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Jindal's Tax Plan

Why Big Business Loves It, But Some Small Businesses Hate It



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Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal has proposed far-reaching changes in state tax code.

Woody Jenkins
Editor, Capital City News

BATON ROUGE — Gov. Bobby Jindal is proposing a massive overhaul of Louisiana's tax system for introduction in the April 8 regular session of the Louisiana Legislature. Jindal's plan, which he said is still evolving, includes:

- Repeal of the state income tax on individuals and corporations
- Raising the state portion of the sales tax from 4.0 to 5.88 percent (raising the total sales tax in East Baton Rouge from 9.0 to 11.88)
- Imposing an all-new tax on professional services, business services, and personal services at the rate of 5.88 percent
- Tripling of the cigarette tax

Repealing the state corporate income tax would make the state attractive to out-of-state corporations, but very few Louisiana businesses pay corporate income taxes. Since the legislature created the LLC (limited liability company) in the 1990's, most businesses in the state operate as LLC's and are not

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Monthly Filing Would Create New Pressure On Businesses

BATON ROUGE — With repeal of the state income tax and the imposition of a new sales tax on professional, business, and personal services, many business owners are shaking their heads at what they see as a massive increase in paperwork.

On Wednesday, one business owner said, "The worst time of the year for me is tax time. I spend two weeks getting together all my records involving thousands of transactions to give to my accountant to prepare my federal and state income tax returns. Under Jindal's plan, I would still have to go through the same drill, but I would also have to file a monthly tax re-

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Struggling Businesses Would Be Hit Hardest

\$1 Billion Tax on Business Services

Tax Would Be on Gross Revenues, Not Net Profits

BATON ROUGE — To help offset the repeal of state personal and corporate income taxes, Gov. Bobby Jindal is proposing an all-new \$1 billion tax on professional services, business services, and personal services at the rate of 5.88 percent of gross sales. Now some small business owners are wondering how that would help them.

On Monday, Department of Revenue Secretary Tim Barfield said, "It's very clear that business will be taking more of this burden."

One Baton Rouge businessman agreed Tuesday, saying he would be paying more — much more — under the Jindal plan. "With the state corporate income tax, I pay 4 to 6 percent of my net profit to

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How a Struggling Services Business Might Fare Before and After Jindal Tax Plan Is Adopted...

CURRENT LAW		JINDAL TAX PLAN	
Income	\$500,000	Income	\$500,000
Expenses	500,000	Expenses	500,000
Profit	0	Profit	0
Income Tax	None	Income Tax	None
Sales Tax	None	Sales Tax on Gross Receipts	
	on services	5.88% x \$500,000 =	\$29,400

Assumption: The business provides
• Professional services
• Business services
• Insurance
• Agriculture services
• Entertainment, or
• Personal services

Some favored groups such as lawyers are exempt from the new 5.88% tax.

Note: This business could also pay new sales taxes on many of its expenditures for business services. Example, if it paid \$300,000 for contract services, it could owe 5.88% x \$300,000, or \$17,640 in additional new sales taxes.

SOURCE — The example above is based on information provided by the Governor's office, which provided few details, and said the plan is subject to change.

Businesses Told Just Pass It On! But Can They?

BATON ROUGE — Proponents of imposing a sales tax on business and professional services say it's really not a tax on business, because business owners will just "pass it on" to the ultimate consumer of their services.

But Baton Rouge architect Joshua Hoffpauir, who said he is still gathering information on the Jindal tax proposal, said he doesn't know how he could pass along a 5.88 percent tax to his clients.

"Fees are already at rock bottom, and there is tremendous pressure on fees. I'd have to somehow absorb it. It would come out of my bottom line and out of my family's income."

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“IS IT TRUE, SIR, that you once were a high-ranking member of the prestigious Louisiana Legislature?” “Yes, it is!” “What, pray tell, brought you to this miserable state of abject poverty and humiliation, abandoned by all your friends?” “Well, I don’t rightly know. Everything seemed to be going fine until I voted for the Governor’s tax increase!”

2013: A Year of Decision

Swarms of Auditors to Enforce New Sales Tax

Dept. of Revenue Likely to Farm Out Audits of New Tax On Small Business

BATON ROUGE — The Louisiana Department of Revenue has several dozen auditors involved in making sure Louisianians pay all the state income taxes they are supposed to.

But, in reality, the Department leaves the audit of state personal income taxes to the federal Internal Revenue Service. When the IRS conducts an audit of an individual and finds that more taxes are due, that usually triggers an automatic increase in the amount of state personal income taxes due.

So, instead of focusing on the state personal income tax, the Department of Revenue audits state business income tax returns.

The question is, if Gov. Jindal’s plan to abolish the state personal and corporate income tax is adopted, will the Louisiana Department of Revenue shut down its audit division and lay off everyone?

A source inside the Department laughed at that idea. “Hardly!” he said. All of the existing audit staff and probably many more will be needed to audit small businesses’ new monthly professional, business, and personal services tax returns.

Every business engaged in professional services, business serv-

“ [The King] has sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and to eat out their substance. ”

— Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776

es, and personal services will have to collect 5.88 percent of its sales in taxes, file a monthly tax return, and remit those taxes to the Department of Revenue.

“That’s a lot of tax returns every month!” the source said, “and there will be a lot of failure to report and a lot of tax avoidance. The audit function will have to be more intense than ever, in order to make sure the tax on services is collected.”

There will undoubtedly be claims that the “underground” economy is flourishing and that more intense scrutiny is necessary, especially since state revenues will be based largely on sales tax collections.

But there’s more to consider.

Sources in the Department of Revenue say that pressure to vigorously enforce the new tax on professional, business, and personal services and the massive increase in the number of business taxpayers will probably push the department into hiring private firms to conduct audits of businesses subject to the new taxes.

If those private firms get a portion of the taxes collected, that

could create ethical issues and an inherent conflict of interest. If

the private auditor makes more money by finding the taxpayer owes more, he will tend to resolve close issues against the taxpayer, instead of in accordance with the law.



Woody Jenkins

Private auditors should not be working on a bounty system, because they are supposed to be objective and fair in their treatment of the taxpayer and the state.

Objectivity could be on trial in another respect. Department of Revenue secretary Tim Barfield is pushing hard to have the department be self-sustaining — to have the department be supported by its collections, rather than general fund money. Now sources inside the department say the drive to be

self-sustaining has led the department to impose penalties and interest in cases where they have been waived in the past.

