

Mayor-Elect Carried 21 of 22 Precincts, Tied One

Shelton in Landslide

Transition Team Sets Meetings

CENTRAL - Mayor-elect Jr. Shelton Monday announced the appointment of a transition team equally divided between citizens who supported him and those who opposed him in the election April 5.

Shelton said in an interview with the *Central City News* that he is calling the group, the Central First team. "We're excited about working together to make sure we are up and running by the time new city officials are sworn in July 1," he said.

Shelton said he paid careful attention to the makeup of the committee to insure a cross section of the community so that all voices could be heard and also to help heal divisions in the community. However, he said he told the committee

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FIRST LADY OBJECTS — When Mayor-elect Jr. Shelton tried to make his wife Rita speak at his victory party, she strongly objected. Shelton won in a landslide 59-41.

Central School System to Launch Central Wildcat Newspaper May 15

CENTRAL - The Central Community School System is launching a newspaper, called **The Central Wildcat**, to help improve communications among parents, students, teachers, administrators, and the Central community. It will be published 10 months a year from

August to May, beginning May 15 of this school year. **The Central Wildcat** will cover Central High, Central Middle, Central Intermediate, Tanglewood, and Bellingrath Hills schools. It will be distributed to every family with children in

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Mayor-Elect Reaches Out To Bring City Back Together

CENTRAL - Nearly 40 percent of Central's voters went to the polls April 5 and gave a resounding, landslide victory to local realtor Jr. Shelton, who was elected Mayor.

The voters swept into office five of his political allies — new Police Chief James Salsbury, and Council members-elect Dr. Kim Fralick, Shane Evans, and John Vance, and incumbent Council member Wayne Messina.

Shelton received 59 percent of the vote to Dave Freneau's 41 percent. All of the candidates in the election were Republicans.

Meanwhile, another ally of Shelton, Central Councilman and Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Washington ran fifth in the Council race and will face a runoff May 3 against the sixth place candidate, Jason Ellis.

Four incumbent city officials did not seek reelection — Mayor Mac Watts, Police Chief

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Election Final

Saturday, April 5, 2014
Official Results

Mayor
Jr. Shelton 4,546
Dave Freneau 3,159

Police Chief
J. Salsbury 3,944
Kerry Clark 3,634

City Council
Vote for Five

Kim Fralick 5,135
Wayne Messina 4,135
Shane Evans 4,031
John Vance 3,984
R. Washington* 3,625
Jason Ellis* 3,071
Aaron Moak 2,784
June Dupuy 2,865
Mike Gardner 2,704
Eric Frank 2,288
Harry Rauls 2,112

MAY 3 RUNOFF

*Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Washington and Jason Ellis are in a runoff May 3.

BREC Tax Fails In City of Central

CENTRAL — Voters in the City of Central voted against a proposed \$227 million BREC property tax renewal 3,146 to 2,839. Nevertheless, it passed parishwide.

New Mayor Goes to Work, Sets Hectic Pace

CENTRAL — Central Mayor-elect Jr. Shelton was elected April 5 and started work the next day. "It's been a lot of fun and very busy!" he said.

In the past 10 days, he has fielded hundreds of phone calls, met with supporters and opponents, and done a score of media interviews.

He had a private meeting with Mayor Mac Watts, which he said was very successful. David Barrow, IBTS, old and new elected officials, and his transition team.

Sen. David Vitter offered his support and help on federal issues. The Mayor-elect was scheduled to meet today with Mayor-President Kip Holden.



CONGRATULATIONS — U. S. Sen. David Vitter congratulated Central Mayor-elect Jr. Shelton on his big victory at the polls Saturday. Vitter asked Shelton about his priorities and offered his help at the federal level. Vitter is the leading candidate for governor.

Washington, Ellis Face Runoff May 3 for Seat

CENTRAL - For Central voters, the process of electing a new city government is not over yet. Councilman Ralph Washington missed getting a majority by about 50 votes. So a runoff election will be held on Saturday, May 3 between Washington and the next vote-getter, Jason Ellis.

Early voting will begin this Saturday, April 19 and continue through Saturday, April 26.

Washington has served as a member of the City Council

Sample Ballot

Saturday, May 3, 2014
On the Ballot in Central

City Council
Jason Ellis R
Ralph Washington R

Note: Due to construction, the St. Alphonsus precinct will be held at Bellingrath Hills.

and as Mayor Pro-Tem since Central was incorporated in 2005. He owns Red Stick Cleaners. Ellis is a native of Central and a practicing civil engineer with extensive municipal experience.

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STANDS TALL, EVEN IN A WHEELCHAIR — City Councilman and Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Washington found himself temporarily in a wheelchair at last Saturday's victory party for Mayor-elect Jr. Shelton, as he recovers from successful surgery to unclog arteries in his legs. But for the past nine years, Washington has stood tall for Central!



Photo by Jolice Provost

Country Living in the City

Ralph Washington: A Man Who Stands Tall for Central

When Central Was On the Ropes, Ralph Washington Saved the Day

Woody Jenkins
Editor

In the nine-year history of the City of Central, there is one man who stands out. A man who was part of the City from the beginning and who has been unwavering in his loyalty, integrity, and commitment to the people of Central.

