

Mayoral Candidate in April 5 Election

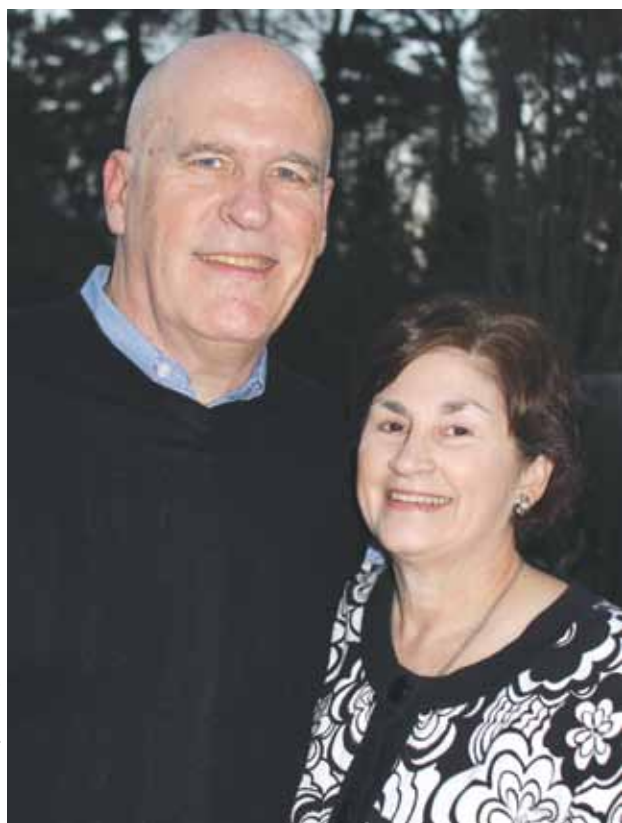
GOP Backs Shelton

Republicans Endorse 8 In Central Elections

The Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish has endorsed the following candidates in the April 5 election:

- MAYOR**
Jr. Shelton
- POLICE CHIEF**
James Salsbury
- CITY COUNCIL**
(Vote for five)
Shane Evans
Dr. Kim Fralick
Wayne Messina
Harry Rauls
John Vance
Ralph Washington

Photo by Woody Jenkins



Jr. Shelton, candidate for Mayor, with wife Rita

Candidate for Mayor Described as Man of Character with Positive Plan

CENTRAL - The Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish has endorsed businessman Jr. Shelton for Mayor of the City of Central in municipal elections set for Saturday, April 5.

The action was taken by the Republican Parish Executive Committee or PEC, the 17-member elected body established by state law to govern the party in the parish.

The party issued a statement saying Shelton is a man of character with a positive plan for the City of Central.

Shelton narrowly lost
 See Page 20, Col. 1



Asst. Chief James Salsbury, candidate for Police Chief

Salsbury Endorsed For Chief of Police

CENTRAL - Central Assistant Police Chief James Salsbury, who has been endorsed for Police Chief in Central by many current and former police chiefs in the Baton Rouge area, has now received the

Republican Party endorsement in municipal elections set for Saturday, April 5. Salsbury is a 27-year veteran of the Baton Rouge City Police who rose to the rank of sergeant. He also
 See Page 16, Col. 1

Ralph Washington Wins Right to Seek Reelection to City Council

BATON ROUGE - Central Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Washington won a victory in District Court last Tuesday when

Judge Tim Kelley threw out a suit by the Louisiana Board of Ethics to disqualify Washington from the April 5 elec-

tion ballot. The Board had 24 hours to file an appeal but failed to do so. The Board had alleged

that Washington falsely swore that he owed no back due penalties to the Board. But Judge Kelley
 See Page 11, Col. 1

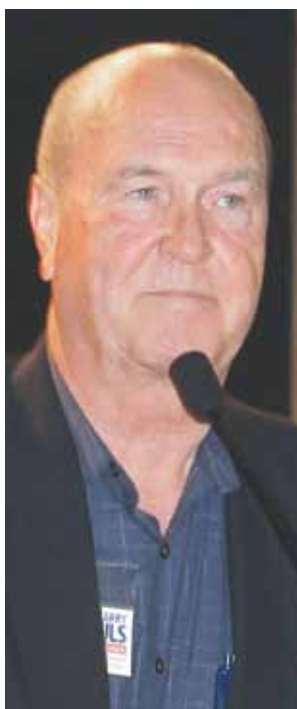
Voters to Choose Five Council Members from 11 Candidates

Republican Party Backs Six Candidates for Council



Ralph Washington
 Candidate for Council

CENTRAL - The Republican Party has endorsed six candidates for five seats on the City Council in the April 5, 2014, Central municipal primary. For more on the party's choices, see stories on Pages 8-10



Harry Rauls
 Candidate for Council



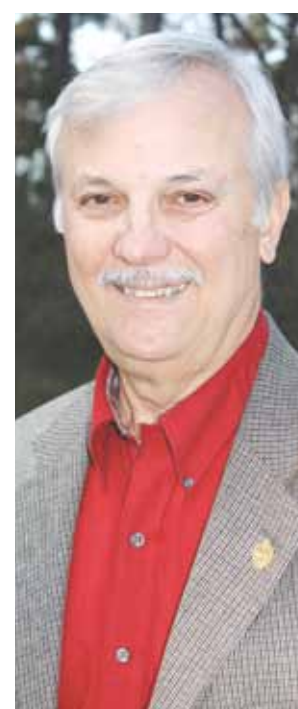
Dr. Kim Fralick
 Candidate for Council



John Vance
 Candidate for Council



Shane Evans
 Candidate for Council



Wayne Messina
 Candidate for Council

COMMUNITY PRESS, LLC

CAPITAL CITY NEWS

CENTRAL CITY NEWS

& South Baton Rouge Journal Vol. 23 • No. 3 & The Leader Vol. 17 • No. 3, No. 357

910 North Foster Drive Post Office Box 1
Baton Rouge, LA 70806 Greenwell Springs, LA 70739

Phone (225) 261-5055 • Entire contents © 2013

Email stories and photos to centralcitynews@hotmail.com

Published on the first Thursday of each month (except January, when it is the second Thursday) by Community Press, LLC

The Leader was founded April 30, 1998, and the Central City News was founded April 21, 2005. They merged May 4, 2006. Capital City News is a continuation of the South Baton Rouge Journal, which went on hiatus in 2008 during its 20th year of publication. The Capital City News resumed publication of the Journal with Vol. 21, No. 1 on Aug. 16, 2012.

Editor & Publisher
Business Manager
Business Specialist



Woody Jenkins
Candi Lee
Jolice Provost

Member, Louisiana Press Association, Southern Newspaper Publishers Association, and National Newspaper Association

Deadline for news and advertising: 5 p.m. Friday before publication
\$18 a year by subscription in advance • \$25 a year outside East Baton Rouge



PULLING A LOOSE TOOTH — Greg Smith works on 7-year-old daughter Hannah's loose tooth. "Just wiggle it, daddy, don't pull it!" she begged. "Oh, I won't!" he promised. Then whap! he pulled it! "But you said you wouldn't!" she cried. "I didn't pull it, just wiggled it hard!" he said.

Photo by Lori Smith

Country Living in the City

Central's Chance to End Divided Government

Shelton Team vs. Freneau Team: A Clear Choice

Woody Jenkins
Editor

Gridlock. That's what Washington and the nation face with divided government. An unpopular President of one party. The Senate in his party's hands. The House firmly in the hands of the other party. It is bitter and acrimonious, and nothing gets done. Unfortunately, that's the way Central's government has become too. Two sides who fight it out, with the Council on one side and the Mayor on the other. Even the Council is divided, and the public sits on the sidelines just praying that it will

all end. Fortunately, in Central, there is a way out. And we have a good model of how to do it right here in Central. It is the Central Community School Board. Jr. Shelton said it best. "When government is working right, you don't hear much about it." The school board is working very well, and you just don't hear much about it. Four years ago, the political group led by Russell Starns lost their two seats on the Central school board. For the past four years, all seven members of the school board have been solid conservative, Christian, Republican leaders. They are people of good will who are not interested in building a power base or promoting a political agenda. Their only interest is educating the children of Central in the best possible way. And for the past four years, you haven't heard much from the school board. Few big controversies, just

hard work day in and day out. During that time, the school built the new \$55 million Central School Complex, renovated the other schools in the system, passed a new bond issue to make further improvements, and led the school system to No. 2 in the state in some categories. The superintendent, Mr. Mike Faulk, has brought honor to Central by serving as president of the Louisiana School Superintendents Association and by being named Louisiana's Superintendent of the Year. The school system has built up a \$10 million surplus. And the board is almost completely free of controversy. On April 5, the voters of the City of Central can choose between two teams, Team Shelton and Team Freneau.

Everybody knows who's on which team. The best thing we can do is give one of the teams the ball and let them run with it. A divided government, made up of a Mayor on one side and Councilmen who are split two ways will give us continued controversy and make real progress almost impossible. So pick the team that best represents you, and let's give one team or the other the opportunity to form a working government so they can do Central's work without all the drama.

★★★

You are invited to a Patriots Day Luncheon and Fundraiser, featuring Texas Supreme Court Justice John Devine and AJA president Darrell White at 12 noon on Wednesday, March 12 at the LSU Rural Life Museum, 4560 Essen Lane. Food will include Menu Bill Smith's Chili, Old Glory Cornbread, King Ranch Coleslaw, and desserts and coffee. RSVP to billsmithbr@bellsouth.net. Co-sponsored by Cowboys for Christ and American Judicial Alliance. www.ajatoday.com



Woody Jenkins

Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon

Tuesday, Mar. 11, 2014
Rep. Paul Hollis Candidate U. S. Senate

Sponsored by Republican Party of EBR
11:30 Reception • 12 Lunch • \$15
Café Américain • 7521 Jefferson Hwy.
RSVP richie@richieedmonds.com



"Like" Capital Republican on Facebook or go to CapitalRepublican.com

Community Press 2014 Publication Schedule

Central City News - Published 1st Thursday of each month, except January, when it is the 2nd Thursday

Deadline: 5 p.m. Monday before publication
Central City News is distributed in the City of Central

Capital City News - Same as Above

Deadline: 5 p.m. Monday before publication
Capital City News is distributed in Baton Rouge & St. George

Central City News - Special Election Edition
Thursday, March 20, 2014 - Ad Deadline 5 p.m., Monday

Central STAT Care

URGENT CARE & WALK-IN CLINIC



... unless you just want to wait

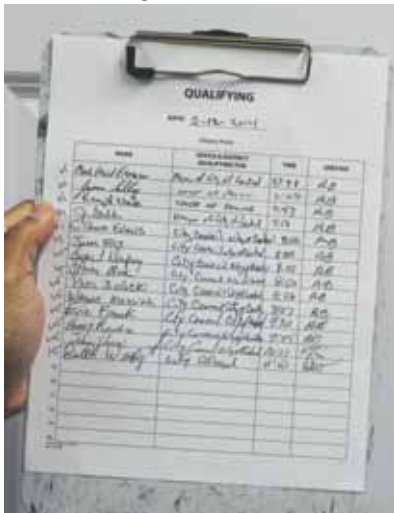
261-4493 Hooper Road - Between Joor and Sullivan

Mayor, Police Chief, City Council on April 5 Ballot

Candidates Qualify for Central Elections



DR. KIM FRALICK, candidate for Central City Council



Candidate sign-up sheet



JOHN VANCE (right), candidate for Central City Council



JR. SHELTON, candidate for Mayor of the City of Central



Mayoral candidate DAVE FRENEAUX

15 Candidates for Central City Offices

CENTRAL — Qualifying opened on Wednesday, Feb. 12 for candidates seeking to run in Central’s municipal elections, which are scheduled for Saturday, April 5. Clerk of Court Doug Welborn accepted papers from Central candidates on the first day of qualifying. By 12 noon, 14 candidates had qualified for Mayor, Police Chief, and five seats on the Central City Council. Later in the day, another candidate qualified at the Clerk’s office downtown. Seeking office will be

Mayor — Dave Freneau and Jr. Shelton, both Republicans

See **CLERK** on Page 4

Our proven way to understand local business? Be one.

