

Ranked No. 1 of 74 Louisiana School Systems

Central Schools Safest

In Aftermath of School Shootings, Central Ranks Tops in Security

CENTRAL - The Central Community School System is the safest place for your children to go to school in Louisiana, according to an organization that compiles data on schools nationwide.

The data showed Central rated No. 1 with an A+ for safety, followed by 2. Zachary, 3. Apprenticeship Academy in Baton Rouge, 4. DeSoto Parish, 5. Friends of King in New Orleans, 6. Bienville Parish, 7. St. Charles Parish, 8. Southwest Charter, 9. Monroe, and 10. St. Mary Parish.

The survey by niche.com considers interviews with local residents including teachers and students, suspensions, expulsions, law enforcement referrals, arrests, and funding.

Overall, Central was rated as an A school district and ranked as the 4th best school system in the state.

It was rated the 6th best school system for teachers.

Central's No. 1 rating for school safety comes at a time of heightened security concerns after the Florida school shooting.

Comments by those familiar with the school system played a major role in the ratings. Here are samples of students' comments:



Photo by Woody Jenkins

STUDENTS OF THE YEAR — Central schools Supt. Jason Fountain and the school board honored Central's five Students of the Year Monday. Shown left to right are Ava Nehring, Central Intermediate; Elizabeth Dame, Bellingrath Hills; Baylee Osborne, Tanglewood Elementary; Lauren Lindsay, Central Middle, and Justin Nijoka, Central High.

“You will be safe and feel you are part of a family. If there are issues, they will handle them. Administrators, teachers, and staff really care. From a simple good morning to pulling a student aside to see how they're doing, they make you feel you have someone to come to. Being at these schools feels like home.”

“I came from North Louisiana. Central was a big school. To say people welcomed me with open arms is an understatement. I'll want my kids to go to Central!”

— Two of the Students Surveyed About Central Schools

Chief Salsbury Intervenes to Save Neighbor From Gunman

Central Police Chief Arrives in Time to Stop A Thug from Going After Injured Victim

Woody Jenkins

Editor

CENTRAL - Central police chief James Salsbury was working in his yard when he heard gunshots from this neighbor's house across the street. He jumped inside his own home to grab a gun and badge.

As Salsbury ran across the street, the neighbor was staggering out his front door covered with blood. The chief thought he had been shot but in fact his head had been beaten severely with a pipe. The gunshots came when the victim was able to pull a gun from his pants and shoot his assailant three times.

Just as the Chief was coming onto his neighbor's property, a masked man appeared from around the right side of the house with his gun drawn. Salsbury said the gunman obviously

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Mayor Says City Hall Not Being Prioritized Over Drainage

City Hall Is First Step Toward Town Center



Artist rendering of Central City Hall as it will be seen from Sullivan Road

Eight Years in Planning, Town Center Will Be at Corner Hooper, Sullivan

CENTRAL - Central Mayor Jr. Shelton said building the new Central City Hall at the corner of Hooper and Sullivan roads is important right now because it will be the anchor

of the new Town Center. “There's eight years of planning into Town Center, but until we build City Hall, nothing else will happen.”

He said City Hall was originally supposed to be 7,000 to 8,000 square feet but Councilman Jason Ellis convinced him that Central City Services should be in the same

building for the convenience of citizens. In addition, IBTS, the city contractor, will pay rent at fair market value.

The cost estimate is \$4.5 to \$4.7 million. The city has applied for state Capital Outlay Funds to help out.

The mayor also said building City Hall has in no way been prioritized

ahead of Central's drainage needs. “Not a single drainage project has been or will be delayed because of building the new City Hall. We have \$25 million in drainage work in the pipeline. The top three priorities now are drainage, roads, and City Hall.” The city is in negotiations now with the school board on the purchase of the land for City Hall.

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Artist Gail Lloyd presented her painting, "Capital City in Blue and Gold" to Mayor-President Sharon Broome. The painting will hang in the Mayor's office. Mrs. Lloyd is a resident of Central and is now painting full time. Also shown is Andi Holliday of Stage Presence. Prints are available by emailing gail-lloyd.art@gmail.com



How a Prominent Civil Rights Leader, Acie Belton, Set in Motion St. George

State Constitution Was Changed in 1975 to Allow Incorporation of Scotlandville, Central

Woody Jenkins

Editor

BATON ROUGE - People in Baton Rouge should open their minds to the idea of incorporating the new City of St. George, especially when we realize how it all got started.

In Louisiana, any community of 300 or more people anywhere in the state outside an incorporated municipality has the right to file a petition calling for an election to form a new city. But it hasn't always been that way.

In 1971, the federal courts ordered that the Louisiana House of Representatives and Senate should be reapportioned into single-member districts. In the elections that year, both blacks and Republicans were elected in significant numbers for the first time since Reconstruction. I was 23 years old and ran for the new House seat from North Baton Rouge — north of

Choctaw, east of Scenic, and inside the Airline Highway. It was a vigorous campaign, and I was elected, as was Edwin Edwards, the new governor.

During the 1972 regular session of the legislature, Gov. Edwards proposed and the legislature approved calling a constitutional convention to consider drafting a replacement for the Louisiana Constitution of 1921. I ran and was elected a delegate. Our deliberations began in early 1973.



Woody Jenkins

Soon after my election as a delegate, I got a call from Mr. Acie Belton, the president of the Second Ward Voters League. He was one of the most respected civil rights leaders in our parish and indeed in the state.

