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 First Woman  
 on Central  
 City Council  
 in 4 Years?  
 See Dr. Kim Fralick on Page 8

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Central Municipal Elections April 5, 2014

# Election Saturday

**Sample Ballot**

**Saturday, April 5, 2014**  
 On the Ballot in Central

**Mayor**  
 Mark David Freneauux R  
**Jr. Shelton\*** R

**Police Chief**  
 Kerry Clark R  
**James Salsbury\*** R

**City Council**  
 Vote for Five

June Dupuy R  
 Jason Ellis R  
**Shane Evans\*** R  
**Dr. Kim Fralick\*** R  
 Eric Frank R  
 Mike Gardner R  
**Wayne Messina\*** R  
 Aaron Moak R  
**Harry Rauls\*** R  
**John Vance\*** R  
**Ralph Washington\*** R

**BREC TAX**  
 \$227.4 million property tax  
 renewal by BREC  
 Yes or No

\***Boldface** indicates the candidate is endorsed by the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge



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**INTEGRITY EXPRESS** — Jr. and Rita Shelton brought their campaign for Mayor of Central to neighborhoods Monday, thanks to Gil Matherine and his antique fire truck.

## Jr. Shelton Says He'll Seek Reconciliation and Renewal

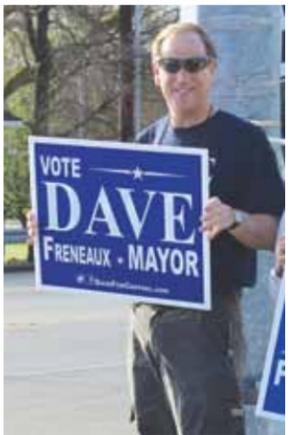
**CENTRAL** - Mayoral candidate Jr. Shelton said that after the election, he wants to work with Central area pastors to plan a day of prayer, reconciliation, and renewal. "We need to put a lot of things behind us, and I believe we can, if we as citizens will humble ourselves before the Almighty and ask Him to heal the wounds that exist in our community," he said.

"We in Central agree on 90 percent of the issues, and we should be able find ways to all pull in the same direction. We don't have to See Page 6, Col. 4

## Voters Will Decide Key City Races

**CENTRAL** - Voters in Central will go to the polls Saturday to elect a new Mayor, Police Chief, and five members of the Central City Council. Incumbent Mayor Mac Watts, Police Chief Doug Browning, and Councilmen Tony LoBue and Louis DeJohn are not seeking reelection.

A runoff in the Council races will be held May 3 if necessary. New city officials will take office July 1. Candidates for Mayor are Jr. Shelton and Dave Shelton. Interest in the election is high, and political signs have sprung up throughout the city. Voter turnout could exceed 50 percent, depending on weather.



Former School Board candidate Jon Simmons campaigning for Dave Freneauux.

## BREC Asking \$227 Million Tax Renewal

**CENTRAL** - East Baton Rouge Parish voters will go to the polls Saturday to consider a \$227 million property tax renewal to fund the operations of BREC, the parish recreation and parks agency. Central is included in BREC.

**May 3 Runoff For Council**

**CENTRAL** - If fewer than five candidates for City Council get a majority Saturday, the runoff will be May 3.

## Voters to Choose Five Council Members from 11 Candidates

# Washington Back on Campaign Trail, Vance Surging

**CENTRAL** — Central's April 5th municipal elections are just two days away, and the candidates for the Central City Council have stepped up their campaign efforts. Eleven candidates are seeking five seats on the Council. Now Central Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Washington is back on the campaign trail after a bout with diabetes put him in the hospital. Tuesday Washington said he is feeling much better and expects to

be at full speed soon. Washington said he has had circulatory problems in his legs but those were resolved with a treatment that cleared his arteries. At one point,

doctors had discussed amputating a toe but that ended up not being necessary. "Thanks to a lot of prayer by the people of Central and my family, I have recovered, and I am feeling good," he said. "I am excited about serving the people of Central for the next four years, and I would greatly appreciate your vote and support

in the election this Saturday." ★★★ Washington is one of three incumbent members of the Central City Council who are seeking reelection

to the Council. The other two are Wayne Messina and Aaron Moak. Messina, who narrowly lost a race for the Metro Council in See Page 3, Col. 1



Photo by Jolice Provost

**RECOVERED** — Central Mayor Pro-Tem is back on the campaign trail after recovering from a recent hospital stay that opened arteries to his legs and improved circulation.



**JOHN VANCE IN CONTENTION** — One of the newcomers in the Central City Council race who seems to be catching on, former Army pilot John Vance, campaigns door to door. See story on Page 7.

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**CONSTRUCTIVE CAMPAIGNING** — City Councilman Wayne Messina has been putting up unusual but very constructive signs during his campaign for reelection. The signs remind motorists to drive safely. They say, “Drive Like Your Kids Live Here. Compliments of Wayne Messina.” Central has a large number of traffic fatalities, especially involving young people.

## Country Living in the City

# In 2010, Just Over 40 Percent of Central Cared Enough to Vote

## If You Don't Vote You Don't Count; Don't Complain About Anything

Woody Jenkins  
Editor

The right to vote is a right bought by the blood of our ancestors — men and women who believed in our country enough to risk and ultimately sacrifice their lives for our country and the principles it stands for, such as free elections.

At every election, I am amazed to see the people who go about their business as though it were just another day. To me, it's a day of excitement and celebration, because it says that those men and women did not die in vain — they were successful.

They lost everything personally but they gave us everything.

How can a person ignore an election? How can he be so tuned out to the world and everything about him?

My father always voted and he told me to be informed and vote.

Of course, I guess my dad was different. During the Depression, when others had lost their jobs, their homes, and their possessions, my dad was very successful.

He always told me, Find a need and fill it. When the Depression geared up, my father realized people would be eating less because they didn't have the money they had in the past.

So he got the idea that the business to be in would be coffee. He reasoned that people would be drinking a lot more coffee, because coffee is a cheap way to calm the pangs of hunger.

So my father invested in building a coffee roaster. He began importing coffee from South America, bagging the fresh roasted coffee and selling it.

Then he realized he could sell more

coffee by establishing routes in the rural areas of the Florida Parishes. Eventually, he had 15 route men to work established routes from Baton Rouge to Covington. He delivered weekly, and people paid monthly.

My dad was located in Ponchatoula. In 1937, he built a beautiful modern brick home and he bought a brand new convertible and a private airplane. He was licensed as a pilot. He owned five or six businesses. He was on top of the world.