That man is Ralph Washington. For nine years, he has served as a member of the City Council and as Mayor Pro-Tem. Never once has there been a conflict of interest or a hint of impropriety or dishonesty.

He has stood forthrightly, uncompromisingly for what is right, no matter what the cost to him.

Example No. 1 - The bill to create the Central Community School System was being debated in a legislative

committee. The Black Caucus was savaging not only the bill but Central, making Central look like a bastion of racism. Central is 90 percent white. This is about segregation, they roared. The bill was headed for certain defeat.

Then something happened that turned the tide almost instantly.

A tall black man rose to his feet and walked to the witness chair. He wasn't supposed to speak. No one told him to speak. He got up on his own. He said, "Don't tell me about discrimination. I've been fighting it all my life. That's not the Central I know. I'm the Mayor Pro-Tem of Central, and this is about education — for all our children!"

Then he sat down, and everything had changed. The bill passed out of committee and then the floor!

One man stood up and spoke the truth. And they KNEW it was the truth because HE said it.

Many people have played a vital role in creating the Central school system, but if had not been for one man — Ralph Washington — I'm not sure it would have ever made its way through the legislature.

Example No. 2 - At about the same time, Central was under attack in the

court of public opinion. The president of the NAACP in Baton Rouge, Kwame Asante, came out to Central and went on TV the next day. He told WAFB-TV he had felt threatened in Central, being a black man at night. It was a racist place.

The propaganda against Central on TV was unrelenting. Not a white person in Central could stand up and say We're not racist! It would have had no credibility.

But there was one man who could. Ralph Washington. And he did.

He got on Channel 9 and said, "I've lived in Central for years, and I've never seen anything like that in Central. The blacks and whites get along just fine in Central."

Suddenly, it was over! Once again, Ralph Washington spoke truth and ended a crisis.

Example No. 3 — CH2MHill was making Central into a company town

and making a mockery of privatization. They became secretive and refused to comply with the Louisiana's Public Records Law.

But Ralph Washington spoke up on the Council and demanded that they comply with the law. At his urging, the Council ordered them to produce the records. He wouldn't sit silently and let the people of Central have their right to access to public records taken away.


Example No. 4 — When CH2M-Hill defied the City Council and continued to violate the public records law and refused to produce the public records, Ralph Washington led the fight to take away their contract and put it out to public bid. Once again, he was successful. Right prevailed, and Central got a new city contractor.

Over the past nine years, there have been many other times Ralph Washington has saved the day for this community.

His ad says he's stood up for Central, and it's true! He has! Now he faces a tough reelection campaign May 3. If ever there were a public servant who deserved to be reelected, it is our own Mayor Pro-Tem, Ralph Washington.




Woody Jenkins



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Mayor-Elect Prepares to Be Sworn in July 1

Five New City Officials; Washington Faces Runoff

Mayor-Elect Has Friendly Faces on New City Council

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Doug Browning, and Council members Tony LoBue and Louis DeJohn.

Incumbent City Council member Aaron Moak sought reelection but was defeated.

Watts, Browning, and DeJohn have served in city government since Central was incorporated in July 2005. All were appointed by then Gov. Kathleen Blanco and later won election. Moak is completing his second term on the Council, and LoBue is completing his first term.

The Mayor's race between Shelton and Freneau was heated, as Freneau repeatedly attacked Shelton. However, Shelton neither responded to the attacks nor made any of his own. That seemed to serve him well with voters, who tired of the negative attacks.

As of now, only one incumbent elected official is returning to city government, Councilman Wayne Messina. If Washington wins the May 3 runoff, he would be the only other veteran member of the Council. Washington would also be the only one of Central's original Founding city officials to still hold public office nine years later.

Washington said there is so much to learn as a new Council member and that experience is important.

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NEWLY ELECTED — Standing (left to right) are Central City Council members-elect Dr. Kim Fralick, Wayne Messina, John Vance, and Shane Evans, Police Chief-elect James Salsbury, and Mayor-elect Jr. Shelton. In front is Councilman Ralph Washington, who is in a runoff. Photo by Woody Jenkins

First Issue of *Central Wildcat* Coming May 15

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News. The **Central City News** is an award-winning newspaper that has been honored by the Louisiana Press Association and the National Newspaper Association as one of the best community newspapers in the state and nation.

Central City News editor Woody Jenkins said his staff is honored to have the opportunity to create and

publish this new newspaper for the Central school system. "It will be fun and a real challenge at the same time," he said.

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Sweeping Victory for Shelton, Allies

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2-8B	Gas Utility No. 1	147	172	133	235	172	191	122	125	213	256	93	130	207	112	96	199	189		
3-1A	Central Worship Center	150	194	191	236	213	209	175	176	211	275	119	171	246	152	118	211	186		
3-1B	Central Worship Center	156	196	201	227	200	223	159	185	253	284	120	172	200	168	115	224	186		
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3-37	Cornerstone Fellowship	134	107	137	159	150	143	107	115	153	189	95	125	143	105	67	159	117		
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TOTALS		2,839	3,146	3,159	4,546	3,634	3,944	2,865	3,071	4,031	5,135	2,288	2,704	4,135	2,784	2,112	3,984	3,625		
		47.4%	52.3%	41.0%	59.0%	48.0%	52.0%	39%	41.8%	54.8%	69.9%	31.2%	36.8%	56.3%	37.9%	28.8%	54.25%	49.4%		

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“I’ve been part of the city from the beginning and have attended the committee meetings, the Council meetings, and all of the events that you have to attend. It has provided me with a wealth of knowledge that a new Councilman won’t have for quite some time,” he said.