He was a big imposing man, who might bring fear to anyone who didn't know him. In person, he was more like a teddy bear, warm and kind. I had only met Mr. Belton a couple of times before he called

LOUISIANA CONSTITUTION OF 1921

East Baton Rouge Plan of Government - Section 1.05 Adopted in 1949 (made part of the Louisiana Constitution)

The incorporated town of Zachary and the village of Baker shall be parts of the rural area as defined in section 1.08 and shall continue in existence as municipalities subject, except as specifically provided in this plan of government, to the general laws of the state relating to incorporated towns and villages respectively, and may enlarge their boundaries as provided in such laws. **No additional city, town or village shall be incorporated in East Baton Rouge Parish.**

LOUISIANA CONSTITUTION OF 1974

Louisiana Constitution of 1974

Article VI §8. Home Rule Parish; Incorporation of Cities, Towns, and Villages

Section 8. No parish plan of government or home rule charter shall prohibit the incorporation of a city, town, or village as provided by general law.

me. "Rep. Jenkins," he said, "I have a favor to ask. There's a provision of the Constitution I'd like you to try to change."

He said, "There's a provision of the 1921 Constitution that forbids Scotlandville from incorporating, and we would like the right to incorporate."

I was incredulous. "Mr. Belton, how does the Constitution prevent Scotlandville from incorporating?" I asked.

He said, "The Plan of Government for East Baton Rouge Parish provides that there shall only be three municipalities in the parish. It forbids any others. Some years ago, Mayor Woody Dumas had a provision placed in the Constitution of 1921 that ratifies that part of the Plan of Government and elevates it to the constitutional level. This convention may be our only chance in our lifetime to change it."

Mr. Belton said, "I believe the people of any area should be able to incorporate themselves into a new city and provide protection of their city and services to enhance life. The people of Scotlandville should not be discriminated against in this way!"

I told Mr. Belton I would research the matter and call him back, which I did the next day. In that conversation I pledged my support. Soon George Dewey Hayes, the delegate from Scotlandville, and Delegate Mary Wisham were on board. We

went to the Committee that was drafting the Local Government provisions of the new constitution and were met with a stone wall. There was no way to pass it in committee. We would have to go to floor of the convention and have a floor fight.

Delegate Gary O'Neill from Central contacted me and said some people in Central also wanted the right to form a city someday.

I drafted the amendment to provide that the right of incorporation in East Baton Rouge Parish would be the same as in the rest of the state. We introduced the amendment and began lobbying the delegates of the convention to support it. Mayor-President Woody Dumas came to the convention, which was meeting at Independence Hall near the State Capitol. He was lobbying against the proposal. He found me and told me if I didn't withdraw it, he would defeat me in the next election.

When the proposal came to the floor, I offered the amendment and spoke in favor of it. The transcript of that debate is online in the archives of the Louisiana Constitutional Convention of 1973 or CC/73. Our coalition of delegates worked hard and prevailed. The convention voted for the amendment, meaning that municipalities could be incorporated anywhere in the state.

Mayor-President Dumas was so

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Why Moving Zoo Is a Bad, Costly Idea

Does BREC Promote BR Zoo Effectively or Intentionally Ignore It To Make It Look Bad?

Woody Jenkins
Editor

BATON ROUGE - The Board of Commissioners of BREC is expected to meet at 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 22 to consider whether to authorize the closing of the Baton Rouge Zoo south of Baker and construction of a new zoo on Airline Highway near the Ascension Parish line.

The March 22 meeting will be held at BREC headquarters on Florida Boulevard. The meeting is open to the public.

Interested parties who are counting votes say that, at present, only two of the nine commissioners are likely to vote no, although about half the commissioners are from the north part of East Baton Rouge Parish.

The cost of the move is estimated by BREC to cost \$110 to \$150 million dollars, although budget details have not been announced. Neither has the projected income and expenses of the new facilities. So far, the public has been kept in the dark about exactly what is being proposed.

Unless it can find another means of financing the project, BREC seems likely to propose a new property tax to fund the \$110 to \$150 million project. Ultimately, the cost of financing would likely double the cost.

Moving means abandoning the existing zoo, which has 218,000 visitors a year. A recent online poll showed visitors to the zoo gave it a rating of 4.3 on a 5.0 scale.

Mayors of all four municipalities in the parish — Baton Rouge, Baker, Central, and Zachary — have expressed opposition to moving the zoo.

Central Mayor Jr. Shelton said, "Moving the zoo, is an economic mistake reaching into the cities of Baker, Zachary and Central. Reinvest in the area and protect the jobs and livelihoods of the citizens in the northern part of the parish. This move will cost the citizens, where they cannot afford it, in their taxes. It is easy to say move it. The reality can become a disaster in all phases."

Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome said, "Moving the zoo or any other main attraction out of north Baton Rouge would be tak-

CATS Buses Don't Service BR Zoo

BATON ROUGE - Opponents of moving the Baton Rouge Zoo to the Ascension line are asking for an explanation of why the CATS bus service, which is publicly funded, does not serve the Baton Rouge Zoo, also a government entity.

Architect Coleman Brown, chairman of the Infrastructure Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of East Baton Rouge Parish, said the current zoo is not fulfilling its potential thanks to neglect by BREC and a lack of support from agencies such as CATS.

What's Wrong with Moving the Zoo?

