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Elections for Mayor, Chief, City Council

Countdown to Nov. 6

Central High Homecoming Honors New Queen, Court

CENTRAL - Central High principal Brandon LaGroue crowned Taliyah Joseph as the Wildcats' 2018 Homecoming Queen during half-time ceremonies at the Belaire-Central game last Friday night.

Last year's Homecoming Queen, Katie McCaskill, presented roses to the new Queen. Katie is a freshman at Southeastern, majoring in social work. She also works in her church nursery and at Caliente's. As she walked from the 50-yard line, she was escorted by Mr. Brandon LaGroue.

The Homecoming Court and Queen were chosen by the Central High student body. Members of the Court were:

- **Taliyah Joseph** is a senior with a 4.0 GPA. She is a member of the Beta Club and Helping Hands. Taliyah played softball at Central High for three years and was proud the team was se-



Photo by Woody Jenkins

HOMECOMING QUEEN TALIAH JOSEPH was crowned during half-time last Friday by Central High principal Brandon LaGroue with help from 2017 Homecoming Queen Katie McCaskill and Central High cheerleader co-captain Peyton Dowden. Watching the ceremony is Taliyah's father Vyron along with Camille and Emile Provost.

lected for WAFB News' Hand-It-On series. She is part of the Youth Ministry at Preserve Life Ministries. Taliyah was escorted by her father, Vyron Joseph.

- **Bailee Bagley** is a senior and a fourth-year member of the Homecoming Court. She is a co-captain of the defending National Championship Central High varsity cheer team. Bailee has been cheering the Wildcats since 7th

grade. She is also a member of Helping Hands and has participated in all-star competitive cheer for

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Watch Central High Homecoming Here

One Month Remains For Voters to Decide Direction of Central

CENTRAL - Voters in Central have a month to decide how to vote in the Tuesday, Nov. 6 election, which will decide the direction of the City of Central for years to come. On the ballot will be the election of

- Mayor of City of Central
- Central Police Chief
- Seven members of the Central City Council, including two who will be elected at-Large citywide and five from single-member districts.
- Five proposed amendments to the Louisiana Constitution and
- A proposition on the ballot throughout East Baton Rouge Parish to determine whether gambling will be allowed online for fantasy sports games.

A runoff election, if necessary, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8. With three candidates for mayor, five for two seats on the Council at-Large, and three candidates in Council District 5, a runoff election is possible.

Early voting for the Nov. 6 election will be Oct. 23-30.

To read *Central City News*' endorsements in city elections and ballot propositions, go to Page 4.

After Slow Start, Central Roars into District Lead

Central Wildcats Rise to 2-0 in District 4-5A

CENTRAL — It was obvious in the Jamboree that this year's Central Wildcats had talent. They defeated a highly-touted St. Amant team 12-0. Then the Wildcats gave nationally-ranked Dunham a run for their money but narrowly lost 36-34. Up next was Dutchtown, another good team and another narrow loss, 16-13. Then Jesuit came to town and beat the Wildcats 35-19.

At 0-3, it would have been easy for Central to give up and just go through the motions for the rest of the season. However, in the 4th game, Central faced an outstanding Scotlandville team and won a surprising 12-6 victory! There followed last week's 38-0 homecoming win over Belaire. Suddenly, Central was 2-0 and tied for the lead with Walker in District 4-5A. Now the tough part begins with Live Oak, Brusly, Zachary, Denham, and Walker up next.



Photo by Shane Evans

OLD GLORY — Harlan Jerro carried the American flag into the homecoming game against the Belaire.

LEADING DISTRICT 4-5A — The Central High Wildcats who started the season with three hard-fought but losing games have bounced back, winning their first two District 4-5A games and find themselves 2-0 and tied for first place in the district. The Wildcats travel to Live Oak Friday.

2018 Central High Homecoming



Senior Bailee Bagley

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13 years. Bailee was escorted by her father, Brett Bagley.

• **Ashley Hess** is a senior and first-year member of the Homecoming Court. She is a member of the athletic training program, Beta Club, and Helping Hands. She is a proud godmother to Maddox. Ashley participated in a three-week internship with Our Lady of the Lake, where she was able to job-shadow health care professionals. Standing in for Ashley's late father, William Hess, was Mike Forbes, her valued mentor.

• **Joi Lilly** is a senior and a second-year member of the Homecoming Court. She is member of



Senior Ashley Hess

the Beta Club and a former member of the yearbook staff. She is past anchor for the Wildcat Scoop. Joi has a 3.8 GPA. She was escorted by her stepfather, Kevin Brown.

• **Camille Provost** is a senior and a second-year member of the Homecoming Court. Camille is vice president of the Student Council and has been part of the Diamond Girls since her freshman year. She is the captain of the Central High varsity cheerleading team, which won the National Championship. She coaches the Cubs and Kittens cheer teams at Central Community Athletics. She was honored as an All-American cheerleader at the 2018 UCA Cheer Camp at LSU.



Senior Joi Lilly

She is a member of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, where she was confirmed in her faith in April of this year. She enjoys spending time with her niece Parker and nephew Skyler. Camille was escorted by her father, Emile Provost.

• **Camille Dean** is a junior and first-year member of the court. She is an active part of the Beta Club and Helping Hands Club. Camille also has a 4.0 GPA. She is a member of Greenwell Springs Baptist Church. She was escorted by her stepfather, Justin Hobbs.

• **Kinley Funderburk** is a junior member of court. She is a member of the Central High sports marketing team and Diamond Girl



Senior Camille Provost

for Central High baseball. She is also a member of the gymnastics team. Kinley is involved in her church youth group at Healing Place and loves coaching gymnastics at Leaps and Bounds. She was escorted by her father, Rylan Grimmer.