Washington has been a student

of the city budget and has been instrumental in monitoring the activities of the city contractor. He was the only critic of CH2MHill on the Council from 2008 to 2010 and he led the fight to oust the firm and place the city’s privatization contract out to public bid.

The City of Central has an annual

budget of \$6.5 million and runs a healthy surplus. It has cash on hand of roughly \$20 million, an unusual situation for a city government its size in these economic times, when many cities are fighting off bankruptcy. The top vote-getter in the Council race was Dr. Kim Fralick, who knocked on more than 5,500 doors. That hard work paid off, as she received 5,135 votes, or 69.9 percent. She led the field of 11 candidates.

The top candidate for City Council in Central’s first citywide elec-

tion in 2006 was Ralph Washington, which led to his being elected Mayor Pro-Tem by the Council.

In 2010, the top vote-getter for the Council was Dr. Tony LoBue. However, when asked if he would stand for Mayor Pro-Tem, he declined and said he preferred to support Ralph Washington for another term in that position.

All of the victors in this election were endorsed by the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge, as was Washington.

They will be sworn in July 1.

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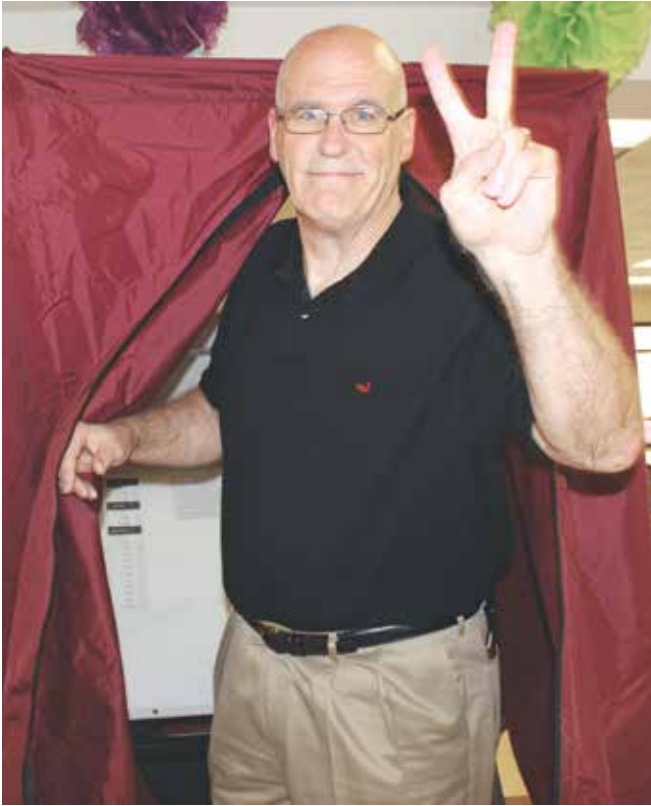
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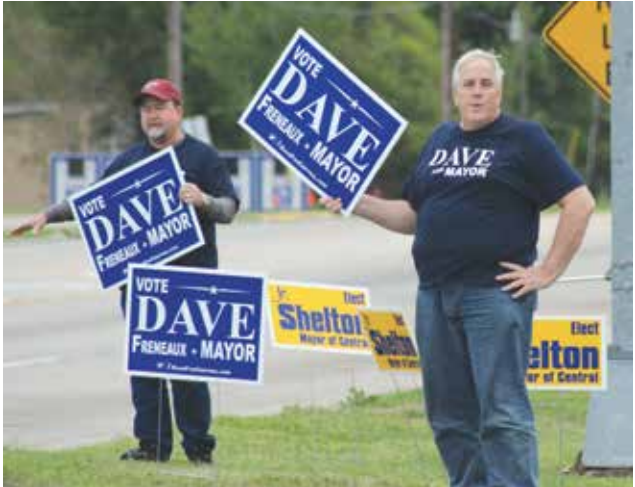
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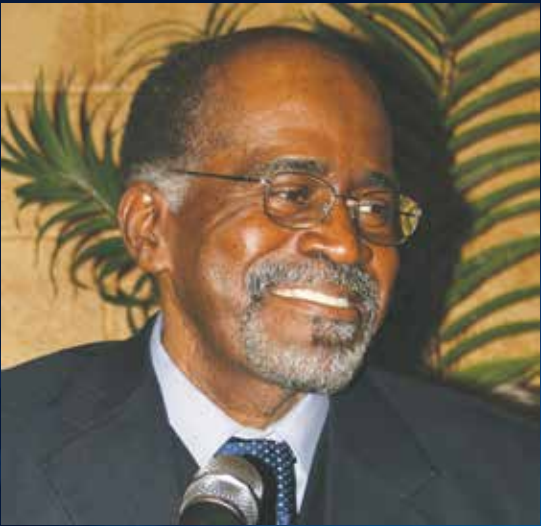
Busy Election Day Activities in Central



VOTING — Mayoral candidate Jr. Shelton and his wife Rita went to vote at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Alphonsus. At right, Shelton emerged from the voting machine.