1. The projected cost is \$150 million — in new taxes — in a parish that is already overtaxed!
2. It means abandoning an asset where we have invested tens of millions of dollars.
3. The plan is to move the zoo to the Ascension Parish line, which is great if you live in Ascension, but a long way from much of East Baton Rouge Parish —
 - 15.4 miles to Downtown Baton Rouge
 - 20.4 miles to Central
 - 26.4 miles to Baker
 - 30.5 miles to Zachary
4. The plan would deprive residents of the north part of EBR Parish of the one and only major attraction their tax dollars pay for in their part of the parish.
5. The move is based on a false premise — that the Baton Rouge Zoo is located in a dangerous ghetto, where crime is rampant and the bullets are flying. It simply isn't so! The north part of the parish is mostly rural, beautiful, and safe. The city of Baker, just north of the zoo, was named Louisiana's safest city in 2016. The zoo and the major roads leading to it are in fact also quite safe.
6. Last year, 218,000 people visited the BR Zoo. Of the 1,717 people who rated it online, the average rating was 4.3 on a 5.0 scale.

ing a step backwards. Let's move forward with a concept that keeps the zoo at its present location."

They and many residents of North Baton Rouge argue that the zoo is the only major recreational attraction serving the northern part of the parish. To move it would deprive the taxpayers of one of the few benefits they currently receive from BREC.

It also plays into the hands of those in Baker, Central, and Zachary who have spoken for years about the need to pull the north part of the

parish out of BREC, so that taxes paid in the north will stay there.

In 2008, Sen. Bodi White introduced a bill to transfer BREC facilities and taxes to a new entity for North Baton Rouge.

BREC is actually a state agency, governed by the state, and not a local agency as most people probably believe.

Supporters of moving the zoo cite crime in North Baton Rouge as a major reason. However, crime is low in Baker and especially in the area around Greenwood Park and



Baton Rouge family at Boo at the Zoo the Baton Rouge Zoo.

The Board of Commissioners of BREC has not as yet expressed their rationale for wanting to move the zoo.

Correction: CCN Won Records Suit

CENTRAL - The publication *Central Speaks* reported that in 2010, the *Central City News* "unsuccessfully sued to obtain the records of Central's city service contractor, CH2MHill." However, that is incorrect. In 2010, the *Central City News* sued CH2MHill for access to records in its possession. The newspaper won in the First Circuit Court of Appeal and in the Louisiana Supreme Court. The newspaper received the public records it sought, and CH2MHill paid all four years of attorney fees of the newspaper and court costs.

Central Speaks also said the *Central City News* did not use the information it received. That too is untrue. The primary report was in the Nov. 7, 2013 *Central City News*, which can be read at centralcitynews.net.

For its reporting on these matters, the *Central City News* won the Freedom of Information Award, the highest award given by the Louisiana Press Association, in 2011 and again in 2014.

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Central's 2017-2018 Students of the Year



Elizabeth Dame, Student of the Year Bellingrath Hills Elementary



Baylee Osborne, Student of the Year Tanglewood Elementary



Ava Elizabeth Nehring, Student of the Year at Central Intermediate



Lauren Lindsay, Student of the Year Central Middle School

CENTRAL - On Monday, the Central Community School Board honored Students of the Year at each of Central's five public schools. Supt. Jason Fountain presented the outstanding students with plaques, and local businesses presented gifts.

Winners were:

• **Justin Nikoka, Student of the Year at Central High School.** Justin, who is Central's first National Merit Finalist, is the son of Chris and Kimberly Nijoka. He is Student Council treasurer and president of Mu Alpha Theta. He plans to study chemical engineering at Texas A&M or LSU.

• **Lauren Lindsay, Student of the Year at Central Middle School,** is a member of the Beta Club, band, and soccer team. She said, "Central is a community that takes care of each other and works hard. I want to show people that is what family looks like."

• **Ava Elizabeth Nehring, Student of the Year at Central Intermediate School,** loves reading, softball, dance, and time with family. She has been on the A Honor Roll since the first grade. Her mom Aimee is a 4th grade teacher at Central Intermediate. She plans to be an attorney.

• **Baylee Osborne, Student of the Year at Tanglewood Elementary.** She is 7 and is in Gift and Talented Theater and Talented Music. She is creative and curious. Her sister Allison was named Student of the Year last year.

• **Elizabeth Dame, Student of the Year at Bellingrath Hills Elementary,** is a determined little girl. She sets ambitious goals for



Supt. Jason Fountain honoring Justin Nijoka, Central Student of the Year

herself then does what it takes to accomplish them. After surviving a horrific car crash that left her unable to walk, Elizabeth taught herself to walk again. As her teacher, Mrs. Robinson said, "She is literally a walking miracle." Elizabeth said, "I want to be a doctor so I can help make people happy and get them out of the hospital."

Watch Student of the Year Ceremonies

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Central High Wildcat Cheerleaders Honored for Performance in Orlando

CENTRAL - Central High School's varsity cheerleaders have returned home as National Champions from the National High School Cheerleading Competition in Orlando, Florida. Their championship came in the Large Varsity Division.

In the fall, the 20 members of the team competed in Louisiana regional cheerleading competition, winning 1st Place and qualifying for the national competition. They were first runner in the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Spirit Competition.

At the national championships in Orlando, Central also competed in the Medium Varsity Non-Tumbling Division. They made it to the finals and ended up in 9th place in the nation in that competition.

After two days of competing at the ESPN World Wide of Sports Complex, Central's National Champion Cheerleaders enjoyed the Disney theme parks and returned home. They are coached by Amy Stevens and the sponsor is Sharon Ball.



The CHS Varsity Cheerleading Team was honored for winning a 2018 National Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, FL



Supt. Jason Fountain, Olivia Browning, her grandfather Maurice Browning, and cheerleaders performing at celebration.