• **Faith Huguet** is a junior and first-year member of the Homecoming Court. She is a part of the Wildcat Scoop at Central High. Most of her spare time is spent at Jean Leigh Academy of Dance, where she is in her 15th year of dance, training, and competition. When Faith is not dancing, she volunteers to help with service projects at her church, St. Alphon-

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Court and Queen Taliyah Joseph



Junior Camille Dean



Junior Kinley Funderburk



Junior Faith Huguet



Junior Kenley Welch

sus. Faith was escorted by her father, Mike Huguet.

• **Kenley Welch** is a junior and third-year member of Home-

coming Court. She is an Honor Roll student and a member of the Beta Club, Art Club, and Helping Hands. She was escorted by her

grandfather, Gerald Achee.

• **Elise Darden** is a sophomore and first-year member of the Homecoming Court. She is a mem-

ber of the Women's Chorus and the talented theatre. Elise is also active in the youth group at Journey

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Endorsements for U. S. Congress, Mayor, Police Chief, City Council

Sample Ballot

Tuesday, November 6, 2018
 Early Voting Oct. 23-30
 Names in Blue Endorsed
 by Central City News

Secretary of State Special Election

- Kyle Ardoin R
- Heather Cloud R
- "Gwen" Collins-Greenup D
- A. G. Crowe R
- "Rick" Edmonds R
- Rene Fontenot Free D
- Thomas J. Kennedy III R
- Matthew "Matt" Moreau NP
- Julie Stokes R

Congress - 6th Dist.

- Justin Dewitt D
- Devin Lance Graham I
- Garret Graves R
- "Andie" Saizan D

City of Central Mayor

- David Barrow R
- Marcus Michelli R
- Jr. Shelton (incumbent) R

Central Police Chief

- Roger Corcoran R
- James Salsbury (incumbent) R

City Council at Large Vote for Two

- Wade Evans R
- Aaron K. McKinney R
- Ryan Meador R
- Wayne Messina (incumbent) R
- Kim Powers R

City Council District 1

- Charlie Habig D
- Aaron Moak R

City Council District 2

- Joshua Roy R
- John Vance (incumbent) R

City Council District 3

- Kim Fralick (incumbent) R
- Dave Freneaux R

City Council District 4

- Shane Evans (incumbent) R
- Despo "D'Ann" Wells R

City Council District 5

- Charles Lee Hinton R
- Jeffrey Meyers R
- Briton Myer R

Constitutional Amendments

- No. 1 - Felons Can't Run Yes
- No. 2 - Hung Juries No
- No. 3 - Govt. Donations Yes
- No. 4 - Protect Gas Tax Yes
- No. 5 - Surviving Spouse Yes
- No. 6 - Slow Tax Increase Yes

EBR Propositions

- No. 1 - Fantasy Sports No

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Woody Jenkins
 Editor

BATON ROUGE — In this edition of the *Central City News*, we are proud to endorse the following candidates:

Congress - 6th District

Garret Graves (R)

Mayor of Central

Jr. Shelton (R)

Police Chief

James Salsbury (R)

Central Council at Large

(vote for two)

Wayne Messina (R)

Kim Powers (R)

District 1

Charles Habig (D) or

Aaron Moak (R)

District 2

John Vance (R)

District 3

Kim Fralick (R)

District 4

Shane Evans (R)

District 5

Charles Lee Hinton (R) or

Jeffrey Meyers (R) or

Briton Myer (R)

GARRET GRAVES
United States Congress
6th District of Louisiana
Exemplary Service

Garret Graves is completing his second two-year term representing the people of the Baton Rouge area in the United States Congress. During that time, our country has experienced historic changes in Washington. At the same time, the people of the Baton Rouge area experienced the devastating flood of August 2016. It was a unique local disaster that affected only us but in a monumental way.

Throughout all these unexpected events, our new Congressman performed at the highest level. With a solid conservative voting record, he faithfully represented the views of most people in the 6th Congressional District and developed a very positive relationship with the leaders of Congress, President Trump, and members of his administration. The flood of August 2016 gave Congressman Graves an historic opportunity to make a difference in the lives of tens of thousands of real people living here, and he did not disappoint. He worked tirelessly day and night to address the needs of people, some of whom had lost everything and all of whom had lost something. During this time, his performance as a Congressman was far above what is normally expected. It was exemplary! We are proud to endorse Congressman Garret Graves for reelection.



Congressman Garret Graves



Mayor Jr. Shelton

JR. SHELTON
Mayor of Central
Dedicated Service

It is difficult to imagine anyone doing a better job as Mayor than Jr. Shelton has done. He is completely honest. In four years, there has not been a hint of scandal of any kind. He has never used his office for personal gain or to enrich his friends and supporters.

He has been a strong conservative. He has made sure city government lives within its means. He has refused to raise taxes or impose a city property tax, which could be done under state law without a vote of the people. Yet, even without raising taxes, he has by frugal management increased the city's surplus by more than \$20 million, bringing the surplus to more than \$40 million — an amount unheard of in a city this size.

Mayor Shelton's work habits are exemplary. He arrives at city hall early and works late. His energy seems boundless, and he is always either at his desk or out with the people of Central working to solve their problems.

During and after the Flood of August 2016, the Mayor's level of energy rose to an even higher level. It seemed he never slept and was everywhere. In fact, for the first 72 hours of the flood, he did not sleep and worked around the clock.