Decisions made here. Banking made simple.

reddriverbank.net - 225.928.8200



RED RIVER BANK

An Independent Community Bank • Member FDIC

Clerk of Court Doug Welborn Came to



ASST. CHIEF JAMES SALSBUARY (right), candidate for Police Chief



SHANE EVANS for Council



JASON ELLIS (right), candidate for Central City Council



JUNE DUPUY, candidate for Council



AARON MOAK, candidate for Central City Council



KERRY CLARK (left), candidate for Central Police Chief

Retired teacher seeks passionate helper for tasks around the house.

It takes a special person to become a Home Instead CAREGiver.

- No experience needed
- Training and support provided
- Flexible shifts
- A job that nurtures the soul

Apply at homeinsteadla.net



Become a CAREGiver™

Now hiring in EBRP, Livingston and Ascension. Find out more at www.hiscapplication.com 225.341.5919

Continued from Page 2

Police Chief — Kerry Clark and James Salsbury, both Republicans.

Central City Council (five to be elected) — June Dupuy, Jason Ellis, Shane Evans, Dr. Kim Fralick, Eric Frank, Mike Gardner, Councilman Wayne Messina (incumbent), Councilman Aaron Moak (incumbent), Harry Rauls, John Vance, and Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Washington (incumbent), all Republicans.

One week after the close of qualifying, the Louisiana Board of Ethics filed a civil lawsuit to have Councilman Ralph Washington disqualified from running for reelection, based on an alleged failure to file a campaign report timely and pay a \$100 penalty. Washington contested the matter at trial before District Judge Tim Kelley at the new Parish Court-

house in downtown Baton Rouge.

After a trial on the merits, Judge Kelley threw out the lawsuit, saying there was no evidence that the Mayor Pro-Tem intentionally violated the law and that disqualifying him would be an injustice. The State of Louisiana had 24 hours to file an appeal in the case, but it failed to do so, and Ralph Washington's name will appear on the election ballot on Saturday, April 5.

The deadline for registering to vote in the April 5 election was March 5. Early voting for the April 5 primary will be Saturday, March 22 through Saturday, March 29.

If necessary, a runoff election in will be held on Saturday, May 3. The deadline for registering to vote in the May 3 runoff will be April 4.

Since there are only two candidates for Mayor and two candidates for Police Chief, those races will be

Central Nail & Spa

PROFESSIONAL NAIL CARE & SPA FOR LADIES & GENTLEMEN

NEW BUSINESS HOURS STARTING APRIL 1
MONDAY - SATURDAY 8 A.M.-6 P.M. + CLOSED SUNDAY
WE ACCEPT LAST WALK-IN AT 6 P.M.

MENTION OR BRING IN THIS AD FOR 5% OFF A SERVICE OF \$20 OR MORE

ARDELL PROFESSIONAL INDIVIDUAL EYE LASHES \$20
NECK & SHOULDER MASSAGE (15 MIN.) \$20

IN FRONT OF WAL-MART + 225.261.0666
10218 SULLIVAN ROAD, CENTRAL, LA 70818

The Best Price In Roofing & Sheet Metal Services

Blanco's Roofing & Sheet Metal LLC

Serving Central and the Surrounding Area Since 1990

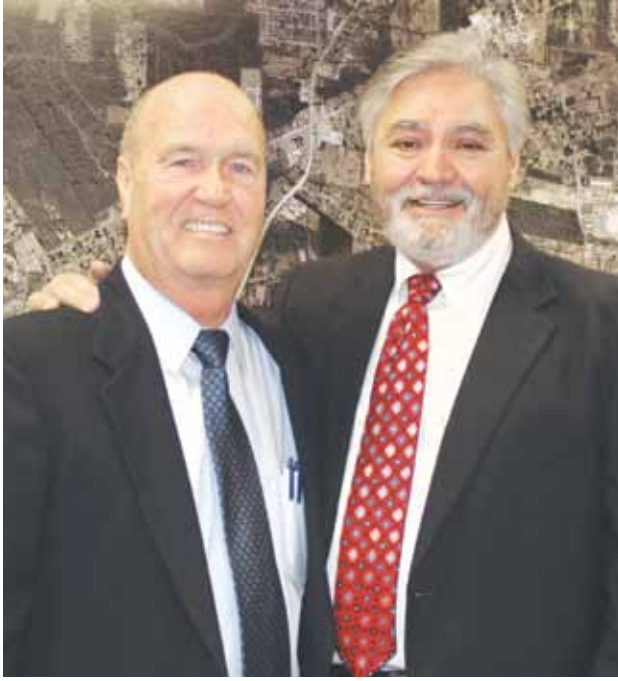
Our Top Priority Is Your Complete Satisfaction

COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL

262-1980

Fax 262-1981 • www.blancosroofing.com
marcos@blancosroofing.com
 13653 Devall Road • Central, LA 70818

Central to Accept Qualifying Papers



Left to right: City Council candidate Harry Rauls, Clerk of Court Doug Welborn; Council candidate Eric Frank (center), and Welborn and Council candidate Ralph Washington

decided on April 5.

However, it is possible that a runoff will be necessary for some of the Council races.

Under state law, any candidate who receives a majority of the votes cast on April 5 will be elected, unless more than five candidates receive a majority, in which case, only the top five will be elected. It is mathematically possible for more than five candidates to get a majority.

If fewer than five candidates receive a majority in the April 5 primary, there will be a runoff. The runoff will be for the unfilled seats. The number of candidates in the runoff will equal the number of unfilled seats times two. So, if four candidates are elected in the primary,



COUNCILMAN WAYNE MESSINA (left) and wife Janet

the runoff will include the next two highest vote-getters. If three candidates are elected in the primary, the runoff for the remaining two seats will be among the next four highest vote-getters from the primary.

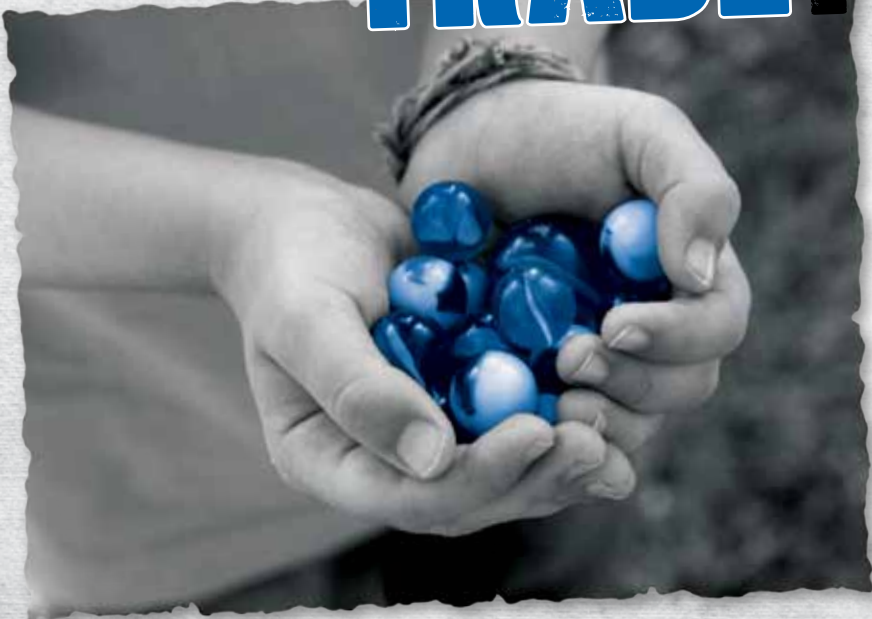
Each voter can vote for up to five candidates for the Council. A majority is determined adding the votes of all the candidates, dividing by five and then dividing by two. If a candidate receives more than that, he has a majority.

Five city officials are not seeking reelection — Mayor Mac Watts, Police Chief Donald Browning, and Councilmen Louis DeJohn and Dr. Tony LoBue.

The new city officials will be sworn in on July 1, 2014.

Qualifying for Central Municipal Election April 5
Photos by Jolice Provost of Central City News

WANNATRADE?



TRADING MARBLES BACK IN THE DAY was fun and games. However, for hundreds of clients across the Gulf Coast, swapping their supplier of pipe fabrication, pipeline equipment and industrial construction needs would be out of the question. They rely on Trade Construction for quality work that meets their expectations every time. Because at Trade, when it comes to your business, we “play for keeps.”



17043 Joor Rd, Zachary, LA 70791
T 225.654.7741 F 225.654.7763
www.tradeconstruction.com

BREC

SUMMER CAMPS

Registration begins March 15.

East Baton Rouge Parish Residents:
Sat., March 15 from 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Out-of-Parish Residents:
Tues., March 25 from 3:30 p.m. until the close of each facility

All camp sites will be open for walk-in registrants.
Visit the site at which you want to attend camp and register in person. Spaces are limited; first come-first served.

f t YouTube /BREC PARKS • BREC.ORG/SUMMERCAMP

Candidates Debate the Issues at Forum



Attorney Walton Barnes directing questions to candidates



AUDIENCE at forum sponsored by Republican Women of Central and Central Chamber of Commerce



Moderator Betsy Barnes



Mayor candidate Dave Freneau



Police Chief candidate Kerry Clark



Council candidate June Dupuy



Council candidate Jason Ellis



Council candidate Shane Evans



Council candidate Eric Frank



Council candidate Mike Gardner

Freneau Used Candidate Forum To Attack Jr. Shelton: WVLA-TV

CENTRAL - The Republican Women of Central held a candidates' forum at the Central High Auditorium on Monday, Feb. 17. They heard from one candidate for Mayor, one candidate for Police Chief, and nine candidates for City Council.

The other candidates had other conflicting events. Despite instructions to candidates to keep it positive and not attack their opponents, Mayoral candidate Dave Freneau

continued his negative attack themes against his opponent, Jr. Shelton.

According to WVLA-TV, "While candidates were told not to use negative language or speak about their opponents, Freneau attacked Shelton's record. 'I am the only candidate who opposes bigger government,' he told the crowd. 'I am the only candidate who is not a political insider. I am the only mayoral candidate whose family business has succeeded under his leadership.'"

Despite the instructions to keep it clean, the moderator did not attempt to stop Freneau or admonish him to stick to the rules.

At the same time, Mayoral candidate Jr. Shelton was addressing a fundraiser with 120 guests at Me Pa's Restaurant. Shelton talked about positive themes and what he would do for the city. He discussed the importance of having a balance in the city's residential, retail, and commercial development. He did not mention Freneau.

"Proven Law Enforcement"

Elect **James SALSBURY**

Chief of Police Central, La.