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Central High's Powerlifters Win



First place awarded to Brianna Huber, Alyssa Dixon placed second and Tina Ridgell took home second

Reagan Willis, Brianna Huber, Tina Ridgell, Alyssa Dixon, Hannah Deizel



Sid Ridgell 1st Place in 181 class.



Reagan Willis was named Best Heavyweight Lifter in the region.



Hannah Deizel took 3rd Place.

**Reagan Willis of Central High School
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CENTRAL - On February 24, Central High School's powerlifting team competed in regionals competition held at Woodlawn High School. All five members of the girls' powerlifting team and one member from the boys' team placed and will represent the region at state competition March 17 in Alexandria.

Brianna Huber placed first and Tina Ridgell placed second in the 114 weight class.

Reagan Willis placed first in the 181 weight class.

Alyssa Dixon placed second and Hannah Deizel placed third in their weight class.

Sid Ridgell placed first in the 181 weight class for boys.

Reagan also was awarded a plaque for the Best Heavyweight Lifter in the girls' competition. She also broke state records for all three categories of lifting: squats, bench, and deadlift.

Central High School Boys and Girls 2018 Track and Field Schedule

- Mar 3 Duck Roost Relays St. Amant
- Mar 8 Panther Relays Woodlawn
- Mar 15 Episcopal Relays Episcopal
- Mar 17 Catholic Invitational Catholic High
- Mar 21 Bat Gourrier Relays Broadmoor
- Mar 29 Alan Brown Relays Broadmoor
- Apr 6 EBR Classic Broadmoor
- Apr 10 Walker All Comers Walker
- Apr 12 Westside Relays Port Allen
- Apr 18 District 4-5A Live Oak
- Apr 26 Regional II Meet Catholic High

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NEW OWNERS — The new majority owners of Central Drug Store, now Central Pharmacy, are Kaley Hill (left) and John Stagg. The pharmacy moved to 9952 Sullivan Road on Monday, March 12. Hill from Clinton and Stagg from Zachary have a number of business interests together, including a nursing home, home health care, and hospice care. Hill will be at Central Pharmacy daily.

From Boyhood in Eunice, LA

Claud Derbes Loved Being An Independent Pharmacist

CENTRAL - Growing up in Eunice where he was an altar boy and Eagle Scout, Claud Derbes worked part-time for his cousin, Chookie Derbes, the owner of Derbes Drugs of Eunice. It was great preparation to become a pharmacist, according to Claud's wife of 33 years, Janice Derbes. "He never really wanted to be anything else," she said.

It was in Eunice where Claud learned the importance of hometown values and caring for other people that were to serve him so well throughout his life.

"It was never about the money for Claud," said Jill Miller, vice president of Central Drug, who worked for him for 20 years starting when she was 18. "If someone needed medicine and didn't have the money, he let them have it," Jill said.

Barbara Sonnier who also joined the staff at Central Drug Store right after it opened, agreed with Jill. "He'd say, 'Just take it! Just pay lat-



The late Claud Derbes, co-founder with his brother Pete of Central Drug Store

er if you can!' He said that people needed their medicine and that it was his job to get it to them."

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Central's Business of the Decade New, Modern Location for Central Drug

Central Drug Now Central Pharmacy: Brand New Store With Drive-Thru on Central Thruway

CENTRAL - Claud Derbes, founder with his brother Pete of Central Drug Store, passed away last month. Now the long-time pharmacy has new owners and has moved to a new location.

Central Drug Store opened in February 1998 in the Central Shopping Center at the corner of Hooper and Sullivan roads. It was in the same spot that Murray's Central Pharmacy had been for many years. On March 12, Central Drug Store moved to 9952 Sullivan Road and changed its name to Central Pharmacy.

New majority owners John Stagg and Kaley Hill say the move provides a modern facility conveniently located on the Central Thruway with a drive-thru window. Most important, they say, the store includes the same great staff and the same personal service that customers of Central Drug Store are used to.

Central Drug Store has on several occasions been named Central's

Business of the Year. It was named Central's Business of the Decade for the period 2005 to 2015.

Co-owner Kaley Hill, who will be on duty at Central Pharmacy, said he and Mr. Stagg understand the importance of the personal relationship between customers and the trusted staff. He said he has made a long term commitment to the Central community.

Long-time employees who are staying include Jill Miller, Barbara Sonnier, and Mike Anding. One of the reasons for the move is convenience to the customer. With that portion of the Central Thruway complete and the new drive thru window, getting to and from Central Pharmacy should be easier than ever.



Jill Miller



Barbara Sonnier



Mike Anding

New Owners to Offer Wealth of Experience

CENTRAL - Majority owners John Stagg and Kaley Hill are new to Central Drug Store, now Central Pharmacy, but not new to the Central area. John Stagg has owned Central Imaging for the past 13 years and had his office in Central.

Stagg's father was originally from Eunice, where he was a customer at Derbes Drugs. Stagg resides in Zachary with his wife, the daughter of long-time Zachary pharmacist Johnny LeTard. Stagg has a number of business interests. He and Kaley Hill own a number of businesses together including a nursing home, home health care agencies, and a hospice.

Kaley Hill is a graduate of Our Lady of the Lake and LSU where he earned a degree in business. He is an RN, an administrative nurse, and a certified nursing home administrator.

A native of Clinton, Kaley is a graduate of Silliman Institute. He said that growing up in Clinton taught him the important of hometown values, and personal service. "Our goal is to take the wonder-

ful business Mr. Claud developed and find ways to enhance it such as the new building and drive thru window. But really things are going to remain very much the same," he said.