After that, for the next year, there was very little sleep. He took it upon himself to *personally* try to help every Central citizen who needed help. He sat with them in his office or went to their homes. He listened to their stories. They cried together, and he went to work for them.

The notebook he kept from that time details, person by person, the hours spent helping each one. In an era when people get little personal attention as they try to deal with a faceless bureaucracy on the phone or online, it was a blessing of enormous proportions to have a Mayor who really cared and went above and beyond the call of duty.

Ironically, like President Trump, Mayor Shelton has been subjected to a continuing barrage of unfair criticism. In the Mayor's case, it has come week after week for four years from a local "newspaper" that has but one goal — to destroy Jr. Shelton. Unfortunately, the reality is, if you tell a lie enough, some people will begin to believe it.

Reading that fake news, you would think that Mayor Shelton was responsible for the Flood of August 2016! But of course, nothing could be further from the truth!

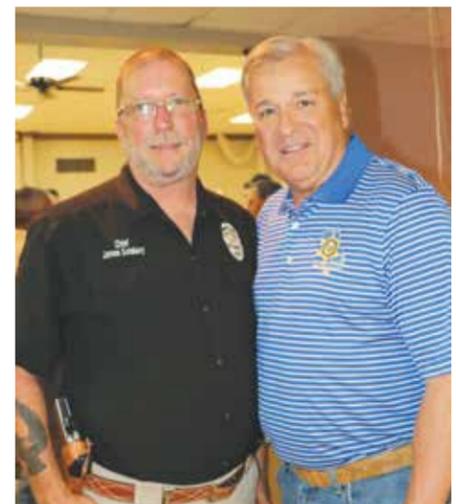
Some people simply don't want

to recognize that Central is a relatively low-lying area between two rivers without levees that for many thousands of years has flooded. When you get 41 inches of rain, it will flood! A day or two later, the rivers will flood. That's reality!

Since the flood, Mayor Shelton has overseen the cleaning of 47 miles of canals and ditches, removing 4,600,000 pounds of vegetation and foreign matter. Who could have or would have done more?

Now he has announced what is truly a remarkable accomplishment. He has gathered commitments from the state and federal governments of more than \$100 million in funds for drainage improvements — all right here in Central! No one anywhere has ever done that!

Central is very fortunate to have an honest man as Mayor, a man of integrity who works tirelessly in the best interests of the citizens of this community, and we are proud to endorse Mayor Jr. Shelton for reelection.



Police Chief James Salsbury and Sheriff Sid Gautreaux

JAMES SALSBUARY
Chief of Police
Brought Dept. to Higher Level

After four years as Central's Chief of Police, James Salsbury has fulfilled all of the campaign promises he made to the citizens of Central and more. He has taken the Central Police Department to a higher level and done a great deal to keep Central a safe place to call home. Over the last four years, while making monumental changes in the police department, he has worked — as promised — for a salary of \$99 a month.

Chief Salsbury has established partnerships with other law enforcement agencies that are ready to assist us on any given situation. This includes an agreement with the Sheriff's office to handle all traffic within the City of Central and thereby free up Sheriff's deputies and their units to work all other matters in the city.

During Chief Salsbury's term, there have been no litigation or controversies involving the Central Police Department.

Under his watch, the Central Police Department has moved from a symbolic to a working police department. They handle security for all city-sponsored events including City Council and Planning and Zoning meetings, the Elf Run, Christmas Parade, school events, football games, and many others. He has modernized police equipment with

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An Analysis of the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Pros and Cons of Const'l Amendments

Amendment No. 2 Unanimous Juries: Worst of the Bunch

Woody Jenkins
Editor

BATON ROUGE — When voters go to the polls on Nov. 6, 2018, they may be surprised to find they have a lot more to vote on besides the candidates running for statewide and local offices. Also included are six proposed statewide Constitutional amendments and one proposition, which will be on the ballot only in East Baton Rouge Parish.

On-line Sports Gambling. The local proposition would allow gambling on fantasy football and other fantasy sports online in East Baton Rouge Parish. We oppose this new form of gambling because it is highly addictive and will prey on thousands of our citizens.

The Advocate reports, "Since 1990, Louisiana has legalized a lottery, a land-based casino in New Orleans, 15 floating casinos that now have the right to move onto land and operate more slot machines, plus slot-machine emporiums at four racetracks and video poker at 3,600 bars and 205 truck stops. Given that array of wagering options, Louisianans might be surprised to learn their state constitution prohibits gambling."

Yes, the constitution prohibits it but corrupt judges and other officials have nevertheless legalized it.

We're voting no.
State Constitutional Amendments. The most important proposition on the Nov. 6, 2018 ballot is Amendment No. 2 to require unani-

mous juries in all felony cases. Unanimous juries are already required in capital cases, but 10 of 12 jurors is what is required to convict or acquit a criminal defendant charged with 2nd degree murder, rape, armed robbery, and a host of other offenses punishable with hard labor.



Woody Jenkins

If this amendment passes, it will mean that thousands of hardened criminals will be released to prey on the public. If it passes, a single hold-out rogue juror will result in a mistrial and no conviction.

It is important to understand that there are many members of the public today who will not vote to convict anyone of anything. They have had experiences with the criminal justice system and oppose the system. They want to release everyone.

Even more important is the danger of juror intimidation. It only takes one phone call to a juror or perhaps the juror's mother to insure that the juror will never vote for a guilty verdict.

There is no protection provided in our state for jurors who are subject to threats or intimidation. There is no money to remove them from the area or the state.

The reality is that the juror who is threatened by a gang or a thug would simply have to face the music if he voted for conviction and then had to return to his neighborhood, perhaps a poor neighborhood where crime is rampant.

