



**Single Focus:
Building the Team**



Central High vs. East Feliciana



**5:30 p.m. Friday
Jamboree in Zachary**

Photo by Woody Jenkins

SINGLE FOCUS — Central High head football coach Doug Dotson and members of the Wildcat team give their symbol for a “single focus” on building the team.

Central to Face East Feliciana in Zachary Jamboree

Central Wildcats ‘Focus’ on Building Team

Wildcats Aim for 4th Straight Title At District Level, Chance for State

QB Brett Courville Shows Tail Lights to Thibodaux

Woody Jenkins
Editor, Central City News

CENTRAL — Central football coach Doug Dotson says his team has a “single focus” — building themselves into a winning team.

With the talent exhibited by Central in its scrimmage against Thibodaux last Friday, that shouldn't be difficult. But what might be difficult is East Feliciana, this Friday night's jamboree opponent. East

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MEET THE WILDCATS
Thursday, August 25
6 p.m.
Central High Gym



Photo by Woody Jenkins

BRETT COURVILLE'S TAIL LIGHTS were all Thibodaux High School got to see at the scrimmage between Central High and Thibodaux last Friday night at Wildcat Stadium. The junior quarterback sensation ran for two touchdowns and 150 yards in limited action. The Wildcats play a stong East Feliciana team this Friday at 5:30 in the Zachary Jamboree.

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CENTRAL — Starting today, pick up the Central City News and check out the Oak Point ad on the back page. Clip the coupon and “Pick 12” winners of area high school and college games. Deposit your entry into the Contest Box at Oak Point Fresh Market, 14485 Greenwell Springs Rd., by 6 p.m. on Friday, and you'll be eligible to win!

Weekly winner gets \$50 gift certificate and a chance for an end-of-season drawing for a giant wide-screen TV! Ties decided by drawings. Top contestants listed weekly in Central City News.

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Woody Jenkins
 Editor, Central City News

"On the banks of the Comite a short distance from Baton Rouge is located a pleasure resort equipped and furnished to meet the requirements of the most critical or exacting amusement seeker.
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 — Woman's Enterprise, 1922

CENTRAL — Hardly a man or woman is still alive who can remember a wonderful resort that existed here in the 1920's on the banks of the Comite River near Hooper Road.

It was called Riverside Park. A feature story in the September 1922 edition of the *Woman's Enterprise*, a Baton Rouge newspaper at the time, heralded the beautiful beaches, clear river, "sylvan retreats," restaurant, bathhouse facilities, and the 3,600-square-foot Dance Pavilion, which was cooled with "an air typhoon cooling system" that was driven by an eight-horsepower engine that delivered "11,000 cubic feet of cool air every minute."

Wow, on these hot days in 2011, I'd like to experience that!

An ad in the same issue of the *Woman's Enterprise* invited Baton Rougeans to "Riverside Park on the Breezy Comite, Take Plank Road

to Howell's Store, then Hooper Road."

The ad promoted "Dances every Sunday night from 8 to 12 p.m." with "Music by One of the Best Jazz Orchestras in the State."

The ad warned, "Objectionable Characters Barred"! Mr. T. H. Daigne was listed as the proprietor.

Mr. Charlie Carmena, 89, who has lived his entire life (except for the war) on Blackwater Road and Comite Drive, remembers at age three passing by the park with his dad on the way to Baton Rouge.

"I begged him to stop but I don't think he ever did. A lot of people in our area didn't approve of the park because of the dancing," he said. Mr. Carmena said the park was located on the south side of Hooper Road on the west side of the Comite River.

Ms. Ned Carpenter, 91, grew up just north of the park but said, "My daddy wouldn't let us go there."

However, Mr. Walter Bliss, 92, who grew up on Hooper Road, remembers the Riverside Park clearly. He said in those days Hooper Road was a bit farther south from where it is now and followed what is now called South Blackwater Road. Riverside Park was about 100 yards south of Hooper, which was a gravel road, he said.

"It was a nice park with a cafe to eat in and also a dance hall. They were owned by different people. Lots of people would come from Baton Rouge. There was a sand bar in front of the cafe, and there was entertainment on the sand bar, including a water slide."

"When the Comite would flood, the cafe would be damaged or destroyed, and they would have to rebuild. Finally, the owner of the cafe gave up because of the cost. But the dance pavillion continued in operation. Some of the neighbors were set against it, especially when the cafe closed. We were never allowed to go back after that," he said.

In about 1929, the dance hall was disassembled and moved to Greenwell Springs Road near Sul-

livan and was renamed Beech Grove, he said. The Eisworth store was nearby.

A lot of people remember the Beech Grove dance hall, and the late Miss Camille Kennard used to speak of it often.

After the Riverside Park closed, Mr. Bliss said people continued to come to the site to swim. "There was no swimming in Baton Rouge, and this was the best place to come."

The bridge in those days was right over a deep spot that was perfect for swimming and diving.

"Every weekend, there were lines of cars parked up and down Blackwater Road as people came to picnic and swim," Mr. Bliss said.

On Labor Day 1922 — 89 years ago — Morris' Rough Riders performed in the Dance Pavillion at Riverside Park, according to the ad.

It's a shame that more of us don't take time to enjoy the beautiful Comite River. A nice beach is available at the Blackwater Conservation Park on Hooper Road.

Our thanks to Mrs. Vickie Carney of the Central & Greenwell Springs Historic Society for making this story possible.