If the new \$1 billion Jindal tax on business services passes the legislature, the Department of Revenue will have a field day with penalties and interest.

State law provides that filing a monthly sales tax report even one day late will subject the taxpayer to a penalty of five percent of the tax due plus interest. An additional five percent is imposed each month the return is late up to a maximum of 25 percent. There is no maximum on interest due, which accrues monthly.

In the case of Obamacare, most businesses sat on the sidelines, content to find out what was in the bill after it passed.

That would not be a wise approach in the case of the Jindal’s proposed 5.88 percent services tax.

If you are an architect, engineer, management consultant, veterinarian, yard man, barber, cosmetologist, designer, graphic artist, political consultant, tree service, or a host of other professional, business, or personal services, you should wake up and contact your legislator. Otherwise, you may find “swarms of Officers” at your door, demanding 5.88 percent of your gross revenues, even if there is no “net.”

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Jindal Administration Picking Winners

Inclusion in Tax Could Aid in the Destruction of Some Business

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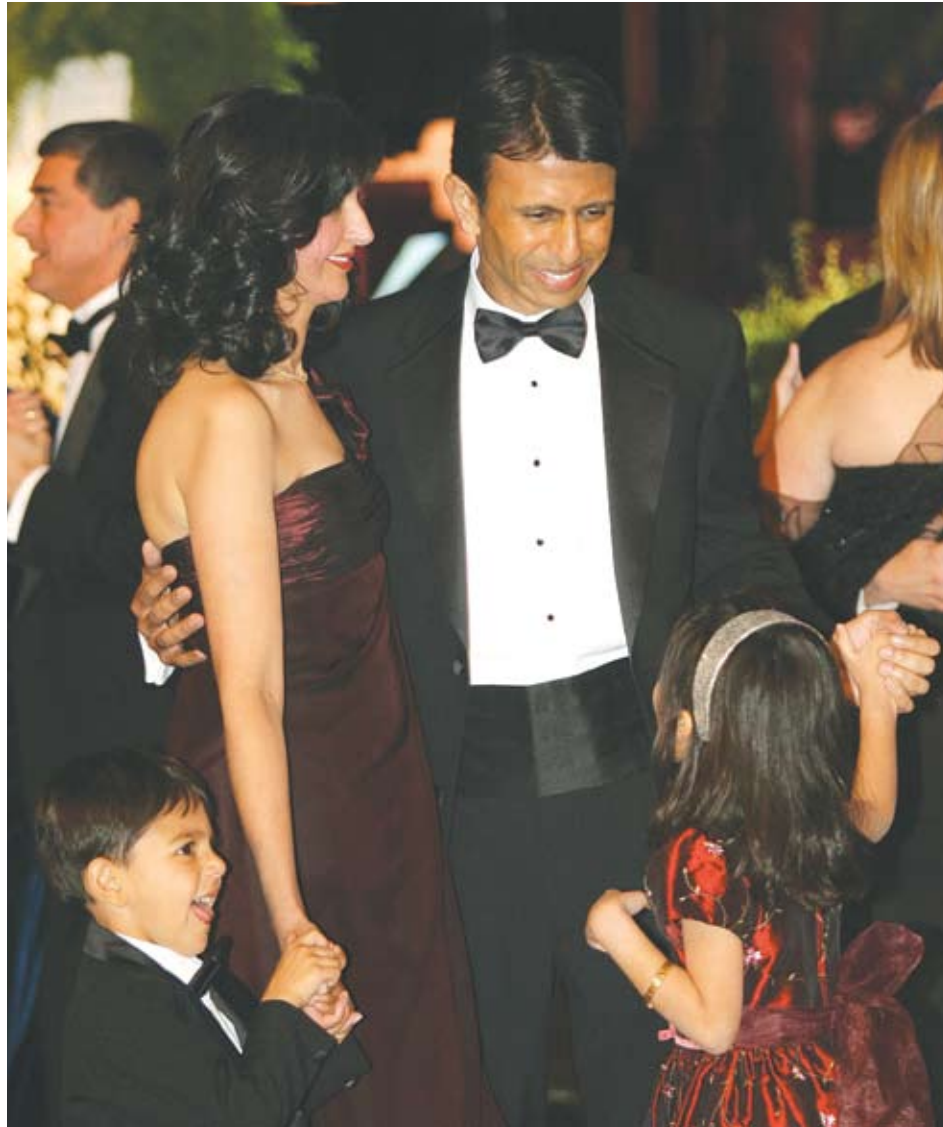
subject to corporate income taxes. Today one percent of the state's businesses pay 90 percent of the corporate taxes in the state.

Prof. Jeff Sadow of LSU Shreveport writes on Louisiana politics and economic issues. Sadow said he thinks the plan would be good for Louisiana in the long run, but "there will be winners and losers."

If you are one of the losers, you might not like the plan, he said, but in the long run everyone will benefit. He said eliminating income taxes would bring major corporation to invest in Louisiana and help the economy.

State Rep. Cameron Henry (R-Metairie) is one of the legislators raising questions about the plan. On Wednesday, he said, "The big picture is that repealing the income tax is a great tag line. But we have to look at the details to see how to accomplish it. I'd like this to be a tax break for business — not a tax increase!"

Henry said the effect of the plan on small business could be severe. "We're talking about going from zero to 5.88 percent on gross revenues for many businesses. But I'm afraid it's really much worse than



Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal at 1st Inaugural Ball with wife Supria and children.

that for several reasons."

Henry cited three concerns:

- Local governments could add on to the new professional, business, and personal services tax and increase it up to the level of other

sales taxes — 11.88 percent in the case of most of East Baton Rouge.

- Jindal's proposed Internet tax that would attempt to establish a uniform statewide tax base and then subject all Internet purchases to the new tax.

- The governor's proposed new Tax Court, which would be composed of three judges, each elected from one-third of the state. These judges, rather than district court judges, would hear tax cases.

Henry said, "The new tax would present a dilemma for small business. Could they pass the tax along? And who would they pass it to? In this economy, a lot of businesses would have to eat the tax increase, but I'm not sure they could."

What Would Be Taxed by Plan Jindal Proposes

BATON ROUGE — Details of Gov. Bobby Jindal's tax plan are still sketchy, but the Governor's office last week released a document which said the following professional, business, and personal services would be subject to a new 5.88 percent state sales tax. In general, services are not currently subject to sales taxes.