The Louisiana Constitution's Declaration of Rights is already more protective of the rights of criminal defendants than any con-

Recommendations on Constitutional Amendments

November 6, 2018

No. 1 — Prohibit felons from running for public office for five years after completion of sentence — YES

No. 2 — Allow one of 12 jurors to prevent a conviction for armed robbery, rape, and all other non-capital felony cases — NO

No. 3 — Allow one government entity to donate public equipment or personnel to another governmental entity — YES

No. 4 — Prohibit use of state highway fund money for State Police traffic control — YES

No. 5 — Extend special property tax treatment such as for surviving spouse of first responder who died while performing his duties, to property held in trust — YES

No. 6 — Where property reassessment results in a tax increase of more than 50%, the tax increase would be phased in by five years — YES

EBR Parish Propositions

No. 1 — Allow fantasy sports contests in East Baton Rouge Parish — NO

stitution in America.

Those who want to require unanimous juries for all felonies would allow ONE PERSON — who is biased against our system or

who has been threatened or intimidated — to release a person guilty of murder, rape or armed robbery, despite guilt being proven beyond a reasonable doubt to 11 other jurors.

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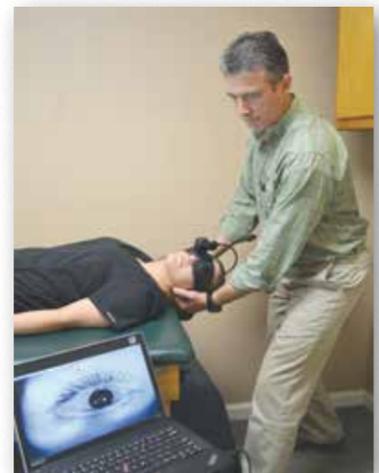


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2018 Varsity Football Schedule

Aug. 24	St. Amant - Jamboree	W 12-0
Aug. 31	Dunham	L 36-34
Sept. 7	Dutchtown	L 16-13
Sept. 14	Jesuit	L 35-19
Sept. 21	Scotlandville	W 12-6
Sept. 28	Belaire HOCO	W 38-0
Oct. 5	Live Oak	Away
Oct. 12	Brusly	Home
Oct. 19	Zachary	Home
Oct. 26	Denham Springs	Away
Nov. 2	Walker - Sr. Night	Home

CENTRAL PRIVATE

2018 Varsity Football Schedule

Aug. 17	CHEF	W 49-14
Aug. 24	Cathedral	L 28-0
Aug. 31	Glenbrook	W 36-12
Sept. 7	Porters Chapel	W 33-6
Sept. 14	Centerville	L 16-8
Sept. 21	Amite School Center	W 40-0
Sept. 28	Bowling Green HOCO	Home
Oct. 12	Silliman - Sr. Night	Home
Oct. 19	ACCS	Away

Brocato's Celebrate 50 Years



THEN AND NOW photos of Pete and Suzette Brocato on their 50th Anniversary

Pete and Suzette Brocato met in high school at Redemptorist High School. They were married before the start of the LSU football season on September 7, 1968 at St. Gerard Majella Church in Baton Rouge.

Soon after, Pete joined the Air Force and they were stationed in Little Rock. While there, they welcomed their first child, Scott Joseph Brocato, in September 1969. In 1971, they moved back to their hometown of Baton Rouge. In August 1972, they welcomed their second son, Jeffrey Allen Brocato, and in February 1984, they welcomed a daughter, Lauren Lynn Brocato. In November 1999 one of their happiest moments would come. A grandson, Cole Joseph Brocato, was born.

Pete worked for Associated Grocers for 47 years and Suzette worked

for a dentist for 20 years. Anyone who knows Pete and Suzette know they bleed purple and gold. During football season, they could always be found tailgating at LSU with family and friends. Come February, Suzette will be yelling at the 3rd base umpire. There isn't a bigger LSU football fan than Pete or a bigger LSU baseball fan than Suzette.

Their children said, "Our parents gave us and continue to give us unconditional love and support. They worked very hard to give us the best. Our dad has always been there for his family and friends. We know anytime we need a prayer, to call mom because she will add it to her prayer list. We would like to wish our parents a Happy 50th Anniversary! Thank you for everything!"

Sammy and Frankie's 60th Anniversary

Sammy and Frankie Accardo Rispone of Baton Rouge celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary with family and close friends August 11, 2018, at the home of Rodi and Tina Rispone on False River in New Roads.

They married August 14, 1958, at St. Gerard Majella Catholic Church in Baton Rouge and have resided since 1984 in Greenwell Springs. Their children Kirk, Troy and Regina, Derek, and Rodi and Tina hosted the celebration.

The couple's pride and joy are their grandchildren — Reagan and Bruce, Rachel, Neely, Sophia, Brody, and Salvatore. This is the couple's Diamond Anniversary, with the word diamond derived from the Greek word "adamas" meaning unbreakable, enduring, and unquerable — fitting for their 60th!



Sammy and Frankie Accardo Rispone 60th Anniversary

Glen and Gwen Bueche's 50th Year

Glen and Gwen Bueche recently celebrated 50 years of marriage at a surprise party with family and friends. They were married on October 5, 1968, at St. Pius X Catholic Church.

The party was hosted by their children, Kama Melancon and Monty and Alycia Bueche, along with their grandchildren, Korie and Tyler Melancon, and Evan Bueche. Many family members contributed to make the surprise party a success.

Approximately 45 people attended to wish the couple many more years of health and happiness.