Photo by Woody Jenkins

CODY OVERSTREET HONORED — Cody Overstreet (center) was honored recently by Mayor Mac Watts, after he helped save the home of Buddy Wicker (left) from a fire.



Woody Jenkins



IT'S QUIET NOW BUT STILL BEAUTIFUL on the Comite River near the site of Riverside Park just off Hooper Road. In 1922, Riverside Park was a popular destination.



DON'T FORGET LABOR DAY—MORRIS' ROUGH RIDERS

RIVERSIDE PARK AD, which appeared in the September 1922 edition of the *Woman's Enterprise* in Baton Rouge.

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Plumbing, Electrical, and Heating/AC Contractors

City Failed to Enforce Licensing Laws

Survey by IBTS Found City Not Enforcing Laws Passed in 2008

Woody Jenkins
Editor, Central City News



CENTRAL — The State of Louisiana requires that all plumbing contractors, electrical contractors, and heating and air conditioning contractors be licensed by the state.

Cities and parishes have the power to also require such contractors to be licensed at the local level, which includes the payment of a license fee and the posting of a bond to protect consumers and liability, auto, and workers compensation insurance.

Before the City of Central was incorporated in 2005, all such contractors working in unincorporated areas of the parish such as Central had to have a contractors' license issued by the City-Parish.

In 2008, the Central City Council passed and the Mayor signed ordinances to license plumbing contractors, electrical contractors, and heating and air conditioning contractors in the City of Central.

And that was the end of the mat-

ter. From 2008 to June 30, 2011, CH2MHILL, the holder of Central's master privatization agreement, never adopted license forms and never notified contractors that they had to be licensed.

City ordinances also require that some plumbing, electrical, and heating and air conditioning work be done by contractors licensed by the city. Yet, permits were issued with-

out that requirement being met.

Nobody seemed to mind or bother about it — not the Mayor, the Council, CH2MHILL, the contractors, or the public.

Then, on July 1, 2011, new city contractor IBTS began a review of city ordinances and started asking the question: Where are the forms to license plumbers, electricians, and heating and A/C contractors?

Well, there weren't any.

Now, IBTS has notified contractors throughout the city — and those who do business in the city — that the City of Central will enforce its contractors' licensure law. Since Aug. 3, scores of contractors have requested the forms and returned them.

According to IBTS, licenses are now being issued.

Central Drugs Offers Incentives to Customers

CENTRAL — The only locally-owned pharmacy in Central is fighting the competition with a new marketing approach.

Central Drug Store, Central's Business of the Year for the past two years, is offering new customers \$10 in gift certificates when they transfer a prescription from another

pharmacy to Central Drugs.

So far, the plan is working.

"We've had an excellent response," owner Claud Derbes said Wednesday. "Many have switched."

How can a locally-owned pharmacy survive today? Judges in the Central City News' Annual Business Awards competition earlier

this year reviewed comments from Central Drug Store customers.

The judges said, "Central Drug Store is very competitive on price. This is unusual for a local pharmacy. But Central Drug Store was named Business of the Year, because of its true excellence in customer service. It sets a high bar in the community."

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Wildcats' RB Lamonte Janeau and QB Bret Courville

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Dale Erdey to Seek 2nd Term in Senate

Senator Touts Conservative Voting Record, Improvements

CENTRAL — Dale Erdey, citing a record of proven leadership resulting in improved highway infrastructure, quality education, lower taxes, better public safety and flood control, announced he will seek reelection to the Louisiana State Senate, District 13 seat.

Senate District 13 includes Denham Springs, Watson, Walker, Livingston, Colyell, Holden, and Albany, all of which are in Livingston Parish. The District also encompasses two precincts in Central along Hooper Road at Greenwell Springs Road and five precincts in Tangipahoa Parish west of I-55 and south of I-12 along LA Highway 22. The primary election will be held on Oct. 22nd.

Erdey is currently serving his first term as State Senator for District 13 and served two terms as State Representative for District 71 in Livingston Parish.

“Serving the people of District



Sen. Dale Erdey

13 and the State of Louisiana is a distinct honor and privilege, an awesome responsibility that I take very seriously. My legislative experience, conservative voting record and dedication to serving my constituency qualify me to continue representing the citizens of District 13.”

Erdey serves on the Senate Committee on Transportation as Vice-chairman, the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal

Affairs and the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality. Erdey also serves on Senate sub-committees for Consumer Affairs and Technology and as Vice-chairman on Vocational Technical and Education.

Championing efforts for widening I-12, Erdey has successfully collaborated with area legislators to secure \$400 million for infrastructure projects in the Baton Rouge area over the past three years. “I have utilized my membership on the Senate and House Transportation Committees to promote and fight for numerous highway improvements, including I-12 widening from O’Neal Lane to Walker, I-12/Juban Road interchange, interchange enhancements at Walker and Denham Springs, LA Highway 16 expansion between Denham Springs and Watson, as well as three new bridges across the Amite River.” Erdey also worked to secure additional funding for widening Juban Road from I-12 to US 190 and extending Cook Road from Pete’s Highway to Juban Road.

Erdey lobbied and won approval from the Legislative Joint Budget Committee and the State Bond Commission for the state’s participation in the Bass Pro Shops development project. “Bass Pro Shops has had a tremendous economic impact on the Baton Rouge region, bringing 300 jobs and millions of dollars to our state and local economy. In essence, Bass Pro Shops development has put our area on the national map.”

Erdey says that he understands the vital importance of providing our children with quality education and child care safety.