- The list includes:
- Accounting, tax preparation, and bookkeeping
 - Architects and engineers
 - Design services
 - Computer programming
 - Management and consulting services
 - Scientific and development services
 - Advertising (the Governor's office later said only the "creative" portion of advertising services, not the ad buy)
 - Photography services
 - Veterinary services
 - All other miscellaneous professional services
 - Employment services
 - Travel services
 - Office administrative services
 - Facilities support services
 - Business support services
 - Services to buildings and dwellings
 - Other support services
 - Cable
 - Insurance
 - Agriculture services
 - Personal care services
 - Other personal services.
- Business subject to this new tax would file a monthly tax return and pay 5.88 percent of their gross revenue to the state.
- Services to be taxed include yard care, maid services, hair cuts, and many others.



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and Losers in Drafting of Tax Proposal

\$1 Billion in New Business Taxes Could Come as Plan's Aftershock

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the state in corporate income taxes. But under this proposal, I would pay 5.88 percent of my gross revenues to the state. Do you realize the difference? My gross revenue is \$1 million a year, but my net profit is only \$75,000. Under this, I'd pay \$58,800 in new business services taxes on my revenue, but that's not the end of it. As I read the proposal, I'd also pay 5.88 percent on all the business services that I purchase. Out of our expenses, I'd estimate that about \$250,000 would be subject to the business service tax. So we would pay 5.88 percent times that amount, or around \$15,000. Altogether, my tax bill would go up \$73,800."

"So here you are. I'm making \$75,000, and I'd be paying \$73,800 in new taxes. I'd be better off moving to France!" he said.

Because of the bad economy, many if not most small businesses in the state are struggling, but the new tax on professional, business, and personal services would apply to all businesses, whether or not they were making money. The tax would be applied against their gross revenues, just as the current sales tax is applied against pur-



Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal speaking in Central during 2007 campaign.

chases of tangible products.

Highly profitable businesses might save more in income taxes than they pay in the new service tax, but other businesses could come out far behind.

Opponents of the new plan say that business-to-business services should not be taxed because they cannot be readily passed along. They say such taxes result in double, triple, and quadruple taxation.

Clancy DuBos Of WWL-TV On Tax Plan

There's a lot to like about Gov. Jindal's tax plan. After all, nobody likes paying income taxes.

But, because the governor wants his plan to be revenue neutral, he's proposing major increases in the state sales tax — raising the rate as well as the application. Under Jindal's plan, hundreds of services and transactions — from haircuts to CPA services — would suddenly be taxed.

In fact, the governor's point man on taxes, Tim Barfield, told lawmakers Monday that businesses would actually pay more under the Jindal plan. Here's what Barfield said: "It's very clear that business will be taking more of this burden."

That's astounding news — because the governor touts his plan as making Louisiana more attractive to business. I'm not sure how raising business taxes makes us more attractive to business, but then again, a lot of things about this plan don't quite add up.

Speaking of businesses, the silence of the business community also doesn't add up. Where are the Business Councils, the Chambers, GNO Inc., LABI and others? Why aren't they speaking up? Do they want to pay more taxes?

Everyone has been waiting for more details from the governor. He's still keeping much of his plan under wraps — but what he has revealed doesn't look very good for business.

Filing Monthly Tax Return Would Add to Paperwork

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turn to the state for this business services tax. I can't imagine going through the drama 12 times a year. I worry about the income tax return, because I never want to file something that's wrong, something that could get me in trouble. So I pour over the numbers time and again. Now the thought of doing that every month is like a nightmare to me. We don't make enough to hire people to handle the paperwork. I have to do it myself. So this would fall in my lap. Between this and Obamacare, I don't see myself being in business a year or two from

now."

According to the Louisiana Department of Revenue, under current law, a sales tax return is due on or before the 20th day of the month following the close of the calendar month or quarter reporting period. Interest at 1.25 percent per month and penalty at 5 percent for each 30 days, or portion thereof, of delinquency, not to exceed 25 percent, will be assessed on delinquent returns. Dealers whose state tax liabilities can be shown to average less than \$500 per month can ask to be placed on a quarterly filing status.

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Proponents of SE BR School District

Browning Comes Out Swinging at Record of EBR School System

BATON ROUGE — Leaders of the effort to create the new Southeast Baton Rouge Community School System came out swinging at last week's Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon.

They announced they'll introduce bills in the April 8 legislative session to place the proposed new independent school district on the statewide ballot.

But they also hit back at critics, especially the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board.

Lionel Rainey III of Local Schools for Local Children said the only arguments being used against the new school system were false. Rainey says the first argument is that the Southeast district would "re-segregate" the East Baton Rouge system and cater to whites.

Rainey said nothing could be further from the truth. "The truth is, East Baton Rouge is a segregated system with 85 percent African American. The new Southeast district will be the most diverse in the parish. Even if every student attending Catholic system entered the new system, it would still be 54 percent African American," he said.



Photo by Woody Jenkins

NORMAN BROWNING of Local Schools for Local Children fielded a question while **Lionel Rainey III** watched.

The second argument is legacy costs and that too is bogus, Rainey said. Legacy costs refer not to retirement benefits, which are covered by the state, but rather to health insurance for retired teachers. Rainey said the new Southeast district would cover the entire health insurance cost of every teacher who retired from the new

system, even if they were there only one year. He said the system would also dedicate \$2.5 million toward the health benefits of EBR teachers who formerly taught in the Southeast area, even though they have always been EBR employees.

Norman Browning, the president of Local Schools for Local Children, said, "The East Baton Rouge school system has been failing our children, and they continue to fail them. We'd be glad to meet with

the EBR schools superintendent but he hasn't met with us since the last legislative session. He hasn't come to the table. Meanwhile, have you seen any changes in the EBR system?"

Browning said legislation will be introduced in the April 8 session. "We've been asked to wait. How many superintendents have we been through in this parish? We've got a new superintendent, just wait. Just wait, he'll get it right. We've heard that over and over again, but nothing changes."

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Shenandoah Elem	27	2	616	548
Wedgewood Elem	32	4	765	697
Westminster Elem	21	2	489	410
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“The people in Southeast Baton Rouge want our schools back. A lot of us can remember what good schools were like. The entire community can be involved again in our schools. Today, so many of the parents and students don’t live in the community where they go to school, and they’re not involved.”

“It’s a shame to see small children standing on the side of the road at 5:30 a.m., waiting for a bus to take them to some far distant part of the parish. Just let the people vote, and they will speak on this,” Browning said.