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- PUMPKIN PADDLE PARADE** Oct. 25
- MAKE IT A MOVIE NIGHT @ IPT: HALLOWEENTOWN** Oct. 26
- HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT @ FARR PARK: HOCUS POCUS** Oct. 26
- BREC-A-BOO @ FOREST** Oct. 26 + 27
- ZOMBIE 5K FUN RUN** Oct. 27
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5. Improve Central's infrastructure and other public services before large developments

Joshua "Josh" is a conservative Republican married to Chelsey, a lifelong resident of Central. Josh and Chelsey have resided together in Central for 10 years and are active members in the community. They have four sons, Braydon, Camden, Anthony and Easton.

Josh is an attorney at the Maughan Law Firm. Josh received his Juris Doctorate, magna cum laude at Southern University Law Center, graduating first in his class. Josh also has a bachelor's degree in Political Science from LSU.

Josh serves on the Board of Directors for NephCure Kidney International and is a member/director of the Kiwanis Club of The Oaks. Josh is also a leader and coach with the Central Tigers, Inc. baseball organization. Josh is an Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Boy Scouting and is an active member of his church and community.

To learn more about Josh and to follow his campaign like his Facebook page "Joshua Roy - Candidate for the City of Central Councilman District 2" or email him at jdroy12@hotmail.com.

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Homecoming Victory for Central Wild



SCENES FROM CENTRAL'S HOMECOMING GAME against Belair — Isaiah Rankins #22 in for a touchdown (left). Parker Evans #27 carries the ball as Destin Franklin



Freshman QB Jonathan Swift, II #2 does an excellent job filling in for star QB Sam Kennerson as he plows through with a carry. (center and left/center). A Bengal is



Senior defensive back Jacoby Putman #3 awaits the ball from the opposing quarterback and successfully intercepts for the Wildcats (left, left/center, and



Max Bryant #54 and David Chassaing #53 hold off Brian Robinson #56 (left). Jadon Kennard #29, Derek Dupree #42 and Trevor Kean #93 (right/center). Parker Evans #27 and kicker, Fernand

Central High Wildcats Square Off Against

Wildcats Defeating Belaire Bengals 38-0



#12 throws a block (left/center). Tyler Melancon #20 makes the tackle (right/center). The Wildcats celebrate and get the student section excited and ready for the big game (right).



is taken down by Da'Veawn #41 and Jaylon Brooks #67 (right/center). Gage Evans #19 helping to bring down a Bengal. He got help from Avery Mayeux #44 (right)



(center). Isaiah Rankins carries the ball for the Wildcats (right/center). Two Wildcats with a solid tackle of Ranard Valentine #6 for the Bengals (right).



ez Perez #36 and the kick was good (right/center)! Gage Evans #19 (right/center) Joel King #8 with the ball (right/center) Coach Greg Morris (right).

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Endorsements in Races for Central

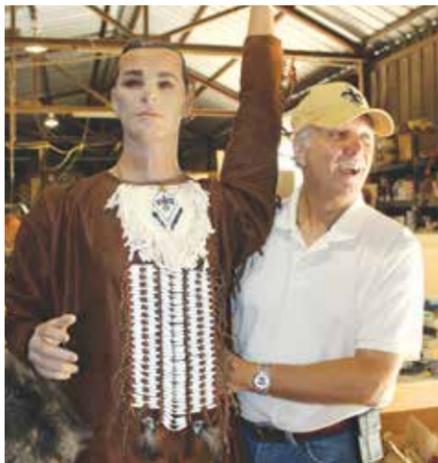
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warranties to eliminate high maintenance and repair costs.

He implemented a wrecker ordinance to use local wrecker services within the city limits. The chief recently moved the department to a city-owned facility so that we no longer have a monthly rental expense. The department now has its own dispatchers, which will improve the safety of field units. Central Police now has their own in-house training officer, which keeps the department current on all qualifications and certifications.

When Chief Salsbury took office, the Central Police Department had a chief and seven volunteer officers. Today, it has a Chief, Assistant Chief, eight paid part-time officers, 10 reserve officers, four part-time paid dispatchers, and a volunteer secretary.

On his watch, thanks to the Mayor, the Council, and the Chief, fund-



Councilman Wayne Messina

ing for the Central Police Department has increased from \$225,000 in 2014 to \$655,000 in 2018.

We think this increase is well-justified but we caution that creation of a full-time police force duplicating what, for example, Zachary has, would lead to significant financial problems for the City of Central. The last time we looked, the budget for the Zachary Police Department was over \$3 million for a city half the size of Central.

We believe Chief Salsbury is doing a fine job, and we are pleased to endorse him for reelection.

We must add that we believe his opponent to be a fine law enforcement officer who is well qualified for the task. However, we support Chief Salsbury primarily because he is on the job now and performing at a high level, and there is no reason to change.

WAYNE MESSINA and KIM POWERS City Council at-Large (Vote for Two)

Five candidates are running for two seats on the Central City Council at-Large. The election on Nov. 6 will be from the throughout the city. Each voter will get to vote for two candidates. Without it reflecting adversely on the other three candidates, we believe the following two candidates are best qualified.

Wayne Messina

Wayne Messina is an honest, hard-working Councilman who returns all of his phone calls and does everything he possibly can to help the citizens of Central.

Wayne takes a very active part



Kim Powers and daughters

in the community of Central serving on the BREC Finance Committee, the Food Bank, and the Central Community Alliance. He takes an active part in the Council on Aging representing the City of Central and attends all meetings pertaining to the Comite Diversion Canal. He speaks out at the State Capitol. As a result of the Mayor's efforts, Councilman Messina, and others, \$375 million has approved for Comite Diversion Canal, \$70 million from the Army Corps of Engineers, \$13 million from East Baton Rouge Parish, \$14 million from the Amite River Basin Commission, and \$13 million from DOTD — with all the money going toward drainage that will greatly help the City of Central.