He has fought for teacher and support personnel pay raises as well as passed legislation that provided \$11 million in additional teachers pay for 16 school districts. Since elected to the legislature, he has supported over \$627 million in teacher pay raises. In 2010, Erdey was awarded “Legislator of the Year” by the Child Care Association of Louisiana.

Erdey feels he has exemplified fiscal conservative policies while serving in the State Legislature. Erdey has consistently supported tax-relief legislation, reducing over \$1 billion in taxes over the last six years, including the repeal of the Stelly Tax which lowered personal income taxes. He also supported the Louisiana Sales Tax (Exemption) Holiday as well as repealing the state inheritance tax and the state

gift tax.

Erdey fought for flood control and successfully worked with area legislators and leaders to secure state funds for the Comite River Diversion Canal, which will dramatically reduce flooding along the Amite and Comite Rivers. He also fought for legislation that addressed the affordability and availability problems crippling insureds, including the abolition of the politically-appointed Insurance Rating Commission.

Erdey supported ethics reform legislation for state and local officials that set the bar for other states across the nation to follow. He also passed legislation for first year operators that prohibits the use of cell phones while operating a motor vehicle.

“There are many legislative tasks yet to tackle,” Erdey said. “For example, I am aware of the unfunded, mandated costs passed on to our local school systems and will fight to increase funding for our K-12 schools. I will also fight to make our flagship university at LSU and SLU stronger research and teaching institutions by giving them greater autonomy to realize their maximum potential. I pledge to continue fighting for additional funding for roads, roads, and roads!”

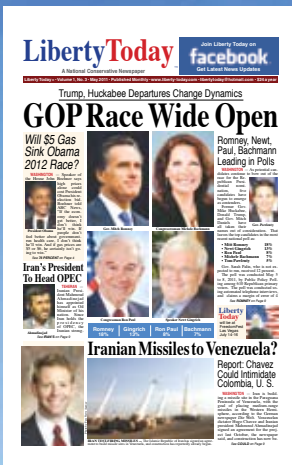
Erdey, who is 56 and a life-long resident of Livingston Parish, graduated from LSU with a degree in Business Administration. He served as Mayor of Livingston from 1993-1997. Currently, he is owner/president of Erdey Insurance Agency and has achieved the professional designation of Certified Insurance Counselor. He maintains a license in Real Estate and is a Notary Public.

Erdey is an active member of the Livingston United Methodist Church, Livingston Parish Chamber of Commerce, Livingston Economic Development Council, Livingston Kiwanis, Central Chamber of Commerce, and National Rifle Association (NRA). He is also a member of Hurd Merrill Masonic Lodge #454 F & AM.

Erdey is a Republican. He is married to Donna Carlisle Erdey. They have four children, Lindsey and son-in-law Brian McCaskill, Ashlyn and son-in-law Cody McMorris, Leah and son-in-law Josh Smith, and Trey. They also have six grandchildren, Jackson and Lawson McCaskill, Kayden and Blake-Lyn McMorris, Bryce and Kenzie Smith.

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Rep. Richardson in House District 65

Clif Richardson Says Education Will Continue to Be His Priority

CENTRAL — “I have the experience to be effective and the burning desire to continue the reforms necessary to help Louisiana move forward. I’d be honored for the voters of District 65 to offer me a second term in office so that together we can continue our good work,” State Rep. Clif Richardson said in announcing his intention to run for re-election.

Richardson is a former Justice of the Peace and businessman in the Central area and is completing his first term in office as state representative for District 65, which runs north/south from Central to Southeast Baton Rouge.

Richardson said as a freshman legislator he built coalitions and relationships that will make his experience an invaluable asset in the next four years.

“Term limits is the cause of high turnover in the Legislature this cycle, and it is offering opportunities for advancement and leadership positions for the freshman class. I have the knowledge and background to use my experience and take a leadership role for District 65, for East Baton Rouge Parish, and all of Louisiana,” he adds.

Richardson says he’s proud of the accomplishments of his first term

Reapportionment Panel To Meet at 6:30 Tuesday

CENTRAL — Councilman Wayne Messina has called a meeting of the Mayor’s Committee on Apportionment for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 30 at the Central Fire Station to discuss City Council apportionment.

Tax-Free Hunting, Camping Supplies

CENTRAL — Reynerson’s Gunsmith Service, 10044 Hooper Rd., and A-1 Archery, 14216 Greenwell Springs Road, are two of the many local businesses that will participate in the Louisiana Department of Revenue’s Second Amendment Tax-Free Holiday.

Under a law passed by the Louisiana Legislature, hunting and camping supplies will be exempt

but says there is much that remains to be done. He says balancing the budget without new taxes while maintaining critical state services has been a particularly difficult challenge during tough economic times. However, he says he’ll continue to fight to ensure that those in need of health care and other essential services have ready access to these programs.

In addition, Richardson cites ethics reforms and education reforms as areas the Legislature has addressed in his first term to help overcome the nation’s poor perception of our state. He says he is particularly proud of his efforts to ensure a balanced budget each year and maintain and improve the TOPS scholarship program for graduating seniors—a program that continues to receive national acclaim.

“I’ll continue to be a conservative voice for our district but I’ll make the tough choices when that have to be made. Investing in the education of our children is a challenging choice but needs to be done. And regarding taxes, I think we should look at the areas of taxation that are causing us to be uncompetitive in economic development and are hurting our middle class families and reduce or eliminate those barriers to growth. And while there may have to be some tradeoffs, I am definitely not in favor of increasing overall taxes. Government should run like a business and like our families in that regard—it should live within its means,” Richardson says.