Endorsed by Law Enforcement

Chief D. Browning - Central PD	Chief K. Ambeau - St. Gabriel PD
Chief Wayne Rogillio, Ret.	Chief W. Smith - Slaughter PD
Chief Pat Englade, Ret.	Chief D. Hill - Killian PD
Chief Jeff Leduff, Ret.	Chief S. Ford - St. Francisville PD
Chief D. McDavid - Zachary PD	Chief H. Brignac - French Settlement PD
Chief M. Lee - Walker PD	Chief R. Dufrene - Livingston PD
Chief S. Jackson - Gonzales PD	Marshal M. Zito - Port Allen Marshal's Office
Chief Bill Landry, Ret.	Marshal J. Denton - Denham Springs Marshal
	Constable R. Brown - Baton Rouge Constable

facebook

Central City News
PUBLIC HEARING ON BATON ROUGE LOOP AT CENTRAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

2,814 Friends

For the latest news and sports from Central, "Like" Central City News on Facebook.

Held by Republican Women of Central



Janet Messina, wife of Councilman Wayne Messina



Police Chief candidate Kerry Clark (left) and Mayoral candidate Dave Freneau (right)



Lesley Vance, wife of Council candidate John Vance at the Candidates Forum



Council candidate Wayne Messina



Council candidate Aaron Moak



Council candidate Harry Rauls



Council candidate John Vance



Chief candidate Kerry Clark (right)

INDEPENDENT LEADERSHIP PLAN OF ACTION *for* City of Central



JR. SHELTON
Candidate for
Mayor
City of Central
April 5, 2014

Economic Development: Commercial, Retail, and Residential while maintaining the serenity and peaceful environment of Central

Comprehensive Drainage Plan

Plans to utilize dedicated funds to improve infrastructure such as road safety and drainage

Put policies and procedures in place to curb legal expenses

Better representation for the citizens

Endorsed by the Republican Party of EBR & Capital Region Builders Assn.



Paid for by Jr. Shelton for Mayor

GOP Endorses Six for City Council

Republicans Hail Ralph Washington For Leadership As Mayor Pro-Tem

CENTRAL — The Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish has endorsed Central Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Washington for reelection to the Central City Council.

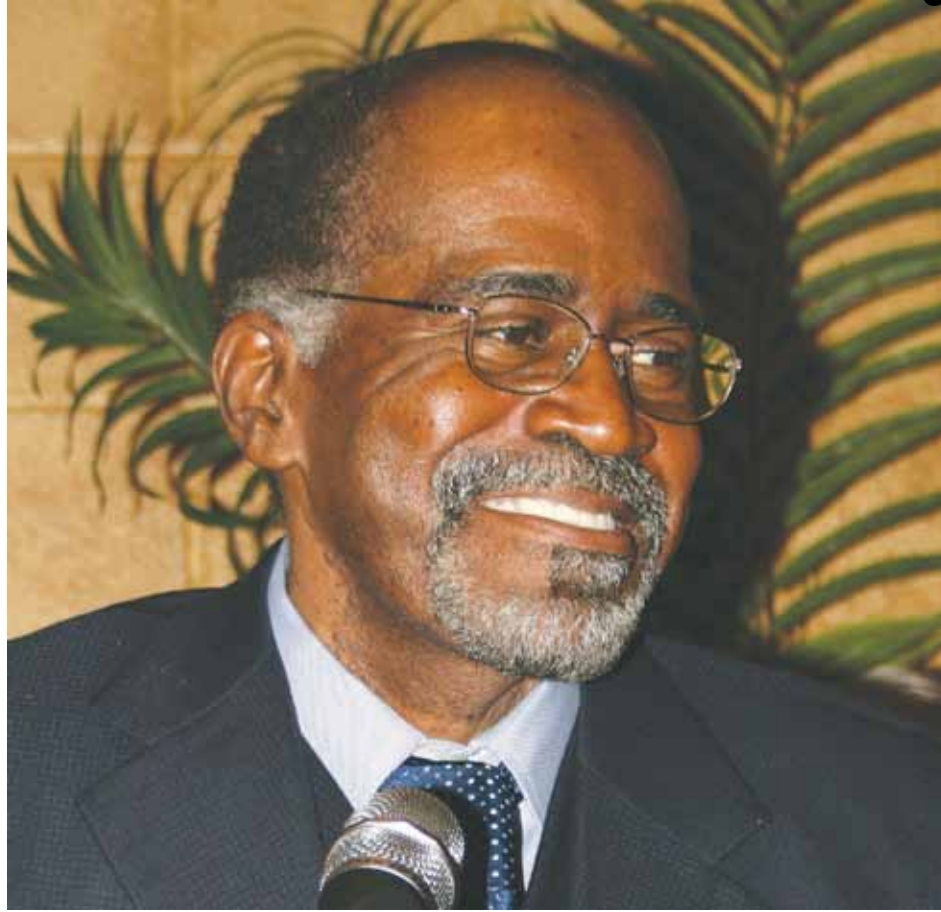
Here are some of Washington's comments from his interview with the GOP and from recent speeches:

- "Growing up in a rural area and being raised in the church, my greatest influence has always been the love of God and my desire to be a good man."

- "It has been a pleasure to be involved on the ground floor with the creation of the City of Central from the beginning. I was honored to be able to go to the legislature and defend Central when we have been attacked. As a Councilman, I have been privileged to work to create our first set of city ordinances, the Master Plan, our zoning ordinances, and the concept of privatization."

- "By keeping government small, I believe we can be closer to the people and accomplish more. My goal has been to help our citizens have a better quality of life, and I hope I have been able to do that. But we are still in the formative stage. We need to keep building a great foundation."

- "I'm running again because I feel I have made a difference, and I believe I can continue to make a



MAYOR PRO-TEM RALPH WASHINGTON spells out his views and why he is running for reelection to the Central City Council.

difference over the next four years."

- "Over the next four years, our No. 1 goal should be to build a better infrastructure. We're already seeing great improvements but much more is needed. Better sewer, better highways, better parks, better service to people."

- "I switched to the Republican Party, and I think it was the right decision. From the White House on down, we're seeing the mess the

Washington Led Fight for Access to Public Records, Ouster of CH2MHill

lives of citizens. We should be concerned with safety and physical development, but government should not be involved in people's everyday lives. Most of all, government should answer to the people, not the other way around."

- "In Central, despite our disagreements, we have kept government small. The city has not raised taxes. But we have been able to accumulate a large surplus."

- "Some of our surplus should be kept for a rainy day but some of it should be spent on some urgent needs in Central, especially roads, drainage, and better services."

- "I do believe in the importance of access to public records. That is essential in a democracy. I stood up in the Council when we directed CH2MHill to produce public records. Later, it was clear that that company needed to be replaced, and I supported opening it up to other bidders. That proved to be the right decision and save the city a lot of money."

- "I will continue to strongly support our Sheriff's Office and the Central Police Department."

Endorsed by Republican Party

Dr. Kim Fralick Got Fed Up with Central Politics, Decided to Get Involved and Make a Difference



DR. KIM FRALICK
Candidate for Council

CENTRAL — Dr. Kim Fralick has been endorsed by the Republican Party in her race for one of five seats on the Central City Council. Here are some of her statements made in public forums:

- "As the mother of five, I am very grateful for our Central community school system. Central is a God-fearing community. We're not afraid to pray or say the Pledge in this community. The greatest influences in my life are my faith in Jesus Christ, my conservative upbringing, my family and church, and my desire to live a life of integrity."

- "I graduated from the University of Arkansas-Monticello with a B.S. in animal science and the LSU Vet School with a doctor of veterinary medicine. I opened Joor Road Veterinary Hospital 17 years ago. In that time, I've learned to run a business and establish a budget. I've learned the difference between needs and wants."

- "Three years ago, I immersed myself in the City of Central and attended City Council meetings and Planning & Zoning meetings. I researched what needs to be done and what needs to be changed. Now I'd like to be on the other side of the podium, helping to make the decisions that need to be made. I believe I have enough knowledge and information to fairly represent the people of Central. I'm a fiscal conservative and realize it is a great responsibility to handle other peoples' money."

- "I have lots of ideas about what needs to be done but my real job will be to listen to the people of Central and represent them."

- "I've learned a lot out on the campaign trail, because when people talk, I listen completely. I've spent most of my time going door to door and talking to people. Somebody asked me what I do if a voter just goes on and on. I said I just stand there and listen, because that's my job — to listen to people! The only time I leave before they're finished is when the street lights come on! Then I say uh-oh the street lights are on — I better get home and feed the kids!"

**UNRIVALED PERFORMANCE.
UNPARALLELED SERVICE.**



RZT® S SERIES
FOUR-WHEEL STEER ZERO-TURN RIDERS

- Only Cub Cadet delivers true zero-turn capability with steering wheel control and four-wheel steering for superior handling on varied terrain, including hills
- 42", 46", 50" heavy-duty stamped decks deliver the beautiful Cub Cadet Signature Cut™
- Available 54" fabricated deck features exclusive tunnel design for the best-in-class cut and durability

SALE PRICE:
\$2,699⁹⁹*



RZT® L SERIES
ZERO-TURN RIDERS

- Most legroom in its class and adjustable lap bars with full-length comfort grips deliver an exceptionally comfortable experience
- 42", 46", 50" heavy-duty stamped decks deliver the beautiful results of the Cub Cadet Signature Cut™
- Available 54" fabricated deck features exclusive tunnel design for the best-in-class cut and durability
- Tackle the toughest terrain with a heavy-duty 12-gauge single piece full-length steel frame

SALE PRICE:
\$2,499⁹⁹*



48" Commercial Grade Club Cadet's Starting at ONLY \$3,899.99

Your Authorized Dealer of the
Greater Baton Rouge Area. We Service What We Sell.

Bedcovers • Camper Tops • Stepbars • Hitches
Spray Liners • Tool Boxes • Bug Shields • Vent Visors



David Forbes, Owner

Prices listed good with cash or check payment. Credit cards welcome and financing available with additional fees.

in Election Set for Saturday, April 5

GOP Nominee Wayne Messina Seeks 2nd Term



WAYNE MESSINA
Candidate for Council

CENTRAL — Central City Councilman Wayne Messina has been endorsed for reelection by the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish. Here are some of his recent public comments:

- “We’ve been married for 43 years and have two children and four grandchildren. I was educated at Istrouma High and then went to Nicholls for a B.A. in history and speech, then earned Masters in Education and Masters+30 in broadcast management.”

- “I’ve served in the public schools for 45 years as a teacher and coach at Glen Oaks, Istrouma, and Woodlawn and as principal at Baker High for nine years. Since 2003, I’ve served as director of security for the EBR school system.”

- “I’ve been active as a KC for 48 years and serve as a Eucharistic

Minister. I try to squeeze in everything I can in a 24 hour day!”

- “It’s been a privilege to serve on the Central City Council for the past four years. I’ve worked hard to repair our roads and drainage. I’m proud that we have completed the UDC Code, signed IBTS as the city contractor, saving \$500,000 a year, brought a Council on Aging to Central, and passed term limits. We also passed single-member districts, which is what the people wanted, but the Mayor vetoed it.”

- “Over the next four years, I want us to bring back Central pride, focus on economic development, pass single-member districts, and develop Greenwell Springs park, BREC parks, and an RV park.”

- “To insure that there will not be anarchy, there must be ‘law,’ but that law should not infringe on a

person’s right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. This is stated in the Declaration of Independence.”

- “Yes, I support capital punishment. And I don’t believe the answer to prison overcrowding is opening the doors and letting them out. I believe in building more prisons if they are needed.”

- “The best way to help small business grow and expand in Central is to provide a friendly, welcoming environment by the leaders of Central. We should show new businesses that we are behind them. Be business friendly!”

- “We should construct a new City Hall but development of a city center should be the responsibility of private enterprise, not the government.”