Election Day • April 5, 2014 • Photos by Jolice Provost of Central City News



Central Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Washington

The Man Who **Stands Tall** for Central
When **Everything** Is on the Line!

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- When Kwame Asante, the President of the Baton Rouge NAACP got on WAFB-TV and declared Central a racist community, it was Ralph Washington who **STOOD UP** on WAFB-TV and WBRZ-TV and declared that statement ridiculous. "Black people in Central are like white people here: We love it, and we're living happily together."
- When CH2MHILL refused to honor the Public Records Law, it was Ralph Washington who **STOOD UP** to CH2MHILL and led the fight to order them to follow the law!
- When CH2MHILL continued to refuse, Ralph Washington **STOOD UP** and led the fight to end their contract!

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Candidates Worked Hard Until Polls Closed



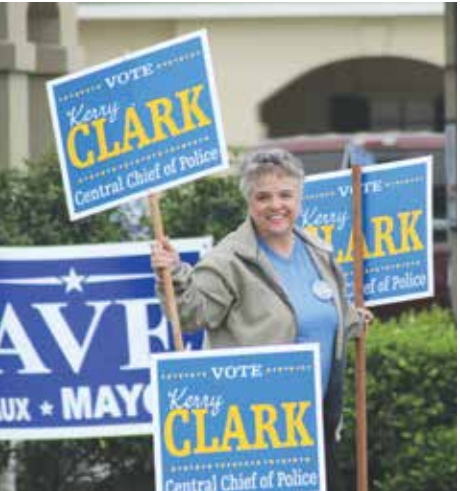
Some very loyal Shelton supporters



VOTE FOR JASON — Sign waving for Council candidate Jason Ellis



Council candidate Eric Frank



ELECTION DAY EXCITEMENT — As is often the case, campaign volunteers and candidates stood on major corners, trying to get votes for their candidates.



Dianne and I wish you and your family blessings on this Easter Sunday as we celebrate and rejoice the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Scott Angelle
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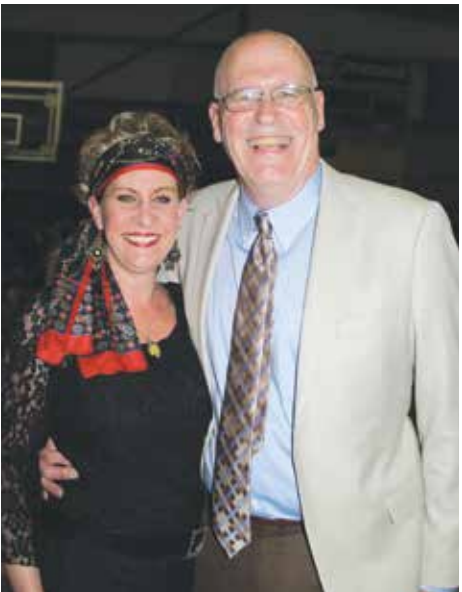
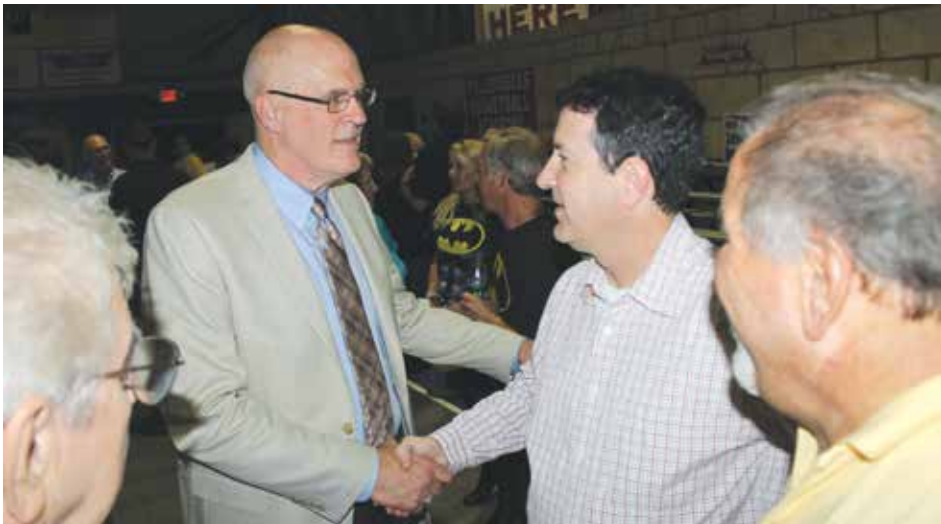
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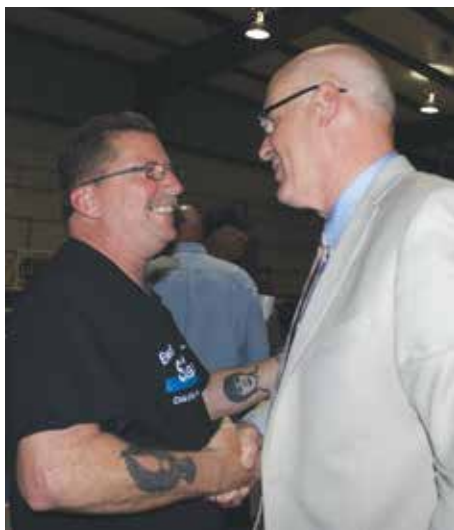
Election Night: A Time for Celebration



ELECTION NIGHT — At left, Dr. Kim Fralick talks to the crowd at Shelton victory party; Gil Matherne and Jr. Shelton look at early returns; Jr. and Rita Shelton enjoy victory.