Then the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, and everything changed. My dad wanted to be pilot and he went to volunteer to fly for the Army Air Corps. But they wouldn't take him. At age

32, he was too old and too short (and too ugly, Dad said) to be a pilot for the Air Corps. He tried the Marines

and the Navy. Both rejected him.

My dad loved our country and he was willing to fight and die or make any sacrifice to save this country of ours. And he was not alone. Millions of other Americans were willing to risk it all to preserve our freedom. Finally, he was able to volunteer to serve as part of a “suicide mission” to the Caribbean to search for German submarines.

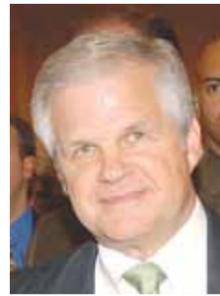
That is a story in itself.

But let me go to the end of the war and simply tell you this. When he returned to Ponchatoula, he had been burned over much of his body. He had suffered a broken back that gave him constant pain. He had lost all his businesses, and his wife had divorced him.

He was disabled the rest of his life and was never successful financially.

Yet, so many times he told me, “I love this country. I'd do anything for this country!”

My dad told me, “Son, I fought so you could vote! Never let me down!” So, yes, I vote! I'm proud to vote! Aren't you?



Woody Jenkins

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## 11 Candidates Seeking Five Seats on Council

# Council Candidates Seeking Undecided Voters

### To Avoid Runoff, Candidate Must Receive Majority, Be in Top Five

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2008 and was first elected to the Central City Council in 2010. He came in 3rd out of nine candidates for the City Council.

In this election, Messina is putting up his own traditional campaign signs. But he is also putting out signs that say, "Drive Like Your Children Live Here" in an effort to remind drivers of the dangerous condition of many of Central's roads.

Councilman Messina will be hosting an election night party at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Greenwell Springs Road.

★★★

Councilman Aaron Moak was campaigning with his two boys last Saturday.

★★★

Dr. Kim Fralick is running a strong race for the Central City Council. If elected, she would be the first woman on the Council since Joan Lansing. Mrs. Lansing served from 2006 to 2010.

★★★

Council candidate Shane Evans has held an event called "Grillin'



**LOOKING FOR UNDECIDED** — Like 10 other candidates for Central City Council, Councilman Wayne Messina is busy looking for undecided voters for Saturday's election.

the Candidates," every Saturday morning at Central Perk from qualifying through the election. Citizens and a number of candidates have attended to ask questions and exchange ideas.

★★★

In years past, Central voters were used to voting in at-large elections. At-large elections were held for state senator, state representative, Metro Council, and school board. However, today the only at-large race of any type that Central votes on is the Central City Council.

Voters will cast up to five votes for City Council. Eleven candidates are running. In order to be elected in the April 5 primary, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast and be one of the top five vote-getters.

It is possible for a candidate to See **SATURDAY** on Page 4

## Greenwell Springs Baptist Questions Candidates

**CENTRAL** — Greenwell Springs Baptist Church has polled candidates for Mayor, Police Chief, and City Council on key issues facing Central and released the results.

One candidate, Dr. Kim Fralick, said she inadvertently failed to answer the question on gun control and licensing. She said she is strongly opposed to additional gun control.

Another candidate, Mayor Pro

Tem Ralph Washington, said he was in the hospital and did not receive the questionnaire. He said he would have answered as follows:

1. Single member districts, Yes.
2. Zoning laws restricting small churches, No.
3. Baton Rouge Loop, No.
4. In God We Trust as motto, Yes.
5. Traditional marriage, Yes.
6. Abortion funding, No.
7. Special rights for gays, No.

8. Gun control, No.

9. Emphasize non-governmental solutions, Yes.

10. Common Core in Central schools, No.

11. 50 words or less on how you will sustain the quality of life in Central. Answer: *Promote outstanding public schools, fight crime, build proper infrastructure, bring in more retail stores, protect our environment, and strong stand for access to public records.*

**The Gil Matherne Family urges your consideration of Jr. Shelton for Mayor. A great leader for Central!**



**Central Municipal Election • Saturday, April 5, 2014**

# Saturday Morning Before Election Day



AARON MOAK (2nd from left), candidate for City Council



KERRY CLARK (left), candidate for Central Police Chief



JR. SHELTON (center) and Jason Ellis (4th from left), City Council candidate



SHANE EVANS (center), candidate for Central City Council



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get a majority of the votes cast and still lose. Intuitively, that doesn't seem possible, but it assuredly is.

For example, in the March 29, 2010, primary, Councilwoman Joan Lansing received 52.5 percent of the votes cast but lost because she ran 6th in the balloting.

If fewer than five candidates receive a majority in the primary, there will be a runoff election on Saturday, May 3.

The runoff will include twice the number of candidates as unfilled seats remaining. For example, if three candidates are elected to the City Council on April 5, the runoff will be for the two remaining seats.

So the next four candidates will participate in the runoff election. In the primary, voters can vote for up to five candidates for the City Council but voters may vote for fewer than five. The voting machine will not allow you to vote for more than five candidates.

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All of the candidates running in this election are Republicans. The Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish has endorsed Jr. Shelton for Mayor, James Salisbury for Chief of Police, and six candidates for the City Council — Shane Evans, Dr. Kim Fralick, Wayne Messina, Harry Rauls, John

**Campaigning for Central Election on March 29, 2014**  
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# Candidates Were Busy Campaigning



JR. SHELTON (left), candidate for Central Mayor, at Me Pa's



BETH FUSSELL of Central Speaks campaigning for her father



HARRY RAULS (right), candidate for City Council

Vance, and Ralph Washington.

★★★

In addition to the Republican Party, Mayoral candidate Jr. Shelton has been endorsed by the Homebuilders and by the Realtors association.

His opponent, Dave Freneau, has been endorsed by Central

Speaks, the paper he founded which is currently owned by his daughter, Wayne Leader, and Sid Edwards.

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A number of the candidates will host election night parties. For details, see What's Happening on Page 20.



