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Governor, Statewide Offices on Ballot Saturday

Election Day in Central

Sample Ballot

Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015

On the Ballot in Central

Governor

- Scott Angelle** R
- Jay Dardenne R
- John Bel Edwards** D
- David Vitter** R

Lt. Governor

- Elbert Lee Guillory** R
- Melvin "Kip" Holden** D
- Billy Nungesser** R
- John Young** R

Secretary of State

- Tom Schedler** R
- Chris Tyson** D

Attorney General

- Geri Baloney** D
- Buddy Caldwell** R
- Ike Jackson D
- Jeff Landry R
- Marty Maley R

Treasurer

- John Kennedy** R
- Jennifer Treadway R

Agriculture

- Charlie Greer** D
- Ace Juttner Green
- Jamie LaBranche R
- Mike Strain** R

Insurance

- Jim Donelon** R
- Donald C. Hodge D
- Charlotte McGehee** D
- Matt Parker** R

BESE District 6

- Kathy Edmonston** R
- Jason Engen R
- Jason France Libertarian
- Etta Licciardi R
- Laree LeJeune Taylor R

Senate District 6

- Bodi White* (unopposed) R

Senate District 13

- Derek Babcock** R
- Dale Erdey R

House District 64

- Valarie Hodges** (unopposed) R

House District 65

- Barry Ivey** (unopposed) R

Sheriff

- Sid Gautreaux** (unopposed) R

Clerk of Court

- Sarah Holliday-James R
- Doug Welborn** R

Assessor

- Brian Wilson** (unopposed) R

Coroner

- Beau Clark** (unopposed) R

Democrats are italicized. Listings in BLUE and ITALICS are Endorsed by Democratic Party of East Baton Rouge Parish.

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*The Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish had not yet considered an endorsement before the close of qualifying

—Governor—



Scott Angelle (R) Jay Dardenne (R) John Bel Edwards (D) David Vitter (R)

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Elbert Guillory (R) Kip Holden (D) Billy Nungesser (R) John Young (R)

—Attorney General—



Geri Baloney (D) Buddy Caldwell (R)

— Senate Dist. 13 —



Derek Babcock (R) Dale Erdey (R)

Central Goes To Polls; Few Local Races To Be on Ballot

CENTRAL - Central voters will go to the polls Saturday to face the election for Governor and other statewide offices, but the local races that normally spice up politics are not on the ballot this year.

Among parishwide officials, only Clerk of Court Doug Welborn has opposition. Likewise, only one local legislator — Sen. Dale Erdey — has an opponent. Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, Assessor Brian Wilson, and Coroner Beau Clark are unopposed, as are three local legislators — Sen. Bodi White, Rep. Valarie Hodges, and Rep. Barry Ivey.

Welborn, a native of Central, is being opposed by Sarah Holliday. Erdey is opposed by Derek Babcock in Senate District 13, which includes only two precincts of Central (near the intersection of Hooper and Greenwell Springs roads), the northern two thirds of Livingston, and the Ponchatoula area of Tangipahoa. Babcock, who ran against Erdey four years ago, has won some important endorsements, including LABI, ACT, the Tea Party, and former Rep. Tom Perkins, who represented much of the same area.

GOP Endorses Kathy Edmonston for BESE

Common Core Is Big Issue in BESE Races

CENTRAL — The Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish has endorsed long-time educator Kathy Edmonston for the seat on the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education from the 6th District, which includes much of the Florida Parishes.

One of the issues that was important in endorsing Edmonston was her strong

opposition to Common Core and PARCC testing. “The Republican Party is confident that Kathy will provide capable leadership and bring responsible and common sense reforms to public education,” according to East Baton Rouge Parish Republican chairman Woody Jenkins.

Edmonston is a strong



Kathy Edmonston BESE

opponent of Common Core. “She wants to reduce the number of tests administered each year, so that teachers have more time to teach, instead teaching to a test. Kathy’s position as parents’ advocate with the Ascension Parish School System should give her an understanding of what our parents expect from the public education system,” he said.

Edmonston said, “Constant change has produced chaos in our education system for teachers, parents, and students. We have always had changes, but the

past three years have seen a complete overhaul of our education system unlike anything that we have ever known. It is unrealistic and inequitable to expect that all children will function at the same level, at the same age, including those with special needs. Yet, these are the current expectations in the system.”

Jenkins said Edmonston will be an independent voice on BESE, not beholden to any special interest group. Edmonston is a member of the Ascension Party Republican Executive Committee.

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Country Living in the City

Reign of the Cynics

Are You a Participant Or Just a Cynic Who Sits on the Sidelines And Does Nothing But Curse Those Battling in the Arena?

Woody Jenkins
 Editor

BATON ROUGE — As a sophomore at Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, I listened to our principal, Little Fuzzie Brown, on the loudspeaker in the morning and at our school assemblies. He told us, “You attend the greatest school in this state, and you have the responsibility of keeping it that way. You have to take the initiative and do what’s right before it becomes a problem. If you see a piece of paper on the ground, pick it up. If

you see someone doing something wrong, report it. If you know what to do, do it! If you don’t know what to do, find out and then do it!” We knew if we were going to be champions, we had to do our best and be the best. “Do what’s right, even if no one is watching!” Mr. Brown told us. Growing up in Baton Rouge in the 1950’s, it was a safe place for kids, because grown ups took responsibility. I roamed my neighbors for blocks around my house all by myself or with my buddies. The grown ups were always looking out for us. We could stop at any house and ask for a drink of water or to use the bathroom, and we were always welcome. They might offer us cookies or some of what was cooking for supper. No one called the police and said our parents were neglecting us! At age 9 or 10, I rode the bus downtown from Fairfields every Saturday by myself. I met my friends there, and we’d go to the movies at the Paramount or the Hart and then go to

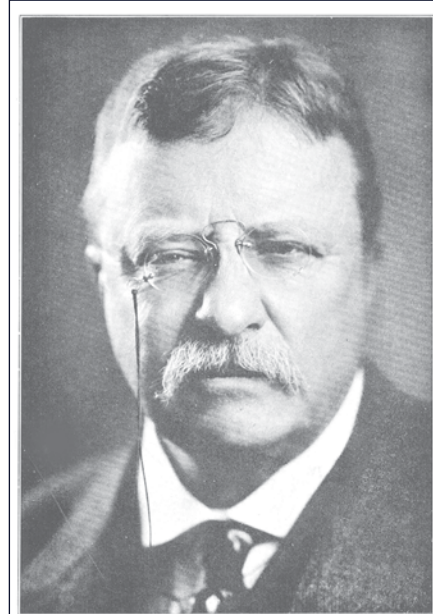
RECEPTION HONORING NAWAGANTI, the chief of the Istrouma Indians and mascot of Istrouma High School, will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4 at the Baton Rouge Room of the Main Library on Goodwood Boulevard. After 50 years’ service, Nawaganti got a facelift and new clothes from the Istrouma High School Class of 1964. Shown are Darlene Frank and Wayne Messina, who led the effort.

McCrory’s or Walgreen’s. Many were the times that I would see one of my friends misbehave, and some adult would grab them and spank them right on the spot. Or a storekeeper would grab them by the arm and say, “Boy, what’s your mama’s name? I’m gonna call her right now!” “Oh no sir,” they would plead, “please don’t call my mama!” “All right then, boy, get on about your business and don’t let it happen again!” “Yes sir, I won’t!” Adults — actual grown ups — were in charge and took responsibility. They had fought in a great war where everything was at risk. They weren’t going to allow their nation, their state, their city, or their neighborhood be wild and lawless. Some vestige of this survives. I heard Supt. Warren Drake tell his principals, “If I hear about a problem in your school before you’ve solved it, you’re too late!” He’s made it very clear: Take care of

what’s going wrong, or you won’t have a job! But mostly, we’ve become a nation — and a state — of onlookers and bystanders. We allow every manner of outrage to occur in our community, and we do nothing. Except one thing: Complain.



Editor Woody Jenkins at Istrouma High in 2008. Nawaganti is in display case behind.



A TRIBUTE TO ALL OF THE GOOD CANDIDATES WHO ARE OFFERING THEMSELVES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE...

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”

— THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Especially at election time. We criticize every candidate mercilessly. The easiest thing in the world to be is a cynic, or a critic, to sit and run your mouth about how bad the politicians are. Most people actually have no clue what they are talking about. They don’t do their homework and find out what the candidates actually stand for. In fact, they don’t do much of anything except run their mouths. They don’t get involved and contribute to a campaign. They don’t volunteer to help. Most people don’t even vote.