Robin Kennard and Jr. Shelton



CONGRATLATIONS — At left, new Chief James Salsbury and new Mayor exchange congratulations.

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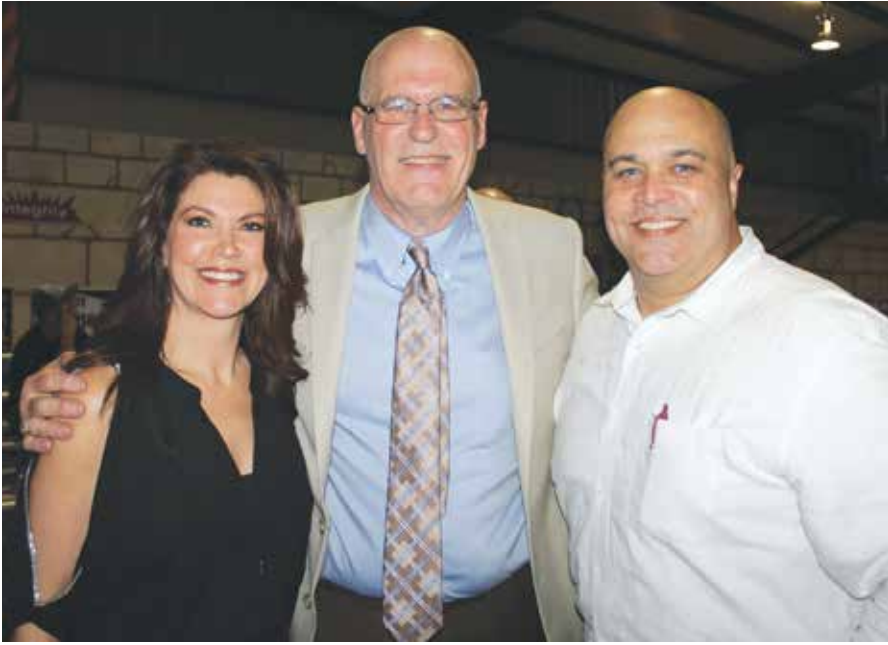
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Election Parties Gave Candidates Chance

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WINNERS — (Left to right) Councilman and Mrs. Wayne Messina; Councilman-elect and Mrs. Shane Evans, Mayor Jr. Shelton, and Chief and Mrs. James Salsbury.



MORE WINNERS — (Left to right) Dr. Kim Fralick and family; Councilman-elect John Vance and family; Rep. and Mrs. Barry Ivey with Sheltons; Mayor and Rep. Valarie Hodges



Thank You, Central!

The campaign is over and we thank you for the overwhelming support. As we begin the transition of administrations, it is imperative that we come together as a community now and show our strength as neighbors working together. I ask you to join us now in the work ahead. It will take all of us to yield the results needed for us to be successful as a city. I pledge my total commitment to the City of Central and to you as your Mayor to make Central the premier city in the nation!

Jr. Shelton

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POLICE CHIEFS — (Left to right) Former Baton Rouge chief Wayne Rogillio, Chief James Salsbury; Candi and Byron Lee; and Vanda and Mike Mannino.



HAPPY NIGHT — Mona Kennard and Judy Belcher; Jr. Shelton with grandson Porter; Shelton family; Gordon Hutchinson, Jr. Shelton, and Tommy Belcher.



Vince Dileo, Harry Rauls, and John Mangano Thumbs up for new Mayor Jr. Shelton Batgirls Gloria Chiek, Donna Dufour, and Tonya Ayers

Batgirls **THE BATMOBILE** — During the campaign, someone noticed that Jr. Shelton’s license plate is a variation of BATMOBILE. It was a gift from his kids because he was fan of Batman as a child. On Facebook, the Batmobile plate engendered banter from Shelton opponents and support from his friends. Pretty soon, a group of ladies who back Shelton starting calling themselves Batgirls. They showed up at the Election Party in full attire!

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Councilmen Wayne Messina, John Vance, and Shane Evans



Chief James Salsbury interviewed by WAFB-TV

BATON ROUGE - Last Tuesday, it was Central Day at the Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon as all of Central’s newly-elected city officials came to speak to the Baton Rouge media, many of whom attended the event.

For most of the officials, it was their first opportunity to speak to the press. After the meeting, stories about Central and its new leadership appeared in The Advocate, nola.

com, WAFB-TV, WBRZ-TV, and the Baton Rouge Business Report.

Central Mayor-elect Jr. Shelton was the main speaker. He talked about the campaign and his goal of making Central the outstanding city in East Baton Rouge Parish. He also talked about each of the newly-elected officials, including humorous stories where appropriate.