SPRING has arrived in Central, and candidates are campaigning in a beautiful setting

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# Candidates Issue Statements on Election

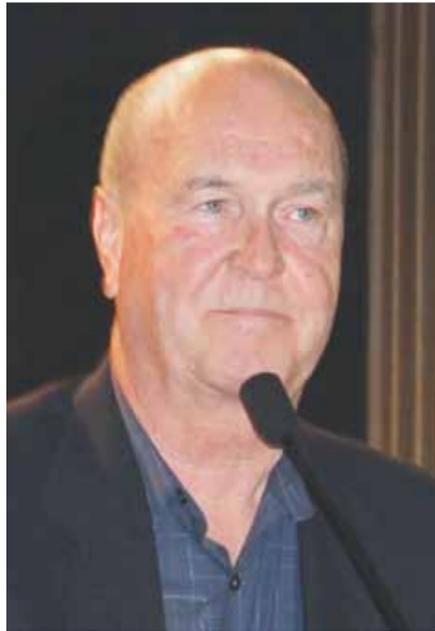
**SHANE EVANS**  
Candidate for City Council

Dear Citizens of the City of Central,  
As I was encouraged by friends and family so many months ago to embark on this new and daunting journey into public service through politics, I promised myself, my family and you that I would remain independent. I promised a positive campaign that highlighted my vision for Central and its future. I have been a fortunate son of this community since childhood. I am raising a family here and those that know me know that I bleed maroon. I have a deep sense of debt to this community for the gifts it has given me. I am asking for an opportunity to serve and represent you.

In a last message before election day, I found that my own words could never express my thoughts better than this quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:

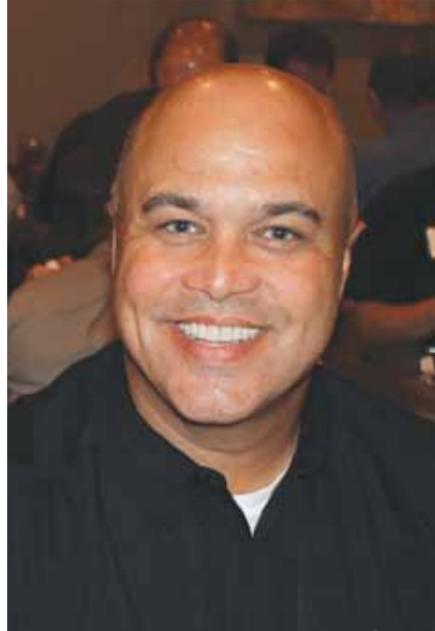
"In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline."

I humbly ask for your support and your vote on April 5, 2014. Please con-



**HARRY RAULS**  
Candidate for City Council

sider those candidates, like myself, who chose to put Central before ego, hatred, and the bitter taste of struggles from the past. This is our beautiful



**SHANE EVANS**  
Candidate for City Council

home to protect and carefully grow. God Bless you and your family, and God Bless Central. Shane Evans

**Shelton: Reconciliation**

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agree on everything to get along and be agreeable. We ought to be able to disagree on something, shake hands, and then work together on the next thing that needs our attention. There are some real differences, and those cannot be ignored. And sometimes there are serious principles at stake. But we ought to be able to stand for what we believe honestly and sincerely and agreeably. Central is such a wonderful community, and it needs the talents of all of its citizens working together for our mutual benefit. I'm hoping that this election will allow us to restart our relationships and carry Central to its full potential."

**MIKE GARDNER**  
Candidate for City Council

On April 5th our city will make the biggest decision it has ever made. I encourage everyone to get out to the polls and exercise your obligation to vote.

I would encourage you to also vote with an open heart and pick the candidates that you feel will best move this city along.

I will serve the people of Central elected or not elected, which is my passion. My goal as a councilman is to seek the citizens' opinions what they would like to see Central like in five, 10, 20 years. Then go out and seek those opportunities, encourage businesses to locate here that will create industry and jobs for our citizens.

But first and foremost we must put the PETTY differences aside, all sit down together and formulate a plan to heal Central first. We cannot win people over on the outside while fighting our own people on the inside.

We all want the same thing. We all want that beacon on the hill city. Well, let's get it done, let's stop talking about it and DO IT! If we do not elect officials that will get things done, we will be talking about these same issues in four years. Let's get is DONE together, get out and vote on April 5, vote your heart, not someone else's, and let's get Central moving forward.



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*(Served on a bed of angel hair)*

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# Walking Door to Door Catapults John Vance



JOHN VANCE has taken his campaign for the Central City Council to more than 2,500 voting households. Saturday's election will demonstrate whether that was a successful strategy.

## Military Record, Solid Family Life Plus Hard Work Make John Vance A Council Favorite

**CENTRAL** - In a few short months, Council candidate John Vance has gone from being virtually unknown to a serious contender for one of five seats on the Central City Council in this Saturday's municipal election.

With an outstanding military career as an Army helicopter pilot and plant manager for a major production facility, Vance moved to Central 10 years ago with his wife Lesley, a Central Private graduate and native of Central.

Vance was encouraged to run for the Council by Councilman Tony LoBue, who said he recognized in Vance many of the qualities necessary for successful public service.

Perhaps the secret to Vance's success in this election is hard work. He is one of the few candidates who spent months going door to door.



JOHN VANCE  
Candidate for City Council

## INDEPENDENT LEADERSHIP Letter to the Voters of City of Central

Dear Neighbors,

This Saturday we will vote on the future of our city. Our families will be greatly impacted by this election.

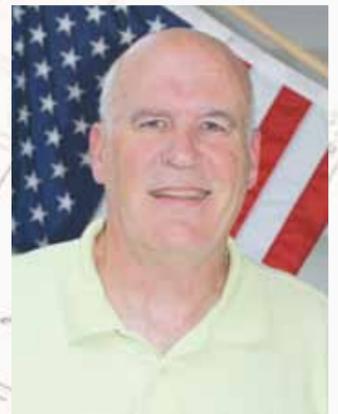
I have laid out a "Plan of Action" to provide

- Economic Development to increase revenues without adding more taxes.
- Drainage. We must reduce flooding with a comprehensive drainage plan. We can use the \$3 million already dedicated for drainage (These are not "surplus funds" but funds that have already been dedicated to drainage).
- Retail Development. We will pursue retail businesses offering goods and services that we now have to travel to other cities to purchase.
- Commercial Development. We will pursue good-paying, sustainable jobs for the City of Central.
- A Family-Oriented Community. As a husband, father, and grandfather, I understand the needs and wants of families in our community. I will protect our way of life and our rural setting while keeping our families safe on the roads and in our homes.

Central is made up of families who have lived here for generations and others who have moved to Central in recent years. My family has been here for 36 years. We came and stayed for the same reasons you came and stayed. Every citizen has much to offer our great community. Everyone should be included in this government. I will seek your advice and your solutions.

Please allow me the honor of serving as your Mayor. I will work for you and move our city forward. I will provide Independent Leadership and promote everything good that Central can and should be. With your help, we can make Central the best place to live in the State of Louisiana!

Please join with me this Saturday and vote for Jr. Shelton for Mayor!



