m.**

Charlsa Moore, an avid historian of Henry Watkins Allen, will lecture on Gov. Allen and his leadership role as Louisiana's 17th Governor and as a Confederate Brigadier General in the Civil War. The Foundation for Historical Louisiana's Heritage Lecture will be in the East Room of the Governor's Mansion, 502 North Blvd. A reception, hosted by Calandro's Fine Wine and Cellars, begins at 6 p.m. and the lecture at 6:30 p.m. The lecture is free to FHL members and \$10 for guests. FHL can be reached at 387-2464 or at www.fhl.org to register.

**Thursday, March 14
Spring Concert • 7:30 p.m.**

Baton Rouge Ballet Theatre will hold its Spring Concert at the River Center Theatre for the Performing Arts. This production will feature internationally-acclaimed guest artists and award-winning local dancers. Tickets range from \$30 to \$35 with a special rate of \$20 for groups of 10 or more. Tickets available through Ticketmaster, the River Center Box Office or by calling BRBT at 766-8379.

March 14 and 15

Book Fair • 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Lane Regional Medical Center Auxiliary will host a "Books are Fun" Book Fair. The sale will be held in the West Wing Conference Room on the first floor of the hospi-

Local Couple Celebrate Anniversary



HAPPY 65th ANNIVERSARY — Henry and Beverly Engels celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2013, at their home in Central.

tal. Cash, check, and credit cards will be accepted. All proceeds will go toward Auxiliary projects and educational scholarships. For information, call the gift shop at 658-4309.

**March 15, 16, and 17
42nd Annual Audubon Pilgrimage**

Tours of historic homes and gardens, art show and sale, authentic 1820's costumes, living history demonstrations, night festivities, and cemetery tales. For tour information, call 635-6330 or visit www.audubonpilgrimage.info.

**Sunday, March 17
Youth Ballet Auditions**

Baton Rouge Ballet Theatre will

hold auditions for its Youth Ballet summer tour at Dancers' Workshop, 10745 Linkwood Court. Auditions are open to intermediate-level dancers ages 10-14 and there is a \$5 fee. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and auditions are at 1 p.m. Dancers must be 10 years old by Sept. 30 or entering the 5th grade in fall 2013. For information, contact Nicole Naquin or Leigh Phillips at 766-8379 or nicole@batonrougeballet.org or leigh@batonrougeballet.org.

March 18 and 19

Jewelry & Accessories Sale

The Lane Regional Medical Center Auxiliary will host the popular

Masquerade \$5 Jewelry and Accessories Sale. The sale will be held in the Staff Development Classroom on the first floor of the hospital Monday, March 18 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, March 19 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cash, check, and credit cards will be accepted. All proceeds will go toward future Auxiliary projects and educational scholarships. For information, call the gift shop at 658-4309.

Tuesday, March 19

Diabetes Support Group • 2 p.m.

You're invited to Lane Regional Medical Center's Diabetes Support Group. Registration is not required. For information, contact Sherri Brady, R.N. at 658-4583.

March 21 through 24

Zachary Arts & Music Festival

The Zachary Chamber of Commerce's 7th Annual ZFest will be held at BREC's Community Park, 20055 Old Scenic Hwy. There will be arts and crafts, food vendors, petting zoo and pony rides, paddleboards on the lake, rock wall, bungee bounce, gyroscope, carnival rides, and many more activities. ZFest will be open 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 21, 5 to 11:30 p.m. Friday, March 22, 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Saturday, March 23, and 12 to 7 p.m. Sunday, March 24. Entertainment will be the Todd O'Neal Band, the Chee Weez, national country artist Randy Houser, and the Not-4Sale Band.

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A Look at Parish Republican Party

GOP Is Governed by 17-Member Committee Elected by Republicans

BATON ROUGE — Under state law, the Republican Party in each parish is governed by a Parish Executive Committee, or PEC, which is elected by the Republican voters of the parish at the time of the state's Presidential Primary every four years.

In East Baton Rouge Parish, the PEC has 17 members — 12 elected from each of the 12 Metro Council districts, and five elected at-large parishwide.