In addition, Richardson says he was honored to work with the state’s law enforcement officials to strengthen the rules of evidence when prosecuting criminals and has been praised for his efforts to pass a stricter confidentiality law that protects the innocent victims of crime.

Regarding reforms and programs he would like to address in the coming term, Richardson says education will continue to be a priority along with economic development. He says infrastructure, roads and bridg-

from all state and local sales taxes from Friday, Sept. 2 to Sunday, Sept. 5.

Firearms eligible for the sales tax exemption include shotguns, rifles, pistols, revolvers, or other handguns, which may be legally sold or purchased in Louisiana. Ammunition intended to be fired from a gun or firearm is eligible for the sales tax exemption.



Rep. Clif Richardson

es have been and will continue to be extremely important for his district and admits that the Baton Rouge area delegation has worked hard as a team to secure over \$400 million in local funding over the past 3½ years for a number of critical road and infrastructure projects. Specific to District 65, Richardson cites some \$230 million in road improve-

ments including the I-12 expansion, widening of O’Neal Lane, 4-laning of Sullivan Road, the Magnolia Bridge project, Greenwell Springs overlay, improvements to the Florida and Flannery intersection, and the widening of Millerville from I-12 to South Harrell’s Ferry Road.

“These projects are right here in our district and affect not just our residents but everyone in the entire region. We’ve been able to get projects moved up on the priority list and we’ve got more waiting to begin. As one of the fastest growing areas in the state, we need these projects to maintain our steady growth and quality of life,” he adds.

He and his wife Dianne have two children and seven grandchildren. He is a longtime, active member of Fellowship Baptist Church and has served on the board or as a member of numerous business and civic organizations including the Chamber of Commerce, Homebuilders Association, Optimist Club, Volunteer Fire Department, and many others.

“Serving the wonderful people of District 65 has been an honor and a privilege. I want to continue taking this experience and using it to better serve the people of our district and our state,” he concludes.

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— Rep. Clif Richardson



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Music Video Filmed at Joor Road Chapel

CENTRAL — Central was the scene of a World Premiere Saturday night — the unveiling of a new music video, which was produced here in Central. The 4:08 video is entitled “Blakeley Keith: Speak Now.” It was produced by Matt Keith. The humorous video stars local kids and was filmed at the home of Gil and Michelle Matherne in Comite West and at the Matherne’s Chapel on Joor. It plays off a song by Taylor Swift in which a young woman objects to a young man getting married. “I’m not the kind of girl who should be rudely barging in on a white veil



Hayes and Braxton Matherne and Iva Martel



Watching the video



Michelle Matherne

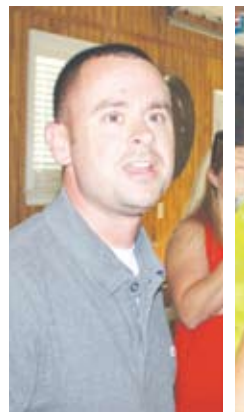
occasion, but you’re not the kind of guy who should be marrying the wrong girl!” She succeeds in stopping the wedding. It’s all colorfully portrayed by actors who are under five. Talent includes Blakeley Keith (star), Iva Martel (bride), Hayes Matherne (groom), Braxton Matherne (preacher), Hannah Sunseri, Bryson Keith, Drew Martel, and Chloe, Isabel, and Caleb Robbins (wedding attendees). Mike Thompson (editor), Gabriel Saint (director of photography), and Felicia Capone (hair and makeup). The premiere was at the Matherne home.



Brenda Keith, Shara Pollard, and Amber Martel



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Central Success Story



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CENTRAL'S ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR Stacey Lancaster is shown with her nephew, Jeff Prisk, who is the Logistics Manager of Lancaster House, the wholesale/retail home decor firm which has developed an international business. Lancaster House manufactures more than 3,000 products. Lancaster House will be open to the public Sept. 9-11. It will also have a tent sale on Sept. 23-25.

Barry Elkins to Seek House District 64 Seat

CENTRAL — Barry Elkins of Greenwell Springs is running for State Representative in House District 64 in the Oct. 22 primary. This position is an open seat left vacant by Mack "Bodi" White. White has announced he is running for Louisiana State Senate in District 6. House District 64 crosses parish lines and includes parts of Central, Zachary, and Watson.

Elkins' platform will concentrate on economic growth and crime prevention. "I want to ensure the citizens of District 64 have a say in the most important issues that affect them today. Issues such as taxes, education of our children, continued improvements of our roads and highways, and of course, the most important concern on everyone's minds today is that of jobs and business expansion," Elkins. "As the Representative of District 64, I pledge to be accessible and open to the ideas of those who live in my district. I have the time and the experience to confront the challenges that we face today and into the future."

An attorney for 17 years, Elkins is co-owner of Magnolia Title of Baton Rouge, LLC. Prior to founding Magnolia Title, he served as a biology teacher in both Webster and St. Tammany Parishes. Elkins also worked 15 years as a medical equipment salesperson for several national medical companies.

Elkins is a member of many associations including the Land Title Association, Livingston Board of Realtors, Central Chamber of Commerce, Livingston Chamber of Commerce, Zachary Chamber of Commerce and Krewe of Tucumcari. He is also a past



Barry Elkins

board member of the Istrouma Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Family is very important in Elkins' life. Elkins is married to Angela LeBlanc, co-owner of Magnolia title and Associate of Crawford, Lewis, PLLC. He has four children and two grandchildren. The Elkins attend St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Zachary.