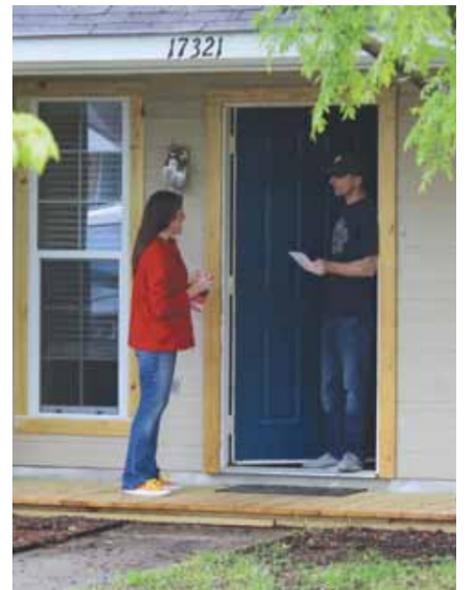
JR. SHELTON  
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# After Knocking on 4,800 Doors, Dr. Kim



**DOOR-TO-DOOR** — Dr. Kim Fralick has conducted a person-to-person campaign. At left, she is shown with Central High assistant football coach David Dykes.

**CENTRAL** — If personal contact and door-to-door campaigning are keys to success in local politics, Dr. Kim Fralick should be a shoo-in to be elected to one of five seats on the

Central City Council this Saturday. The petite Central veterinarian says she has knocked on more than 4,800 doors, leaving most of her competitors far behind in the door-knock-

ing competition. Besides Fralick and John Vance, the two mayoral candidates, Jr. Shelton and Dave Freneaux have also done their share of neighborhood canvassing.

Dr. Fralick says being a woman has been a plus for her campaign. “Many people, male and female, tell me they want to have at least one woman on the Council.”

Fralick is a conservative Christian and is not into “gender politics.” But she does think a woman can bring special traits to the City Council, such as the ability to listen and the ability to empathize with the other person.

“I remember visiting a lady on the campaign trail who has been having a problem with her ditch. It’s on city property and is their responsibility. But the city hasn’t been doing its job. The ditch has big holes in it, large enough for a child to fall in, and the lady feels it is dangerous. Some of her neighbors have similar problems, got tired of waiting on the city, and hired someone to fix the problem in front of their houses. But this lady doesn’t have the money to do that. I don’t know, my heart just went out to her. I put myself in her shoes, and I have a passion to help her,” she said.

“Sometimes a woman can help bring people together to agree on a compromise. I believe in strong principles. So they have to be ‘principled’ compromises, where people maintain their principles while finding a way to come to a reasonable solution.”



**KIM FRALICK** and her kids used a golf cart to help them campaign.



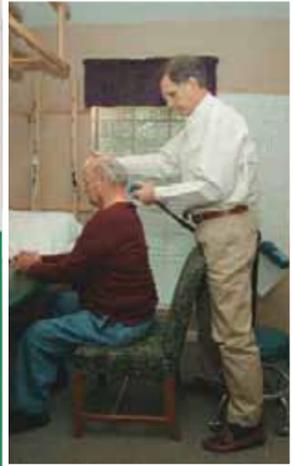
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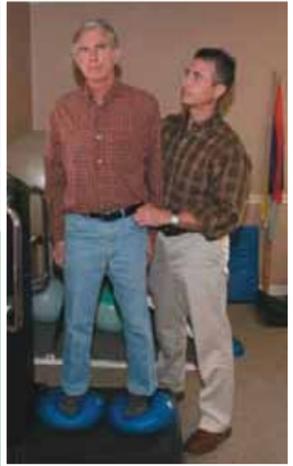
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# Has Done Her Homework for Saturday



**WALKING NEIGHBORHOODS** — Dr. Kim Fralick offers Emile Provost a donut. Kim had help from Mike Mannino (left) and her husband (at right).

One thing Dr. Fralick has noticed is that men and women in Central seem to have different hot-button issues. “Women talk more about the school system and public safety, or crime. Another thing women talk about is the need for more retail businesses. I don’t hear that issue much from men. Men talk more about issues such as drainage, pot holes, or problems with their driveways. I think there is wide agreement among the men and women of Central about the major issues, but they do tend to talk about different things.”

When asked if she has had any surprises during the campaign, Dr. Kim cited two things. “As I have campaigned all over Central, I’ve visited so many areas I wasn’t familiar with.

I am so impressed with how well most of our neighborhoods are maintained. People take pride in their yards and their homes. It’s such a beautiful area!”

“The other thing that has surprised me is the change I have seen in myself. I had been watching city government for the past four years and didn’t like what I saw. I wanted to run on principles, and frankly I was a little angry. But what has happened to me is I have fell in love with the people of Central. They are really wonderful, hard-working Christian people. They pay a lot in taxes, and they deserve someone who really cares about them to represent them on the Council. Today, after meeting so many people, I truly have a passion to serve them.”



**REP. TONY PERKINS** (left) has endorsed Dr. Kim Fralick for Central City Council.

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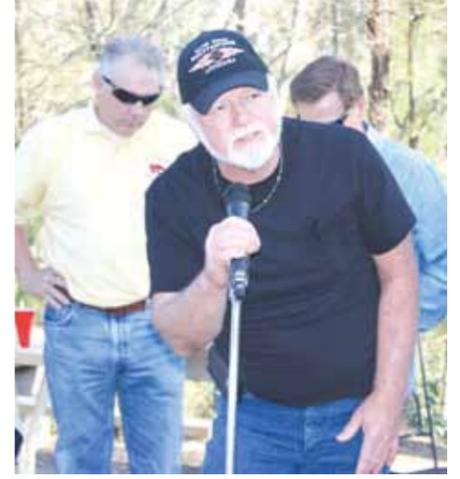
# Jr. Shelton, Council Candidates Have