The members of the EBR PEC for 2012-2016 are as follows:

At-Large Members

- **Elizabeth Dent**, chairman of Taxbusters and widow of Fred Dent;
- **Rev. Tommy French**, retired pastor of Jefferson Baptist Church and former president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention; he is Vice Chairman of the Louisiana Republican Party.
- **Woody Jenkins**, editor of *Central City News* and a 28-year member of Louisiana House of Representatives;
- **Dr. Dan Kyle**, former Legislative Auditor and Treasurer of the Louisiana Republican Party; and
- **Judge Darryl White**, re-



REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE — The members of the East Baton Rouge Republican Parish Executive Committee during their interview of candidates from House District 65. Candidates Barry Ivey and Scott Wilson appeared before the committee to ask for their support. Both candidates filled out lengthy questionnaires on their views and answered extensive questions from members of the PEC. The committee endorsed Barry Ivey in the March 2 election. The endorsement procedure was presided over by vice chairman Connie Bernard. Chairman Woody Jenkins did not participate or vote.

tired Chief Judge of Baton Rouge City Court and chairman of Retired Judges of America.

Members elected from Metro Council districts are:

- **Jerry Arbour**, attorney and member of East Baton Rouge School Board;
- **Connie Bernard**, member of East Baton Rouge School Board;
- **John Coghlan**, member of

Zachary City Council and official at Exxon;

- **Ryan Cross**, LSU student who serves as Republican chairman for City of Baker, son of former Sen. Mike Cross;
- **Dr. Karla Doucet**, physician and anesthesiologist;
- **Richie Edmonds**, realtor and chairman of Ronald Reagan News-maker Luncheon;

- **Jay Lindsay**, retired businessman and owner of Jay's Donuts;
- **Sen. Dan Richey**, former state senator who works with Louisiana Family Forum;
- **Jr. Shelton**, realtor and Republican chairman for Central;
- **Col. Phil St. Amant**, retired U.S. army colonel in intelligence;
- **Dr. Charles R. Thomas III**, former LSU football player, teacher, and coach; currently executive director of Family Values Research Institute; and
- **Linda Thomas**, Baton Rouge businesswoman

In March 2012, the PEC elected officers for a four-year term: Woody Jenkins, chairman; Connie Bernard, vice chairman; Ryan Cross, secretary, and Dan Richey, treasurer.

For more than 40 years, the members of the PEC have met before each election to interview candidates seeking their endorsement. All of the work of the PEC is done in open, public meetings. However, endorsement votes are by secret ballot. The stated reason for secret balloting is to select the best candidate without pressure or fear of intimidation by candidates or their supporters.

The PEC meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Metro Council chamber.

Contributions Listed from Ivey-Wilson Campaign Reports

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- Red Stick Travel, \$1,000
- Republic Services, \$500
- Roadrunner Towing, \$500
- Ross Tire, \$500
- RW Day Associates, \$500
- Shaw Environmental, \$500
- Sigma Consulting, \$500
- Russell Starns, \$750
- The Capitol Group, \$500
- Turner Industries, \$1,000
- Milford Wampold, \$500
- Whitehead Law, \$500
- Brian Wilson, \$1,000

Scott Wilson (since 9/2012)

- ABC Pelican PAC, \$3,000
- ASB Computers, \$1,000
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- Breazeale Sachse, \$500
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- McClinchey Stafford, \$500
- Walter Monsour, \$500
- Stafford Palumbo, \$1,000
- Penn Properties, \$2,500
- Rampart Resources, \$750
- Roadrunner Towing, \$1,000
- SSA Consulting, \$750
- Sigma Consulting, \$500
- John Sinquefield, \$1,000
- Michael Songy, \$1,250
- Starkey Farms, \$500
- Alfred Trappey, \$750
- Turner Industries, \$500
- United Utility, \$1,000
- Milford Wampold, \$500
- Richard Wilson, \$2,500
- W. T. & Associates, \$1,000

Barry Ivey

- Preston Herrin, \$750
- Presidential Coalition, \$2,500
- Pinnacle Precision, \$675

Virtually all of Barry Ivey's campaign has been funded by loans or contributions from the candidate.