Shelton said he had a good meeting with Central Mayor Mac Watts, who is providing his full cooperation. He also said he had gone by C. J. Brown Realtors and said his goodbyes to the firm where he has worked for the last few years.

He bragged on Central, saying it is a hidden secret in East Baton Rouge. He pointed to the pride that was shone even last Sunday when all of the candidates in Central banded together to remove all of the campaign signs that were



Mayor-elect Jr. Shelton

clogging the roadsides. He said, “There is a divide in Central, and it is real, but we’re going to work on that by putting Central First. It will take an honest effort by both sides, but we can do it!”

He said Central is a good place to start a business or buy a home. As far as development, he said it is



LAW ENFORCEMENT — Councilman Shane Evans and Diane Jenkins traded war stories. As Assistant District Attorney and Assistant Attorney General for 10 years, she tried more than 1,000 cases and was one of Baton Rouge’s first female prosecutors.

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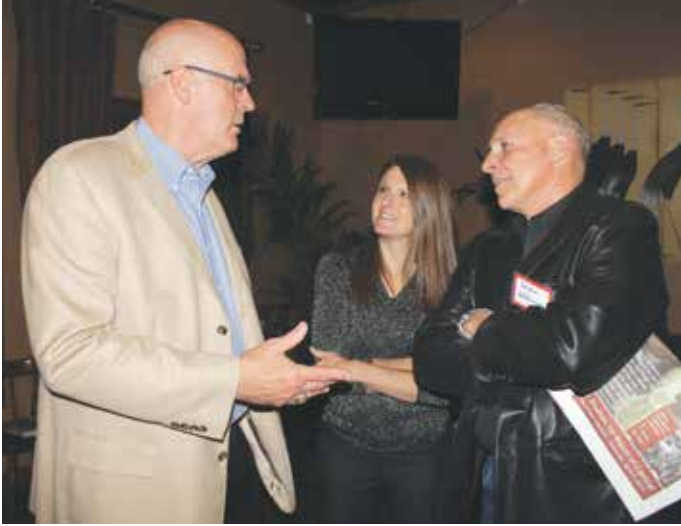
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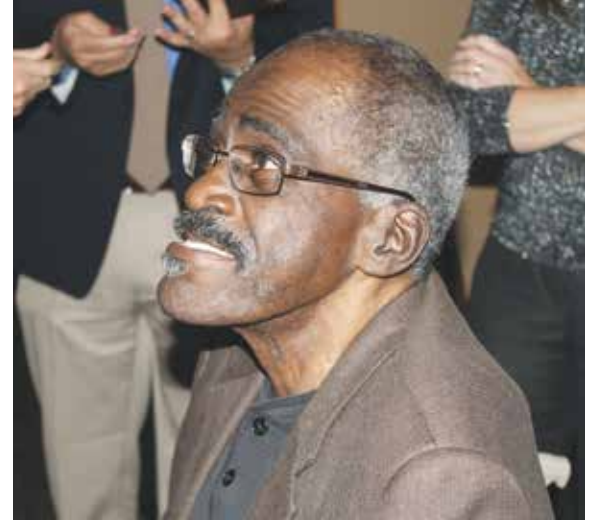
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Jr. Shelton, Dr. Kim Fralick, and Gordon Hutchinson



Central City Councilman Wayne Messina



Central Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Washington

welcome as long as developers live by the rules that the city has created. However, under no circumstances will the city allow development that will undermine the rural atmosphere, he said.

The new Mayor praised incoming Police Chief James Salsburg and said he had good ideas to grow the police department, which he will support. Salsburg said he wants to carry the department to the next level and eventually have an independent police force.

Shelton said Dr. Kim Fralick was the hardest working candidate and deserved to win. She thanked the GOP for its support and told humorous stories about the campaign. "There's a story in every house," she said. At one home, she was confronted by a little dog, which ending up following her down the street. At each house, the entourage picked up more dogs!

Councilman-elect Shane Evans said he had pledged not to lose a friend during the campaign and to speak ill of none of the other candidates. He said he focused on listening to what the people of Central were telling him.

Councilman Wayne Messina laughed that he would be the senior citizen on the Council and said they don't pay seniors for what they do but for what they know. He took pride in Central's new Senior Citizens Center, which he helped start.

John Vance thanked the GOP for their support. He said he had gotten involved because someone had done something to hurt property values in his neighborhood. He said he intends to look out for the interests of homeowners.

Central Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Washington, who faces a runoff May 3 for his Council seat, said, "I was blessed to be present for the

birth of the city and to be part of each step that has been taken. I've tried to give back to my community, and that's what I still want

to do. The hardest thing I've ever done is sit in this chair, but I am greatly improved and won't need it much longer."



Police Chief-elect James Salsburg



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ANNIVERSARIES

Morris and Linda Sommers Celebrated 50 years.

DEATHS

Pamela Gayle Harrington Passed away March 27, 2014

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Summers Celebrate 50th Anniversary



Morris and Linda Sommers

CENTRAL — Morris and Linda Sommers celebrated their 50th anniversary on March 29 at the Oak Lodge Reception Center in Baton Rouge. One hundred friends and family members joined the reception in their honor. The Sommers were married on March 27, 1964, at the First Baptist Church in Baker, La. Morris grew up in Central, and the couple have lived in the Central community since their marriage. They have one daughter, Melissa Arnold, son-in-law, Tim Arnold, and two grandsons, Austin and Hunter Arnold. A special guest at the event was Claudia Brossette, Linda's 92-year-old mother. Morris and Linda plan to continue their celebration with a two-week cruise through the Panama Canal, traveling around the Baja peninsula, and continuing on to San Francisco.