Wayne represented the city very well, and we need his experience, expertise, integrity, and voice working on the Central City Council.

Kim Powers

Kim Powers is a newcomer to politics, having never run for public office. However, her father served as a conservative Republican Mayor of Slidell and Councilman at-Large for 24 years. He is her role model, and she learned as a child how important it is to have good men and women serving in city government.

Kim was an honor roll student in college and studied political science. She married and has three daughters. One is 21 but the other two are students at Central Intermediate School. They live across the street from the school, and she is actively involved at CIS.

Kim Powers is the advertising manager of the *Central City News*, which brings her in contract with business owners throughout Central and keeps her grounded on what policies work and don't work for business owners here. As a business owner herself, Kim is executive producer of Central High football and baseball broadcasts, which keeps her in touch with students, faculty, coaches, and parents.

She is a conservative woman and was a strong supporter of President Trump. She is a member of the National Rifle Association and Louisiana Right to Life. She believes in the right to carry. She serves the community through the Istrouma Kiwanis Club.

Kim Powers was raised on a farm and knows how to drive a tractor, round up cattle, and birth a calf.

Her No. 1 goal is improving drainage in Central. No. 2 is preserving Central's rural lifestyle. "I love the balance we enjoy between city life and country life, and I want to keep it that way."

Beyond drainage, her top project is to jumpstart the four-laning of Hooper Road and to extend Hooper with a bridge across the Amite to Watson, as the key to solving traffic problems along Sullivan and Wax.

She hopes to lead beautification efforts in Central. "Central is so beautiful, but we have cover these open ditches along our roads which are a hazard to safety and an eyesore."



Charlie Habig and family

CHARLIE HABIG or AARON MOAK City Council District 1

Charlie Habig

Charlie Habig has held important positions of leadership as Business Agent of Local 198 Plumbers and Pipefitters. In that role, he had to negotiate important and sometimes difficult labor-management disputes and on a day-to-day basis care for the needs of his members and their families. This is very similar to the work of a City Councilman. Since retiring, he joined the faculty at Central High School as the welding instructor, which will open doors of opportunity for many young people in the years ahead.

In his announcement statement, he said, "The love I have for this city can best be described as 'family.' Upon moving here, I lived with my wife and our three children for six years before my wife, Lynda, passed away after a year long battle

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Aaron Moak with Fred Sliman

with cancer. I am still so grateful for how this community wrapped their loving arms around my family and me during that difficult time in our lives." He also said, "This election is about our beloved city, the deep rooted values we have, and the improvements still left to be made."

Now Charlie Habig wants to give back to the community he loves. We feel he is well qualified to serve on the Central City Council.

Aaron Moak

Aaron Moak is well known to almost everyone in Central. His commitment to this community began when he was only a teenager when he had a strong desire to serve the Central Fire Department. It continued with his involvement in the Central Chamber of Commerce and many community organizations. He has played a most important role in the annual Central Christmas Parade. Then several years ago, he ran for and was elected to serve on the Central City Council, where he served for eight years.

During his service on the City Council, Aaron Moak always proved to be hard-working, intelligent, and diligent. He has been out



Councilman John Vance

of office for a term, but he would certainly be able to step back in and perform the role of City Councilman well. Aaron Moak is well qualified to serve on the City Council.

In District 1, we believe either candidate — Charlie Habig or Aaron Moak would do a fine job, and we recommend both to the voters.

JOHN VANCE City Council District 2

John Vance

We found making the endorsement for City Council from District 2 to be the most difficult of the Nov. 6 election, simply because there are two very outstanding candidates running. The challenger, Josh Roy, is a young man of outstanding character, a leader in his church, a family man, and an attorney. If he does not win this time, we hope he will continue his interest in community service and find another role to play.

The incumbent, John Vance, has all of the same outstanding character traits but, in addition to that, he has four years' experience on the job. He has performed at a high level on the Council. He takes the job very seriously, is well informed, works hard, and is a strong voice for doing the right thing. We favor keeping in public office those public servants who do a good job. It is wise to recognize and reward that good work with reelection.

John Vance has done a fine job on the Central City Council, and we are proud to endorse his reelection.

KIM FRALICK City Council District 3 Mayor Pro-Tem

Dr. Kim Fralick

Dr. Kim Fralick, who serves as a member of the Central City Council and Mayor Pro Tem, has worked very hard to represent the citizens of Central for the past four years.

She is a mom, a well-educated professional, a Christian, and a dedicated public servant.

She is committed to solving Central's drainage problems and has worked hard to locate the funding to make needed investment in the necessary infrastructure.

Her opponent has a publication that he pays to send to everyone's home. Week after week, year after year, he attacks city officials often without any justification and seems to thrive on creating controversy, acrimony, and a general uproar in the city. That is fine, we suppose, but the fear is that he will bring the same approach to city government and make the City Council into a



Councilwoman Kim Fralick with former Rep. Tony Perkins

three-ring circus with his constant charges and accusations. We believe his election would bring about a new era of controversy and division. We are proud to endorse Dr. Kim Fralick for reelection.

SHANE EVANS City Council District 4

Shane Evans

When Shane Evans originally ran for an at-large seat on the Central City Council, he did so to help build the Central Police Department into a full service public safety unit that could meet our needs as a new city. He is in his 27th year in law enforcement, and he believed that sometime soon, Central would need to be ready to take over crash investigation duties, and be ready to move the department into comprehensive coverage of all criminal matters. We have made great strides with the police department in manpower, equipment, and now in a newly-remodeled police station in a very visible location on Hooper Rd. This progress is in no small part due to the efforts of Councilman Evans.