The legislation, which is expected to be introduced by Sen. Bodi White, would call for a statewide constitutional amendment to create the Southeast Baton Rouge school district. It would have to pass statewide and in East Baton Rouge.

Browning said first year enrollment in the new school district should be around 7,100 students, and the system should have revenues of about \$65 million. He said he expects student costs to be about \$8,500 a year — far below the cost in East Baton Rouge.

The new system is modeled to a large degree after the Zachary and Central school systems. Zachary broke away from EBR in 2002 and has consistently been the No. 1 school system in Louisiana. Enrollment in Zachary is 54 percent white. The Central school system was created in 2007 and it is currently ranked No. 5 in the state.

If passed by the legislature and approved by the voters, the new school board would have nine members. The initial school board would be appointed by the governor. Within the first year, a special election would be held to elect board members for the remainder of the term.

Local Schools for Local Children

Answers Those Who Oppose New District

MYTHS	FACTS
The new school district will be all affluent and majority Caucasian.	67.38% of the public school students who live in the SEBR proposed school district qualify for free and reduced lunch.
The new school district will financially destroy the East Baton Rouge School District.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiscal impact on school systems outside of East Baton Rouge Parish is ZERO. Southeast Community must pay 100% of the legacy benefits of every former EBR Parish School System retiree hired as a full time employee. Southeast will establish a legacy benefits trust for retirees of EBR Parish with an initial contribution of \$2,500,000. Southeast community must reimburse EBR Parish School System 100% of unpaid principal and interest on the Qualified School Construction Bonds used for projects in the Southeast community.
The new school district will negatively affect other school districts.	The Bill includes a provision that MFP funding for the proposed district ensures that there will be no impact to other districts’ MFP funding.

Browning said leaders of the new system have been working on adoption of a curriculum. He said they have also addressed issues involving gifted and talented students and special needs.

Rainey said one major difference between the Southeast school system and the existing EBR system is that the new system won’t be top-heavy. “Ask any teacher or principal in EBR how hard it is to make changes. EBR is a maze, and a decision takes forever to get to the top. The advantage of a smaller system is that decisions are

made quickly.

Browning said the new district will focus on issues such as reading. “How can you expect students to do well on the LEAP tests in math or science if they can’t even read the questions?”

Wellness Seminar On Weight Loss, Nutrition, Toxins

BATON ROUGE — Registered dietician Suzy Maier is offering a one-hour seminar called “Simpler, Safer, Smarter: Wellness Overview” at LaMadeleine’s, corner Jefferson Highway and OldHammond.

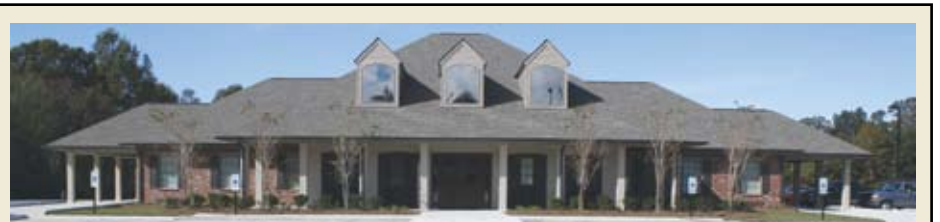
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300 Fans Turn Out To Greet Talk Host At Local Reception

Woody Jenkins
Editor, Capital City News

BATON ROUGE — Anyone who doubts that talk show host Michael Berry is a growing force in Baton Rouge radio should have been at WJBO's reception for the Houston native last Friday night.

More than 300 enthusiastic fans packed Station Sports Bar, 4608 Bennington Ave., for the chance to meet and have their photo taken with Berry.

The crowd included some of the city's most prominent individuals and business owners.

The conservative attorney, who served as President of the Houston City Council, is being heralded by some as the "next Rush Limbaugh."

Berry is a strong conservative who entertains his audience with hilarious stories and often politically incorrect humor.

Listeners often say, "I didn't think you could say that on radio!" after hearing one of Berry's wildly inappropriate jokes, often on the edge of what you can say about race in America.

How he gets away with it was evident at the reception. His beautiful Indian wife and two adopted boys from Ethiopia were proof of his own love and goodwill toward his fellow man. His wife Nandy is an attorney from Hyderabad, India. He and Nandy are Southern Baptists.

"Telling it like it is" is a hallmark of Berry's style, and listeners love it, if the response from those who turned out to meet him is any indication.

"Keep it up!" and "We're behind you!" were common phrases heard in the receiving line.

Clear Channel radio market manager Michael Hudson was all-smiles during the event. Hudson thinks Berry is a winner who can go all the way.

Ironically, although Berry is known as a staunch conservative, most of his daily show on WJBO, 1150 AM (M-F, 5-7 p.m.) is about non-political topics — "Whatever I'm thinking about today!" he said.

"Life is the inspiration for the show," he said.

"For most people, the world



SYNDICATED talk show host Michael Berry, broadcasting live from studios of WJBO in Baton Rouge



Michael Berry with financial advisor Ian James and realtor Regina Rosell



Chase Pino, Leslie Romaguera, Michael Berry, and Dr. Michael Romaguera

doesn't revolve around Washington or the State Capitol in Baton Rouge," Berry said.

"I enjoy talking about things everyone can get into," he said. "We might get people to call in and talk about their first job. It's fascinating. I've had CEO's of major corporations come on the air and talk about working at McDonald's."

"We might get a discussion going on what you learned from your divorce. I promise everyone benefits from that conversation."

"Our listeners are concerned about this country, and we talk about that. But they're also concerned about cooking, and we talk about that. I'll tell you this: In Baton Rouge, people love their food, and they love to talk about it."

"They want to talk about whether they should start their own business and whether to put their parents in a nursing home. The on-going conversation is really about life."

Berry graduated *magna cum laude* with a B.A. from the University of Houston and then earned a Juris Doctor degree in law from the University of Texas. He went on to earn a Masters of Laws and Letters from the University of Nottingham in England. He was a suc-



Michael Berry entertaining comments from a listener



Michael Berry with Mr. and Mrs. George Gallman

America's Next Rush Limbaugh



Michael Berry's wife Nandy with Clear Channel's Mike Hudson



Michael Berry with his son, adopted from Ethiopia

successful attorney in Houston. He worked hard and prospered. But something was missing. He was the youngest member ever elected to the Houston City Council, but that too wasn't enough.

"One day someone said, 'You're good at media! Why don't you try radio?' and I did."