John Stagg's son is a pharmacist and another son is in pharmacy school, and he is excited about developing Central Drug Store.

"Kaley will be there everyday, and he is a wonderful leader. We just want to build on Mr. Claud's legacy," Stagg said.

"I think people will love the new facility. It has plenty of space for pharmacists and techs. There are consulting bays and some privacy for doing tests and vaccinations. Plus the drive thru is convenient for many people who don't want to get out of the car."

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Pharmacy tech Danielle Hatfield



Pharmacist George Munn, co-owner Kaley Hill and pharmacists Cyril Broussard and Mike Anding



Top row: George Munn, Cyril Broussard, Mike Anding, Jessica Coleman, Lori Torina, Jill Miller, Megan



Co-owner Kaley Hill and manager Jill Miller



Pharmacy tech Jessica Coleman



Pharmacy tech Lori Torina



Pharmacist George Munn



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ng, Kaley Hill, and Danielle Hatfield. Bottom row: McLaurin, Barbara Sonnier, and Amber Mire



Pharmacists Cyril Broussard and Mike Anding



Clerk Barbara Sonnier



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It Was Never About the Money for Claud

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Claud Derbes started Central Drug Store in February 1998 with his brother Pete Derbes, who was also a pharmacist. Pete too had worked as a boy at Derbes Drugs in Eunice. Claud and Pete were polar opposites in some ways but very close, Jill Miller said. "Claud was very outgoing but Pete was quieter. Both were very easy going and kind," she said.

Janice Derbes said, "They never called each other by their names. Their name for each other was 'Brother.' If they called each by their names, there was trouble brewing but that was seldom," she laughed. When Pete died suddenly of cancer in 2004, it was a terrible blow to Claud who kept Pete's picture on the front counter and would often talk about him.

"They are cutting up quite a storm up there right now," Janice said.

Claud started pharmacy school at Northeast but left for awhile to join the Air Force, returning to school a few years later to get his degree.

He owned River Oaks Pharmacy in Baton Rouge when he met Janice, who was working for IBM and was sent there to work on some computer issues. "I just did my job while I was there. He'd ask if I wanted something to eat. I'd say no. He'd ask if I wanted something to drink, and I'd say no. There was no conversation. Then we got in a big argument, and that was the beginning," she laughed.

Claud worked in independent pharmacies in New Roads, Pierre Part, and Galvez, avoiding the big chains. Years later, after Central Drug Store had become a big success, he was constantly courted by



Janice and the late Claud Derbes

the chain drug stores, wanting to buy him out.

"He never opened their letters or returned their calls," Janice Derbes said. In 2012, Claud was asked "Have you considered selling to one of the chains?" He said, "No!" Why not? He said, "Because they won't take care of our people, that's why!"

At Central Drug Store, the people have been friends and customers, not numbers.

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Claud made it a point to try to know everyone and see if he could help. Thousands of Central residents relied on Claud for medical advice. They'd say, "Mr. Claud, such and such is bothering me. Should I go to the doctor?" More often than not he's say, "That may not be necessary. Why don't you try

this over the counter product? It's not expensive and might work better than what the doctor prescribes."

People felt his advice was always sincere and from the heart but based on years of experience helping people. If someone had a question, he'd stop what he was doing, even in the middle of counting pills, Barbara Sonnier remembers, and come out from behind the counter. He'd shake hands with a customer or give them a hug, picking up where they had left off the last time. If he could help and he usually could, he did.

The Eunice Connection

The Eunice connection is pretty amazing. Not only did Claud and Pete grow up in Eunice and work at Derbes Drugs, but Barbara Sonnier is also from Eunice and was a customer at Derbes Drugs growing up. In addition, new co-owner John Stagg's father was from Eunice!

The late John Murray owned Murray's Central Pharmacy and sold it to the late Herman Stroderd in 1976, Barbara remembers. She went to work for Mr. Stroderd in 1982. When Mr. Stroderd sold out to Eckerd's in late 1997, she went to work for Eckerd's. However, she didn't like working for a chain and quit after six weeks.

A pharmaceutical salesman mentioned to her about two brothers who were starting a drug store where Mr. Stroderd had been and that she should apply. She went in and she and Claud talked about old times in Eunice, and she was promptly hired.

She remembers, "Claud was great. Easy going and kind. If you had a problem, he would help you — not only customers but staff as well." She said, "Claud believed that the chains just couldn't provide the personal service that people want and need. It's all about money there. Just take a number!"

"People want the personal touch, especially in Central," she said.

For Jill Miller, Claud was much more than a boss. She was just a young girl when she came to work for Claud and Pete in August 1998.

"It was 20 happy years for me!" she said. "I started as a clerk, then a pharmacy tech before they had to be certified, then I got certified. Finally, I graduated to the office." As vice president, Jill has run the behind-the-scenes operation at Central Drug Store for years.

She too attributes Claud Derbes' success to his compassion and personal touch. "He was involved with everyone. He genuinely cared about people." Jill said, "He told me, 'You get a paycheck because of our customers. Never forget that!'" She too was impressed by his generosity.

"He made sure people had their medicine, even if they didn't have money or their credit card didn't work. It was about helping people," she said. In times of emergency, Claud Derbes compassion for the people of Central really came through. When there was a hurricane or a storm or any other crisis, he would show up at the drug store and open to customers even if the power was out. He knew many people would lose their medicine or had forgotten to get a timely refill. If the credit card machine wasn't working, that didn't matter.