- “I oppose the Loop and Red Light cameras.”

Businessman Harry Rauls Endorsed for City Council

CENTRAL — Harry Rauls has been endorsed for the Central City Council by the Republican Party. Here are some of his recent public comments:

- “I left Louisiana several years ago and moved back to Central in 2003. I am motivated by my love of Central. You won’t find finer people anywhere. We’re very fortunate in city government because we don’t start with a lot of baggage, such as unfunded retirement programs, since we have only three city employees.”

- “Baton Rouge is getting ready to boom. Since our school system started, Central has come a long way. Good schools will bring people. We just have to be sure we don’t exceed our resources.”

See **HARRY** on Page 16



HARRY RAULS
Candidate for Council



We are now offering iMedicare services for people on Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan.

We can compare 2014 Medicare plans that are customized to your current prescription medications!

Open enrollment ends December 7, so call us today to get started!

Ask About Our New Medication Synchronization Program.

Start refilling all of your prescriptions at one time instead of making several trips!



You can now refill your prescriptions online by going to our website and clicking the ‘Refill Your Prescription Online’ link. We offer text and email alerts when your prescription is ready to pick up. Call or email us for more information!

Central Drug Store

Fast Convenient Service • 13565 Hooper Road
www.centraldrugbr.com • centraldrugrx@gmail.com

262-6200

Where you’re not a number, you’re a friend!

John Vance Endorsed for City Council

John Vance Served America Around the World, Then Settled In Wife's Hometown

CENTRAL — The Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish has endorsed John Vance for one of five seats on the Central City Council. Here are some of the public comments he has made in recent weeks:

- "I'm not a native of Central but my wife is. We moved here 10 years ago to get back to her hometown, because we thought it was a great place to live and raise our kids."

- "I was raised in a small town in Mississippi where the public schools were failing. So my parents sent me to private school. After graduating, I wanted to fly for the U.S. Army. I completed helicopter flight school during Desert Storm but too late to be deployed. Instead, they sent me all around the world on a variety of missions, including some that were very dangerous."

- "After seven years in the military and marrying my wife, we decided to go into the private sector. I was hired to sweep the floors in a wood chip manufacturing company. After awhile, they named me plant manager. Later, I was sent to build a plant in Natchitoches, which I did. Then they had me manage the construction of a \$20 million plant in Virginia and then a similar plant in Maine."

- "We had our first daughter, and I was on the road all the time. I came



JOHN VANCE, candidate for Central City Council, with wife Lesley and girls

A Helicopter Pilot For the Army, He Is Now Head Pilot for Air Med Service

home one day, and I told my wife that I wanted to see my kids grow up. So I quit my job, and we moved back to Central."

- "I had a job in Baton Rouge but lost it when Katrina hit, and I was out of work. To keep busy, I volunteered to fly for free anyone who needed help. Not long afterwards, I was hired by Acadian Ambulance to fly their medical helicopters. Today, I'm in charge of all their helicopters in this area."

- "I feel I can bring my leadership experience as an officer in the military and as a construction manager, to the City Council in order to serve the people of Central."

- "I have been disappointed in the way our city government operates. It seems that private interests and personal relationships have become more important than doing what is right for the citizens of Central."

- "I hope to return belief in local government to act responsibly and with integrity. The purpose of local government is to enact the voice of the people. It should protect and promote the safety, wellness, and prosperity of the citizens we represent. All of the duties should be conducted within the laws of the state and federal government and most of all, within the Constitution."

Endorsed by Republican Party

Shane Evans Stresses Crime In Race for Central Council

CENTRAL — The Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish has endorsed Shane Evans for one of five seats on the Central City Council. Here are some of his public comments during this campaign:

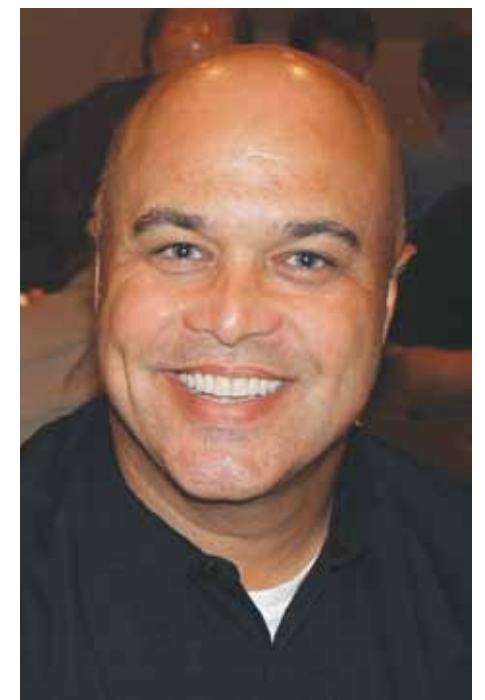
- "I grew up in Central and worked in my mother's shop, Laura's Jewelers, and I'm still her goldsmith. At the age of 20, I felt drawn to public safety and joined the Sheriff's Office, starting in corrections and then Narcotics. I was one of the youngest captains and served as SWAT commander and Narcotics commander."

- "In recent years, I joined the staff of the State Inspector General's office, investigating public corruption. I am currently chief investigator at the Coroner's office, working with Dr. Beau Clark."

- "I've investigated and arrested people for doing all the wrong things in government. Even though I have worked in government all my life, I'm very critical of government. People are surrounded by those influencing them and they lose touch with the people."

- "I'm a conservative Republican and I believe in the Constitution. The federal government has become a ponzi scheme. I'm a Second Amendment supporter and instruct people for the concealed carry permit. I believe the primary responsibility of government is to keep our citizens safe on the streets and in their homes."

- "I'm proud our city has a \$20



SHANE EVANS
Candidate for Central City Council

million surplus, but the problem is, we're not changing the oil. We need to fill the potholes and maintain our city. We also need to support our Central Police Department. The Sheriff's substation is closed at night and on weekends. We can contract for our police officers and not build up big retirements."

- "In four years, I hope to have been part of a team effort that has enhanced public safety in Central, addressed infrastructure improvements, and executed them in a fiscally responsible manner."

Bring in 2014 With A Beautiful Smile



Dr. Sinclair has been creating beautiful smiles in the Baton Rouge area for over 28 years!

Like us on Facebook!

We are a Network Provider for Most Dental Insurance Companies

Call for your appointment today!

Dr. William R. Sinclair, Jr.

3516 N. Sherwood Forest • Baton Rouge, LA 70814

Facebook: [sinclairfamilydentistry](#)

225.272.7236

Judge Says Disqualification Would Be Injustice

Big Court Victory for Ralph Washington

Judge Rejects State's Attempt To Disqualify Mayor Pro-Tem

Continued from Page 1

ruled that the evidence showed Washington acted in good faith and did not intentionally file a false statement.

Washington said he filed his campaign finance report on time via fax in 2010, but the Board said they did not receive it. Ultimately, he was fined \$100, which Washington paid at the time but with penalties the sum was increased to \$700.

Washington said the Board told him they might waive that sum in 2012. Central City Clerk and justice of the peace Mark Miley confirmed Washington's statements and testified that Washington came to see him after his visit to the Board in 2012 and told him the Board said to take no action and wait for further word.

Washington said he didn't hear from the Board again until Friday, Feb. 21 when they filed suit to disqualify him. Washington said he went to the Board of Ethics office that day and paid the \$700, but the Board persisted in the suit anyway.

Judge Kelley said he saw no intent to file a false statement and that Washington had done everything he could reasonably be expected to do under the circumstances. The judge dismissed the suit with costs to be



CENTRAL MAYOR PRO-TEM RALPH WASHINGTON and his wife Carolyn have overcome many injustices, but last week the justice system stood behind him when the State of Louisiana tried to have him disqualified from running for reelection.

“Ralph was targeted falsely, and I am very gratified that things came out as they did before the District Judge.”

— Councilman Dr. Tony LoBue

paid by the Board of Ethics. The Board failed to appeal the decision within the time required by law.

So Washington's name will be on the ballot with the other candidates

in the Saturday, April 5, election.

The mayor pro-tem and his supporters were able to breath a sign of relief because an adverse decision would have effectively ended Washington's political career.

Washington's presence on the ballot is significant, because he has been one of the top vote-getters since Central became a city.

Ethics Board attorney Jennifer Land presented the case against Ralph Washington in Judge Tim Kelley's court on the 10th floor of the new Courthouse downtown. She said Washington had falsely certified that he owed no fines or penalties to the Board of Ethics.

Washington's attorney, Alex St. Amant, attempted to show that the Board of Ethics had led Washington to believe they were considering waiving the \$700 and told him not to pay it until they had made a decision. Land told the court the notice to Washington was not sent by certified mail.

St. Amant cited La.R.S. 18:463(2)(c)(i), which said that a fine, fee, or penalty is not due unless the Board of Ethics goes into District Court to convert the penalty to a judgment. St. Amant showed the penalty had never been converted to a judgment and was therefore not due according to state law.

The judge said the state did not have an adjudicated judgment and that Washington had been left with the impression that nothing was due. The judge asked, "How do you penalize someone who was trying to do the right thing?"

Discover Your **New Smile...**
and the **New You!**

Instant whitening that lasts
Extraordinarily strong • No shots, no pain
No drilling of sensitive tooth structure
Backed by over 20 years of clinical research

Stephen Weilbacher, D.D.S.
Family Dentistry

2321 Drusilla Lane, Ste. A • (225) 928-3384 • www.drweilbacher.com

EYEMAX
FAMILY OPTICAL

David P. Fargason, M.D.
Robert Geier, O.D.

Services:

- NEW LASER Cataract/Implants
- Tecnis Multifocal and Toric Lenses for Astigmatism
- Glaucoma/Laser
- LASIK BLADE FREE
- Eye Examinations
- Contact Lenses
- Optical
- Diabetic Eye Exams

Call to Schedule Your Eye Exam
225.262.8141

Central Professional Plaza
11424 Sullivan Road

EMC
EYE MEDICAL CENTER
Medical Excellence Since 1946

RED MULCH 2 cu ft. 3 for \$12	BAHIA ANIMAL FEED HAY \$9.97	PINE STRAW BALES Was \$9.97 \$5.97
Knock-Out Roses Was \$29.97 \$15.97	22 AMMO NO LIMIT	
CALADIUM BULBS 10 for \$4.50	SEED POTATOES 57¢ lb.	5' CYPRESS SWING \$159.97
3' SPLIT LEAF PHILODENDRON \$9.97	FRESH NEW CROP GARDEN SEED	Ready Mix Cement
TIME TO WEED-N-FEED Ferti-Lome And Scotts		
STRAWBERRY PLANTS \$2.47	TOMATOES & PEPPER PLANTS Plus Many Others	GREEN ONIONS BRAGGER GERMAN TOMATO PLANTS
Rabbit Eye Blueberries Was \$16.97 \$9.97	5 Gallon Size • 4 Year Plants BLUEBERRIES Was \$29.97 \$19.97	
FRUIT TREES Apple • Peach • Pear • Plum Many Others	LOUISIANA CITRUS TREES 17 Kinds • 4 Gallon Size Largest Trees in Baton Rouge	
PLANT WORLD Nursery & Hardware 10131 Greenwell Springs (225) 272-7144 Now Open Sunday 10-5 For Spring!		
Baby Chicks Feed Stores Gourmet Colored Cookware Cast Iron Pots & Skillets		

Courage Under Fire Is Nothing New for

Woody Jenkins
Editor, Central City News

CENTRAL — The effort last week to target Central Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Washington and have him removed from the April 5 election ballot is something many in Central are still contemplating.