Mayor Pro Tem Ralph Washington



JR. SHELTON with family and friends at campaign crawfish boil



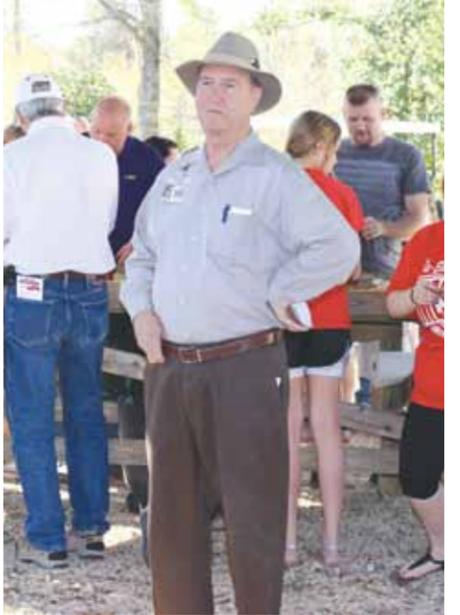
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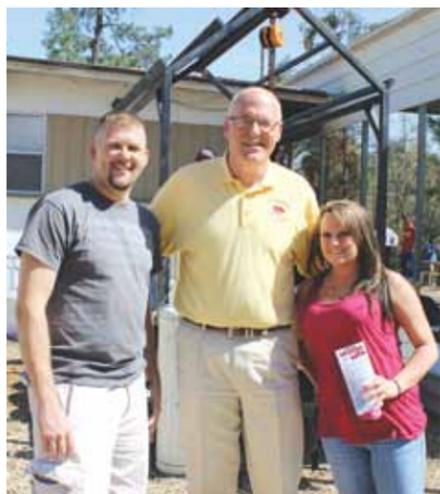
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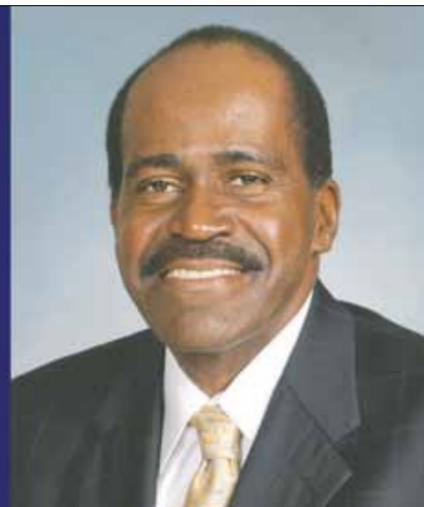
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# Milestones

Births • Engagements • Weddings • Deaths  
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## WEDDINGS

Megan Dixon and Kyle Mautner to wed May 16, 2014, at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Central.

## BIRTHS

Averlynn Mae Hussein born December 15, 2013, to Erick and Tiffany Hussein of Central.

## Megan Dixon, Kyle Mautner To Marry at St. Alphonsus



Megan Dixon and Kyle Mautner

**BATON ROUGE** — Megan Renee Dixon, of Pride, and Kyle Nathan Mautner, of Greenwell Springs, will marry in a 7 p.m. ceremony May 16, 2014 at St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church in Greenwell Springs.

The bride-elect is the daughter of

James Anthony and Susan Whitaker Dixon of Pride. She is the granddaughter of Rita Joyce Whitaker, of Zachary, and the late Edwin Whitaker, Sr. and the late Mr. and Mrs. B.M. Dixon, Sr.

She is a graduate of Central Private School and attended Southeastern Louisiana University and Baton Rouge Community College. She is an Expanded Duty Dental Assistant at Fallin Family Dentistry and an Instructor at Louisiana Dental Assistant School.

Her fiancé is the son of Deanna Gaudin Mautner, of Greenwell Springs, and the late Paul Anthony Mautner.

He is the grandson of Joyce Gaudin, of Greenwell Springs, and the late Jules Gaudin and Marjorie Mautner, of Baton Rouge, and the late William Mautner. He is a graduate on Central High School. He is employed as a Process Operator at Deltech Corporation and is also a Licensed Master Plumber.

An engagement party was held at the home of Deanna Mautner in Greenwell Springs and was hosted by friends and family.

## Fairbanks, Beyt Marriage Set May 10 in New Iberia



Lana Fairbanks and Jeremy Beyt

**CENTRAL** — Lana Renee Fairbanks and Jeremy Robert Beyt will

marry in an evening ceremony on May 10, 2014 in New Iberia.

The bride elect is the daughter of Clay and Susan Fairbanks of Central. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Book of Jonesville and Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Fairbanks of Watson and Rebecca McClelland of Natchez, Mississippi. Lana is a graduate of Central High School. She is an expanded duty dental assistant employed at Pediatric Dental Specialist in Baton Rouge.

Her fiancé is the son of Bob and Dena Beyt of New Iberia. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dautreuil of New Iberia and the late Dr. and Mrs. J.L. Beyt of New Iberia. Jeremy is a graduate of Catholic High New Iberia and Louisiana State University. He is Co-Founder/Lead Designer with Hatchit in Baton Rouge.

## BIRTHS

### Baileigh Jo Canales

Kayla Lynn Morris and Cristian Bryan Canales proudly announce the birth of their second child, Baileigh Jo. She was born February 11, 2014 at Woman's Hospital. She weighed eight pounds 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Jesse and Rebecca Powell of Denham Springs, Sueanna Canales of Greenville, Mississippi, and the late Lorenzo Canales. Proud great-grandparents are Randall and Cathie Young-Kin of Central, Bob and Teresa Sedlak of Pensacola, Florida, Larry Powell, Sandra and Melvin Tyler of Alexandria. She is watched over by her guardian angel brother, Bentley Bryan Lorenzo Canales.



### Averlynn Mae Hussein

Erick and Tiffany Hussein, of Central are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Averlynn Mae. She born on December 15, 2013 at Woman's Hospital. She weighed six pounds five ounces and was 19 inches long. She was welcomed home by her big brother Brycen. Proud grandparents are Huey and Deborah Stuckey and Raye Lynn Hussein. Proud great-grandparents are James and Elaine Dodson, Gerald and Katherine Gaudin and Huey Stuckey Sr. She is watched over by her guardian angels, grandfather, Sami Hussein and great-grandparents, Carlton Johnson Sr., Joann Stuckey and Alta Stuckey.



### Ethan Anthony Strahan

Erik and Carley (Trim) Strahan of Central are proud to announce the birth of their son, Ethan Anthony. He was born January 14, 2014 at 3:15 pm at Woman's Hospital. He weighed five pounds, 7 ounces and was 18 inches long. He was welcomed home by his big sister, Addison Claire. Proud grandparents are Mark and Valerie Gill of McComb, Mississippi and Lari Strahan Waters of Baton Rouge. Special thanks to Dr. Dickerson and the OB staff at Woman's Hospital.