Due to robust population growth along I-12 and I-10 corridors, five new House seats were created in the area near District 64. This also meant that many of the existing districts in the area had to shrink in size. District 64 was 20 percent over the population of an "ideal" district and was compacted in both the East Baton Rouge and Livingston portions of the district.

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Helen Easley Celebrates 92nd Birthday

Photos by Woody Jenkins



BIRTHDAY — Friends and family of Helen Easley Hodges (front row in green) gathered Saturday at Sammy's for Helen's 92nd birthday party.



Jay Easley, Janice Depino, Helen Easley Hodges, and Joe Earl Easley



Alma Caston and Helen Easley Hodges



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CENTRAL — Long-time Central resident Helen Easley Hodges celebrated her 92nd birthday last Saturday surrounded by her children and close friends at Sammy's.

Mrs. Hodges has four children, 13 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren. She is in good health and still drives. Her grandchildren and other family members held a party earlier.

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Christa Smith

Library Book Sale Saturday, Aug. 27

CENTRAL — Events coming up in and around Central:

Saturday, August 27
Library Book Sale • 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 The East Baton Rouge Parish Library will hold a Library Book Sale at Recycled Reads, 13505 Hooper.

Saturday, August 27
Free SAT Practice Test
9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Teens in grades 9-12 are invited to take a free SAT Practice Test at the Main Library, 7711 Goodwood Blvd. A scores-back and review session will be held Thursday, Sept. 1 at 6:30 p.m. For information or to register, call 231-3770.

Saturday, August 27
What Does the Public Library Have to Offer Home-Schooling Parents? • 10 a.m.
 Staff from Children's Services and Teen Services will show parents what the East Baton Rouge Parish Library has to offer parents who home-school their children — collection, databases, websites, and more. The meeting will be at the Main Library, 7711 Goodwood Blvd. Registration is required. For information or to register, call 231-3760.

Saturday, August 27
Cub Scout Kick-Off
12 noon to 3 p.m.
 Pack 125 would like to invite all 1st through 5th grade boys of Central to the 5th Annual Kick-Off at the St. Alphonsus Family Center. If you are interested in Cub Scouts, come join in an afternoon of fun and getting to know members of Pack 125.

Saturday, August 27
Scout Day in Central • 2 to 5 p.m.
 Scout Day in Central will be held at Cornerstone Church, 9611 Blackwater Road. Enjoy demonstrations, displays, and activities coordinated by District Boy Scout Troops and Cub Scout Packs. For information, call Rhonda Smith at 926-2697 or visit www.bonemarketing.com/scoutday.

Saturday, August 27
Sports Injury Clinic • 8 to 10 a.m.
 Central Physical Therapy, 13111 Hooper Rd., will hold a free Sports Injury Clinic during high school football season. There will be free sports injury screening to athletes of all sports. For information, call 261-7094.

Sunday, August 28
Bethany Baptist of Baywood Ground Breaking Ceremony
 The church family would like to invite everyone to join in Sunday services and ground breaking ceremonies at Bethany Baptist of Baywood. Bible Study and Sunday School starts at 9:30 a.m., church services at 10:30 a.m., and ground breaking ceremony to follow. For information, call 719-1253.

Sunday, August 28
Art Closing Reception • 2 to 3 p.m.
 The Art League of Central cordially invites the public to an art exhibit entitled "In the Footsteps of the Masters." The exhibit is now through Aug. 31 at the Central Library, 11260 Joor Road. A Closing Reception will be held Sunday, Aug. 28 at the library.

Wednesday, August 31
Pack 125 Parent's Night • 7 p.m.

Lost & Found
 No charge for listing one week. Call 261-5055.

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LADY LEGENDZ WINS NSA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP — The Lady Legendz 12U girls fast pitch team won the 2011 NSA State Championship in Live Oak Saturday, July 16 with a final score of 6-0. The Legendz took the title with four out of five victories to finish their season and earn their first title of NSA State Champions. Pictured are (1st row, left to right) Tori Guidry, Hannah Winans, Emily Danehower, Katlyn Daigle, Haley Winans, and Marlee Boyd and (2nd row) coach Derek Boyd, Emery Stovall, Sheyane Anaya, Hollyn Ducote, Michaela McHugh, Madison Watts, Lakyn Wales, and coach Erika Sluss. Not pictured Aubrie Watson.

Pack 125 would like to invite parents who are interested in the Cub Scout Program to come to Parent's Night at St. Alphonsus in the St. Francis Room. Come meet pack leaders and learn about the scouting program. Open to all boys in grades 1st through 5th.

September 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29
Scale Down Information Sessions
11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
 Say goodbye to those unwanted pounds! Get started today with Scale Down, an HMR program for weight management at Lane Regional Medical Center. Registration is required and space is limited. Call 658-4463.

Tuesday, September 6
Ask The Doctor
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 A Lunch and Learn to address knee pain and other orthopedic concerns will be held in the staff development classroom at Lane Regional Medical Center in Zachary. Dr. Adam Whately, an orthopedic surgeon with Baton Rouge Orthopedic Clinic, will address arthritis associated with knee pain and other orthopedic concerns. Advance reservations are required by calling 654-5263. The session is free and includes a light lunch.

Thursday, September 8
Chamber Members Dinner
5:30 p.m.
 The City of Central Chamber of Commerce will hold its September Members Dinner at Greenwood Reception Center, 14025 Greenwell Springs Road. Leo Honeycutt, author of "Edwin Edwards: Governor of Louisiana, An Authorized Biography," will be the guest speaker. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for networking and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Cost is \$12 at the door.