Why was he targeted for supposedly failing to pay a questionable \$100 fine from the Board of Ethics for late filing of a campaign finance report four years ago?

How could the right of Central's citizens to reelect one of their most popular officials be taken away in such an unexpected and cavalier way?

One thing is certain: Courage under fire is nothing new for Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Washington, who has served as mayor pro-tem and on the City Council for the past nine years..

For his first five years on the Council, the popular City Councilman often stood alone during City Council debates. His questioning of the city's privatization contract with CH2MHILL earned him the undying opposition of the company's defenders.

His business, Red Stick Cleaners, has been subject to an on-going boycott by some high-placed elected officials in Central.

Yet, through it all, Washington has maintained his calm, gentlemanly manner while consistently speaking out for the things he believes in, especially transparency in government. "I am opposed to secrecy in city government. If people know what's going on, they will make good deci-



Ralph Washington as a children (left), after high school graduation (center), and as a newly wed with wife Carolyn.

“It was August 1969. I didn't really understand why we had to go through all this. But I found myself in a bus packed with other black kids on the way to a new school. We had been ordered to leave our brand-new school, John F. Kennedy, and become the first black kids to integrate East Ascension High School. My dad and some other fathers had shotguns and were riding in a car in front of the bus. As we pulled into East Ascension High, our parents had to stay on the street. Once we were on the campus, our bus was surrounded by angry white kids, cursing and shouting the N-word. They pounded the bus. When we got out, they began pushing and shoving...”

— Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Washington describing events when he was 15

sions,” he said.

Despite the controversies, Ralph

Washington remains one of the most popular leaders in Central. In 2006,

Washington was the top vote-getter among the 12 candidates for five seats on the Central City Council. Not bad, considering that only about six percent of Central's voters are black. The City Council voted to make Washington the Mayor Pro-Tem.

In the municipal elections in 2010, two incumbent Councilmen were defeated. But Washington ran 2nd in the field of nine candidates, earning about 60 percent of the votes cast.

Washington's life has taken some surprising twists.

He was born at Charity Hospital in New Orleans in 1954, one of 10 brothers and sisters. His father was a farmer and construction worker in the small unincorporated community of Darrow in Ascension Parish. His mother cleaned houses. Neither made it past the 8th grade.

Darrow was more than 90 percent

Baton Rouge Business Directory

James Salsbury, GOP candidate for Police Chief

3-month contract \$50 a month
6-month contract \$47 a month
9-month contract \$45 a month
12-month contract \$42 a month

Advertising

Central City News
For information on advertising in the newspaper, call Jolice or Candi at 225-261-5055

Automotive

Simple Simon
TIRE AND CAR CARE
North Store 7777 N. Airline Hwy. 225-927-2311
South Store 12116 S. Airline

Dirt Work

General Sand & Gravel Co.
Limestone, Gravel, Mason Sand, Clay, Top Soil, Riversilt, Crushed Concrete, Tractor Work, Swimming Pool Demo & Fill-In
225-261-3953

Lawn Care

WATTS LAWN CARE SERVICE
Free Estimates • No Contracts • Insured
jamesgwatts@yahoo.com
225-301-4012

Aerobics

Aerobics by Roxanne
Since 1983 • Good For Your □
225-281-1623

Avon

Buy or SELL AVON
\$10 to Start
Independent Sales Rep
Call Karen 225-328-1188

Furniture

Gerard
FURNITURE & GALLERY
Good Furniture That Lasts
7330 Florida Blvd. 225-926-0250

Painting

Randy Falcon
20 Years' Experience
No Job Too Large or Small
225-454-2961 (cell)

Amway

Need Amway Products?
Experienced Distributor Can Set You Up as Customer
225-336-5885

Buy Junk Cars

\$200 - \$300
For Wrecked Cars or Junk Cars
More for New or Running Cars
LA CASH 4 YOUR WRECKED OR JUNK CARS
(225) 715-4852

Home Maintenance

Lloyd's Home Maintenance and Repair
No job too small
225-936-7652

Plumbing

LAFLEUR'S Plumbing #LA676
Full Repair Service
Monday - Saturday • Same Rates!
Appointment Necessary on Saturday (Make Appointment Before Friday)
261-2751

Appliance Repair

Mark's Appliance Repair
225-261-2270
Service to all major brands
Shop Central First!

Cabinets

Thad Landaiche
LANDAICHE CABINETS
Custom Kitchen & Bath Cabinets
landaichecabinets.com
25 years' experience • 225-216-9399

Lawn Care

PRO CUT
Mowing & Trimming • Tree Maintenance
Flower Bed Maintenance
No Contracts • Free Estimates
225-614-7496

Snowballs

CENTRAL SNO-N-GO
10022 Hooper Road
(Across from Seale Funeral Home)
Buy a LARGE shaved ice
get one FREE!
Open Mon.-Sat. 2-8 p.m.

Auto Glass

ANCHOR AUTO GLASS
Wind Shield Repair & Replacement
We Come to You • 225-791-7440

Carpet Cleaning

BayouSteam
Carpet, Upholstery,
Tile & Grout Cleaning
Locally owned and operated
225-955-6955

Business Directory
261-5055

the Mayor Pro-Tem, Ralph Washington



Ralph Washington presiding at a Central City Council meeting (left) and at the Central Christmas Parade with wife Carolyn.

black, but Washington's next door neighbors were white, and Ralph's dad farmed with Chester LeSage, a white farmer. As a teenager, Ralph worked at Percy Waguespack's grocery store, sweeping the floors and stacking groceries.

It was during the time of segregation, and he attended all-black schools. He was happy when Ascension built a brand-new school for the blacks, John F. Kennedy High School. But in the fall of 1969, he found himself pushed into a controversy that was not of his making. The federal court ordered integration of the schools in Ascension.

Young 15-year-old Ralph Washington was on a school bus filled with other black kids, headed for all-white East Ascension High School. There had been death threats and cross-burnings in Darrow.

Not knowing what to expect, Ralph's dad and other black fathers rode in a car in front of the bus with their shotguns. When the bus entered the campus of East Ascension, the fathers had to wait on the street. The bus pulled up to the school entrance where an angry mob of white students was cursing and shouting the N-word. They pounded on the bus.

"We didn't want to get out of the bus. I sure didn't," Washington said. "Finally, a few of the black students got out, but they were pushed and shoved by the white students. They got back in the bus. Then the bell rang, and the white students went to class. Everything was quiet. So we got out of the bus and went to class too!"

On that first day, his shop teacher announced to the class, "None of you black students will make more than a 'C' in this class!"

After a few problems the first week, things were calm, Washington said. For three years, the blacks and whites kept to themselves. "I didn't make a single white friend the entire time, but I had plenty of friends and I wasn't miserable or anything like that," he said.

Nevertheless, he was able to dis-

“Ralph Washington is the ultimate public servant. He puts the citizens first and is a shining example of what public officials should be like. He's not just a fine Councilman — he's a fine gentleman as well. Truly one of the great individuals I have ever met.”

— Jr. Shelton

tinguish himself. He was chosen to represent East Ascension High at Pelican Boys State, where he met Jay Dardenne, Louisiana's current Lt. Governor. Ralph was also a member of Key Club and FFA. He was nominated for Most Successful, Most Intelligent, and Most Likely to Succeed.

To make money, Ralph worked summers picking up trash. He picked blackberries, and in the fall he picked pecans.

He earned a scholarship to Southern University, which was still all-black. There he worked in the Athletic Department and washed dishes in the cafeteria. At Southern, it was a time of demonstrations and protests, and Washington took part in them. "For the first time, I had a sense of who I really was — not someone weak, not someone who couldn't do anything, but someone who was strong," he said.

Washington earned a B.S. from Southern in 1975. He put in applications at industries along the river.

When Ralph was a boy at all-black schools, the teachers would ask the kids what they wanted to be when they grew up. "I remember one boy said, 'I want to work at the bus station.' But our teacher said, 'No, you want to drive the bus!' That impressed me!"

"As a boy in Ascension Parish, I would often see the big industries along the river. But I didn't dream of simply working at one of those plants. I wanted to run the whole place!" Ironically, Ralph Washington was on the track to allow him to do just that!

He took the test for a job at Liquid Carbonic. He did well and a relative spoke up for him in the plant. He was

hired as a Utility Operator. Within two years, he was a Shift Foreman. Some people said he was too young. Others complained because he was hired above others with more seniority.

"I looked at my check for \$750. and said, 'Man, this is amazing!'" Soon he got a \$100 raise. Then \$200.

Ralph met his future wife, Carolyn Franklin, a native of South Baton Rouge and a graduate of McKinley. They were married and began raising a family. "We lived in a little trailer in Darrow," he said. "It was three bedrooms, two baths, very nice, and only

\$200 a month."

The trailer was located on his grandmother's land — 17 acres in Darrow. The land has been in his family's name since the 1800's. And that land led Ralph Washington to information that changed his perspective.

"My mother never told me this, but I found out on my own that my great-grandfather was white. He was an Irishman who came to live in Darrow. What was unusual was that my white great-grandfather, and my great-grandmother, who was black, were married. That was almost unheard of in the 1800's, but I found their marriage certificate in the Ascension Parish courthouse!"

The Irish great-grandfather came into some ill-gotten money, which caused a split in the marriage. He departed but left behind the house, the land, and a few dollars.

Ralph's wife Carolyn earned her degree at Southern and taught special education at Buchanan Elementary, Southdowns Developmental Center, and Westdale Special Ed. The family moved to South Baton Rouge. Daughter Marquesa (now 29) and son Raphael (now 27) were born.

At Liquid Carbonic, Ralph was promoted several times and rose to assistant plant manager, which meant he ran the plant whenever the plant manager was off-duty.

Then, after years in supervision, Ralph faced a major challenge. The company was sold three different times, and the last owner decided to bring in his own people. Ralph had a big decision to make.

"I told Carolyn I wanted to be in business for myself. I'd cut lawns if I had to. We ended up buying Red Stick Cleaners," he said.

See WASHINGTON on Page 14



Lewis' Wrecker Service, Inc
Family owned and operated since 1956

9555 Joor Road

Central, LA 70818

225-261-2995

You have tried the rest. Now USE the BEST!



MOREAU
PHYSICAL THERAPY

Now offering

Speech Therapy

for adults and children.

Nicole Byers, MS, CCC-SLP

Brandi N. Mullen MA, CCC-SLP

Pediatric Therapy: 1326 Church Street • Zachary, LA 70791 • P: 225-654-8208

4845 Main Street, Ste C • Zachary, LA 70791 • P: 225-286-0181

11424 Sullivan Rd., Bldg C, Ste A, Baton Rouge, LA 70818 • P: 225-261-7021

www.moreaupt.com



Washington: A Key to City's Success

Continued from Page 13

In 1996, the Washingtons wanted to move to the country. Ralph told his brother-in-law, "We're moving to Central!" The brother-in-law said, "Central? Are you sure?"

The Washingtons love their home in Comite Hills. "It backs up to the woods. It is peaceful!" Ralph said.

Ralph and Carolyn were active at their children's schools, serving as PTA and PTO presidents and helping lead Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops.

When the movement began to incorporate Central as a city, Ralph was encouraged to participate.

"I saw it as a way to give back to this community," he said.

When Gov. Kathleen Blanco appointed the first mayor and City Council in 2005, Ralph Washington was appointed to the Council. The voters elected him in 2006 and re-elected him in 2010.

The last nine years have been spent helping to create a new city and have been one hectic blur of meetings and public events.