NOTICE FOR BIDS FOR LEASE FOR HUNTING and FISHING PURPOSES

Sealed bids will be received by the Central Community School System by Michael Faulk, Superintendent, 10510 Joor Road, Suite 300, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70818, until Wednesday, March 27, 2013, 10:00 A.M. for the lease for hunting and fishing purposes only of the following described property:

On Highway 64: 373 +/- acres located in Section 16 of Township 5 South, Range 2 East, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana

Complete bid documents including the Lease Contract may be obtained from Michael Faulk, Superintendent, 10510 Joor Road, Suite 300, City of Central, Louisiana, 70818.

All bids submitted must be accompanied by a cash payment or a certified or cashier's check in a sum equal to one year's rental or lease amount.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish certificates of insurance and copies of insurance policies providing the coverages specified in the bid documents.

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Watson Residents Consider Incorporating

Backers Say New City Would Focus on Managing Growth

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 other undesirable projects from coming into the community.

In an interview Wednesday, Watts outlined some of the ideas behind the drive for incorporation:

- Organizers envision a very small and economical city government with limited powers and limited responsibilities.

- Local governments in Livingston have agreed that they would continue to provide services:

- Schools would continue to be provided by the Livingston Parish School Board.

- The Sheriff would continue to provide police protection.

- The Fire District would continue to provide fire protection.

- The parish would continue to provide parish roads and building inspections.

- The new city government would provide planning and zoning and would manage construction of new developments and toll roads such as the Loop.

At present, Watson elects one of the nine Parish Councilmen. "Our councilman can be out-voted, and there

is no guarantee the other councilmen will protect the interests of our community. Parish ordinances are parishwide but the needs of Watson are very different from those of Maurepas or Holden. With our own city government, all five of our City Councilmen will be elected here and will be answerable to the people of Watson," Watts said.

"Right now our roads are overloaded and each new development has effects that need to be considered," he said.

Watts said incorporation is also critical to blocking the Loop. He said, "State law, as found in R.S.28:2028, allows municipalities to approve or disapprove a toll road coming through the Watson area. But, without a city government, we have no way block the Loop."

Watts said the city would levy no sales or property taxes. Instead, it would draw its revenue from the utility franchise tax on DEMCO and Entergy, which would provide about \$700,000 a year.

"We believe this is more than enough revenue to accomplish the goals we have in mind," he said.



Gene Baker, chairman of Neighbors in Action in Watson

In order to incorporate, organizers would have to prepare a petition and file it with the Secretary of State. Then they will have to secure valid signatures from at least 25 percent of the registered voters in Watson.

The area proposed for incorporation is nearly the same as the Live Oak School Bond District and comprises about 35 square miles, Watts said.

Watts said the estimated population within the proposed city limits is 22,000, including 12,000 registered voters. As a result, Neighbors in Action will try to get at least 3,500 signatures on the incorporation petition.

Watts said the timeline for incorporation is difficult to anticipate exactly but it could go something like this:

Timeline
 • **Early March 2013**

— Approve wording of petition and begin soliciting signatures

- **July 2013** — Complete petition process and file petitions

- **October 2013** — Voters go to the polls to vote on incorporation.

- **December 2013** — If voters approve the proposition, governor would appoint the initial city officials and they would take office on a date determined by him. The city could begin functioning.

- **April 2014** — First primary for municipal elections statewide. Watson could elect officials to replace those appointed by the governor.

Watts said that organizers of the incorporation movement think Central has done a lot of things right. But one thing Watts said probably won't happen is privatization. "The vision is that Watson will not be providing city services. So privatization will not be an option."

Neighbors in Action has about 1,000 people on its mailing list and a core group of volunteers who do most of the work. Officers are Gene Baker, chairman; Fran Bolen, secretary, and Bob Watts, treasurer.

Their website is www.neighborsnaction.com, and their Facebook page is Neighbors in Action.

A Message From Mary Wilson

"Please join me in supporting my son, Scott Wilson, to be our next State Representative. Scott is a good son, a great father to his children and always works hard for our community. He is an experienced businessman and has been a public servant for the past four years on the Metro Council.

During his time as Metro Councilman, Scott has faced many tough issues that give him the experience we need at the State Capitol – something we could use more of!

We are proud of Scott, the leader. But we are even prouder of Scott Wilson, the man. With your vote this Saturday, we can elect a leader with experience to serve us as State Representative that will make all of District 65 proud.

Thank you,

 Mary Wilson



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