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Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon

BESE Candidates Debate Common Core

Edmonston Says Millions Spent to Take Control of Education Board

BATON ROUGE — Three Republican candidates for the State Board of Elementary & Secondary Education spoke at the Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon Oct. 13 on their plans if elected to the board.

Candidates Kathy Edmonston, Jason Engen, and Etta Licciardi spoke and answered questions for nearly an hour. Another Republican candidate, Laree Taylor, was unable attend. Kathy Edmonston said voters should beware because out-of-state special interest groups are spending millions to try to take control of BESE, which doesn't pay a salary but does control many millions of dollars in state spending.

The three candidates who attended the forum also answered the Republican Party's candidate questionnaire. Here are their answers to 10 of the more important questions:

1. Some parish superintendents say State Supt. John White does not value their opinion or provide them with real support. Will you support hiring a new Superintendent?

EDMONSTON: Yes

ENGEN: I believe Louisiana should have the best superintendent we can find. If the BESE board were presented a candidate who was better than John White, then yes, I would support that person.

LICCIARDI: Yes, I will support hiring a new State Superintendent who holds at least the minimum standards to which other superintendents in the state are held.

2. Will you support a statewide policy of opening the school day with the Pledge of Allegiance and an opportunity for students to engage in student-led, student-initiated prayer?

ALL: Yes

3. Will you make sure that curricula and textbooks adopted in Louisiana reflect traditional values of family, marriage, and life and that they accurately portray American history and our Founding Fathers, rather than a revisionist, politically-correct version of history?

ALL: Yes

4. Will you oppose efforts to impose "political correctness" on our schools, administrators, teachers, and students?

ALL: Yes

5. Will you oppose adoption by BESE of a policy similar to the so-called "Fairness Ordinance" (rejected by the Baton Rouge Metro Council), which would give a special status or privilege based on sexual orientation?

ALL: Yes

6. Do you support corporal punishment in Louisiana's schools?

EDMONSTON: If a child is out of control, he should be removed from the classroom. Parents should then be called before further measures are taken.

ENGEN: Undecided

LICCIARDI: No, but I do feel



REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR BESE Kathy Edmonston, Jason Engen, and Etta Licciardi spoke at the Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon last Tuesday. All three took a conservative stand on most issues. The luncheon is sponsored by the Republican Party.

there are many means of discipline that are acceptable and effective.

7. Will you support neighborhood schools, meaning the creation of one compact district for each local school, other than magnet or special schools?

EDMONSTON: Yes

ENGEN: Undecided

LICCIARDI: Yes, I will support; however, these matters should be left to each school district not BESE, in my opinion.

8. Are you for or against Common Core?

EDMONSTON: Against

ENGEN: The insidious parts of Common Core have been eliminated by bills introduced by Rep. Schroder, including PARCC, sharing private, identifiable data, exceptions for students with disabilities, etc. I

believe Louisiana is capable of, and should, establish our own standards and curriculum should be decided at the local level.

LICCIARDI: I favor rigorous standards for all students. Common Core has become a battleground where much energy and blood has been expended. It is time to revamp our educational standards with all interested parties at the table. Common Core must go.

9. Some recent education "reforms" took away school boards' authority to approve or disapprove the hiring and firing of principals and other key personnel in local school districts and turned over sole authority for personnel matters to the school superintendent. In East Baton Rouge Parish, the former superintendent re-

cently replaced 39 principals with no input from the board. Do you favor restoring the right of local school boards to approve or disapprove the hiring and firing of key personnel in the system?

EDMONSTON: Yes, school boards should have more input.

ENGEN: Undecided — more information needed.

LICCIARDI: School boards should have their authority restored.

10. Do you support the right of citizens in Southeast Baton Rouge to vote on whether to form their own school system?

EDMONSTON: Yes

ENGEN: Yes

LICCIARDI: I think we need to improve conditions for all students in the Baton Rouge area so that each community does not feel the need to depart from the district.

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Atty. General Candidates on the Issues

BATON ROUGE — Two Republican candidates for Attorney General — incumbent Buddy Caldwell and challenger Jeff Landry — sought the endorsement of the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish.

Both candidates appeared before the 17-member Executive Committee of the party and asked for support. However, one of the candidates — Jeff Landry — refused to answer the party's questionnaire, which included information about each candidate's qualifications for the office, his legal philosophy, his political philosophy, and his stand on many current issues facing the Attorney General's office and the state and nation as a whole.

Here are the responses received from the two candidates:

EXPERIENCE

1. Please describe your legal education.

CALDWELL: J.D. from Tulane; Associate Editor, Tulane Law The Forum; Distinguished Award, Tulane Moot Court.

LANDRY: Did not respond. The



Atty. Gen. Buddy Caldwell and Jeff Landry addressing EBR Republican leaders.

committee is aware that Landry graduated from Loyola Law School in 2005.

2. Please name the state and federal courts before which you are admitted to practice.

CALDWELL: All state and federal courts in Louisiana including the United States Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit, and United States Supreme Court

LANDRY: Did not respond.

3. Please fully describe your experience in civil practice.

CALDWELL: As District Attorney for 29 years in the 6th Judicial District, I handled civil matters for the local police juries, levee board, hospital service districts, school boards, and port commissions. In my private practice experience, I handled business disputes, personal

injury matters and other areas typical of a small town country practice. As Attorney General, for 8 years I have been personally involved in overseeing and managing complex litigation for the state in the BP matter, same sex marriage cases, Chinese Drywall litigation, Medicaid fraud, pharmaceutical and other important cases where Louisiana is a party. In addition to overseeing and managing the state civil litigation, I make personal appearances from time-to-time to argue in court motions, select juries, and otherwise shepherd civil cases through the court system.

LANDRY: Did not respond.

4. Please fully describe your experience in practicing criminal law.

CALDWELL: I served as district attorney for 29 years representing the 6th Judicial District, which includes the parishes of East Carroll, Madison and Tensas. As district attorney, I personally tried all major felony cases and achieved a 99 percent conviction rate. Also, I have trained numerous lawyers working for my offices and taught continuing legal education classes about criminal law litigation best practices and procedures.

LANDRY: Did not respond.

5. Please state your experience in trying cases before a jury.

CALDWELL: I have tried all major felony cases as District Attorney for 29 years, and all were jury cases. As Attorney General for the past 8 years, I have tried cases before juries, but importantly, I have continuously offered advice to assist lawyers employed by me with trying their cases before juries.

LANDRY: Did not respond.

6. Please state your experience in trying complex civil cases.

CALDWELL: Handled BP oil spill, AWP litigation, Chinese Drywall, etc. See also #3 above.

LANDRY: Did not respond.

7. Please describe any appearance you have made before the United States Supreme Court, the Louisiana Supreme Court, or other appellate courts.

CALDWELL: United States Supreme Court, *Connick v. Thompson* 131 S. Ct. 1350(2011). Successfully argued and obtained reversal of a \$14 million judgment which had been rendered against the Orleans Parish District Attorney. Numerous career appearances (as DA and AG) in the Louisiana Supreme Court including successfully protecting the criminal case file in the *Dr. Anna Pou* case. Numerous appearances in the state and federal appeals courts in EPA related matters, Obamacare, same sex marriage, countless criminal and habeas matters (*State v. Woodfox*), etc.

LANDRY: Did not respond.

8. Please provide one or more samples of your legal writing such as law review articles, judicial opinions, briefs, or other legal arguments that will show your ability to handle serious legal issues.

CALDWELL: See attached copies of briefs and correspondence.

LANDRY: Did not respond.

9. Please describe your experience in administering or managing a prosecutor's office, law firm, or business organization.