Ironically, most people in Central

don't see Ralph Washington in racial terms but simply as a dedicated public servant.

Local realtor Jr. Shelton summed up the feelings of many when he said, "Ralph Washington is the ultimate public servant. He puts the citizens first and is a shining example of what public officials should be like. He's not just a fine Councilman — he's a fine gentleman as well. Truly one of the great individuals I have ever met."

City Councilman Tony Lobue, the only Councilman candidate to poll higher than Ralph Washington in the last election, said, "Ralph Washington is a man of great character. His character exceeds anything I've seen. He doesn't waiver. He's a hard worker. He gets up at 4 a.m. to go to work at his store and then will work right through to a Council meeting late at night. He always does what he thinks is right for the people of Central. He's a great father and a great husband. He is very knowledgeable because of his years in industry. And he never forgets who he is or where he came from. He was the little boy on the bus who

had to confront the reality of segregation. But he's also the family man, the businessman, and now a role model for our community."

Washington said he's surprised by how well he's been received in Central. "When people stop you in Wal-Mart and thank you for what you're doing, it means a lot. They're judging you not for your color but for what you stand for."

Only once since he's been elected has Ralph Washington been known to use his race.

In April 2006, the House Committee on Education was considering whether to approve a constitutional amendment to create the new Central Community School System. A parade of opponents, including black leaders, condemned the proposal as an attempt to create an "all-white" school system.

The bill seemed to be in jeopardy and about to fail. Then Ralph Washington rose to speak. With calm eloquence, he told the committee that he was the Mayor Pro-Tem of Central. He spoke about his childhood and the racism he faced growing up. He said

he had lived in Central for 10 years and that he'd never had a problem here based on race. He said that this proposal wasn't about race, but about what was best for the children of the Central community.

The day was saved. The committee approved the bill, and the rest is history.

The past four years have been very difficult times on the City Council for Ralph Washington. The new City Council that took office in July 2010 reelected him as Mayor Pro-Tem, but things were very different in Central. The private company, CH2MHill, that ran the City of Central seem to come more and more under the control of a small clique that was attempting to control Central. The company intervened in the Mayor's race and tried to get the incumbent Mayor reelected. This led to public records requests by the *Central City News* to try to determine how CH2MHill was being used.

As Mayor Pro-Tem, Ralph Washington and two other members of the Council, Dr. Tony LoBue and Wayne Messina took the position that the records in question were public records and should be provided by CH2MHill. The Council voted to require CH2MHill to comply, but the company refused. Ultimately, the Council, again led by Washington, refused to renew CH2MHill's multi-million contract with the city.

As a result, Washington was threatened, and leaders of the political clique began a boycott of his business, which is still continuing. Finally, Washington had to move his business, Red Stick Cleaners, to a location on Greenwell Springs Road, outside the city limits of Central. But the mayor pro-tem never bowed to that group and maintained his independence on the Council.

In May 2013, Ralph Washington joined with other black conservative leaders at the At-Large Conference, a national leadership group for black conservatives.

At the group's national meeting, Washington announced that he could no longer be part of the Democratic Party and all it stands for. So he switched his affiliation to Republican.

He is today the highest ranking black Republican elected official in any city in Louisiana.

Now he is running for reelection to the Central City Council in the April 5 primary.

[Note: Red Stick Cleaners is located at 10211 Greenwell Springs Rd.]

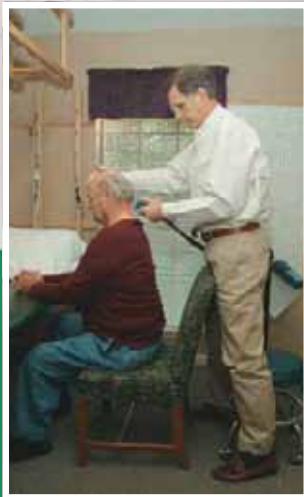


PEOPLE YOU KNOW.
EXPERIENCE YOU CAN TRUST.

We want to thank for making us
YOUR Physical Therapists



HELEN



TOM



ERIK



RICHARD

WHEN YOU HAVE LIMITATION OF MOVEMENT, AN INJURY OR EXPERIENCE PAIN:

THINK: PHYSICAL THERAPY FIRST

CHOOSE: CENTRAL PHYSICAL THERAPY

WE DEMONSTRATE OUR EXPERTISE THROUGH ACTION TO BRING

MOTION TO YOUR LIFE.

WWW.CENTRALPTONLINE.COM



Herdman Certified Vestibular Therapist Richard O'Quinn PT specializes in treating dizziness and balance problems. With his advanced training and CPT's state-of-the-art technology, it's clear Richard O'Quinn is uniquely qualified to stop your world from spinning!

13111 Hooper Road, City of Central • (225) 261-7094, (225) 261-7095



Ann's Nails
NEW OWNER

Professional Courteous
Full Service

**FREE Eyebrow Wax
with Mani/Pedi**

Open
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. • Sun. 12-5 p.m.

Gift Certificates Available
Excellent Pricing

OAK POINT CENTER
Your Satisfaction is Our Goal

BR Attorney Who Defeated CH2MHill, Saved Ralph Washington, Halted Rouzan

David vs. Goliath:
Alex St. Amant
Slays the Powers
That Be in BR

BATON ROUGE - For most of his career, he's been a one-man law firm. Some would say a "one-man army"! A few years ago, one of his daughters, Sacha Tessier, joined him.

After 40 years of practicing law, Alex St. Amant still works in the same modest 800-square-foot office on North Boulevard he's been renting from his father since graduating from the LSU Law School.

His wife, Floris Cespedes St. Amant, who fled with her family years ago from Communist Cuba and retired from the LSU Library staff, is his receptionist and legal secretary. Floris sometimes babysits the grandkids at her desk in the front office.

There are more than 3,000 attorneys in East Baton Rouge, but there's something different about this one: He specializes in beating some of the biggest and most powerful adversaries in Louisiana.

For Alex St. Amant, it's not about money but about doing justice for his clients.

"He's the best lawyer I know!" said *Central City News* editor Woody Jenkins, who graduated from law



ATTORNEY TOPPLES THE BIG GUYS — Attorney Alex St. Amant (left) and Cecil Cavanaugh at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of East Baton Rouge (the conservative, small business-oriented Chamber in the parish). Cavanaugh is the group's chairman.

school with St. Amant in 1972.

Last year, after a four-year battle, \$6 billion corporate giant CH2MHill — the former city contractor that ran the City of Central — finally yielded to St. Amant and turned over public records it had been fighting to withhold since 2010. Like so many other cases, *Community Press LLC v. CH2MHill* ended in victory for St. Amant's clients.

For Alex St. Amant, it was as much a cause as a legal case. He was

angry that a big, out-of-state company could take over a city in Louisiana and decide who had access to public records and who didn't.

Then this past week, St. Amant scored two more big victories.

On Tuesday, he saved the political life of his client, Central Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Washington, when District Judge Tim Kelley booted the State of Louisiana out of court in its efforts to have Washington disquali-

fied from reelection to the Central City Council in the April 5 primary.

St. Amant was upset to see one of Central's top officials and the highest ranking black Republican city official in the state targeted and persecuted for doing nothing wrong.

Then on Thursday, St. Amant won a six-year battle against developer Tommy Spinosa, when the Louisiana 1st Circuit Court of Appeal ruled that the Metro Council's rezoning of the Rouzan development on Perkins Road was illegal.

St. Amant did for his clients — two homeowners who were surrounded by Spinosa's 119-acre development — what many thought impossible: The Court of Appeal reversed six years of decisions by District Judge Wilson Fields.

The case had gotten St. Amant's dander up. He was angry that his clients had their natural gas cut off for more than a year simply because their homes were inconvenient to Spinosa and his development.

Now St. Amant is preparing for Spinosa's likely appeal and preparing for a companion case before District Judge Janice Clark.

His clients will be seeking damages from Spinosa for the six years of turmoil they have had to endure.

It's all in a day's work for Alex St. Amant, attorney at law and one-man army.

On Monday, he'll be back in his office, planning his next crusade.



our **PEOPLE.**
your **POWER.**

Every call. Every line. Every member. Every day,
DEMCO is dedicated to bringing more power to you.



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

You can manage your payments by signing up for DEMCO's BankDraft program or pay online using an e-check or credit card. Sign up at DEMCO.org and put the power in your hands!

 /DEMCOLouisiana demco.org

**Moreau Physical Therapy
Wellness Services**

**Spring Into
Weight Loss Action!**

Call today about our Special!

**Get Beach
Ready
by Summer!**

**\$50 Off
Consult Fee!**


**MOREAU
PHYSICAL THERAPY**


**SPECTRUM
FITNESS**

**Ideal Protein Locations:
Spectrum Southdowns: 225.923.3490
Central: 225.261.7021
Zachary East: 225.286.0181**

www.moreaupt.com

Salsbury Plans Larger Police Force

Chief Candidate Would Develop Contract Staff, More Reserve Officers

Continued from Page 1

served as an investigator with the Louisiana Attorney General's office.

He currently serves as Assistant Chief of Police for the City of Central.

Salsbury said he wants Central police officers to focus both on misdemeanors and on felonies. He said, "Most felony offenders start small and work their way up." His goal is to develop the Central Police Department into a working police force with contract employees and reserve officials. The East Baton Rouge Sheriff's office is the primary law enforcement agency serving the City of Central.

Salsbury said inmate labor should be used to offset the cost of incarceration to allow for the building of



JAMES SALSURY
Candidate for Police Chief

more prisons.

Salsbury favors greater public access to public records, supports extending Hooper Road across the Amite River to Watson, and opposes the Baton Rouge Loop. He said he does not see a need for a Red Light Camera program in the City of Central.

Salsbury is president of Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motor Cycle Club and a member of the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, Fraternal Order of Police, and Zoar Baptist Church.

The endorsement by the Republican Party was voted on Feb. 13 by the East Baton Rouge Republican Parish Executive Committee (PEC), the 17-member elected body established by state law to govern the party in the parish.

In addition to the Republican Party, Salsbury has been endorsed by Chiefs of Police from throughout the Baton Rouge area.

Harry Rauls: After We Fight, Shake Hands

Continued from Page 9

• "I have served on the Planning & Zoning Commission since 2010 and have participated in the Master Plan, the new Comprehensive Zoning Plan, and the government and school system committees."

• "I believe Central is positioned and has all the attributes to be one of the leading cities in the state. But we must insure uncontrolled growth does not overwhelm our resources and Central's quality of life. The Councilmen we elect are vital to successful future growth of the City of Central. I believe I have the maturity, experience, integrity, independence, fiscal responsibility, moral character, and the commitment to serve only in the best interest of the citizens of Central."

• "I like to reach across the aisles. One of our problems in Central is people get mad about something and they don't get over it. If I lose, I don't come back and try to tear down. If we had a fight last week, let's shake hands and go on."

• "We need to work with people who may have problems with the Master Plan."

• "I am very concerned about insurance rates. We need \$22 million to finish the Comite Diversion Canal."

• "My goals over the next four years include a more equal representation of citizens via districts or possibly home rule charter; completed or improving street and sewer infrastructure projects and improved flood control; expanded professional, business, educational, and economic development; improved community sports, music, arts, cultural and entertainment areas for area youth; community college; community center with city offices, meeting rooms, and community areas; fiscal responsibility and balanced city budget, and secure and safe city with great police and fire protection."

• "We need more communication with our citizens. We have experts in Central on just about everything. We need to utilize their expertise and get them involved."