When asked what she thought the new owners of Central Drug Store, now Central Pharmacy, should do to be successful, Barbara Sonnier said, "Treat people right. Continue to do what Claud taught us to do. Treat people like a friend and a customer, and it will be a success!"

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How Civil Rights Leader Acie Belton Paved Way for Central, St. George

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angry that he went to Gov. Edwards and threatened to oppose the entire constitution unless that provision was removed. However, Gov. Edwards refused to try to remove it.

When the proposed Louisiana Constitution of 1975 went before the voters of the state, the amendment allowing the people of East Baton Rouge Parish to incorporate new cities, if they choose, was intact. The constitution was approved by the voters, and today it remains the law of our state.

The late Rep. Johnny Jackson of New Orleans, who served as a delegate and worked tirelessly for the Scotlandville amendment, said on the 40th anniversary of the new constitution that the passage of our amendment on incorporation was his proudest moment in the constitutional convention.

He said, "One of our biggest victories of the Constitutional Convention for African American delegates was protecting the right of local governments to incorporate. It was the biggest fight I personally had, and we were able to expand the right of certain areas such as Scotlandville to incorporate!"

The reason it was such an important issue across the state was that there had been efforts to stop the incorporation of some majority black cities in such diverse areas as Plaquemines and Caddo parishes.

Ironically, despite the passage of the new constitution, the Plan of Government of East Baton Rouge Parish remained unchanged, still saying that there will only be three municipalities in the parish.

When the people of Central voted to incorporate their new city in 2004, attorney Bob Raborn filed suit to challenge the incorporation of the city. One of his legal arguments against incorporation was the fact that the Plan of Government article limiting to three the number of municipalities in the parish was still on the books.

On appeal the Louisiana Supreme Court upheld the incorporation of the City of Central.



Photo by Woody Jenkins

Late Rep. Johnny Jackson fought for right of people to incorporate.

Among other things, it ruled that the Plan of Government provision was repealed by the new constitution. That was obvious, but it nevertheless removed that argument from the table in the future.

It is ironic that the opponents of the incorporation of the City of St. George have repeatedly alleged that the incorporation is a racist act designed to discriminate against African Americans.

In reality, the right to have additional cities in East Baton Rouge Parish came directly from civil rights leader Acie Belton who believed that "...Any area should be able to incorporate themselves into a new city and provide protection of their citizens and services to enhance life. The people of Scotlandville should not be discriminated against in this way!"

The truth is that incorporation is a normal function of government in Louisiana. The people of St. George have the legal to propose a new city. If they can get the required number of signatures and win the referendum, then it is right and proper to recognize and respect the new City of St. George and the people it will serve.

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— The late Rep. Johnny Jackson of New Orleans speaking of his experience as a delegate to the Louisiana Constitutional Convention of 1973

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#21 RJ Coffee at bat early in the game.



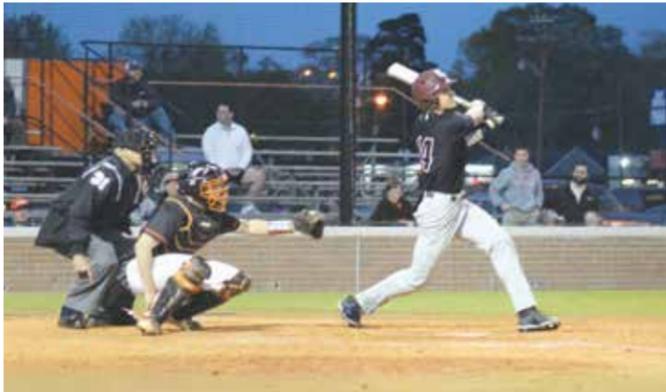
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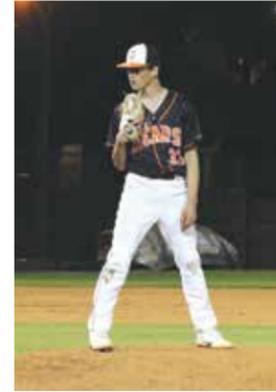
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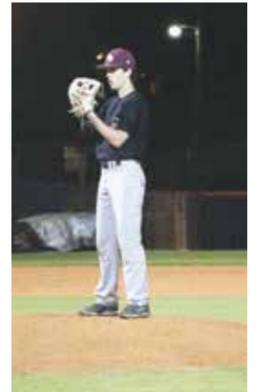
#14 Carson Balthazar at bat with a stand up double



#21 RJ Coffee at first base, Bears #3 Zach Ordeneax



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#9 Drew Lasseigne, #20 Austin Andrishok scores



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Chief's Quick Action Saved Neighbor

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was coming to finish off the neighbor.

Salsbury raised his weapon toward the gunman who saw the badge and immediately turned and ran behind the house. The chief followed the man whom he thought went into the house but instead found another man lying on the floor near death.

The man on floor, 31-year-old Michael Dunchamp, a white male who lived nearby, had visited the homeowner earlier. Dunchamp returned to the home with two black males, and the homeowner reportedly let the three men inside. So it was not a "home invasion" as reported earlier.

The men were there to rob the homeowner, and Dunchamp proceeded to beat the homeowner about the head with a pipe. However, as he was being beaten, he was able to pull a gun from his pants and shoot Dunchamp.

In the confusion, the homeowner was able to escape through the front door, which is when Salsbury arrived and saw him bleeding. One of the black males reportedly went out the back door and circled round



Central Police Chief James Salsbury

to try to kill the homeowner. But it was then that he encountered Chief Salsbury, and he fled.

Apparently, the other black male



Myles • Dunchamp • Rogers

fled the scene more quickly.