Tuesday, September 13
Diabetes Support Group
6 to 7:30 p.m.
 A Diabetes Support Group meeting will be held at Lane Regional Medical

Center, 6300 Main St. All who have Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes, including family, friends, and any other in a supporting role, are invited. For information, contact Sherri Brady, RN at 658-4583.

Tuesday, September 13
Art Show featuring works by Ted Mayeux • 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
 An Art Show featuring the works by Ted Mayeux will be held at Lewy Physical Therapy, 31985 LA Highway 16 in Denham Springs. On June 1, 2009, a hemorrhagic stroke abruptly ended Ted's career as a chiropractor. The stroke left him paralyzed on his right (dominant) side. He suffers with speech, memory, vision and hearing impairments, and has struggled to re-learn basic skills. After Ted was released from rehab, it didn't take long for him to request painting supplies. Within a few weeks, Ted had painted several acrylic and oil paintings — all with his left hand. For information, contact Buddy Brasseaux at 791-7114 or Wanda Mayeux at 445-5758. RSVP to wmayeux@mangbourgeois.com or buddy@lewypt.com.

Saturday, September 17
Fishing Tournament
Safe Daylight to 3 p.m.
 The Rotary Club of Central is hosting a Fishing Tournament to benefit the Central Community Assistance Foundation. The CCAF helps students and their families suffering economic hardship. The fishing tournament will be held at False River Public Land-

ing in New Roads To donate auction items, door prizes, or money, please contact Kenny Wall at 405-0428, Jennifer Hinton at 937-3553, Doug Blacklock at 938-3574 or Deana Blacklock at 261-4858.

Saturday, September 17
Central Area Horse Show • 4 p.m.
 The Central Area Horse Show, sponsored by the Deep South Stock Horse Show Association, will be held at the Shady Park Arena on Greenwell Springs Road. Judged and timed events in four age groups. Beginners welcome. For info, www.dsssha.org.

Monday, September 19
Meet the Candidates Forum
6 p.m.
 The Republican Women of Central will sponsor a Meet the Candidates Forum at Pit Crew BBQ, 9718 Shady Bluff on the corner of Hooper Road. Doors open at 6 p.m. Forum and meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. The Forum will feature all qualified Republican candidates running for statewide and parish elections being held on Saturday, Oct. 22. RSVP via email to Republican-WomenofCentral@yahoo.com. \$15 per person includes meeting, barbecue buffet, soft drinks, and door prizes. For information on events or membership, visit www.lfrw.org/republican-womenofcentral.

Thursday, September 29
Free Prostate Cancer Screening
6 p.m.
 Lane Regional Medical Center and urologist Dr. Robert Grissom will host a free prostate cancer screening. Appointments are required and space is limited. Call 654-5263 to schedule your appointment today.

Sunday, October 2
Bethany Baptist of Baywood Homecoming
 The church family would like to invite everyone to join in Homecoming Services at Bethany Baptist of Baywood. Bible Study and Sunday School starts at 9:30 a.m., church services at 10:30 a.m., and dinner on the grounds to follow. For information, call 719-1253.

Friday, October 7
CHS Hall of Fame Induction
7 p.m.
 This year's Central High Hall of Fame Inductees will be the 1922, 1993, and 1995 State Championship Baseball Teams. The teams were coached by Randy Blanchard, a current member of the Hall of Fame. The new inductees will be honored prior to the Central vs. Zachary game at Wildcat Stadium. Players of these teams should email contact information to Sid Edwards at eedwards@centralles.com.

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40 Years Ago • 1971 to 2011

1970-1971: A Year of Change For Students at Central High

Elva Jo Crawford

Special to the Central City News

CENTRAL — The school year 1970-1971 was one of many changes both for the Central community and the world. Charles T. Kinsley was principal of Central High and had worked very hard to bring about compliance with the desegregation court order for East Baton Rouge Parish, racially integrating the faculty and student bodies of all public schools, including Central High.

The local newspaper back then was *The Beacon* and was edited by Mrs. Betty Steven, selling for 10 cents a copy and printed by Milldale Baptist Church. Kormmeyer's was the premiere furniture store in Baton Rouge and presented all the female graduates each year with a miniature cedar chest, hoping, of course, that they would return later to purchase one of the full sized ones. In Central, there was no Wal-Mart, CVS, or Walgreen's.

The Central High Marching Maroons Band and newly-formed Girls Flag Corps made a trip to Monterrey, Mexico with no worry then of drug cartels. Central's school mascot was both an actual caged wildcat as well as a student body member dressed as a wildcat.

On the national scene, the draft for the Vietnam War was winding down. The 26th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was sailing through Congress, giving 18 year olds the right to vote. The mantra for the right to vote campaign being "If you can be drafted to go to war and die for



Members of the Class of 1971 recently toured the old Central High (Central Middle).

your country, then you should be able to vote!" Members of the Class of 1971 were among the first 18 year olds to vote.

Even though the school year was one of many changes, Mr. Kinsley said in his address for the Central High yearbook: "Regardless of the changes I think this is one of the best school years I have seen at Central. The atmosphere at school is great. Most of the people I find extremely nice. I think that everyone connected with Central can be extremely proud of their school and community."

In the above photo standing immediately in front of the Wildcat insignia is Chuck Snider, the only reunion attendee from the Central Private School Class of 1971. Chuck had attended Central High through the 11th grade. He transferred to Central Private where his sister had been enrolled since 1967. That first year Central Private was grades 1 through 6 and Mr. J.A. Smith was the first principal. In the spring of 1971, the school graduated its first class of 13 students. Today Chuck and his family live in North Carolina.