Berry had a chance to have a show on KTRH, the second oldest station in the country, founded in 1922. Broadcasting on 740 AM, the KTRH is a powerhouse at 50,000 watts.

After success in Houston, Berry decided to syndicate the show, but was told that his Southern humor and country fried accent wouldn't cut it outside the South.

Just to prove them wrong, Berry got the show on the air in — of all places — Portland, Oregon, a liberal hotbed!

"What people don't know is that Portland is surrounded by farmers, hunters, and lumberjacks!" The show became a success in Portland.

Then he got on in Baton Rouge. "We've never had a response like Baton Rouge!" Berry said.

Then came San Antonio, Nashville, Albany, NY, Birmingham, and Waco, Texas.

The show is being syndicated by Premiere Radio, a subsidiary of Clear Channel, which owns 1,200 stations nationwide. He has a show on Fox 26 in Houston and often substitutes for Mark Levin on Levin's nationally syndicated show.

Michael Berry said he gets his inspiration from his mom and dad more than anyone else. They're both still living in Orangefield, Texas. "My dad was a maintenance man for Dupont, but he didn't enjoy that work. He encouraged me to do something I loved."

"My dad told me, 'If you do something you love, you'll never work a day in your life!' and he was right."

Michael Berry can be reached at michaelberry@clearchannel.com.

Radio Wars to Continue with Morning Drive

BATON ROUGE — The Capital City News will continue its series 'Radio Wars' on Thursday, April 4 with Part III — Morning Drive.

The story will feature the raging battle for listeners while people are driving to work. The article will include Walton & Johnson of Eagle 98.1, Chris Powers of 100.7 The Tiger, Matt Kennedy and Brian Haldane of NewsTalk 107.3, Kevin Meeks and Karen Henderson of WJBO, Murphy, Sam & Jodie of 96.1 The River, Big D and Bubba of 101.5 WYNK, Kid Kraddock of 102.5 WFME, and others.

Part I in the series on News Talk appeared in the Feb. 21 issue and Part II on Country Music appeared in the March 7 edition. All editions of the Capital City News are available on-line at www.centralcitynews.net. The website is www.capitalcitynews.us.

Moon Griffon Ends Run on Talk 107.3

BATON ROUGE — Moon Griffon ended his run on NewsTalk 107.3 last week. The conservative talk show host, who is syndicated statewide, aired from 9 to 11 a.m.

His time period will be filled by Brian Haldane from 9 to 10 and Clarence Buggs from 10 to 11.

Guaranty Broadcasting market manager Gordy Rush said the local change will extend the time periods for the local talk show hosts.

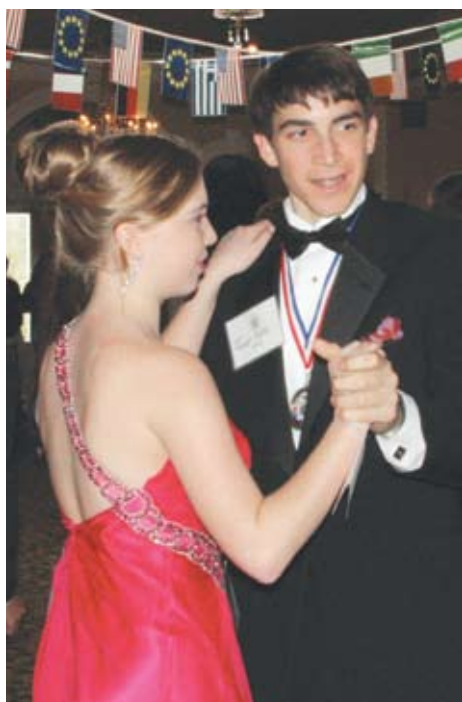


Michael Berry with look-alike Jeremy Rowe. Berry tried on Rowe's cap.



Michael Berry with Baton Rouge leaders (left to right) Carl Benedict, Clear Channel Radio's Michael Hudson, Safe Nation host Eric Berthelot, and school board member Connie Bernard

Junior Cotillion Ball at Nottoway



National League of Junior Cotillions of Baton Rouge
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A Few Tips on Urban Farming in BR



Attorney Catherine Wheeler with the chicken coop she helped build



Catherine Wheeler advises planting in raised pots to reduce back strain

A Few Tips on Urban Farming from Catherine Wheeler

- Many of our popular crops grow best in pots
- If you suffer from back problems or can't bend over, raise your pots, using cinder blocks and treated lumber. Water daily.
- It's legal in Baton Rouge to keep chickens — up to three if you have less than one acre. You must have at least two acres to have a rooster!
- Get your chicks now and have eggs in 6 months!
- Best layers: Rhode Island Reds and Plymouth Rocks
- Our local nurseries and garden stores are the best source of information. Just ask. They'll help!

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Central Bowling Wins District 5A

CENTRAL — Central High (10-0) defeated Scotlandville (7-3) on Wednesday, March 13 to wrap up its first District Championship in school history, extending its winning streak to 10 matches.

Central came out on fire in game one against Scotlandville and were determined to never let the Hornets in the match. Central won game one 6-2 and 1080-1020 total pins. Game one was led by freshman Sarah Leduff with a 228, followed by sophomore Jacob Garretson with a 221, and senior and captain Bryan Waites with a 199.

Scotlandville continued to bowl well in game two but on this day with the way Central was bowling, good wasn't nearly enough. Scotlandville rolled a respectable 1,008 in game two, but Central beat that by over 100 pins with an 1,128 to result in another 6-2 win. The stellar bowling led the Wildcats to a 12-4 advantage after two games. Garretson was high in game two with a 232 and was followed by Leduff with a 201.

Central closed out the match and the District 5A Championship in game three by winning 5-3 and 1,150-1,049 in total pins. The 1,150 also put the finishing touches on yet another new school series record with a 3,358, against Scotlandville's 3,077. Central won the match 20-7.

The final game was led by Garretson with a 254, junior Kevin Kennedy with a 202 and junior Sean Murphy with a 194. Overall, Garretson's 707 series was high for the Wildcats, and set a new school record for Boys Series and his 1st



The Wildcat bowling team took the District 5A Championship beating Scotlandville.

LHSAA 700+ series, followed by Leduff's 600, her 1st LHSAA 600+ series and only the 3rd girl in Central history to roll a 600+ series, Waites' 541, Murphy's 507, Young's 503, and Kennedy's 500. Proving it was a complete team effort, this marked the first time that every Wildcat rolled at least a 500+ series.