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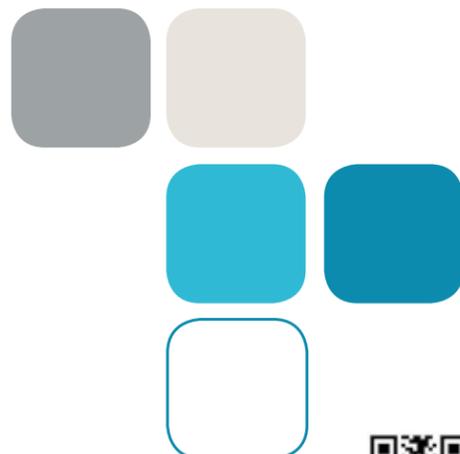
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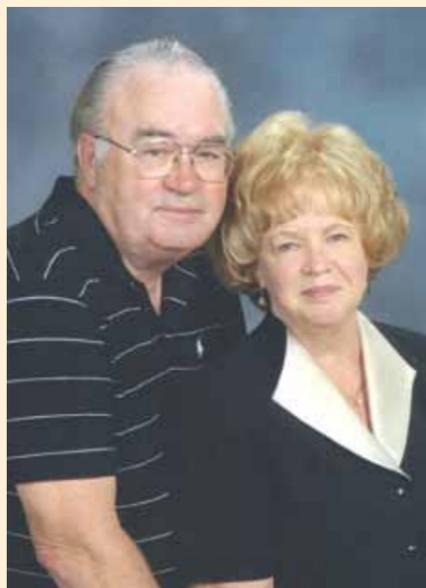
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# Mr. and Mrs. Raiford Young Celebrate 50th Anniversary



Raiford and Lou Young

**CENTRAL** — Raiford Earl (Ray) and Lou Young of Central celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 7. The celebration was held at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse and was hosted by the couple's daughter and her spouse, Vicki and Randy Breckwoldt. Their son, Gene Young, of Palm Springs, CA, celebrated with them earlier in the year. Their grandchildren are Shelby Lynn Breckwoldt and Landon Lewis Breckwoldt. Ray Young retired from Stupp Corporation and Lou Young is a retired Real Estate Agent. The couple, their daughter and spouse, and their grandchildren will travel to New York to celebrate their anniversary. The couple were married on March 7, 1964 at Trinity Baptist Church in Baton Rouge.

# Baseball & Softball



**UNDEFEATED** — The Central Rage team went undefeated to win the CAYL Pre-Season Boys B League Baseball Tournament. Shown (first row, left to right) are Kade Stuart, Nick Major, Tyton Chiasson, John Mascagni, Skylar Bond, Trevor Tortorich. Not shown is Cole Brocato. Second row: Coach Charlie Mascagni, Evan Bernard, Markham McKnight, Cameron Vidrine, Dylan Holmes, Coach Randy Ernest, and Coach Chris Ernest.

## Deaths

### Carmen Miller McNabb

"Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears The Lord will be greatly praised. Reward her for all she has done. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise." Proverbs 31: 30-31. Carmen Miller McNabb, a native and resident of Central. She passed away Thursday evening, March 6, 2014, in Fort Worth, Texas at the age of 86 with her devoted husband at her side. She was a loving and faithful woman who devoted her life to serving in the ministry alongside her beloved husband. From their beginnings combining rural pastorates and seminary study until the end of her days, countless hearts and souls were nurtured and healed by her compassion and grace. Visitation was at Seale Funeral Home, Central, on Monday, March 10, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Visitation resumed at Zoar Baptist Church, Central, on Tuesday from 1 p.m. until funeral service at 2 p.m., conducted by Revs. Paul Taylor and Kevin Hand with graveside service following at Zoar Cemetery. She is survived by her loving husband of almost 64 years, Harold G. McNabb; two children: Lindy and Steve Wyatt, David and Faith McNabb; three grandchildren: Whitney and Tom Linz, Jonathan McNabb, Lori and John Johnson; two great grandchildren: Micah and Evangeline Grace Johnson; one uncle, Walter Bliss; and a host of cousins and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, Claude and Marion (Mammy) Miller, and one brother Lawrence (Laurie) Miller.

Her family and friends served as pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Far East Outreach Ministries, Inc. or to the Alzheimer's Association. Please sign the online guestbook at [www.sealefuneral.com](http://www.sealefuneral.com).

### Roger Warren Watson

Roger Warren Watson passed away at 8:20 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center in Baton Rouge at the age of 56. He was a native of Baton Rouge and resident of Central and was the owner of General Sand and Gravel. Visitation was held at Zoar Baptist Church in Central on Friday, March 7, 2014 from 11 a.m. until religious services at 3 p.m. Burial was in the church cemetery. Survived by his loving wife, Karen Silvio Watson; father, Bobby Earl Watson; son and daughter-in-law, Travis Michael and Jana Nichole Watson; step-children, Jeremy Hoffman and wife Amy and Jana Hoffman; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Tim and Susan Watson and Mark and Toni Watson; 6 grandchildren, Bradlee Michael Watson, Makenzie Hoffman, Lucas Grimmer, Abigail Grimmer, Paige Hoffman and Jackson Hoffman; his dog, Peppy; nieces and a nephew, Brooke Watson Creel, Jordan Watson and Renee Watson. Preceded in death by his mother, Frankie Anderson Watson. He was a member of Zoar Baptist Church and was an avid LSU fan and loved playing cards. Please visit our online registry book at [www.sealefuneral.com](http://www.sealefuneral.com)

**TOURNEY CHAMPS** — Louisiana Legacy Girls Coaches Pitch Team won the girls coaches pitch division of the CAYL opening season tournament on March 22-23. Shown (first row, left to right) are Madalyn Ashford, Marlee LeSage, Evie Wilson, Blake LeBlanc, Olivia McLin, and Lindsay Morain. Middle row: Tori Baudry, Annie Talbot, Alyssa Wilson, Emily Breaux, Kamryn Eaton and Kylee Savant.



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# Nathan Reynerson Gets a Little Taste

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Bebe, the Bernard family warthog, is much like a golden retriever.



Arno Bernard and his four sons

**CENTRAL** - Growing up in South Louisiana comes with certain expectations when you travel to other parts of the world. We strive to treat our guests with "Southern hospitality," making sure they eat good food, experience the local culture, and have a good time doing it. Having been to 15 different coun-

tries all over the world, I have come to the realization that not everyone feels the same way when Americans decide to stop in their neck of the woods and stay for a while.

Some of the people I meet in other countries are minimally tolerant of Americans, and most are curious to see if we are anything like the movies

they see on television.

This was my first visit to South Africa, and I was pleasantly surprised to find that the people I met were some of the most hospitable and kind people in the entire world! They were gracious hosts who wanted me to see the best of what their country has to offer, and make sure my short busi-

ness trip was the bait that would get me to come back for a longer stay!

I think I just found the Louisiana of Africa!

As I started my trip, I spotted a group of men congregating in the airport terminal. Each one was wearing some sort of camouflage clothing, and they weren't hiding the fact that they were flying to Africa for one reason. After boarding, the guy sitting next to me was quick to tell me about his hunting prowess with various North American animals, and before I could even ask, he started spouting off all the different species he planned on shooting in Africa. By all forecasts, it was going to be a long flight from Atlanta to Johannesburg.