CALDWELL: Attorney General, State of Louisiana, for the past 8 years. District attorney for 29 years representing the 6th Judicial District, which includes the parishes of East Carroll, Madison and Tensas. Former President of Louisiana Dis-

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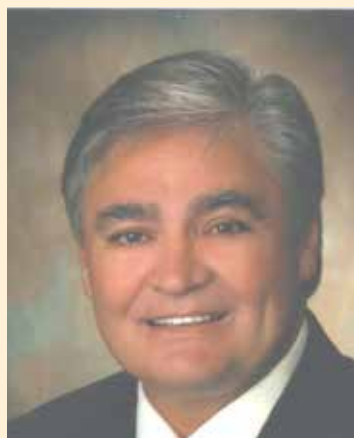
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How Republican Candidates Are Endorsed

The endorsement of candidates is done by the East Baton Rouge Republican Parish Executive Committee. This is a 17-member body established by state law and elected by the Republican voters of the parish. Candidates for office are invited by the committee to participate in the Endorsement Process. They are asked to speak at the Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon. Their credentials are verified, especially residency, voter registration, military service, degrees and honors. They submit a biography. Then they fill out an extensive questionnaire answering 50-70 questions detailing their views on a wide range of topics that they are likely to face in the office sought. Then they appear before the Executive Committee. The committee interviews each candidate separately, discusses the candidate, and then votes for or against endorsing each candidate. If a majority of the committee supports a candidate, he is endorsed. The committee may endorse no candidate, one candidate or more than one candidate.

Atty. Gen. Caldwell Takes Conservative

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strict Attorneys Association (LDAA), including serving on the Executive Board and Legislative Committee. This organization represents and assists District Attorneys' offices.

LANDRY: Did not respond.

CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

10. A. Right to Life. Are you of the opinion that in Louisiana the unborn child is a legal person who may not be deprived of life through abortion without due process of law?

CALDWELL: YES, I believe life is sacred and begins at the moment of conception.

LANDRY: Did not respond.

B. (1) Do you support the concept of traditional marriage?

CALDWELL: YES, I believe marriage is between one man and one woman, period.

LANDRY: Did not respond.

(2) Do you believe that the Louisiana Supreme Court's decision upholding traditional marriage is sound?

CALDWELL: YES

LANDRY: Did not respond.

(3) Will you work to overturn the United States Supreme Court decision?

CALDWELL: YES

LANDRY: Did not respond.

(4) Will you work to limit the effect of this decision?

CALDWELL: Yes, I was the first Attorney General in the United States to successfully defend his state's constitutional definition of traditional marriage against attacks by organizations which had won in every previous state. When they filed in Louisiana, Attorney Generals in other states told me not to fight and that I would lose and it was a waste of time. I fought and won in the Federal Eastern District Court in New Orleans. Subsequently, several other states, following my lead, also won and protected their constitutional definitions of marriage.

LANDRY: Did not respond.

C. Right to Keep and Bear Arms. Do you hold to the view that the right to keep and bear arms is considerably more far-reaching under the Louisiana Constitution and that the legislature is very limited in how far it may go in regulating firearms?

CALDWELL: The Constitution of Louisiana, voted on by its citizens, overrides any statute where there is a conflict. The Legislature, by legislative act, cannot override the Louisiana Con-



Attorney General Buddy Caldwell

stitution and restrict or narrow the right to bear arms established in our Louisiana Constitution. Our Constitution, in making the right to bear arms a personal right, has created a stronger right than the U.S. Constitution (although I believe the right to bear arms is protected under the United States Constitution).

LANDRY: Did not respond.

D. Right to Property. Please describe your views on the Right to Property as provided in the Louisiana Constitution.

CALDWELL: One of the corner stones of our democracy is the right of private ownership of private and any attempt to infringe on that must be viewed with great skepticism.

E. Right to Privacy. (1) Are you concerned about invasions of citizens' Right to Privacy by government at all levels?

CALDWELL: Yes

LANDRY: Did not respond.

(2) Do you believe the Right to Privacy provision of the Louisiana Constitution can provide relief to citizens who are aggrieved by such invasions of privacy?

CALDWELL: Yes

LANDRY: Did not respond.

(3) Do you oppose efforts by the state or federal government to monitor private communications by American citizens without a warrant signed by a judge particularly describing the person, place, and lawful reason for the search and seizure?

CALDWELL: Yes

LANDRY: Did not respond.

F. Access to Public Records. Are you committed to protecting citizens' right to an open government under the Constitution and laws of Louisiana, even if powerful political leaders attempt to restrict lawful access by the public?

CALDWELL: Yes - definitely.

LANDRY: Did not respond.

11. Who are your judicial role models? Why?

CALDWELL: Scalia and Thomas are the best on the Court. They believe in less government as well as protection of individuals from big government; whether the issue is the right to bear arms or EPA regulations

LANDRY: Did not respond.

12. What other jurists from the past would you consider your role models?

CALDWELL: Above

LANDRY: Did not respond.

13. Do you agree that judges should interpret laws, including the Constitution, according to the document's text and structure, giving due regard to legislative intent?

CALDWELL: Yes, Judges are supposed to apply the clear text of law as revealed by legislative intent to different sets of facts without straying into philosophy, policy, or social engineering.

LANDRY: Did not respond.

14. Rate your judicial philosophy on a scale of 1-10 with "strict constitutionalist approach" being a 10 and a "living document approach" being a 1:

CALDWELL: 10-Strict Constitutionalist

LANDRY: Did not respond.

15. Does a judge have the right to display the Ten Commandments in his or her courtroom?

CALDWELL: I believe the Ten Commandments form the basic fabric of our legal principals in America. They have rightly found their way into our laws and Constitution. Judges are bound by these basic tenants and should be able to openly display these fundamental rules of our land.

LANDRY: Did not respond.

16. Should the Code of Judicial Conduct (ethics code for judges) include protection of

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Stand on Range of Issues Facing Office

people on the basis of so-called "sexual orientation"?"

CALDWELL: No

LANDRY: Did not respond.

17. Violent crime, particularly youth violence, is perceived to be at a crisis level by many today. What, if anything, do you believe is the appropriate role for your office in addressing this crisis?

CALDWELL: Enforcing all laws to the best of my abilities and authority of my office as Attorney General.

LANDRY: Did not respond.

18. What do you think about the growing prison population? What response should government have to the growing prison population?

CALDWELL: Prison populations are governed by the application of our laws to criminal activity. I oppose releasing so called "non-violent" offenders to reduce such populations.

LANDRY: Did not respond.

19. Do you feel the war on drugs has been effective or ineffective? Why or why not?

CALDWELL: No - it has been ineffective. The statistics on crime involving use and sale of drugs shows a steady increase at an alarming rate.

LANDRY: Did not respond.

20. Do you favor keeping it illegal for Louisiana residents to have access to medical marijuana?

CALDWELL: Yes, dosages need to be set by the Food and Drug Administration.

LANDRY: Did not respond.

21. Do you believe that all citizens have adequate access to legal help and the legal system? If not, what can be done to provide wider and better access?

CALDWELL: Yes

LANDRY: Did not respond.

22. What do you perceive as the greatest obstacles to justice in our state?

CALDWELL: Activist Judges

LANDRY: Did not respond.

23. Do you favor the current system of electing judges?

CALDWELL: I believe that frequent election of judges for shorter terms is the best way to ensure accountability to our citizens. President Obama's appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court for life time appointments shows the vulnerability of such a system to corruption, politics, lobbyists, and radical political swings of power as well as social engineering.

LANDRY: Did not respond.

24. What is your vision for the future of our judicial system? What changes would you advocate and why?

CALDWELL: See answer to question 23 above.

LANDRY: Did not respond.

25. Would you favor or oppose a system that facilitates reporting all sentencing decisions by judges to the news media, indexed by the name of the judge?

CALDWELL: Yes, I would favor.

LANDRY: Did not respond.

26. Do you believe the current system for disciplining judges is effective? Why or why not?

CALDWELL: No, it is not effective, it should be more transparent.

LANDRY: Did not respond.

27. Do you support the security of our elections by:

(a) Requiring proof of U. S. citizenship for all new registrations?

(b) Requiring proper I.D. from all persons casting a ballot?

(c) Requiring a good reason and proper safeguards for voting by mail?

(d) Prohibiting voting online?

CALDWELL: Yes to all four.

LANDRY: Did not respond.

28. Do you favor the death penalty for crimes such as 1st degree murder?

CALDWELL: Yes - absolutely, the death penalty has been shown to save lives especially those of our law enforcement officers.

LANDRY: Did not respond.

29. Do you support the ban on Internet gambling?

CALDWELL: Yes

LANDRY: Did not respond.

30. President Obama repeatedly refuses to enforce federal law. Yet, he attempts to "make law" by using his power to issue Executive Orders. What are your ideas on how the states can force Obama and the federal government to follow the law?