Meanwhile, a white female arrived at the house where Chief Salsbury detained her. Numerous law enforcement officers quickly arrived on the scene. Sheriff Sid Gautreaux arrived and stayed with Salsbury for several hours. The homeowner and Dunchamp were taken to the hospital, and Dunchamp was pronounced dead almost immediately.

Anthony Miles, 30, the man who was confronted by Chief Salsbury, was taken into custody the next day. He faces a long list of charges including accessory to first degree murder. Arthur Rogers, 31, who fled the scene, was arrested later. He faces charges including armed robbery.

The female who said she did not know what was happening has not been charged.

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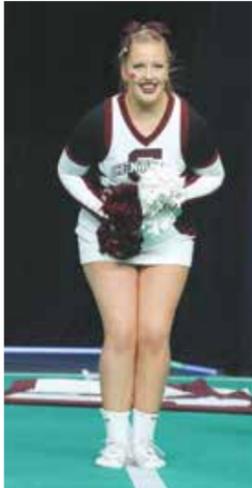
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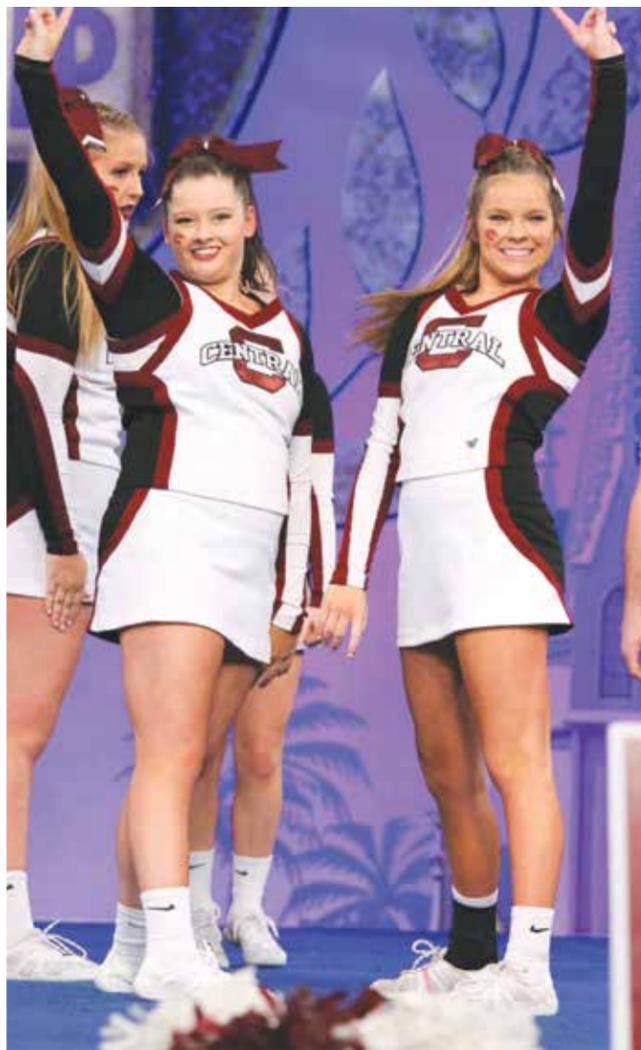