Deaths

Pamela Gayle Harrington

Pamela Gayle "Pam" Harrington Moseley, born November 4, 1951, passed away on March 27, 2014 at Ochsner Medical Center in Baton Rouge, La. A memorial service was held on March 29, 2014 at Seale Funeral Home in Central, La. Pam was a resident of Walker, but grew up in Central. She graduated from Central High School in 1969. Pam worked for the State of Louisiana and retired from Farm Bureau. Pam was preceded in death by her parents Clyde 'Roy' Harrington and Daisy Mae Ellis Harrington, and by her husband Larry Moseley. Pam was survived by her siblings, Cheryl Lynn Hill, Mike Harrington, and Joy Moosavifazel; aunts, uncles, and many nieces and nephews. Pam was a kind and loving person who always put the needs of others ahead of her own. She dearly loved her dogs, Chelsey and Fletcher. Pam was a devoted country music fan. She will be missed dearly by both her family and by her many friends.

Hubert E. Young

Hubert E. Young passed away at 8:47 a.m., Monday April 14, 2014 at Baton Rouge General, Mid City at the age of 88. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Visitation was held at Seale Funeral Home in Central on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 from 10 a.m. until religious services at 2 p.m. in the funeral home chapel. Burial will be at Resthaven Gardens of Memory in Baton Rouge. Survived by two daughters and son-in-law, Rhonda and David Garner and Cheryl Bananno; two sons and daughter-in-law, Greg and Dana Young and Earl Young; brother and sister-in-law, Zane "Buddy" and Patsy Young; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his wife, Marie C. Young; parents, Eldridge and Augusta Brunson Young; sister, Ruth Dominique. Please visit the online registry book at www.sealefuneral.com

Transition Team to Hold Public Hearings in June, Shelton Said

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that its decisions would be recommendations only and that he would reserve the right to make the final decisions himself.
He said the group will help him prioritize the major issues facing the

city and help him plan the first 120 days of his administration.
He said he hopes action items will be prioritized and included in a legislative package he will submit to the new City Council.
Shelton said the committee held


an organizational meeting Monday night. "A lot of attention was given to working together and putting Central First," he said.
"The next meeting will produce more detailed actions. Everyone agreed that this effort will help us produce a good start for the city," he said.
Because the meetings are advisory in nature to a person who has not yet taken office, they are not covered by Louisiana's Public Meetings Law.
However, the mayor-elect said the


transition team will hold two Town Hall meetings to get input directly from citizens in June. The exact times, dates, and locations will be announced later, he said.
Members of the Central First transition team are Morris Anderson, Mike Breaux, Cathy Caraway, Louis DeJohn, Brennan Easley, Mike Faulk, Pete Firmin, Joan Lansing, Jim Lloyd, Keith Kepper, Ted McCulley, Bennie Payne, Mike Stephens, and Terry Summers. David Barrow, the executive assistant to Mayor Mac Watts, advises the group.

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Mayor-Elect Visits Central City Services



PRIVATIZATION — On Monday, Mayor-elect Jr. Shelton toured Central Municipal Services, which is run by IBTS. David Ratcliff (center) is director. At right, aerial map of Central.



RAY LEWIS (left) is IBTS' Public Works Director for City of Central.

IBTS Key to New Mayor In Providing City Services

CENTRAL - Mayor-elect Jr. Shelton made one of the most important stops of the transition Monday when he visited the Central Municipal Services Center, which is run by a non-profit corporation, IBTS, that administers the City of Central.

The City of Central is unique in Louisiana because it is completely privatized. The entire city government is run by a private company on a contract basis.

In general, privatization has been a big success in Central, according to city officials. It has enabled Central to keep taxes low while providing city services and running a big surplus every year.

Shelton visited the city services offices on Sullivan Road near Greenwell Springs Road and spent time with director David Ratcliff and other members of the staff. A very productive meeting, Shelton told the *Central City News*.



A Very Special Thank You



A very special thank you to my wife Brigitte, my two sons Adam and Jason, and all my family that stood by me in my first election process. I must recognize all my supporters and contributors who had confidence in me and worked tirelessly helping me get elected. In addition, I also wish to thank all the citizens who voted in the recent election and especially to all that voted for me.

I want to assure all Central citizens that I, and officers under my command, will carry out our duties in a fair and impartial manner. I am confident that all Central citizens will be supportive of my concept of a progressive, well trained, updated managerial and structured department.

I work for you, the citizens, and ask you to work with me and the outcome will be extremely positive for all of our community.

James Salsbury
Chief of Police-Elect
City of Central



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Jason Ellis: What Central Means to Me

Jason Ellis
Candidate for City Council

CENTRAL - In the 1850's my 4th great grandfather, Maglorie "Mac" Bourke, brought his family of 10 to live here in Central. Mac was a carpenter born in West Baton Rouge and the son of Acadian immigrant Joseph F. Bourke or Bourg.