CALDWELL: We must fight to

avoid such actions. When President Obama issued his executive order on amnesty, he qualified it by saying he had waited long enough for congress to pass a bill on such issues - such action by the President usurped the power of the legislative branch and threatened the balance of power established under the Constitution of the United States. He might as well have issued a judicial opinion because "he waited long enough for the U.S. Supreme Court to issue an opinion". When the amnesty order was issued, the Texas Attorney General (now governor of Texas) called our office for support because we often work together. We joined Texas in seeking an injunction against President Obama's order. I spoke at a national meeting of the Attorney Generals regarding this suit and asked for other states to join. The First Assistant in Texas informed my First Assistant Attorney General that my speech was all that was needed to get the other states to

join. Subsequently, twenty four Republican Attorney Generals joined us. We won and the executive order is still stayed by a court ordered injunction

LANDRY: Did not respond.

31. Do you see yourself as an activist Attorney General who will take the lead on many controversial issues or will you react to the issues as they arise? Please explain.

CALDWELL: I have been active in leading the fight against federal overreach. I joined the initial suit against Obamacare. I successfully fought the executive order on amnesty. I won the first suit in Federal District Court protecting Louisiana's definition of marriage and I have opposed major EPA regulations that destroy our rights and hamper our industries. In 2011, I was awarded by the Baton Rouge Tea Party, their "Common Sense" award for my opposition to Obama-

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Pioneer Day at Tanglewood Elementary



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Fun For All Fall Festivals and Events

**Oct. 23 • Trick & Treat Event
BREC's Raising Cane's Dog
Park 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

BREC's Raising Cane's Dog Park will celebrate HOWLoween at Trick & Treat on Oct. 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Raising Cane's Dog Park at Forest Community Park, 13900 S. Harrells Ferry Rd. Get the whole family dressed in your Halloween costumes, including your furry friend. A Best Dog Costume Contest will be held and prizes awarded. Patrons can visit local pet advocacy groups' tents for information and treats for both the family and the dogs. Enjoy food, music, and more. After some furry fun, you can also enjoy BREC's recreation department's annual BREC-A-BOO Halloween event from 6-10 p.m. for all ages. The excitement consists of carnival games, ghostly visitors, costume contests, a haunted hike, inflatables and more. For more information, call 225-272-9200 or visit brec.org/Halloween.

**Oct. 24 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Blackwater Craft Show**

Blackwater United Methodist Church, 10000 Blackwater Rd, Central, will have their 6th Annual Craft Show Oct. 24. There will be crafts, food booths, pumpkin carving, fun, and games with pumpkins. For information call 225-261-4646 or

email rachel@blackwaterumc.org.

**Oct. 25 • 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
St. Alphonsus Halloween Party**

Kids in Ministry will be hosting their annual Halloween party for families with children infants through 5th grade. The fun begins on Oct. 25 in the Family Center, 14040 Greenwell Springs Rd., from 6 to 8 p.m.

**Oct. 28 • 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Family Fall Fest**

Galilee Baptist Church, 11050 GS-Port Hudson Rd., is having a Family Fall Festival Oct. 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. Fun includes games, door prizes, and food.

**Oct. 28 • 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Journey Fest & Chili Cook-Off**

Join Journey Church at Lovett Road Park, 13443 Lovett Rd., for their Journey Fest and Chili Cook-Off with food, prizes, family fun games, and inflatables all FREE!

**Oct. 31 • 6 - 8 p.m.
GSBC Fall Festival**

Greenwell Springs Baptist Church, 19421 Greenwell Springs Rd, will host a fall festival with a unique TRUNK-OR-TREAT event. There will be games, candy, hayrides, inflatables and lots of candy!

**Oct. 31 • 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
Zoar Baptist Fall Festival**
A fun night at Zoar Baptist, 11848

Hooper Rd. Food, inflatables, pony rides, games, hot air balloons and lots of CANDY!

**Oct. 31 • 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Community Health Fair**

On Saturday, Oct. 31, Beech Grove Baptist Church will hold a Community Health Fair sponsored by the Pastor's Aide Ministry at 2376 Thomas Rd. There will be free health screenings, blood pressure checks, diabetic glucose testing, dental tips, finger printing & I.D. (kids), BR Fire Dept. safety truck, horseback riding, games, and medical counselling. Jambalaya dinners will be sold for \$8, vendors and much more.

**Nov. 1 • 6 to 8:30 p.m.
Indian Mound BC Fall Festival**

Indian Mound Baptist Church will be having a children's Fall Festival on November 1 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. for children through age 11. There will be fun games, candy and pizza (No scary costumes, please). For information, call the church at 225-261-8271.

What's Happening?

**Oct. 23 • 5:30 p.m.
CHS Hall of Fame Reception**
Central High School will host a reception honoring 2015 CHS Hall of Fame inductee, Harry Breeden,

Sr., on Friday, Oct. 23, at 5:30 p.m. in the Central High School Cafeteria. All former classmates, friends and family are invited to attend the CHS Hall of Fame reception in Harry's honor. After the reception, guests will move to the stadium to enjoy the game (against Denham) and the halftime presentation of the Hall of Fame Award to this outstanding CHS alum. Contact Gigi Starns at the school at 261-3438 for more information.

**Oct. 24 - Oct. 25
Blue Mass • St. Alphonsus
4 p.m Sat. • 8, 10 a.m., 12 Sun.**

Special invitation to all emergency personnel and public safety officers; law enforcers, firefighters, and all first responders, St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, 14040 Greenwell Springs Rd., Greenwell Springs.

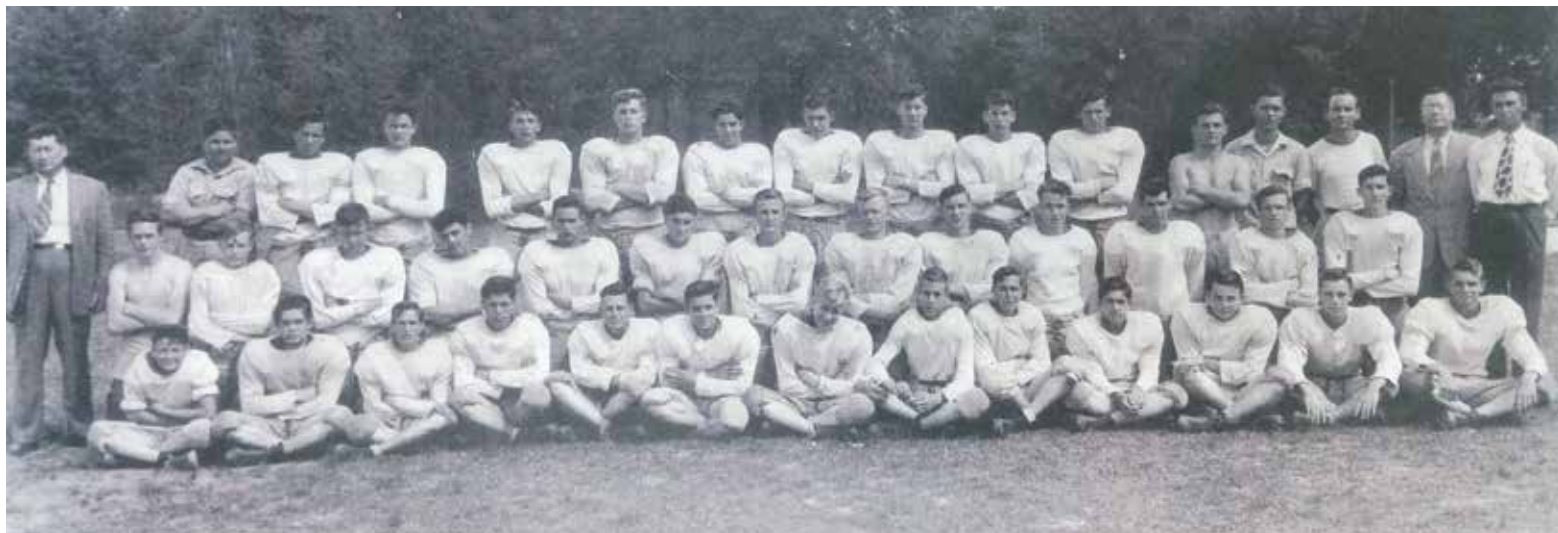
**Nov. 8 • 10:00 a.m.
Veterans Mass**

Veterans Mass at St. Alphonsus, 14040 Greenwell Springs Rd., honoring all branches of the military. This tribute is open to all Veterans and the general public. There will be special recognition of attending veterans and a special tribute for MIA/POW. Col. John Gipson, USMC, Retired, of Baton Rouge is this years speaker. Reception will immediately follow for those who wish to thank or U.S. Veterans.