Central (11-0) made short work of Zachary (3-9) on Monday, March 18 to remain undefeated. All three games were dominated by Central and were led by Bryan Waites' 582 and Jacob Garretson's 569.

Waites led the Wildcats in game

one with a 207 to help Central win 6-2 and 978-944 in total pins. The next two games ended in a similar fashion. Waites was again high with a 207 in game two, leading Central to another 6-2 win and 932-844 total pins. Game three was led by Haley Young's 213 and Garretson's 208, and Central won the final game once again 6-2 and 1,135-906.

Overall Central won 21-6 and 3,045-2,694 total pins. In fact, Zachary's 2,694 was a season high for the Broncos, but Central continued to stay hot and was never in danger of losing the match. Sean

Murphy chipped in with a 517 series, followed by Sarah Leduff with a 483, and Kevin Kennedy with a 457.

District 5A Standings (as of 3-13-13):

	Wins	Loses	Pins
Central	10	0	29,942
Scotlandville	7	3	29,658
Catholic	7	4	31,100
Denham Spgs.	6	4	28,285
Woodlawn	3	7	24,539
Zachary	3	8	26,304
Baton Rouge	0	10	19,150

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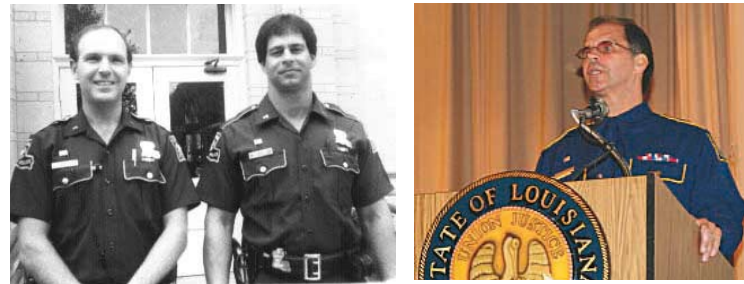
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Blinded by Gunshot in 1986, State Trooper Continues to Inspire His Fellow Officers



BOBBY SMITH shown in uniform before being shot, recovering after the injury, and today with his wife Janie. Smith, who has authored three books, speaks nationwide.

Trooper Bobby Smith to Speak April 5 at State Police Auditorium

BATON ROUGE — In 1986, Louisiana State Trooper Bobby Smith was shot in the face and blinded in the line of duty on a Louisiana highway.

As a result of his shooting and the aftermath of trauma, Bobby realized the need for law enforcement officers to have assistance in dealing with post trauma.

Based on his education and experience, Bobby has authored three books — *Visions of Cour-*

age: The Bobby Smith Story, The Will to Survive, and his newest book, *What's in your Heart Comes Out Your Mouth*, published March 2013.

Bobby Smith is also well known as a motivational speaker. He speaks more than 150 times a year before emergency responders, spouses, supervisors, agency heads, the clergy, and civic leaders. His message of perseverance and the human spirit has gotten

him speaking invitations in every major city across the United States and in several countries abroad. He has headlined major events at the FBI Academy and NSA. He has addressed more than one million people.

In 2001, Smith founded and currently serves as the Director of FORTE (Foundation for Officers Recovering from Traumatic Events). His on-going goal is to provide training and counseling

for law enforcement, fire fighters, emergency services personnel, and their families going through various traumatic events.

The former trooper will tell his story from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday, April 5 at the State Police Auditorium, 7919 Independence Boulevard. The event is free and open to the public. To register, go to <https://register.gsrcpi.org/wconnect/CourseStatus.awp?%7E%7E130405LAA>.

Pruning Crape Myrtles in Baton Rouge



PRUNING CRAPE MYRTLES IN BATON ROUGE. Too often, crape myrtle trees are “murdered” or pruned improperly, by being “lopped off” at the top. The tree at the far left was murdered about 15 years ago. It has not been properly pruned since then. In the photo at right, the tree has been pruned properly. One of the key things about pruning crape myrtles is to remove branches entirely. Mid-winter is the best time to prune, and is in getting very late since spring started yesterday. LSU provides the following reasons for pruning crape myrtles: “Eliminating crossed and rubbing branches, removing low branches, removing weak, thin branches from the inner part of the tree, trimming off old seed pods, creating a shapelier tree and keeping suckers removed from the base of the trunk. Avoid cutting back or shortening branches larger than your finger, although cutting larger branches back to a side branch or to the trunk, when needed, is fine.” Photos and text by Woody Jenkins

What's Happening Around the Capital City

BATON ROUGE — Events coming up in and around the capital city:

Thursday, March 21
“Leadership-Preparedness In The New Normal” • 5 to 7 p.m.
 Secretary of State Tom Schedler will launch the Old State Capitol Associates Speaker Series with special guest Lt. General Russel L. Honoré (Ret.). You are invited to “Leadership Preparedness in the New Normal” in the House Chamber, Old State Capitol. Reception and book signing. Admission is free. For information, contact Dawn Ross at dawn.ross@sos.la.gov.

Thursday, March 21
WWII Quiz Bowl • 6 to 7 p.m.
 The Central High School's World War II Quiz Bowl team composed of Jack McAdams, Cameron Robertson, and Brantley Pike defeated 30 teams from across the state to qualify for the State Finals. The team will compete for the championship in a live broadcast on Cox Cable 4.

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 Not4Sale Band.

Friday, March 22
District IV La. Retired Teachers Assn. Meeting • 9:30 a.m.
 Joyce Rome, president of Louisiana Retired Teachers Association, District IV has scheduled the district's spring meeting at Tezucuo Plantation in Darrow. All retired teachers from the parishes of Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Point Coupee, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana are invited to attend. Guest speaker will be Renee Siccone, assistant director of the state



Photo by Woody Jenkins

COFFEE CALL — One thing that's always happening in Baton Rouge is Coffee Call, located at 3132 College Drive, where café au lait and authentic French Quarter-style beignets are available from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Thursday. Open 24 hours on Friday and Saturday. Sunday until 12 midnight. Otis Hicks is almost always there to make your beignets and engage in conversation. A Baton Rouge landmark association.

Friday, March 22
Lenten Fish Fry • 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
 Our Lady of Mercy KC's will hold a Lenten Fish Fry. Cost is \$7 per plate. Pick up at 445 Marquette Ave.