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Milestones

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HARRIS, HUSSER

Kallie Harris and Christopher Husser exchanged vows June 4 at Broadmoor Methodist Church in Baton Rouge.

MILESTONES

Send to centralcitynews@hotmail.com or Box 1, Central, LA 70739, or deliver to 13567 Hooper Rd.

Elliot Marie Smith

Blake and Mikelyn (Dinecola) Smith are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Elliot Marie. She was welcomed home by big brother, Ethen Michael.

Elliot was born May 12, 2011, at Woman's Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, 5.9 ounces, and was 19.75 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Mike and Annette Dinecola, Phyllis and Jeff Dykes, and Mike and Kelli Smith. Proud Godparents are Brian and Jessica Bailey.



Kallie Harris and Christopher Husser Wed June 4 at Broadmoor Methodist

BATON ROUGE — Kallie Lynn Harris of French Settlement and Christopher William Husser of Central were united in marriage on June 4, 2011, at Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. Pastor John LoCascio officiated at the ceremony. A reception followed at Ashley Manor.

The bride is the daughter of Bobby and Shelley Harris of French Settlement. She is the granddaughter of Doris Parker and the late Shelly Parker of French Settlement and Helen Harris and the late Bobby Harris of Denham Springs.

The groom is the son of Ronnie and Debbie Husser of Central. He is the grandson of J.T. and Stella Guzzardo of Independence and the late Bob and Ruth Husser of Hammond.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents. She was attended by her maid of honor, Ashley Harris of French Settlement. Bridesmaids were Victoria Harris, Karen Wolfe, Stephanie Harris, Kayla LaCaze, Amber Allement, and Grace Wolfe. Flower girl was Aubrey Husser. Readers were Christi Parker and Kimberly Parker. Program attendants were Maggie Breeland and Zoie Sedberry.

The groom was attended by his best man, Danny McLaughlin of



Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Husser

Baton Rouge. Groomsmen were Jackie Villar, Bobby Messenger, Robbie Miller, T.J. Brown, Brett Husser, and Brant Husser. Ring bearers were Landon Wolfe and Landon Husser. Ushers were David Harris and Jeremy Wolfe.

A rehearsal dinner, hosted by parents of the groom, was held in honor of the bride and groom at Ralph and Kacoo's on June 2. After the wedding, the couple enjoyed an amazing honeymoon in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. The couple resides in Denham Springs.



Avery Blaire Bridges

Matthew and Brooke (Scardina) Bridges are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Avery Blaire.

Avery was born June 15, 2011, at 7:14 a.m. She weighed seven pounds, three ounces, and was 18.5 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Sidney and Stephanie Scardina and David and Cathy Bridges of Central.

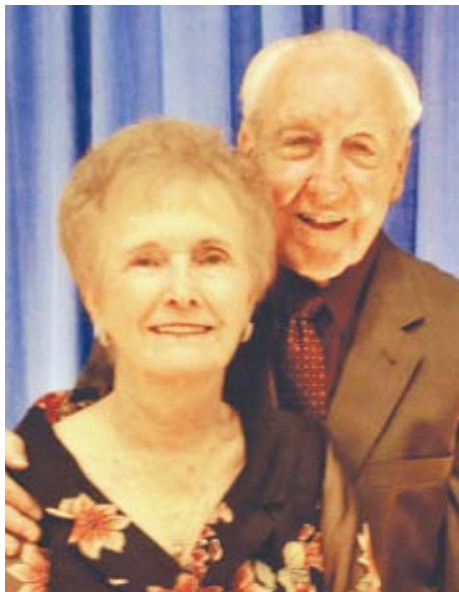
Local Couple Celebrate 65th Anniversary

CENTRAL — Goodie and Bobbie Jeffers of Central will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2011.

The Jeffers' have two daughters, Stephanie Aaron and Pamela Allmen and a son, Michael Jeffers.

The couple was married at Southside Baptist Church by Charles Heine.

She is the former Bobbie Black. He is a World War II veteran.



Mr. and Mrs. Goodie Jeffers

Local High School Reunions

Saturday, Sept. 17
Central High Class of 1991
7 to 10 p.m.

The Central High Class of 1991 will hold its 20-year reunion at The Roux House, 143 3rd Street in Baton Rouge. Tickets are \$25. Visit www.classcreator.com/Baton-Rouge-LA-Central-1991 to register and purchase tickets. For information, contact Missy (Battle) Every at 504-247-8393.

Saturday, Sept. 17
Pride High Class Reunion
7 to 10:30 p.m.

The Pride High School Reunion Committee is looking for school fac-

ulty, graduates, and attendees for this year's reunion. The reunion will be at Forest Grove Reception Center, 8743 Stephenson Dr. in Denham Springs.

Saturday, Oct. 15
Baker High Class of 1981

The Baker High Class of 1981 will celebrate their 30-year reunion at the Crowne Plaza in Baton Rouge. The class is seeking classmates who were graduates of the 1980, 1981, and 1982 classes of Baker High School. For information, email your address to Suzie Watson Jullens at susanjullens@gmail.com. The deadline is Sept. 1.



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Central Looked Sharp in Scrimmage



Coaches Doug Dotson, Bryan Hutson, and Rob Chapman



Central offense lines up against Thibodaux defense in Friday's scrimmage.