Hall of Fame to Induct Harry Breenden, Sr.



Harry Breenden, Sr.



1947 Central Wildcat Football Team

CENTRAL - Central High School will host a reception honoring 2015 CHS Hall of Fame inductee, Harry Breenden, Sr., on Friday, October 23, at 5:30 p.m. in the Central High School Cafeteria.

Harry, a 1949 CHS graduate, was the all-district and all-state "big man" who anchored both of-

fensive and defensive lines on the first ever Wildcat football team. After graduation, Harry went on to become the first CHS player to win a scholarship to play for LSU.

Once his playing days were over, Harry worked for Gulf States Utilities for 42 years, raised his family, and served as a deacon for

Zoar Baptist Church. This beloved "Central boy" passed away in 2009 at the age of 77.

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and the halftime presentation of the Hall of Fame Award to this outstanding CHS alum. Contact Gigi Starns at the school at 261-3438 for more information.



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Eric Rome Named Cath Lab Director

Lane Regional Medical Center and Cardiovascular Institute of the South (CIS) have announced the appointment of Eric Rome, RN, BSN, RCIS as Cath Lab Director at Lane Cardiovascular Center.

Rome is responsible for overall operations of the cath lab, which include communication efforts, patient satisfaction, physician relations and staff education to ensure patients receive the highest quality of care. Rome received his Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Southeastern University in Hammond and has more than 12 years of health care experience.

A lifelong resident of Central, Rome and his wife, Amy, have two children Matthew, 10, and Maci, 6.



Eric Rome named Cath Lab Director at Lane Cardiovascular Center

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Atty. Gen. Campaign Takes Unexpected Turn

AG Candidate Landry's Firm On List of 'Buddy's Buddies'

Records Show Landry's Law Firm Was Paid \$323,821 in BP Case As Outside Counsel for Atty. Gen.

Woody Jenkins
Editor, Capital City News

BATON ROUGE — For months, Attorney General candidate Jeff Landry has blasted incumbent Attorney General Buddy Caldwell for allegedly operating a corrupt “Buddy System” that allows Caldwell to steer lucrative contracts to outside legal counsel to represent the state in complex civil litigation. A series of TV spots is running statewide calling for an end to the “Buddy System.”

Caldwell has responded that he has hired the best legal firms available and that the results have been extraordinary, resulting among other things in the largest civil settlement in an environmental case in U.S. history — the

Jeff Landry Firm Gave Caldwell \$5,000 in January

BATON ROUGE — Attorney General candidate Jeff Landry has alleged that his opponent, incumbent Attorney General Buddy Caldwell, operates a corrupt “Buddy System” that hires law firms to do state work and then those firms turn around and contribute to Caldwell’s campaign.

However, on Jan. 31, 2015, the “top firm” Landry was associated with, Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith, contributed \$5,000 to Caldwell’s campaign. The firm is receiving \$323,821 in BP attorney fees for its work for the State. The Galloway is the “top firm” Landry said he has been associated with for 10 years. Landry graduated from Loyola Law School in 2005, according to the school.

BP case, in which Caldwell won \$6.8 billion for the state — at no cost to the taxpayer. He said contracts are awarded on the merits without any sort of *quid pro quo*.

Landry Firm Received Funds. Now an investigative report by the *Capital City News* has uncovered a startling revelation — the law firm Landry claimed to be associated with for most of the past 10 years is one of “Buddy’s Buddies” and received \$323,821 in legal fees from the BP settlement. The firm, Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith, has been under contract with the Attorney General’s office from March 2011 until the present.

For months, the Landry and Caldwell campaigns have made conflicting claims. Landry has focused on the “Buddy System,” while Caldwell has focused on his 42 years as a practicing attorney, District Attorney, and Attorney General. For months, Landry, who graduated from Loyola Law School in 2005, claimed that he worked for one of Louisiana’s “top law firms” for 10 years, but never named the firm. In turn, Caldwell charged that Landry has never tried a civil or criminal case, never handled a jury trial, never appeared before a court of appeals, and never run a major law office or prosecutor’s office.

Name of Law Firm Led to Discovery of Link to AG Office. The two conflicting arguments made by Landry and Caldwell came together in an unusual way this past weekend. Under pressure to reveal the name of the “top firm” where Landry had practiced law, the Landry campaign posted an on-line link to the law firm Galloway, Johnston, Tompkins, Burr & Smith.

A quick check of attorneys repre-

GJTBS | GALLOWAY JOHNSON TOMPKINS BURR AND SMITH

Jeff Landry | Director

Jeff Landry is a small business owner, and a veteran and an attorney in GJTBS' Lafayette office, who cares deeply about the future of Louisiana and our nation.

As a business attorney in private practice, Jeff spends his days helping employers in south Louisiana. He is the co-founder of a business which supported the oil and gas industry for many years.

As a former aide in the State Senate, Jeff learned firsthand that many solutions to our problems can be found from listening to the voices of the people, not just from listening to the debate of politicians.

Jeff is a veteran of Desert Storm and left the military with the rank of Sergeant. He received the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, a National Defense Ribbon, an Overseas Training Ribbon and the Louisiana War Cross from his eleven years of service as a member of the Louisiana National Guard.

Jeff has a background fighting crime in law enforcement. Following his time in Louisiana's sugar cane fields, he served as a Sheriff's Deputy in St. Martin Parish and as a Police Officer in the Village of Parks.

He is a member of the National Rifle Association, Ducks Unlimited, the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, National Environmental Professionals, World Billfish Foundation, Knights of Columbus, the American Legion, and the Iberia Parish Republican Executive Committee.

Jeff holds a Juris Doctor of Law degree from Loyola University and a B.S. degree in Environmental and Sustainable Resources with a minor degree in Biology from the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

Jeff loves the outdoors. As an avid hunter and fisherman he cherishes the rich heritage that Louisiana provides for those that enjoy the outdoors. Jeff and his wife Sharon are raising their son in New Iberia.

EDUCATION:

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Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith

Jeff Landry's Webpage at <http://www.gjtbs.com/~gjtbspl/ftpuser/upload/01229127.PDF> or at <http://centralcitynews.us/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Jeff-Landry-Galloway-Johnson-01229127.pdf>. Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith is the “top firm” that Landry worked for 10 years, according to Landry’s campaign manager. Landry’s page on the Galloway, Johnson website was there as recently as Tuesday of this week.

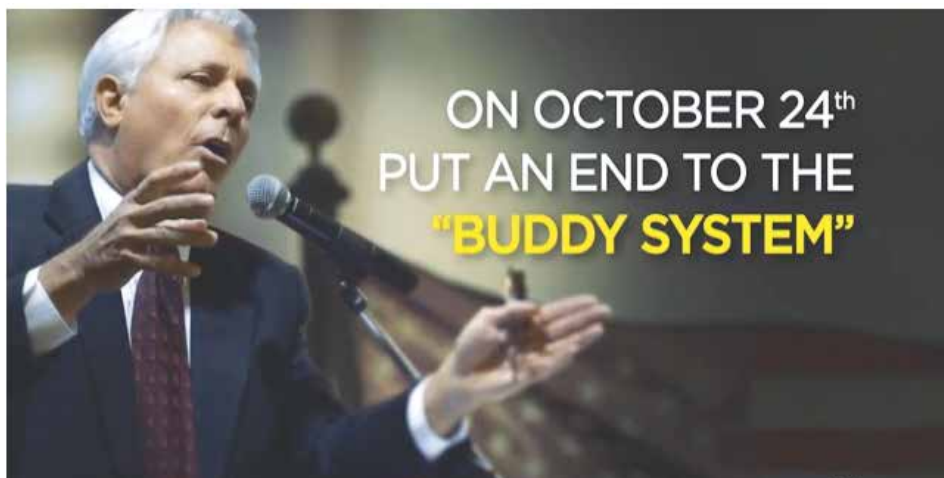
sending the Attorney General’s office in the BP case revealed that Landry’s firm was in fact one of the firms on “Buddy’s list” that Landry had been campaigning against.