Learn to Lobby the Legislature at Workshop March 8

BATON ROUGE - Louisiana Strong, the conservative action group formed as a counter balance to leftist groups such as Together Baton Rouge, will hold a workshop on how to lobby your legislators this Saturday, March 8.

The main speaker will be Scott McKay, publisher of TheHayride.com, who is also known as the poet laureate of politics.

Other speakers will be Sen. Dan Claitor and Metro Councilman Buddy Amoroso.

The event will be held at the Cajun Industries Training Room, 15635 Airline Hwy. The cost will be \$15, which will include food and materials. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the training program will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

REYNERSON'S

GUNS & GUNSMITHING



Cleaning & Repair
Bluing • Recoil Pads
Scopes Mounted & Boresighted

Guns • Ammo • Knives • Hunting & Shooting Supplies

225-261-4860

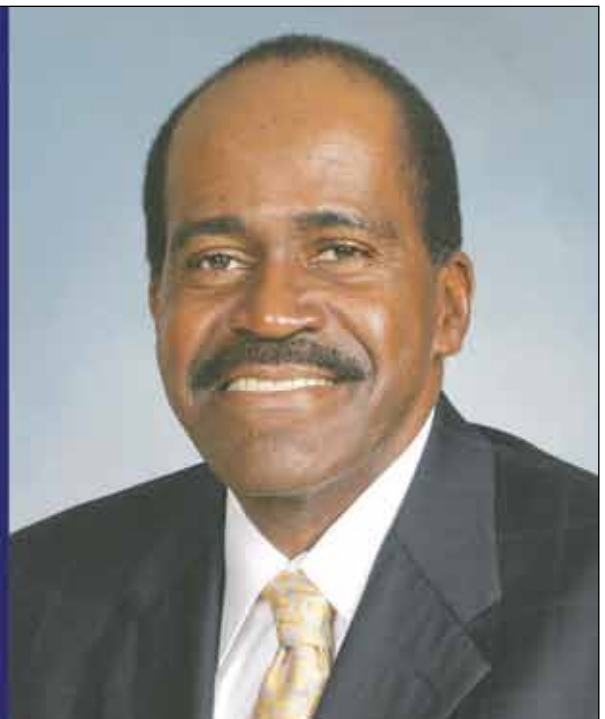
10044 Hooper Road • www.reynersons.com

Working For All Citizens Of Central
With Experience, Fairness, Courage

Re Elect **RALPH WASHINGTON**

COUNCILMAN
CITY OF CENTRAL

Paid for by Ralph Washington Campaign



Al Moreau to Lead State P-T Board

Central Entrepreneur Chosen by Peers To Lead State Board

BATON ROUGE - Central businessman and physical therapist Al C. Moreau, III, PT, has been elected chairman of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board of Examiners, the state board which regulates physical therapists in Louisiana.

Moreau was appointed to the board by Gov Bobby Jindal on Nov. 18, 2010, for a three-year term and reappointed to serve a second term effective Dec. 6, 2013.

Al III is the president of Moreau Physical Therapy, which was started by his father in the 1970's in Zachary. They opened their Central location in 1984, and Moreau Physical Therapy is now one of the oldest businesses in Central. Al III joined the business in 1999. It now includes eight locations and some contract locations, mainly in East Baton Rouge and St. Landry parishes.

Al III has been an active supporter of the Central High School athletic program and often helps on the



WILDCAT MEDICAL TEAM — Dr. Michael Romaguera, Dr. David Rabalais, Al Moreau III, and Ryan Bozant, PT manned the sideline during a Central High game. Moreau has been elected chairman of the Louisiana Board of Physical Therapy. He is president of Moreau Physical Therapy in Central and seven other locations.

sidelines at Central games.

The Catholic High graduate grew up in Zachary. He received his Master of Physical Therapy degree from Louisiana State University Medical Center School of Allied Health in New Orleans in 1999.

He is a member of the American

Physical Therapy Association, Louisiana Physical Therapy Association, and the Private Practice section of the American Physical Therapy Association.

Al and his wife have an 11-year-old daughter and two sons, aged four and six.

Can You Help Save Central's Old Girls Gym?

CENTRAL - Can you or an organization you represent save the Old Central Girls Gym? It may cost several hundred thousand dollars.

The Central Community School System is currently advertising for the demolition of several buildings on the old Central Middle School site.

One of the buildings is the Old Girls Gym. Before the school board considers bids for the project, they would like to know if there is any interest by either an individual or a group of individuals in acquiring the old gym for the purpose of preserving it.

Should an individual or a group of individuals have any interest, please contact Central schools Supt. Michael Faulk at 225-650-2900 or mfaulk@centralcss.org. Supt. Faulk asked interested parties to say what they would propose to do with the building.

Jason Ellis Seeks Seat on Central City Council

CENTRAL - Jason Ellis has issued the following statement in connection with his candidacy for the City Council in Central:

"Hello my name is Jason Ellis I am a Central High School graduate and

have been married to my best friend Kim Ellis for 7 years. We have one child Jackson and our second son is due in February. I am a combat veteran of the Iraq War, having served in the U.S. Army for nine years. I am

currently a Project Engineer and have been employed at Forte and Tablada, Inc. for 8 years. I have a B.S. in Civil Engineering from LSU and I am licensed as a Professional Engineer by the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board."

"My wife and I are members of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. We also are members of Cooking in Central, Central Chamber of Commerce, Republican Women of Central, Central Leadership for Tomorrow, and the Central Cultural Foundation. I am a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Louisiana Engineering Society as well."

"I am very interested in getting involved in the City Council, as I would like to see the City move forward with positive leadership, while continuing to hold on to good conservative values. My infrastructure experience as a Civil Engineer designing roads, bridges, water, sewer, and drainage projects will enable better decisions to be made by your government concerning our critical infrastructure issues. I would like to put my experience and expertise to work for you so that we can all build a brighter future together for our children. My leadership experience comes from many previous years serving as a paratrooper and infantryman in various



JASON ELLIS
Candidate for City Council

US Army units around the world."

"I will do my utmost to be a good and faithful City Council member, doing foremost what is best for the City of Central. Your vote for me would be appreciated. Please visit my campaign website www.jasonellisforcouncil.com for more information about voting or how to get involved in the campaign. Thank you!"

Aaron Moak Running For Council Job Again

CENTRAL - Two-term City Councilman Aaron Moak will seek reelection to the governing body of the state's 13th-largest city in the April 5 election.

"After eight years of service to the people of Central, I have decided to run for another term as City Councilman," Moak said in announcing his candidacy. "I have not made this decision lightly. I have consulted my children, family and friends, and I have prayed about this decision, and I believe I am well-suited to continue my service to the people of my hometown."

Moak, 41, is a lifelong resident of Central. A small business owner since 1996, he has built a company with four full-time employees. A former firefighter, he knows the importance of public safety and service to the community. Moak is the father of two sons, Travis, 16, and Carson, 9. He has been a registered Republican since first voting at age 18.

"Our city is very young and has come a long way in a short time," Moak said. "I was proud to be part of the leadership that helped found the City of Central, and it has been an honor to serve for the last eight years. We've seen great progress in many areas, and have accomplished it all without ever raising taxes. I remain committed to lean and efficient government, and to always being accessible to the people of our great city."

For more information, voters can visit www.Facebook.com/CouncilmanMoak or call him at 225-324-6008.



AARON MOAK
Candidate for City Council

Sonny's Auto Repair

Preventive Maintenance

- Check Engine Light
- A/C & Heating
- Computer Diagnostics
- ABS Light
- Fuel Injection
- Electrical
- Tune-Ups
- Brakes
- CV Joints

(225) 261-5551

Corner of Blackwater & Dyer

Foreign and Domestic • Schedule an Appointment Today

Accept Most Extended Warranties

2 yr/24,000 mile Warranty

Serving Central, Baker & Zachary for over 35 Years

Milestones

Births • Engagements • Weddings • Deaths
Anniversaries • Reunions

WEDDINGS

Courtenay Cupit and Ryan Phillips to wed April 5, 2014

BIRTHS

Triplets, Hallie, Hadden and Harper Hay born December 21, 2013

Cupit, Phillips Marriage Set April 5 in Denham Springs

PRIDE — Courtenay Anne Cupit and Ryan Dale Phillips both of Pride, will marry in a 7 p.m. ceremony April 5, 2014, at Forrest Grove Plantation in Denham Springs.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Rex and Linda Cupit of Pride. She is the granddaughter of Anne Fleming and the late Richard Arlen Fleming of Pride and the late Joseph B. Cupit and wife Henrietta Kendrick Cupit, also of Pride. She is a graduate of Northeast High School and ITI Technical College in Baton Rouge. She is a Pipe Drafter employed by Furmanite Technical Solutions currently at BASF in Gesimar, La.

Her fiancé is the son of Dale and Ann Phillips of Pride. He is the grandson of the late Hubert Dale Phillips and his wife Louise Phillips Lott from Jackson, MS. and Robert Earl Kleinpeter, Sr. and wife Lynette Leblanc Kleinpeter from Ethel. He is a graduate of Central Private School and Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond.



Courtenay Cupit and Ryan Phillips

He is employed as a counselor at Woodlake Addiction Recovery Center in Ethel.

Elena Hartlage, Reeve Legendre to Wed at St. Agnes Catholic Church

BATON ROUGE — Elena Leigh Hartlage of Baton Rouge and Reeve Daniel Legendre of Greenwell Springs will marry in a 7 p.m. ceremony May 23 at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Baton Rouge.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Phyllis Babin Hartlage of Baton Rouge. She is the granddaughter of Ethel Maraist Babin of Baton Rouge and the late Durward Paul Babin Jr. and the late William Bernard and Jeanne Benedict Hartlage of Atlanta Ga. She is a graduate of St. Joseph's Academy, LSU and the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. She is a mental health therapist and a member of the Junior League of Baton Rouge.

Her fiancé is the son of Mark Daniel and Mary Langley Legendre of Greenwell Springs. He is the grandson of Fay Schexnyder Legendre of Baton Rouge and the late Daniel Joseph Leg-



Elena Hartlage and Reeve Legendre

endre and the late Huey Lee Langley Sr. and the late Peggy Barrow. He is a graduate of Catholic High, LSU and attended LSU Graduate School. He is a graduate assistant with LSU School Plant, Environmental and Soil Sciences.

facebook

Join Facebook and "Like" Central City News

Births

Elliott Claire Jenny

Steven and Megan (Legendre) Jenny of Central are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Elliott Claire. She was born Dec. 17, 2013, at Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge at 4:23 a.m. She weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches long. She was welcomed by her big sister, Harper, and her grandparents, Mark and Mary Legendre of Central, and Bruce and Kathy Jenny of Baton Rouge. She is the niece of Reeve Legendre of Central, Brian and Tracy Jenny of Atlanta, Ga., and Karen Jenny of Amsterdam.



Hallie, Hadden and Harper Hay

Michael Hay and Michelle Lavergne of Zachary are proud to announce the birth of their triplets, Hallie Morgan Hay, Hadden Michael Hay and Harper Mae Hay. The triplets arrived at 1:03 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013, at Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge. Hallie weighed four pounds and 11 ounces and measured 17-3/4 inches long. Hadden weighed four pounds and eight ounces and measured 16-1/4 inches long. Harper weighed three pounds nine ounces and measured 15-1/2 inches long. The triplets were welcomed home by sister Tessa Hay. Maternal grandparents are Randy and Karen Lavergne of Zachary. Paternal grandparents are Gary and Sandra Hay of Zachary.



Deaths

Robert Cecil Hunter Jr.