What Shane Evans did not expect was hotly-debated zoning issues that the Council had to consider, and

of course the Great Flood of 2016.

In dealing with zoning matters, he gathers the information and considers the law. He asks how will his vote affect the city? He asks, "Is my vote legally defensible? Is the offered development or business of benefit to the overall value of the city? What are the property owners rights versus the rights of persons who oppose the development? Will the proposed development/business generate tax revenue to help keep our top performing school system in the winners' circle, and do so without increasing the individual tax rate on our homes? I learned that zoning decisions can be some of the hardest issues that any local city council can face and each vote must be carefully researched."

On the flood, he said, "The Great Flood of 2016 showed me what great fabric our citizens are made of. From rescuing their neighbors to helping with the labor of rebuilding, this city is full of dedicated, Christian, compassionate people who only want the best for all. Behind the scenes, in our city government's dealings with federal disaster agencies, there were plenty of heated battles waged to ensure that Central

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Councilman Shane Evans

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remained on the front burner for recovery aid. There are many who have not been able to fully recover their homes and possessions since the flood, with the stress of uncertainty still looming for them and their families. I humbly ask that you allow me to continue to passionately fight for the full recovery of our city, as well as the growth of our police department to make us ready as possible for future natural events.”

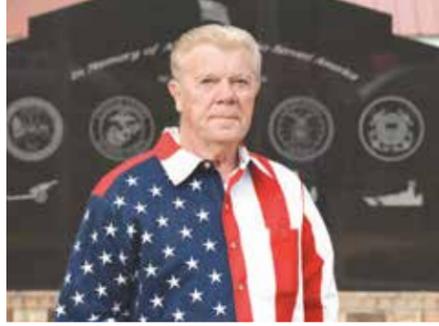
With his hard work on the Council and his well-reasoned, compassionate approach to the issues, we believe Shane Evans is well qualified to continue serving the people of Central on the City Council.

We also note that his opponent is a very outstanding Christian lady and award-winning teacher. We appreciate her offering herself for the Council.

**CHARLES LEE HINTON or
JEFFREY MEYERS or
BRITON MYERS**
City Council District 5

Charles Lee Hinton

Charles Lee Hinton is well-



Charles Lee Hinton



Jeffrey Meyers



Briton Myers

known in Central for his dedication to honoring and serving veterans. He brings to the race for the City Council a love of Central and a commitment to make it better. He promises to work at the job full time and to have an open-door policy.

His service to our country during 20 years in the U. S. Navy and his 25 years as a teacher and coach

have made him a role model and a mentor for young people. His years of service have made service a habit, and he would step right into the role of City Councilman easily. We recommend Charles Lee Hinton for consideration.