Storm clouds hovered near the field.



Central 1st team offense ran through plays before the scrimmage.



Logan Metcalfe and Joey Jarreau



Kevin Pihl, Zach Hetrick, and Jake Myer. Hetrick had to get a new helmet.



Lorenzo Winding made key tackle

Regular Session Should Be Easy — Compared to East Feliciana



Trevor Harding and Zack Evans have been recovering from injuries.

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Feliciana is a newly-consolidated school, created by merging Clinton and Jackson.

The new school played football for the first time last year and was, well, undefeated (12-0). Undefeated until the state semi-finals when it lost to perennial state champion John Curtis. That's the good news.

The bad news is, almost the entire East Feliciana team is back this year, including All-State **junior** quarterback Kendell Beckwith (6-3, 225), who passed for 18 touchdowns and 1,582 yards as a sophomore. Oh, he also ran for 863 yards and 15 TD's.

Anyway, East Feliciana is only 2A (as if that matters).

Central should have its hands full Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Bronco Stadium in Zachary.

Coach Dotson was very pleased with the Wildcats' performance

against Thibodaux. Not a man known for lavish praise, Dotson heaped it on the team Friday night. "Great job, men! You did everything we asked you to do, and more!"

Dotson seems to have a special place in his heart for this young team, which is filled with talent. Some say the talent is there to out-perform the Wildcats' of 2009 and be one of the best teams in many years. It really all depends on what Dotson is calling "Single Focus."

LSU apparently doesn't have it. Teams don't go out to a bar room en masse after curfew as a way to "build a winning team."

In the Thibodaux scrimmage, Dotson found out what he wanted to know. He saw the Wildcats out-hit and out-pace Thibodaux.

Central's soon-to-be star QB Brett Courville ran for two touchdowns and another long gain. Thibodaux

saw nothing but his tail lights all during the game.

Central has some blazing speed that not many teams will be able to compete with. The Courville-to-Gary Triplet combination wasn't working Friday night but it will. When Central spreads its speed to either side of the field, all I can say to opposing coaches is, watch out!

The DL did well, especially Joey Jarreau and Zach Hedrick. Logan Metcalfe made some good calls.

The OL handled Thibodaux well. Central's 1st team on both sides is solid. The 2nd and 3rd team didn't get much playing time against Thibodaux, because lightning delayed the scrimmage for an hour. We hope to see more of them soon.

On Friday, please wear maroon!

Photos by Woody Jenkins

Jamboree Opponent Highly Is Touted



One-on-one drills before scrimmage



Quarterback Brett Courville was a threat during last week's scrimmage



Devon Gales made strong showing



Offense preparing for game



QB Brett Courville



QB Brett Courville running for a touchdown



Coach Jerry Fremin and Thomas Willis



Offensive coordinator David Simoneaux talks to team



After the game, Coach Doug Dotson told team, "Great job, men! I'm proud of you."

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Central Private Drops Rain-Soaked Game

CENTRAL — As storm clouds gathered on the horizon, Central Private's season opener against Cenla Academy of Pineville made it to the coin toss before officials had to delay the game for bad weather.

Some 35 to 40 minutes later, the game resumed with a late kickoff. From that point on, the field looked as though it were deluged with yellow flags instead of raindrops as the game was fraught with penalties.

Senior Lance Wicker scored the single CPS touchdown, and the game ended with Central Private losing to Cenla 28 to 6.

Photos by Selsler Photography



Kyle Blackburn



Mason Jordan



Rhett Seguin

2011 Central Private Rebels JV and Varsity Softball

Photos by Selsler Photography



CENTRAL PRIVATE LADY REBELS JV (left photo) team includes (1st row, left to right) Amber Dougherty, Ragan Griffin, Kati Cobb, Kaci Wilson, and Emily Danehower, (2nd row) Allison Flurry, Julia Wicker, Alayna Averette, Brook Kirby, Madison Nunnery, Lauren Bihm, and Samantha Romero, and (3rd row) coaches Dan Anders, Terry Roberts, Dave Baggett, Lynn Flurry, and head coach Michelle Davis. **LADY REBELS VARSITY** (right photo) team includes (1st row, left to right) Lauren West, Lauren Bihm, Reagan Baggett, Madison Nunnery, Emily Danehower, and Bayleigh Anders, (2nd row) Brandy Melancon, Alex Stuckey, Shelby Romero, Kelli Wilson, Samantha Romero, and Madison Knap, and (3rd row) coaches Dan Anders, Terry Roberts, Dave Baggett, Lynn Flurry, and head coach Michelle Davis.



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Central Swim Team Invites Wildcat Fans To Fall Swim Meets

CENTRAL — Central High swimming coach Scott Osborne has announced the following swim meets for boys and girls:

- Saturday, Sept. 10 at Crawfish Aquatics at 9:00 AM
- Saturday, Sept. 24 at Crawfish Aquatics at 9:00 AM
- Saturday, Oct. 8 at Crawfish Aquatics at 9:00 AM
- Saturday, Oct. 29 at Crawfish Aquatics at 9:00 AM
- Saturday, Nov. 5 City Meet at LSU
- Wednesday, Nov. 16 State Meet in Sulphur.

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Aug. 26 East Feliciana A
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Sept. 9	St. Thomas More	A
Sept. 16	WOODLAWN	H
Sept. 23	Catholic High	A
Sept. 30	ST. AMANT*	H
Oct. 7	ZACHARY*	H
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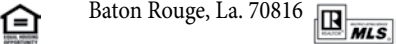
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