Landry Had Not Revealed His Own Firm Had State Contract. Despite the fact that Landry had been pounding Caldwell’s selection of outside counsel by

the Attorney General’s office, Landry never revealed that the “top firm” he had been associated with was one of those firms he called “Buddy’s Buddies.”

In recent weeks, reporters have scoured the public record, attempting to learn whether Landry has in fact practiced law, but they have found little evidence that he has.

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ATTACK ADS — At left, an attack ad for Jeff Landry alleging that Atty. Gen. Buddy Caldwell has a corrupt system of awarding contracts for state legal business to his political cronies, a charge Caldwell vehemently denies. At right, an attack ad from Caldwell alleging that Landry has never tried a criminal case in court. Landry said he represented “a top firm.”



Jeff Landry: His Firm Is Getting \$323,821

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Loyola Law School lists Landry as graduating with a J.D. degree in 2005. Landry's campaign said in a television commercial that he worked for a "top law firm" in the state for 10 years, which would indicate Landry worked with the "top firm" from 2005 to 2015.

No Legal Income in Landry's Personal Financial Disclosures. Adding to the confusion was the fact that when Landry ran for and was elected to Congress, he was required to file personal financial disclosure forms for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012. When he qualified for Attorney General this year, state law required him to file a personal disclosure form for 2014. However, none of those forms show income from a "top law firm" or from any law firm during those four years. Nor did they show income from legal clients. The only legal income shown was from Jeff Landry paying himself \$12,000 in one of those years.

Landry has been repeatedly asked what "top law firm" he worked for but never provided an answer. In an interview with the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge, he said he had appeared in court in numerous parishes in Acadiana, but he did not reveal the name of the firm.

However, on Saturday, Oct. 10, Landry's campaign manager posted on Facebook the following: "A few folks have suggested that they couldn't find where Jeff practiced law. His bio is still on their website. www.gjtbs.com." He added, "Jeff worked there and has been very successful in private practice working on large, corporate contracts."

Galloway Johnson Firm Cited. The website, www.gjtbs.com, is the website for Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith, which has a number of offices in Louisiana and Texas.

Regarding its contract with the Attorney General's office, Landry's firm — Galloway Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith — says on its website, "MDL-2179 In re Oil Spill by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Rig — The firm is retained by the Louisiana Attorney General to represent the State of Louisiana in this multi-district litigation consolidated before Judge Carl Barbier in the Eastern District of Louisiana. The State of Louisiana has asserted state and federal claims against BP, Transocean and several other defendants."

The firm's website also says, "For 25 years, the class action attorneys at Galloway Johnson have represented local, national and international corporations and insurers in complex, multi-party claims and class actions involving thousands of claimants. We have defended claims for short-term and long-term exposure to hazardous materials, toxic substances, silica, and asbestos, as well as products liability involving the sale of hazardous and other substances. Our experience in mass tort litigation and class action law includes a vast array of claims for personal injuries, property damage, and economic losses in industries

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Atty. Gen. Buddy Caldwell



Challenger Jeff Landry

Landry's Position: "Director" in the law firm of Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith. Source: Landry's campaign manager and law firm website at www.gjtbs.com

Payments for representing Attorney General's office in BP Deep Water Horizon settlement:

- Shows, Cali, Berthelot & Wash of Baton Rouge: \$660,616
- Spears & Spears of New Orleans: \$508,812
- Marten Law of Seattle, Wa.: \$449,965
- Galloway Johnson Tompkins Burr & Smith of New Orleans: \$323,821
- Celia R. Cangelosi of Baton Rouge: \$267,653
- Heller, Draper, Hayden, Horn & Dabney LLC of New Orleans: \$21,400

Source: www.nola.com (The Times Picayune)

involving petroleum products, chemical products, building products, and industrial equipment."

TV Spot Misrepresents Who Pays for Outside Counsel and Who They Sued. Nevertheless, despite the fact that Landry's own law firm had a contract with the Attorney General's office and was one of "Buddy's Buddies," a group called Louisiana Citizens for Job Creators PAC has taken up Landry's theme and has been running a 30-second spot that includes the following statements:

• "It pays to be a friend of Buddy Caldwell. It pays a lot. Since becoming Attorney General, Buddy Caldwell has paid his friends and contributors millions to sue Louisiana businesses."

In fact, all of "Buddy's Buddies" were paid by the losing parties, not by the taxpayers, and none of the suits were against Louisiana businesses. The suits were against BP and 109 national and international pharmaceutical companies.

The Attorney General normally pays outside counsel only in cases involving complex litigation defending Louisiana statutes, such as the defense of the constitutionality of Louisiana's marriage law.

The spot continues:

• "He's wasted our tax dollars and killing our jobs."

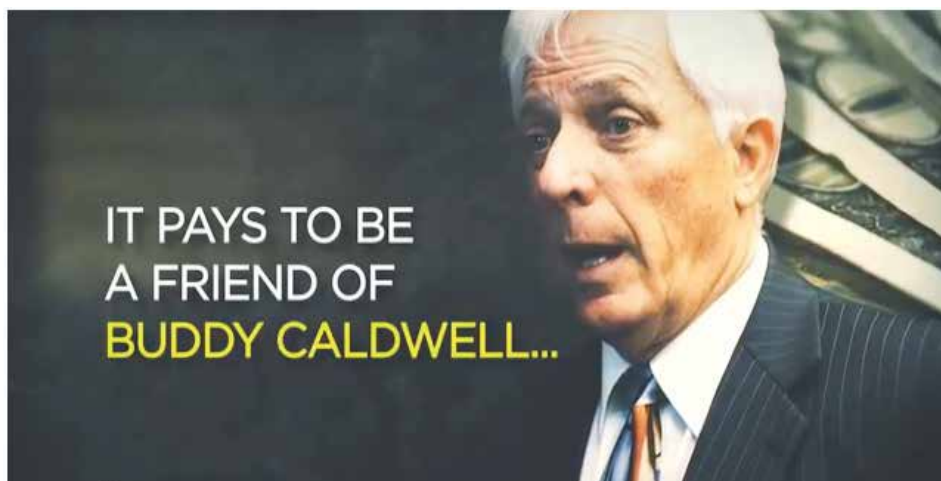
However, no tax dollars were expended for the attorneys identified as "Buddy's Buddies."

TV Spot Ignores Landry's Firm. In September 2014, WWL-TV ran an investigative piece questioning the ethics of Caldwell's selection of outside counsel. Since the story was done before Landry became a candidate, it failed to mention the fact that Landry's law firm, Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith, received the same state contracts.

Nevertheless, a super PAC called Public Integrity Alliance Inc. of Mesa, Arizona, has been running an ad called "The Buddy System." It includes portions of the WWL-TV report. The spot includes language from the report saying that Caldwell is "hiring high price outside lawyers on major cases." However, the spot leaves out that part of the WWL-TV report that explains that the attorneys in most major cases have been hired and paid for at no cost to the taxpayers. It also neglects to mention that Jeff Landry's firm is one of "Buddy's Buddies."

Attorney Fees in BP Case. In the BP case, Caldwell won a settlement for the taxpayers of the state of \$6.8 billion — the largest such award in U.S. history. The loser in that case, BP, paid its attorneys more than \$3 billion. BP also paid for the attorneys for the winner in the case — the State of Louisiana. They received \$29 million, or about 1 percent of the attorney fees BP paid its own attorneys and one-half of one percent of the settlement amount. BP also paid the state's cost of litigation.

In the BP case, neither the State of Louisiana nor the taxpayers picked up the tab for the state's attorneys.