Saturday, March 23
Spring Bluegrass & Olde Tyme Music Picnic • 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Zoar Baptist Church, 11848 Hooper Road, invites everyone to Spring Bluegrass and Olde Tyme Music Picnic. This is an outdoor event. Bring a chair, picnic lunch, and instrument, and come enjoy some bluegrass music. For information, call 261-3434.

Saturday, March 23
Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans • 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Please join for a picnic on the levee for this annual National Day of Recognition as we “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans.” Ceremony at 11 a.m. in the Louisiana Memorial Plaza with keynote speaker Brigadier General Sheridan Cadoria. Presented by USS Kidd Veterans Memorial & Museum, 305 S. River Road. Full day of activities include tours of the USS Kidd, bring a lunch or purchase on-site vendors, view exhibits and equipment from the Vietnam era and later, and Big River Express will perform 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 23
Easter Egg Hunt • 1 p.m.
 Our Lady of Mercy's Family Life Ministry invites you and your family to the annual Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 2 to 9. Registration begins at 1 p.m. at the Auction House, 410 Marquette Ave. There will be prizes, games, refreshments, and photos with the Easter Bunny!

Saturday, March 23
Dancin' in the Streets • 7 p.m.
 Baton Rouge Ballet Theatre's 4th Annual Dancin' in the Streets fundraiser will be held at Perkins Rowe Great Hall. The block party will feature live music by Phat Hat and food and drinks from local restaurants. Tickets are \$25 until Friday, March 22 and \$35 at the door. For information, contact Nicole Naquin or Leigh Phillips at 766-8379 or nicole@batonrougeballet.org or leigh@batonrougeballet.org.

March 23 and 24
African Violet Show and Sale
 The African Violet Show and Plant Sale will be held Saturday, March 23, 2 to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 24, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Baton Rouge Garden Center, 7950 Independence Blvd. The show is sponsored by the Sun-downers African Violet Society. Admission is free. A lecture and workshop on how to grow violets will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 24. For information, contact George Ramirez at 985-384-0309.

Sunday, March 24
Easter Celebration • 1 to 3 p.m.
 An Easter Celebration will be held at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt, games, crafts, inflatables, food, and U-Launcher by Games 2 U. Bring your camera to take pictures with the Easter Bunny! RSVP by Thursday, March 21 by filling out a registration form online at www.st-alphonsus.net.

Tuesday, March 26
Zachary Artists Guild • 6 p.m.
 The next meeting of the Zachary Artists Guild will be at the Zachary

Chamber of Commerce, 4633 Main Street. In preparation for the Guild's April Art Show at the Zachary Library, the enrichment activity during the meeting will be a Paint In of a fleur de lis. Bring your own apron plus \$10 to cover the cost of all painting supplies. In addition to displaying a fleur de lis, each artist is encouraged to

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Public Meetings

Metro Council Meeting
 Metro Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 4 p.m. at the Metro Council Chambers.

Metro Planning Commission
 Metro Planning Commission meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 5 p.m.

EBRP School Board
 East Baton Rouge Parish School Board meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the School Board Office.

Central School Board
 Central Community School System meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 6 p.m. at the Central Middle School Cafeteria.

Central City Council Meeting
 City of Central Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. at Kristenwood on Greenwell Springs.

Central Board of Adjustments and Planning & Zoning
 The Central Board of Adjustments will meet at 5:30 p.m. and the Planning and Zoning will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 25.

Metro Council District 5 Citizens Advisory Meeting
 Councilwoman Ronnie Edwards will hold a Citizens Advisory Council meeting on Monday, March 25 at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place at Delmont Service Center, 3535 Riley St. Representatives from EBR Housing Authority, City of Baton Rouge Office of Community Development, Louisiana Housing Corporation, and City of Baton Rouge Purchasing Department will be a part of a discussion with local contractors and subcontractors.

Metro Council District 6 Informational Meeting
 Councilwoman Donna Collins-Lewis invites all District 6 constituents and community stakeholders to attend an informational meeting in reference to the Old Woman's Hospital facility on Airline Hwy. The meeting will be held Monday, April 1, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at BREC Headquarters - Ballroom, 6201 Florida Blvd. Special guests will be William Daniel, Jim Frey, and Marsha J. Hanlon.

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display two other pieces of artwork at the art show. For information, call Margaret Harmon at 788-5999.

Saturday, March 30

Cat Show • 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Greater Baton Rouge Cat Club will be having its 40th Annual Cat Show at the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center. Admission is \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and children, and children 12 and under are free. For information, call 291-7733.

Sunday, March 31

Central Community Easter Service • 7 a.m.

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Central Community Easter Service at Wildcat Stadium. This non-denominational event, hosted by Zoar Baptist Church, provides the community an opportunity to gather together for the purpose of celebrating the resurrection. There will be special music, choir and congregational singing, and a special Easter message. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at Zoar Baptist Church.

**April 6 and April 7
Zippity Zoo Fest 2013**

Zippity Zoo Fest will feature keeper chats, face painting, Safari Snapshot photo booth, and animal shows at the Wildlife Safari Amphitheater at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. A new addition this year is Expedition BREC, a family-style tour around the Zoo. Zoo admission is adults and teens \$8.25, seniors \$7.25, children 2-12 \$5.25, and one and under is free. The Zoo is open 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Prom Donations Of Formal Attire Through April 12

BATON ROUGE — Councilwoman C. Denise Marcelle is seeking donations of prom dresses and formal gowns of all sizes, as well as men's suit separates and tuxedos for the 4th Annual Fairy Godmother Prom Extravaganza.

Now through Friday, April 12 residents are encouraged to drop off new or gently used formal wear at the following two locations: City Hall, 222 St. Louis St., 3rd floor, room 351 or Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Community Center, 4000 Gus Young Blvd., 2nd floor, Council Office.

For information, contact 389-3182.



Louisiana Science Fiction Film & Costume

BATON ROUGE — The Louisiana Science Fiction Film and Costume Festival will hold its annual festival April 5 to 7 at the Embassy Suites Hotel on Constitution Ave. On Friday night, there will be a costume and makeup workshop on The Rocky Horror Picture Show, followed by a showing of the Rocky Horror Picture Show. Saturday will feature workshops focusing on costuming, prop making, makeup, hairdressing, and jewelry making. Media guests will include Gil Gerard from Buck Rogers in the 25th Century and Theodore Crane and Michael Koske from AMC's The Walking Dead. The Science Fiction Film Festival features a full array of quality fan films. Saturday night is the Costume Ball where people can show off their costumes or simply come to watch and join in the merrymaking.