Actually, after the adrenaline rush of the plane taking off and exchanging the obligatory truncated life story with my new best friend for the next 16 hours, I found myself a bit envious of my fellow passenger.

A safari deep in the bush of Africa would be the ideal reason behind suffering a long plane flight, but I was on a business trip that would let me get barely acclimated from the jet-lag before I had to make the return flight.

I began to doubt that my first African experience would even be worth mentioning when I got home. What did Africa have to offer someone who wasn't going on safari? I was about to find out.

I had prepped myself before I left for the fact that I would probably not see the Africa I had read about my whole life, but that still didn't deter the good-natured ribbing I was planning on giving my host for the week.

After exiting the baggage claim, I asked him where all the elephants and giraffes were? I mean surely I should have seen one or two of those huge animals while flying over the plains of South Africa...right?

Arno chuckled, shook his head, smiled and mumbled something under his breath about "muricans".

Riding down the main highways of South Africa, I found myself curiously ogling the people and the landscape. The three-hour drive from Johannesburg to Bethlehem was enough to have me itching to see more of this beautiful country and comfortable



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# of Real Southern [African] Hospitality



A zebra in Golden Gate National Park



One of seven white lion cubs Reynerson met

enough to start using local words – like “Jo-burg” and “biltong.” For you who don’t know what biltong is – it is similar to beef jerky in the USA, only better! If you happen to be in Africa and someone offers you a piece of biltong, just take it! You can thank me later.

The day I arrived just happened to be a holiday. It was National Heritage Day, but most of the country celebrated by cooking outdoors, so it is unofficially National Braai Day (U.S. translation: National BBQ Day).

The whole Bernard family was there – Arno, Sr. and his wife Antjie; Arno, Jr., his wife Zine, and their three kids, Like, Arno, and Mia; Franco and his new bride, Alta; Juan, Eleanor, and their two sons, Juandre and Lucian, and the youngest son Ruan and his fiancée, Nicolene.

I was also able to meet Amos, a young black man in his mid-30’s who has worked for Arno, Jr., the past 11 years.

Amos is HIV positive, and the Bernard family is not just his source of income, but also his source for healthcare. Without the medication they buy for him, his quality of life and life expectancy would be drastically reduced. In my short time there, I could see that he was more than just a hired hand, but a part of the family life and community of the Bernard family.

Knowing I had less than a week to gather all the pictures, video, and information I would need to do all of the promotion and marketing for Arno Bernard Knives next year, I had no time to waste.

So in between the tasty morsels coming off the braai, I started asking questions about how they started making knives and the philosophy behind their business. I got a lot of insight and history of the Afrikaans people and learned a lot about the Bernard family.

Arno Bernard, Sr. made his first knife about 35 years ago. He joined the Knifemakers Guild of Southern Africa in 1994 and has been making knives full-time as long as his four boys can remember.

All of them started out by just helping make knives for extra money, and now they all are in business together, a family of knifemakers.

Arno, Jr. remembered one of the first knives he ever made by himself. He said, “I was about 16 years old and made a potentially career-ending mistake. The distance between the platen and the wheel was too much. When I pushed the blade forward, the belt grabbed and pulled it between the wheel and the platen. My fingers were still on the knife. It took one year for my fingers to recover and I promised myself I would never, ever make knives...famous last words!”

Juan told me his first memory of making his first knife. He said, “My dad got a machine ready for me to work on and he showed me how to

grind something. The next moment the belt came loose and struck him across his arm. A few swear words later, he put a new belt on and told me, ‘There you go!’ as he walked off.”

Juan also told me about he and his brothers having to do all the crappy jobs as kids. When pressed on what

the “crappy” jobs were, he told me that the worst job was cleaning the excess glue off of the ricasso after his dad had fitted and glued the handle. He went on to tell me that he left the family business but after working for awhile as a repo-man in South Africa, cleaning knives sounded like the best job in the world!

Antjie, Arno, Sr.’s wife, had very fond memories of how all of her sons would pitch in to help get ready for the knife shows. Boxes and sheaths would be piled up in the middle of the living room floor. Knives would be strewn all around the house. She admitted that it probably wasn’t the safest way to raise her kids, but what else would you expect from an South African knifemaker’s wife?

The family spoke Afrikaans in the home, which is like Dutch. Though I wasn’t privy to everything that was happening because of the language barrier, the camaraderie of the brothers was evident in the way they served one another. I could tell that they genuinely enjoyed being with one another, and the children’s love for their grandparents was seen in the way each one bounced from lap to lap as the glowing orange sun set over the mountains in the distance.

We ate, drank, and laugh-ed together late into the night. I felt like I had been invited to a backyard barbecue

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*Doug Browning Chief*

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The Bernard brothers making Arno Bernard knives

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in South Louisiana. The only things missing were the wrap-around porch and an ice-cold glass of sweet tea.

The stories I heard from the Bernard family painted a much different picture of South Africa than I had anticipated seeing. I thought to myself that was the part of Africa that most hunters who come for the safari miss out on. As the days flew past, I learned some interesting things about the Bernard family as they found ways for me to experience Africa's everyday life.

Everyday life. You know, like when your next-door neighbor has a zebra named "Saartjie" (pronounced "Sar-key" with a roll of the tongue on the "rrrr") and a pet warthog named

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“Bebe.”

The warthog was like a golden retriever — seriously! It would follow you around, want you to rub its back, and play fetch (Well, just kidding about the fetch part, but that would have been awesome!).

For the record, the warthog is one of the ugliest animals I have

ever seen! I didn't have the heart to tell that poor warthog that just across the street the Bernards were using his brother's teeth to make knife handles and if he didn't learn how to fetch, he could be next!

Not far from their home, Juan and Eleanor took me on a mid-morning

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 hike in the Golden Gate National Park. It's not very often that I get to see a pack of 40 baboons in the US, and by "not very often", I mean never!  
 I insisted that Juan stop the car multiple times. We watched a herd of zebra graze slowly across a lush green valley. We saw wildebeest, impala, dik-dik, blesbuck, springbok, and some African donkeys.

One afternoon, we got a phone call, and Donnie, Arno's brother-in-law, wanted to know if I wanted to take a quick flight over Bethlehem in his small prop plane.