TV commercial attacking Buddy Caldwell for the alleged "Buddy System"



TV commercial attacking Jeff Landry for his alleged lack of legal experience

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<h1>Republican Candidates</h1> <h2>October 24, 2015</h2> <h3>Primary Election</h3>	Senate Dist. 13		Senate Dist. 16		House Dist. 68	
	 D. Babcock	 Dale Erdey	 Dan Claitor	 S. McKnight	 Steve Carter	 R. Cipriano
1. Will you vote to retain Louisiana law that marriage is between one man and one woman?	Yes	Yes. I have voted that way consistently.	Yes	No Response	Yes	Yes. Marriage being undermined by judicial fiat. Decision violates 14th Amendment
2. Will you oppose passage of a Fairness Statute that would provide special protection based on sexual orientation?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No Response	Yes	Yes. This should not be a protected class of citizens.
3. Will you support ratification of a federal constitutional amendment to require a balanced federal budget?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No Response	Yes	Yes
4. Will you vote against any and all tax increases at the state level?	Yes	No. I voted to raise cigarette tax to protect higher and discourage smoking.	Yes but I am against unproductive tax credits & subsidies	No Response	Yes	Yes. Spending is the problem, not lack of revenue.
5. Should state address budget shortfall by raising taxes or cutting spending?	Eliminate wasteful spending and no tax increases	Curb excessive tax credits that are unproductive and cut spending on wasteful state contracts & agencies	We have a spending problem. Unlock dedications, and review credits & exemptions	No Response	Prioritize spending, eliminate programs, live within our means	Cut spending, no tax increases, and grow the tax base
6. Will you oppose expanding Medicaid coverage in Louisiana?	Yes	Yes. I have voted that way consistently.	Yes	No Response	Yes	Yes. This would create a \$2 billion problem over 10 years.
7. The Port of New Orleans proposed allowing the port to be sold to a foreign government including Communist China. Will you oppose this legislation?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No Response	Yes	Yes
8. Should illegal immigrants be returned to their home countries?	Yes	Yes	Yes, COD	No Response	Yes	No, it would be too costly to pay their way back.
9. Will you oppose use of tax revenue to fund Planned Parenthood?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No Response	Yes	Yes
10. Will you vote against continuing the State of Louisiana's participation in Common Core?	Yes	Yes	For high standards but not for federal control	No Response	No	Yes. For high standards but not Common Core.

How This Grid Was Created

The Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish gives candidates seeking the Republican endorsement the opportunity to answer a questionnaire on important issues facing the state and nation and the particular office being sought. After the endorsement process is complete, the party will make the answers to the questionnaire available to the news media upon request. In this year's election, the party had a questionnaire covering more than 70 questions. Answers

by legislative candidates to 10 of those questions were used to prepare the grid above. Where a candidate provided a lengthy answer, it was edited to fit the space available. All Republican candidates in the legislative races shown above responded to the questionnaire except Mr. Scott McKnight, a candidate for the State Senate in District 16. Because the answers come from those provided by Republican candidates, Democratic candidates are not included in this grid.

Reign of the Cynics

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But, boy, they love to complain. Especially on Facebook. They can run down every leader who emerges. They run down everyone — whether he's doing a good job or a bad job, because the reality is, they don't have a clue who is doing what. Yet, that doesn't prevent them from speaking out loudly.

Political campaigns in our state have sunk lower and lower — with more and more negative personal attacks. Negative campaigning is a great evil, but the reality is most of the attacks are not even true. They are a trap for fools — intended to make them vote against their own beliefs and interests.

Nothing feeds cynicism more than negative campaigning. If someone spends \$1 million telling everyone you are a thief, I will assure you that even your best friends won't want to be seen with you — even if the allegation is completely false. Thus, all political consultants should be horsewhipped!

Today we have become a nation of cynics — unwilling to enter the arena ourselves. Unwilling even to lift a finger for those fighting for us in the arena! But ever willing to believe the worse, play the critic, and run our nation down.

The truth is, while every human being has fallen short, our leaders don't have to be perfect. They can be brilliant, courageous, hard-working, and compassionate, even though they do have some flaws.

If you are waiting for the perfect governor, president, legislator, or city council member, you will be waiting a very long time indeed.

But don't be a cynic. Be a participant in the life of our nation, state, and city. Don't be a whining, complaining cynic. Rather, be the hero of your life's own story. Get involved, and make a difference.

Do your homework, find out who the good candidates are, and help elect them. Or if there are none who meet your standards, decide to run yourself!

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Republican Candidates October 24, 2015 Primary Election	House Dist. 66				House Dist. 69	
						
	Rick Bond	R. Edmonds	D. Ourso	R. Secrist	Davis	Heck
1. Will you vote to retain Louisiana law that marriage is between one man and one woman?	Disagree with Supreme Court decision. States should decide. But it is law of the land.	Yes	Yes	Yes. Some Supreme Court justices should be impeached	I respect the Supreme Court decision	It's a religious decision, and the state should not be involved.
2. Will you oppose passage of a Fairness Statute that would provide special protection based on sexual orientation?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I oppose discrimination in any form.	Yes
3. Will you support ratification of a federal constitutional amendment to require a balanced federal budget?	No	Yes	Yes	Absolutely	Yes	Yes
4. Will you vote against any and all tax increases at the state level?	No	Yes	I would have to analyze each piece of legislation.	Yes. We have a spending problem. I'm a taxbuster!	Yes, unless there's a comprehensive tax reform plan	I have never voted for one.
5. Should state address budget shortfall by raising taxes or cutting spending?	Spending cuts and tax reform that lowers tax rates and broadens tax base	Spending cuts and no tax increase	It will take a committed governor and willing legislature to solve problem.	Cut spending	No new taxes without spending reform. Use recurring revenue for recurring expense.	Cut spending and make spending reforms. Dedicated funds and dedications on table.
6. Will you oppose expanding Medicaid coverage in Louisiana?	I cannot support expansion until I see a plan with costs and benefits	Yes	Yes	Yes. It will bankrupt our state.	Yes, but the horse may be out of the barn.	Yes
7. The Port of New Orleans proposed allowing the port to be sold to a foreign government including Communist China. Will you oppose this legislation?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	I have to review the legislation	Yes, I would oppose it if they were to be the majority partner.
8. Should illegal immigrants be returned to their home countries?	This is a federal question	Yes	Yes	Yes	On a case-by-case basis	Yes
9. Will you oppose use of tax revenue to fund Planned Parenthood?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
10. Will you vote against continuing the State of Louisiana's participation in Common Core?	No, I favor high standards demanded by Common Core.	Yes	The Common Core compromise of 2015 addresses this issue.	Yes, federal government should not be in our schools	Let's see how the legislative compromise works out. I support high standards	I'm for excellent schools and a lot of rigor.

Propositions on Saturday's Ballot

The Capital City News and Central City News make the following recommendations for ballot propositions:

Amendment No. 1 — To create a new constitutionally dedicated fund for transportation purposes. **Recommendation: YES**

Amendment No. 2 — To put hundreds of millions of dollars into the State Infrastructure Bank. **Recommendation: NO.** This "bank" would taken away control of hundreds of millions of dollars from the legislature. One of the dangers that this bank could fund the Baton Rouge Loop without approval of the legislature.

Amendment No. 3 — To allow the legislature greater freedom to legislate on taxation in fiscal session. **Recommendation: NO**

Amendment No. 4 — To require state and local governments outside Louisiana which own property within Louisiana to pay taxes as any other citizen. **Recommendation: YES**

It is an honor to serve as your Clerk of Court and I would appreciate your vote to continue the tradition of public service that my staff and I are proud to provide our citizens. My family and I wish you the best and appreciate your support.



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Attorney General Questionnaire Covers Many Issues

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LANDRY: Did not respond.

INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

32. Do you support strengthening Louisiana's open carry law?
CALDWELL: Yes
LANDRY: Did not respond.

33. Do you support Louisiana's concealed carry law?
CALDWELL: Yes
LANDRY: Did not respond.

34. Do you support Louisiana's Shoot the Burglar Law?
CALDWELL: Yes
LANDRY: Did not respond.

35. Do you oppose the federal government's Real ID Law?
CALDWELL: Yes
LANDRY: Did not respond.

TAXES, SPENDING, FREE ENTERPRISE, AND COMMERCE

36. How should the State of Louisiana address the projected revenue shortfall in the coming fiscal year?
a) New or increased taxes?
b) Cut spending?
CALDWELL: Cut spending. We, as does the federal government, have too many entitlement programs
LANDRY: Did not respond.

37. Do you oppose funding for community-organizing groups such as ACORN?
CALDWELL: Yes. My investigation, in fact, put ACORN and its activities out of business.
LANDRY: Did not respond.

38. Do you favor a requirement that every state "entitlement"

program includes a provision that able-bodied recipients be required to work as a condition of receiving the benefits? Please explain
CALDWELL: Yes. The only way to break a generational cycle of poverty and dependency on government, which are the results of entitlement programs, is to foster the work ethic in everyone who is on entitlement programs.
LANDRY: Did not respond.

39. Do you support repeal of Obamacare?
CALDWELL: Yes, I joined the first suit filed to oppose Obamacare.
LANDRY: Did not respond.