April 6 and 7

Kite Fest Louisiané • 11 a.m.

Kites of all sizes and shapes will fill the skies at the West Baton Rouge Soccer Complex in Port Allen, located just off I-10 Exit 151 at Rosedale Rd. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and spend a day in the great outdoors. This free event is open to the public.

Tuesday, April 9

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.

Saturday, April 13

Active for Autism 5k Run/Walk 8 a.m. to 12 noon

The 4th Annual 5k Run/Walk and Fun Fest will be held at the State Police Headquarters on Independence Blvd. Visit fhfgbr.org to register! For information, call 216-7474.

Saturday, April 13

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 Paul Daigle & Cajun Gold. 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.batonrouge-cajundance.com.

**April 20 and April 21
Angola Prison Rodeo**

Warden Burl Cain invites the public to view the wildest rodeo show in the south. The gates will open at 9 a.m. and the rodeo starts at 2 p.m. All seats are only \$15. Tickets can be purchased in advance on-line at www.angolarodeo.com or calling 225-655-2030 or 225-655-2607 Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 25

Heritage Lecture • 6 p.m.

River Road Author Mary Ann Sternberg will share insights on the River Road at a lecture sponsored by the Foundation for Historical Louisiana at the Old Governor's Mansion, East Room, 502 North Blvd. Sternberg will be signing two new books

"River Road Rambler" and "Along the River Road: Past and Present on Louisiana's Historic Byway." The lecture is free to Foundation members and \$10 for guests. For information, call 387-2464 or visit fhl.org.

April 26 through 28

Our Lady of Mercy Parish Fair Raffle & Baked Goods

Our Lady of Mercy's Parish Fair is scheduled for April 26 through 28. Preorder your baked goods now for pickup Sunday, April 28. Cakes and pies \$25 and cookies, candies, and brownies \$5 package. Limited quantities available. Orders filled on a first come, first serve basis. Place your order no later than Saturday, April 6. For a list of bakers go to www.olomchurch.com. To order call, Margaret Roberts at 925-1585 or 933-8977. There will also be a Raffle. For information, contact the church office at 926-1883.

Local Class Reunions

**Saturday, April 13
Central Class of 2003
7 to 11 p.m.**

Central High Class of 2003 will hold their reunion at Kristenwood on Greenwell Springs. Cost is \$35 per person due by Friday, March 22. Updates and information can be found at chsclassof2003.wordpress.com, Facebook: CHS Class of 2003, or email CHSco2003@gmail.com.

**Saturday, April 20
Istrouma Class of '63**

Istrouma High Class of '63 will hold their reunion at Oak Lodge, 2834 S. Sherwood Forest. For information, contact Sherry Burleigh at sreedburleigh@att.net or 545-3939.

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

Central High Class of '83 will hold their 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.

**Saturday, August 17
Istrouma Class of '73**

Istrouma High Class of '73 will hold their reunion at Kristenwood, 14025 Greenwell Springs. Contact Rhona C. Watson, 654-7716 or rew51055@aol.com or Debbie or Danny Wellman, 261-8358 or dwell96@bellsouth.net.

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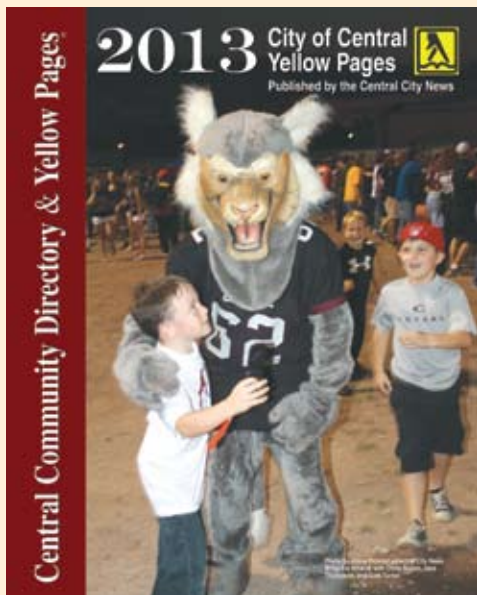
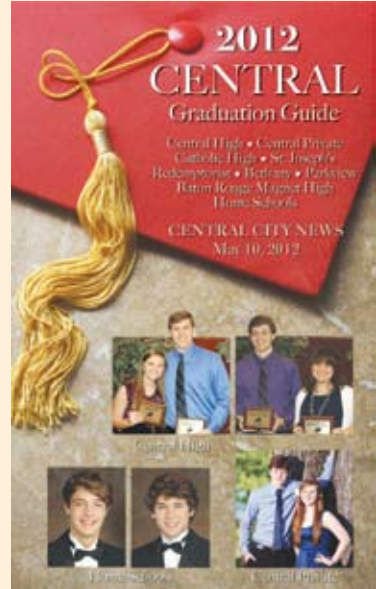
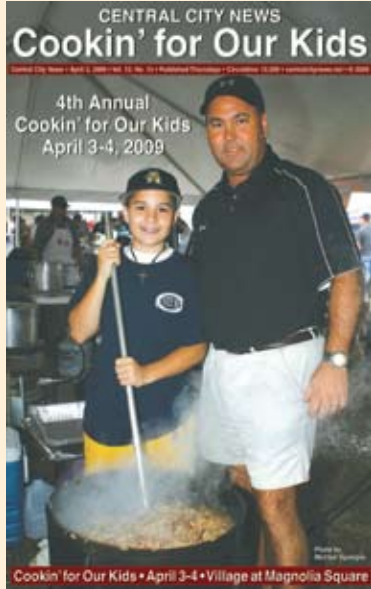
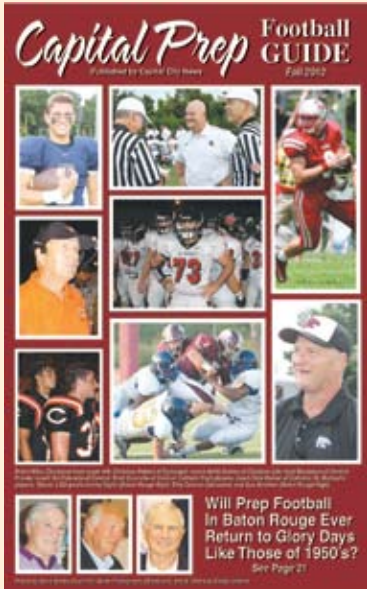
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