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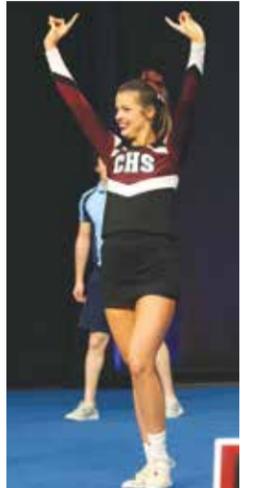
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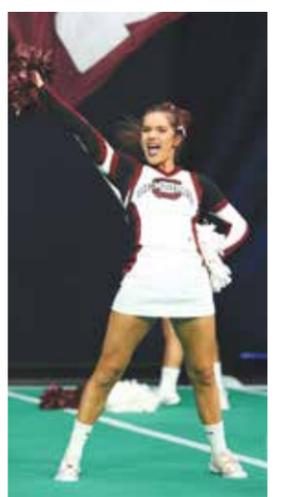
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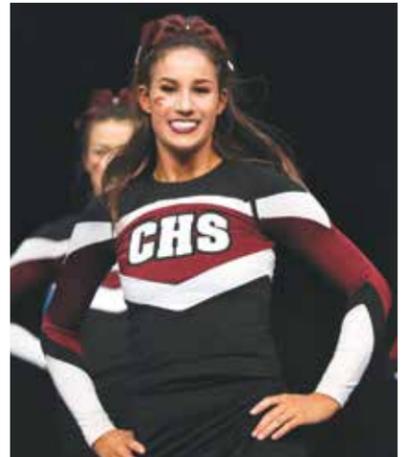
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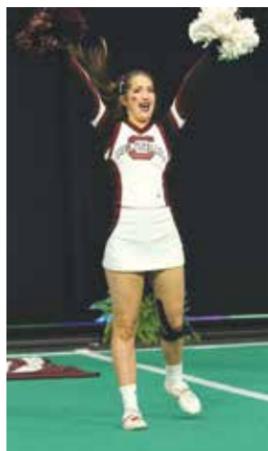
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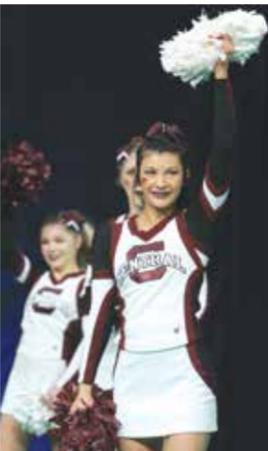
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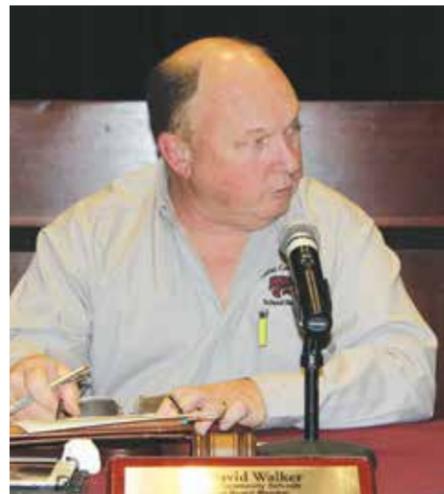
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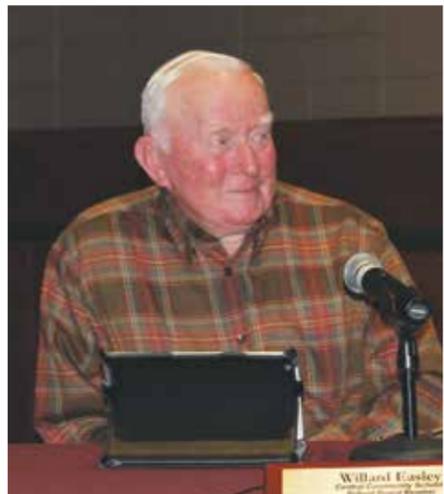
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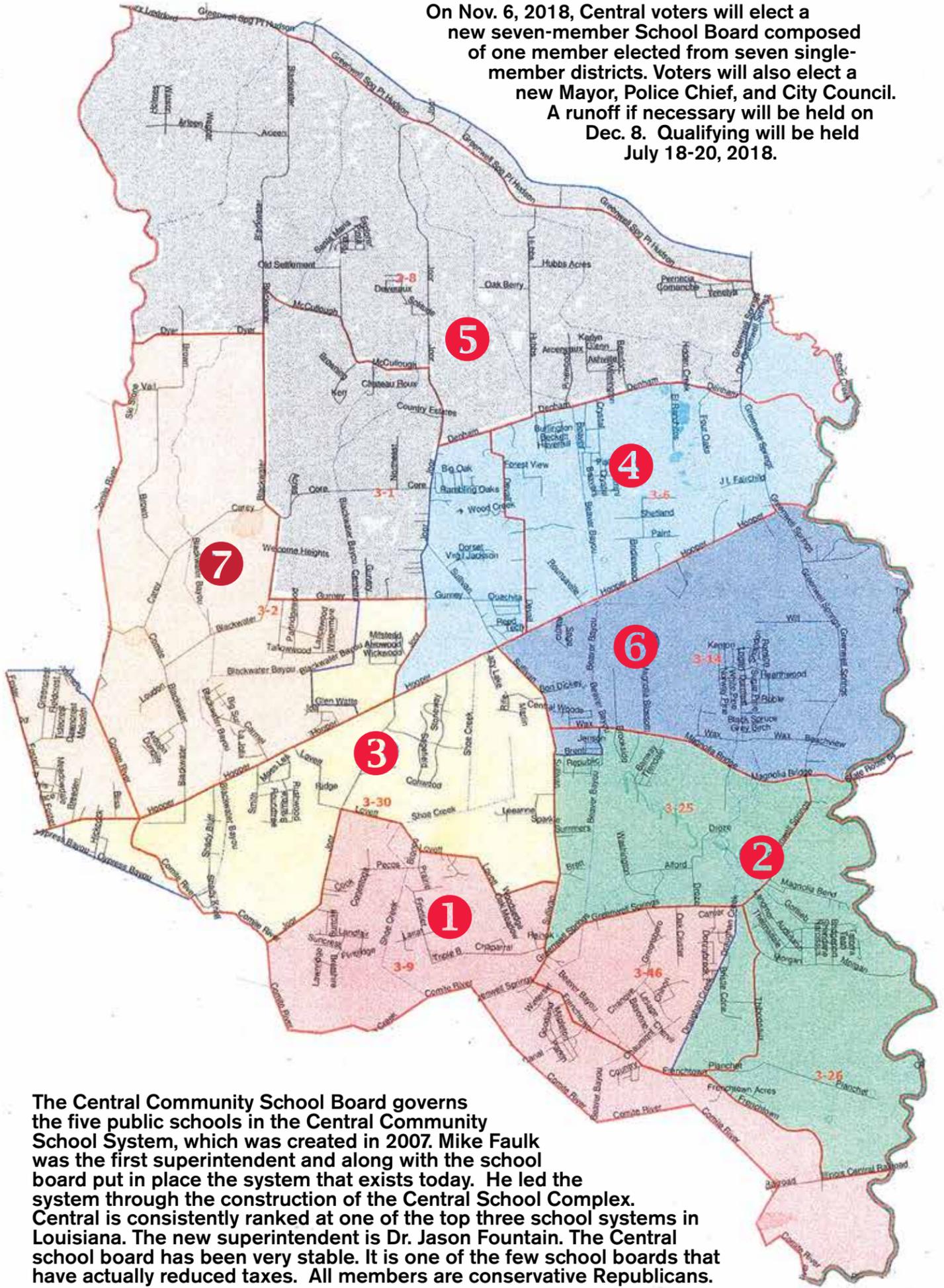
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