40. Please explain the federal government's modern role in the interpretation of the Commerce Clause and how it affects our economy in Louisiana.
CALDWELL: The commerce clause, as misused by the federal government, extends federal overreach by using the concept that any activity which interacts with interstate commerce in any way or degree whatsoever justifies federal regulations and oversight. I have been fighting this overreach through lawsuits and express opposition of regulations.
LANDRY: Did not respond.

NATIONAL SECURITY

41. EMT, or Electro-Magnetic Pulse, is a phenomena that occurs when a nuclear weapon is detonated above ground level. A high altitude nuclear explosion could destroy the electric grid and all computers, telephones, cell phones, electronic equipment,

and motorized transportation for up to 1,000 miles, leaving Americans in the dark and without transportation or communication. Will you support tax credits and/or funding necessary to harden Louisiana's electric grid to protect it from EMT attack and prioritize other safeguards to make such an attack less likely and minimize the possible impact of such an attack?
CALDWELL: EMT is one of the most complete destructive phenomena ever conceived. It must be protected against with funding and tax credits.

BORDER SECURITY

42. Do you support returning illegal immigrants to their home countries?
CALDWELL: Yes
LANDRY: Did not respond.

43. Do you support measures that ensure that persons here on temporary visas go home when their visas expire?
CALDWELL: Yes
LANDRY: Did not respond.

44. Do you support construction of physical and electronic fences and National Guard troops along the border?
CALDWELL: Yes
LANDRY: Did not respond.

45. Do you support state or local officials enforcing federal immigration law within our borders?
CALDWELL: Yes
LANDRY: Did not respond.

46. Do you support imposing financial or other penalties on the

City of New Orleans or any other city which declares itself to be a "sanctuary city" that refuses to cooperate with federal immigration law enforcement?
CALDWELL: Yes, but we should not penalize jails or law enforcement.
LANDRY: Did not respond.

47. Since only U.S. citizens can vote, do you oppose using illegal aliens for purposes of apportionment and redistricting?
CALDWELL: Yes, I oppose such use and filed an original action with the United States Supreme Court against the U.S. Census Bureau who counted illegal aliens in Texas, California, and Florida that cost Louisiana and other states congressional seats and the U.S. Supreme Court refused to grant writs.
LANDRY: Did not respond.

LIFE

48. Do you support the Human Life Amendment. Do you oppose the judge-invented notion that abortion is a constitutional right?
CALDWELL: Yes. This is a pure case of judicial activism and social engineering.
LANDRY: Did not respond.

49. Do you oppose all government funding of abortion?
CALDWELL: Yes. Government funding of such activities ignores the strong moral and religious beliefs of taxpayers who oppose such action and in fact infringes on their religious freedom.
LANDRY: Did not respond.

50. Do you oppose all funding for Planned Parenthood?
CALDWELL: Yes
LANDRY: Did not respond.

Thank You



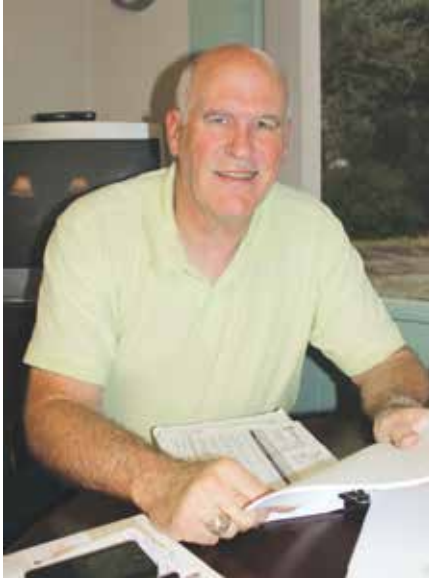
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Announces Location of Central's New City Hall

Central Mayor Jr. Shelton Unveils Plans To Enhance City's Roads, Infrastructure



Central Mayor Jr. Shelton



Artist rendering of what old Central Middle School site would look like without parking lots.

Woody Jenkins
Editor

CENTRAL — Central Mayor Jr. Shelton said Sunday that, after careful study of the options, he favors locating Central's new City Hall at the site of the old Central Middle School, at the corner of Hooper and Sullivan roads. The Central Community School Board, which owns the site, offered its use to the City of Central several years ago.

Shelton said he is issuing an RFQ to find an architect to design the facility. He thinks two to three acres would provide enough space for City Hall and

parking. He anticipates the building would have 10,000 to 12,000 square feet of usable space. This would include Council meeting chamber and office space.

The mayor said the school board has engaged someone to appraise the property. He said the city will be working closely with the school board on any use of the property.

Shelton said his own preference would be to see the site include state and parish offices that could serve the public, such as branches of the clerk of court, assessor, and voting registration offices and the state's DVM.

The mayor said he would also like to see offices, com-

mercial, and some residential included, depending on how much space the school board allowed for those purposes. Other suggestions have included restaurants, an office supply store, and a mail center.

The school board also plans to locate its office in the main building of the old Central Middle School.

Widening of Sullivan. The mayor said the widening of Sullivan Road to Wax Road should be complete by Thanksgiving, except for signaling. Old traffic signals will be taken down and new ones erected and synchronized. The mayor said he will also be looking at providing a pedestrian

crossing between CVS and Wal-Mart.

Mayor Shelton announced a number of new construction projects:

- **Hubbs at Denham.** Improvements to the intersection of Hubbs and Denham roads. At present, the roadway and the parking lot blend in together. The work will make a clear distinction between the two.

- **Frenchtown Road.** Widening of Frenchtown Road from Greenwell Springs Road to where the widening from the Central Thruway begins. The widening will only add one foot to either side of the roadway. However, the project also includes removing utilities

on either side of the road, installing culverts, and covering those. This should enhance the safety and the beauty of the road.

- **Planche Road.** Improvements to the intersection of Frenchtown and Planche roads.

- **Frenchtown Culvert.** Replacement of a culvert on Frenchtown Road that is in danger of collapse.

- **Hearthwood Street.** Improvements to Hearthwood Street behind Northwoods. The mayor describes the street as being in the worst condition of any street in the city. "It is in deplorable condition, and it will be fixed," he said. The problems are on 100 feet of roadway that are used to reach about 30 homes.

- **More Widening of Sullivan Road.** Widening of Sullivan Road from Wax to Hooper will be let in November or early December with construction slated to begin by mid-2016. The project will include not only widening of the road but also installation of sidewalks.

- **Sidewalks in Central.** Sidewalks will also be installed on Sullivan Road from Reed Avenue to Jackson Park and on Wax Road from Wal-Mart to the high school. The sidewalk will extend across the bridge next to Wal-Mart by installing a four-foot walkway off the side of the bridge.

- **Microsurfacing.** Roads in Bellingrath and Jackson Park have recently been microsurfaced. This provides a thin layer of blacktop to the roadway which extend the life of the for another 5 to 10 years.

In other matters, Mayor Shelton said the City of Central is asking the City-Parish DPW to expedite approval of its Sewer Master Plan, which it submitted to DPW last July.

The Mayor also said he will soon announce the appointment of two new members of the Central Board of Adjustments.

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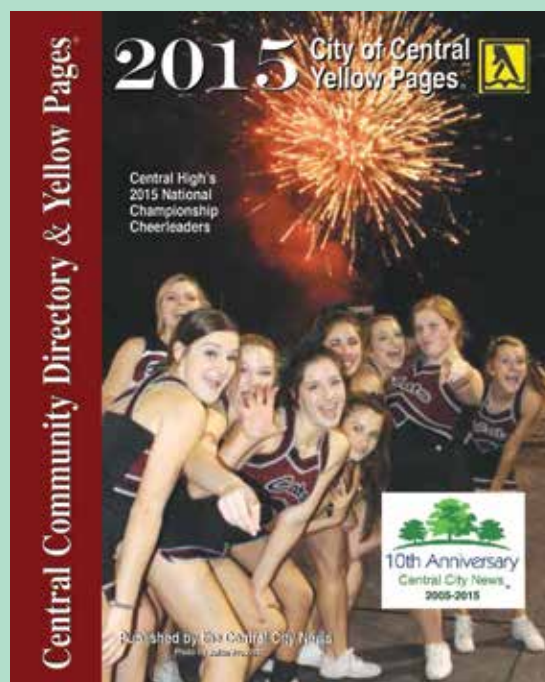
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