Jeffrey Meyers

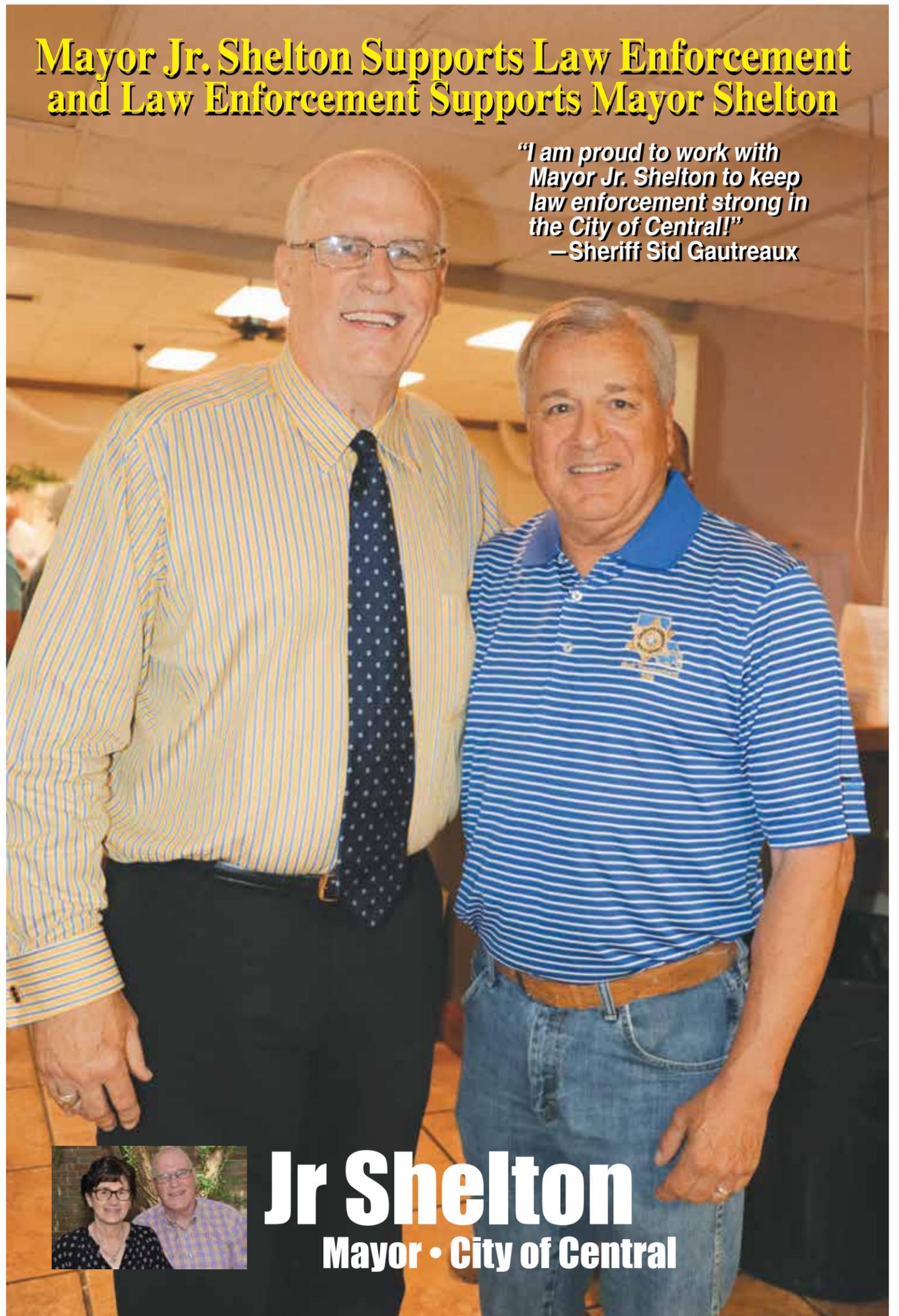
Jeffrey Meyers earned a degree

in Civil Engineering from LSU and worked five years in industry in Texas followed by 27 years with the Louisiana DEQ. His work experience includes emergency management, hazardous materials response and general civil engineering design/construction, all of which will prepare him to serve on the City

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Council. He lives on the east bank of the Comite River near Brown and Joor Roads and says that solving the drainage problem is one of his top priorities. He favors developing a Central City Center Governmental Complex at the intersection of Hooper and Sullivan Roads with a new City Hall. He said "We

are a city of nearly 30,000. We have an outstanding school system. The City government has been collecting taxes from us to pay for this complex for 13 years. It is time for this project to commence. Failure to move forward means we continue to pay taxes for something that increases in costs if construction is postponed."

We have noticed during this cam-

paign the character and wisdom of Jeffrey Meyers. His experience gives him the ability to carefully analyze issues and make reasoned decisions. We believe he would be an outstanding member of the Council.

Briton Myers

Briton Myers is a native of Central who earned his law degree from Southern University *magna cum*

laude and is now practicing law in Baton Rouge.

He would bring to the Council a knowledge of Central and of the law, which is too often lacking in local government. A good lawyer who serves on a public body can often steer the body's actions against unconstitutional or unlawful actions that create more problems than they solve. Briton Myers favors measured growth in accordance with the Master Plan and, as a flood victim, he is committed to working to relieve drainage problems in Central. We believe he could offer a valuable service to the people of Central through service on the Council.

The bottom line is that in Council District 5, we believe all three candidates are qualified and have unique abilities they could offer to the citizens of Central.

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Sophomore Elise Darden



Sophomore Alyssa Guillot



Sophomore Latieria Jackson



Sophomore Lexi Posey



Freshman Logan Redding



Freshman Kallie Watts



Katie McCaskill and Taliyah Joseph



Taliyah Joseph and Willie the Wildcat

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Church, where is on the Elevate Worship team. She was escorted by her father, Grant Darden.

• **Alyssa Guillot** is a sophomore and second-year member of the court. She is a member of the varsity soccer team and the tennis team. She is also part of the Helping Hands Club. She enjoys playing club soccer with Baton Rouge Black. She was escorted by her grandfather, Mike Caruso.

• **Latieria Jackson** is a sophomore. Ti is a member of the Helping Hands Club and loves art, dance, and writing poetry. A first-year member of the court, she was escorted by her uncle, Bennie Jackson.

• **Lexi Posey** is a sophomore and first-year member of the Homecoming Court. She is a member of the Beta Club and Student Council. She is also a Mentor Cat and has maintained a 4.0 GPA. Outside of school, she is a part of the Serve Team at Journey Church. She is a member of Elevate Youth Leadership. She was escorted by her father, Ronnie Davis.

• **Logan Redding** is a freshman. She is a member of the cross country team, Fellowship of Christian Students, and the Helping Hands club. Logan is also a youth worship leader at Victory Harvest Church. She was escorted by her father, Brandon Ivey.

• **Kallie Watts** is a freshman and a member of the Junior Varsity cheer team. She was escorted by her stepfather, Chris Samson.



Central High students singing the alma mater after Central's 38-0 Homecoming victory over Belaire



2018 Central High School Homecoming Queen Laliyah Joseph and her court

Central High School Homecoming Court
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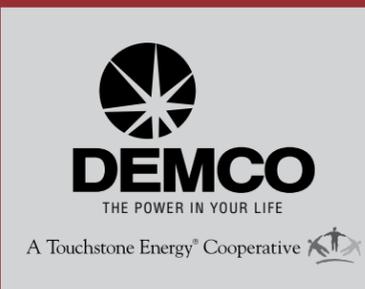
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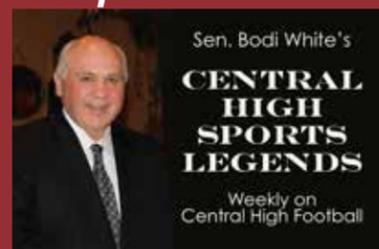


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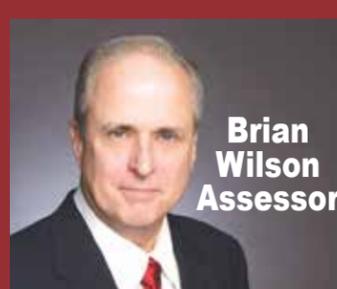
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