He helped his neighbor Daniel Boone Morgan build the old Morgan house which was located at the corner of Morgan Road and Thibodeaux Road. In later years, the Thibodeaux family married into the Bourke family, and other Acadian families moved to the area known as Frenchtown Road.

In the early days before there was a Catholic church in Central, the Acadian families of the area would pick up a priest by horse and buggy at St. George in Baton Rouge and ride him out to the Frenchtown Road



Central City Council candidate Jason Ellis and family

area to say mass for the local people.

The priest would visit after mass and spend the night at the Bourke family home. In 1898, St. Francis of Assisi, a Catholic Missionary Church was constructed by local residents. It later to be known as St. Alphonsus Catholic Church.

My 3rd great grandfather, Alphonse Bourke, and my 2nd great grandfather, Eddie Thibodeaux, transported by wagon yellow pine from Greensburg to Central and helped construct the single-story wooden structure.

Eddie's half-brother Tolbert Richard, who lived at the corner of Greenwell Springs Road and Frenchtown Road, donated the land where the church stands today.

Before there were automobiles, the children of the Frenchtown Road area would travel to the new Central public school at Hooper Road and Sullivan Road by wagon and mule. These were known as Hacks. My great grandmother, Lillian Thibodeaux Valega, drove one of the Thibodeaux hacks to the Central school in the early 1900's.

When automobiles were invented, roads were improved and named. The winding roads in this area cut through the property of these Acadian families. In this area of Central, many roads still bear the name of these early Acadian settlers such as Frenchtown, Thibodeaux, and Planchet Roads.

Planchet is a Cajun-French word that sometimes meant wood or woodworker.

Many thanks to my grandmother, Mildred Valega Strickland, for sharing with me our family history.

Central is about families, not government or politics. At some point in time, someone from each of your families thought Central was a great place to raise a family and that's why you live here today.

Today Central is still a place where neighbors look out for one another. We are all blessed to have great schools and a safe place to rest our heads at night.

My sons are the 8th generation of our family to call Central home and I wouldn't have it any other way.

On May 3rd, the people of Central will elect Mr. Washington or myself for the fifth and final council seat of this great city.

Win or lose, I am thankful to have gotten to meet so many people of this city.

Please help our cities newly-elected leadership keep Central's promise of good family living for our future generations.

Family, that is what Central means to me. God Bless.

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PUBLIC HEARING ON BATON ROUGE LOOP AT CENTRAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt at St. Alphonsus



The Annual Easter Egg Hunt at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church held Sunday, April 13, was fun for adults and children alike.



Annual St Alphonsus Easter Egg Hunt
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Sincerely,
Kim Fralick,
225-324-6634



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What's Happening in and Around Central

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

Thursday, April 17
Maundy Thursday Service
6:30 p.m.
You are invited to Maundy Thursday Service at Comite Baptist Church, 12250 Greenwell Springs.

Sunday, April 20
Sunrise Service • 7 a.m.
Resurrection Celebration
Comite Baptist Church
10:45 a.m.
Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Comite Baptist Church, 12250 Greenwell Springs Road. There will be a Resurrection Service at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday, April 20
Sunrise Service • 7 a.m.
Foster Road Baptist Church
10:45 a.m.
Foster Road Baptist Church, 11333 Foster Road will have an Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. An Easter Fellowship Breakfast will follow at 8 a.m. Sunday School will be at 9 a.m. for all ages and there will be a 10:15 a.m. Worship Service.

Saturday, April 26
50th Anniversary Celebration
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
You are invited to an Open House to celebrate the 50th anniversary of JC and Sandra Santangelo at their home. No Gifts Please.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church was held Sunday, April 13

Saturday, April 26
Jambalaya Dinner
11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Central Veterans Helping Veterans are holding a Jambalaya Dinner at the Central Walmart on the corner of Wax and Sullivan Roads. The dinner will consist of jambalaya, salad, bread and dessert. To buy tickets in advance call Gerald Reid at 261-7600 or Charles Lee Hinton at 261-3000. Please come and show your support for Veterans.

Saturday, May 2, 3 & 4
Festival of Two Rivers
St. Alphonsus Catholic Church
St. Alphonsus 6th Annual Festival of Two Rivers, Friday, May 2, 5 p.m.

to 11 p.m., Saturday, May 3, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, May 4, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Carnival Foods, Rides, Cash Raffle, Games, and Face Painting. 5K & Fun Run on Saturday, May 3 at 8 a.m. Live Entertainment, Friday, May 2, Taylor Nauta Band, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 3, Legworks by Terri: Central's Got Talent. Performances by St. Alphonsus students. Beaucoup Boogie, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday, May 4 St. Alphonsus Children's Choir 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 261-4650

Greenwell Springs Annual Rodeo
8 p.m.
Greenwell Springs Youth Riders will hold its 56th annual rodeo. It will be held at the BREC Shady Park Arena. Admission is \$10/adults, \$5 for children ages 5-18, free under 5.
Saturday, May 3
Run-Off Election
7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Run-Off Election in the City Council election. Early voting Saturday, April 19 to Saturday, April 26.

Saturday, May 10
St. Jude Bike-A-Thon
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