In my honest opinion, there is nothing more beautiful than a bird's eye view of the sun setting over the mountains in Bethlehem, South Africa! Another short phone call led us to a farm about 20 minutes away

that raised white lions, and I got to bottle-feed seven-week-old baby lions! These were the types of experiences that made my business trip an unforgettable trip of a lifetime! And I

didn't even go on a safari! In my conversation with Arno on the way back to Jo-burg, I found out that in all the time that they had been

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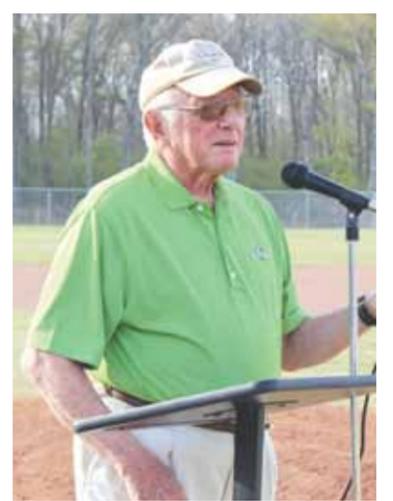
Mayor Mac Watts



BREC Supt. Carolyn McKnight cut the ribbon.



Sen. Bodi White



John Taylor of BREC Board



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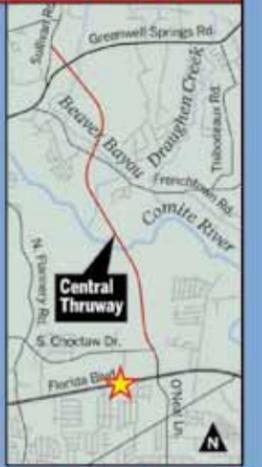
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# What's Happening in and Around Central

**CENTRAL** — Events coming up in and around the capital city:

**Saturday, April 5  
ELECTION DAY  
6 a.m. - 8 p.m.**

Vote for Mayor, Police Chief, City Council members and on BREC tax.

**Saturday, April 5  
Campaign Victory Parties**

Jr. Shelton Victory Party. Palubinska's Event Center (Old Starkey Gym on Joor Rd.) 7 p.m. - til. All of Central is invited.

Kerry Clark welcomes friends and supporters to his home starting at 5 p.m. at 16003 Chaumont Ave., Greenwell Springs.

Shane Evans and James Salsbury will host a Campaign Party at the American Farmhouse Grill, 9550 Hooper Rd. at 7 p.m.

Kim Fralick Campaign Party. 10403 Joor Road 7 p.m. - til. Please RSVP at 225-324-6634 or jvet2@bellsouth.net.

Mike Gardner is holding a Win, Lose or Draw- Community Come Together Pot Luck Dinner. Bring your own food and drinks. Kids are welcome. 14350 Wax Rd. (former Extra Innings Sports Bar and Grill) at 6 p.m.

**Sunday, April 6  
Easter Egg Hunt  
Baker Civic Club • 1 p.m.**

Baker Civic Club, Inc. will be hosting it's Annual Easter Egg hunt at 2640 N. Magnolia Dr, in Baker. There will be games, activities, before the hunt and snacks afterward. The doors will open at noon and the hunt begins promptly at 1 p.m. We hope to see children from new born to 12 years old, accompanied by an adult. Volunteers are asked to coordinate with Cheryl Atkins (225) 324-4342.

**Friday, April 11  
Fish Fry Friday  
Lane Regional Medical Center  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

The LaneRMC Foundation will host "Fish Fry Friday" on Friday, April 11, from 11.a.m. - 1 p.m., in

City Hall Parking Lot. Meals are \$10 each and will be personally prepared by Mayor David Amrhein and staff. Meals include fresh Louisiana catfish, French fries, hush puppies and cole slaw. Reserve your meal today! Quantity is limited, Pre-Orders are recommended. Email [tpayment@lanermc.org](mailto:tpayment@lanermc.org) or call 658-6699 to pre-order. The event is sponsored by Breazeale, Sachse, Wilson, LLP. All proceeds will benefit the many projects of LaneRMC Foundation.

**Sunday, April 13  
Egg Eggstravaganza  
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.**

St. Alphonsus will hold it's annual Easter Egg Hunt outside the Family Center on April 13. There will be food, games, crafts, inflatables and an Easter Egg Run arranged by age. The Easter Bunny will also make an appearance so don't forget you camera. Please RSVP by Friday, April 11. 261-4644

**Saturday, April 26  
50th Anniversary Celebration  
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

You are invited to an Open House to celebrate the 50th anniversary of JC and Sandra Santangelo at their home. No Gifts Please.

**Saturday, May 3  
Run-Off Election  
6 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

Run-Off Election will take place if necessary in the City Council election. Early voting will be Saturday, April 19 through Saturday, April 26.

**Saturday, May 3  
St. Francisville Spring  
Garden Stroll  
9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Self-guided St. Francisville Spring Garden Stroll. Tickets are \$20 for the day and will be available along with driving maps at the St Francisville Town Hall, 11936 Ferdinand St. on the day of the tour beginning at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call 225-635-3614 or go to the website at [www.stfrancisvillespringstroll.org](http://www.stfrancisvillespringstroll.org).

**Saturday, May 10  
St. Jude Bike-A-Thon  
8:30 a.m.**

Annual St. Jude Bike-A-Thon will be held on Saturday, May 10 at Magnolia Square on Lovett Road. Contact Chuck Langlois for more information. 603-6100.

## Southern African Hospitality Was Like Being Home

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travelling to the US, I was the first person from the US to ever actually visit and spend time with them.

My experience in South Africa was not filled with adventures with elephants and giraffes, but with something better — a good time with new friends.

I found that there is not much difference between a family living in South Louisiana and a family from South Africa.

Both love good food. Both love the animals and the land that supports them. Both are fulfilling the destiny of their forefathers in the heart of the country they love.

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Nathan Reynerson is married and is the father of two beautiful girls. He loves hunting, fishing, playing guitar, and Jesus, not necessarily in that order. He is also the U.S. importer/distributor for Arno Bernard Knives ([www.arnobernard.com](http://www.arnobernard.com)), and works at Reynerson's Gunsmith Service, his family's gunsmithing service ([www.reynersons.com](http://www.reynersons.com)), in Central, Louisiana.

## Endorsed by the Republican Party

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You Are Invited to  
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7 p.m. - until  
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- Married 21 years to John G. Fralick, Sr.
- Mother of five children
- 1990 Graduate UAM, BS in Animal Science
- 1995 Graduate of LSU School of Veterinary Medicine
- Resident of Central, 17 years
- Owner, Joor Rd. Vet Hosp., 15 years
- Member, Greenwell Springs Baptist Church, 8 years
- Member, Central Community Alliance
- Conservative Republican, 27 years

### Dr. Kim Fralick for Central City Council

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