Robert Cecil Hunter, Jr., 68, of Greenwell Springs passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2014, at the Carpenter House in Baton Rouge. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend and will be missed dearly by all those who knew and loved him. Visitation was held at Seale Funeral Home in Central on Thursday, February 13, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and resumed on Friday February 14 from 9 a.m. until service at 10 a.m., officiated by Rev. Mark Crosby. He is survived by his wife, Loretta Gauthier Hunter; sons, Marland Hunter, Barrett Hunter and wife, Stephanie, and Dwayne Hunter and wife, Amy; 14 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and sister and brother-in-law, Paulette and Billy Cowart. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert S. and Clara Nell Arnette Hunter. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the doctors and staff at Ochsner of Baton Rouge Hospital and St. Joseph's Carpenter House for their love and care shown during

this difficult time. Please sign the online guestbook at sealefuneral.com.

Viola Breaux Lacombe

Viola Breaux Lacombe passed away at 9:40 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014, at Flannery Oaks Nursing Home in Baton Rouge at the age of 87. Visitation was held at Seale Funeral Home in Central on Tuesday Feb. 25, 2014, from 9:30 a.m. until religious service at 2 p.m. in the funeral home chapel conducted by Father Mike Moroney. Entombment was at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Baker. Survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Retta and Lee Soileaux; three grandchildren, Rebecca Domm, Richarda Alvarez and Rick Soileaux; and four great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her husband, Henry Lacombe; her sisters and brothers. She attended St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Greenwell Springs. Special thanks to Clarity Hospice, staff and nurses, and the staff of Flannery Oaks Nursing Home. Especially the nurses. Please visit our online registry book at www.sealefuneral.com.

Classifieds

\$6 for first 10 words. \$10 for 11 to 20 words. \$15 for 21 to 30 words. \$20 for 31 to 40 words. \$25 for one column inch classified display ad. Call 261-5055. Must be paid in advance. To pay by credit card, go to www.centralcitynews.us and click "Pay Now" on the left. Then email ad copy to centralcitynews@hotmail.com. Or mail or hand deliver check and ad copy to Central City News, 910 N. Foster, Baton Rouge 70806

AVAILABLE — CNA#170219 -Sitter. Anytime \$8 per hour. Call Patrice at (225) 394-0900 or (225) 371-2510. 2/5/14

Any size storage to fit any need...



- 24 Hour Access Gate
- Climate Control & Regular Storage Available
- Manager on site

12526 Hooper Rd. 261-7357

SEALE Funeral Home

Located in Central

9995 Hooper Rd. Central, LA 70818 sealefuneral.com

236-0800

What's Happening

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

March 7 & 8

Greenwell Springs Baptist 9th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair

Greenwell Springs Baptist Church, 19421 Greenwell Springs Rd., will host its annual Arts & Crafts Fair on March 7 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, March 8 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Car Show Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with awards at 2 p.m. Live Auction Saturday at 3 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Each Friday March 7-April 4 St. Alphonsus Men's Club Lenten Fish Fry

4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

St. Alphonsus Men's Club will hold their annual Lenten Fish Fry on each Friday during Lent. Dinners are \$7 each and include fried fish, french fries, cole slaw and bread. Dinners are take out only and may be purchased from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.. Pick up your dinners in the front parking lot facing Greenwell Springs Rd.

Saturday, March 8

Jambalaya Fundraiser

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Help Lexi raise money for her Beta Club trip to Washington, DC. Lexi is a 5th grade student at Central Intermediate School and is raising money to fund her upcoming trip by selling jambalaya dinners at the corner of Hooper Rd and Joor Rd. For more information, call Stacy Davis at 225-276-5824.

Tuesday, March 11

Lane Regional Medical Center Colon Cancer Screening

Lane Regional Medical Center will distribute free colorectal cancer screening kits from 10 a.m. til 2 p.m in the front lobby of the hospital located at 6300 Main Street, Zachary. March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness month. The test is not a substitute for a regular physical examination by your physician but may indicate the need for one. For more information, call 225-658-4587

Thursday, March 13 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Roundup

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Please visit centralcss.org for information on registration requirements students entering kindergarten and Pre-K in the Central Community School System.

Friday, March 14

Garage Sale

7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Huge Garage Sale in the Zoar

Baptist Church Gym on the corner of Hooper and Joor Rd. Lots of items and clothes.

Friday, March 14 & 15 Garage Sale .

Garage Sale at Foster Road Baptist Church, 11333 Foster Road. 7 a.m to 3 p.m on Friday and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Friday, March 15 Caring For the Aging

Covenant Community Church

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

A two-hour forum providing advice and resources to those who are caring for aging parents, spouses, or others. Hosted at Covenant Community Church, 22325 Greenwell Springs Road. Chuck Bradley, a Licensed Professional Counselor and Family Therapist with 25 years experience will speak on Caring for the Caregiver, Communicating With Your Family During Care-giving, and Building a Care-Giving Team. Dr. Kyle Dean with North Point Family Health Center will discuss, How to Talk with Your Doctor. Phil Miley, attorney-at-law will discuss, Legal Planning Issues. There will be other representatives from various community resources on hand with information. Register by calling 261-3088. There is no charge. Lunch is optional for \$5.

March 17- 19 St. Alphonsus

CoffeeBreak Annual Spring Trip

two-night, three-day pilgrimage to The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament and EWTN Chapel and studio. Reservations and payments due by Friday, Feb. 21. Costs covers charter bus, accommodations, and gratuity. Meals are not included. Cost is per person: Double-\$213, Triple-\$188, Quad-\$175. Limited space available. Call Jackie 261-3116 or email avon@i-55.com

Saturday, May 3

St. Francisville Spring Garden Stroll

9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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



CAITLIN CARLOS AND JACIE MCCLURE were selected to the 2013 All-State Volleyball Team. Caitlin and Jacie grew up in Central, attended St. Alphonsus Catholic School and are now seniors at St. Joseph's Academy. The girls and other All-State Team members were honored at a banquet at Drusilla Seafood in Baton Rouge..



CENTRAL WRESTLING TEAM — Four members of the Central High wrestling team were medal winners at the City Tournament on Feb. 7 and 8. Shown are Dalton Holdman, Russell Ball, Ryan Huffty, Austin Gouedy and Coach Justin Stafford



Faith Laureles was named as Oneofakind Fashion Week Model of the Year. Sixty models including Laureles, were selected from a model search that was held in early January. An estimated 300 models auditioned. Faith is a freshman at Central High School.

IT'S TRUCK MONTH AT BRIAN HARRIS CHEVROLET

NOW JUST 5 SHORT MINUTES FROM CENTRAL!



\$7500

OFF MSRP!



YOUR HOMETOWN CHEVY DEALER

brian harris

CHEVROLET



225-272-6500 or 1-866-683-0839

15015 Florida Blvd. • Baton Rouge, LA

Shop our 2nd location 24/7 at brianharrischevrolet.com

SATURDAY SERVICE: 8:00AM - 2:00PM CREDIT HOTLINE: 888 966-2886

#14T271, '14 Silverado Crew Cab-MSRP \$37,215. \$3750 rebates & \$3750 dealer discount. DRAC vehicle. Pictures for illustration purposes only. See dealer for details. All prices plus TT&L.

Shelton: I'll Work with Parish Officials

Candidates Face Heavy Schedule Of Campaigning

Continued from Page 1

the mayor's race in Central to incumbent Mac Watts four years ago by 300 votes out of 8,000 votes cast. Watts is not seeking reelection.

Jr. Shelton is a native of East Baton Rouge Parish. He graduated from Broadmoor High School and earned a B.S. in business administration from LSU. He and his wife Rita have been married for 39 years and have resided in Central for the past 36 years. They have four children and six grandchildren. He has been a deacon at Broadmoor Baptist Church for 41 years.

Shelton's family owned Shel-Boze lighting company for 56 years, and he co-owned the business for 37 years of those years. The company closed during the recession in 2009. He is a realtor with C. J. Brown and last year served as chairman of the C.J. Brown Agents Council. He served on the Board of Central Private School for 16 years.

In his interview with the PEC, Shelton predicted Central will become the outstanding city in East Baton Rouge Parish because of low crime, an outstanding school system, and accessibility. He said Hooper Road puts Central only seven minutes from the Baton Rouge Airport and



WORKING WITH PARISH LEADERS — Republican Mayoral candidate Jr. Shelton (right) met with Baton Rouge Mayor Pro-Tem Chandler Loup, also a conservative Republican, for lunch last week. Shelton said he will work closely with other parish leaders, especially those who share Central's conservative values, on matters of mutual interest.

I-110, Joor Road puts Central five minutes from Cortana Mall, and the Central Thruway now links Central directly to I-12.

Shelton said he wants to improve relations between Central and surrounding com-

munities. He said he wants to work with officials in East Baton Rouge and Livingston parishes on matters of mutual interest.

He said his priorities include improving the infrastructure of Central, especially drain-

age and roads. "We have an accumulated surplus, and some of those funds should be used to provide much needed improvements, including \$3 million in drainage projects," he said.

Shelton said highway priorities include working with the state and parish to widen Greenwell Springs Road and extend Hooper Road across the Amite River to Watson. He said he wants to maintain Central's rural atmosphere and its strong sense of community.

Shelton said there is a need to build up Central's retail and commercial sectors. "There are three phases of development — residential, retail, and commercial — and they all have to grow together. Right now, our residential development is ahead of the other two. Our citizens want more retail development, and we need commercial development to provide more jobs locally. These will be priorities."

Shelton and other candidates for police chief and city council went through the PEC's screening process, which included meeting residency and party registration requirements and verification of education and military service. They submitted a complete biographical profile and an eight-page questionnaire on their views on issues related to the office they are seeking. The final step was the formal interview and questioning by the PEC, which occurred in public at the Metro Council Chamber.

In its questionnaire, the

GOP asked Shelton what he hoped to accomplish after four years as mayor. He said, "I'd like our economic development to be a model for municipalities across the state. I want our citizens to have trust in their government and confidence that every decision is made in their best interests. I'd hope they would be happy with infrastructure improvements with regards to streets, drainage, and sewerage. Four years is a short time in the life of a city, and I believe we need a long-range plan that is a stepping stone to great things for Central. If we don't have a roadmap of where we are trying to go, we won't get anywhere."

Shelton also discussed the purpose of government. He said, "Government should work in the background in the lives of our citizens. We should make sure citizens have the right to make the decisions in their lives without government being intrusive. Our laws should be fair and insure the peaceful living that they want. If government is working right, it is not talked about by citizens. We should be a facilitator of progress, not the determining factor in someone's success or failure. Government should not be a candy store handing out samples, but rather an entity that puts in place the mechanisms that allow citizens to live their lives without infringing on the lives of others."

Shelton was also endorsed this week by the Capital Regions Builders Association.

Now Accepting Reservations for Lunch & Dinner on Monday-Thursday



Daily Bar Specials Start at 5 p.m.

Monday: All You Can Eat Boiled Shrimp for \$16.95

Tuesday: 1/2 off raw oysters

Wednesday: All You Can Eat Fried shrimp for \$16.95

Sunday: 1/2 off Chargrilled Oysters

Happy Hour! • Monday – Thursday, 11 am – 6 pm

2 for 1 specials:

House wines • House margaritas • Well brand mixed drinks

Bud Light draft • Ultra draft

Central • 14140 Greenwell Springs • 636-5870
Baton Rouge • 1031 West Lee Drive • 766-7823

Now booking private events in our beautiful banquet room for large parties!

Kids (12 & Under) Eat for \$1 on Monday Nights!

