

VOTE Saturday, Aug. 15
Tiffany Foxworth
 District Judge
School Tax Renewal
 Rebuild Central High School

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Runoff Election Saturday, August 15 in Central

District Judge, School Tax

SAMPLE BALLOT
 City of Central
 Saturday, Aug. 15, 2020

All Voters

District Judge 19th JDC
YVETTE ALEXANDER (D)*
 *Endorsed by Democratic Party
TIFFANY FOXWORTH (D)*
 *Endorsed by Central City News

Tax Renewal for Central School System To Rebuild Central High
 Yes* No
 *Endorsed by Central City News

District Judge Race: Liberal-Conservative Battle Could Decide Direction of Court

Woody Jenkins
 Editor

CENTRAL - This Saturday, Aug. 15, voters in Central, Baker, Zachary, and Sherwood Forest will go to the polls to choose a new district judge between conservative

Judge Alexander: World Traveller at Taxpayer Expense
Trips to Hawaii, Italy, Morocco, South Africa, Jamaica, and More
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former Army Capt. Tiffany Foxworth and liberal City Judge Yvette Alexander.

Foxworth is pro-life, pro-family, pro-traditional marriage, pro-gun, a crime-fighter, pro-military and pro-veteran. She rose from private to Captain in the Army and served in Desert Storm and Desert Shield. Judge Alexander touts her many years of experience. She is endorsed by the Democratic Party and leading Democratic officials. Her election to City Court has been in the minority district in Baton Rouge. She has never run in the Northern judicial subdistrict. Foxworth lives in the subdistrict but Alexander does not.

While most voters are unaware of it, the judiciary in East Baton Rouge Parish is rapidly undergoing
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Liberal City Judge Yvette Alexander



Conservative Tiffany Foxworth

LIBERAL-CONSERVATIVE SHOWDOWN for District Court judge in the Saturday, Aug. 15 runoff election. Conservative attorney and former Army Capt. Tiffany Foxworth (right), who ran first in the primary, and liberal Baton Rouge City Court Judge Yvette Alexander (left) will face off. Conservative voters in Central could decide the outcome.

Tax Renewal Will Be Devoted To Renovating Central High

CENTRAL - Central voters will go to the polls this Saturday to consider whether to renew a 23.65-mill property tax originally passed in 2009 to construct the Central School Complex, which houses Central Intermediate School and Central Middle School.

The renewal would extend the tax by 20 years and provide funding to rebuild Central High School and make major improvements to Wildcat Stadium on Hooper Road. Central schools Supt. Jason

Fountain said that, if approved, the tax would fund \$22.2 million for the high school and \$1.8 million for the stadium.

Central High School was built in 1970. Dr. Fountain said the improvements to Central High School would make it a world class facility. Improvements would include:

- Entire interior will be renovated, including all classrooms
- Renovation of media center (or library)

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JBE Orders Ban Dancing In Louisiana

LAFAYETTE - No, this is not a joke! At a time when each of the Governor's Emergency Orders seems more far-fetched than the last, State Fire Marshal Butch Browning has revealed that dancing is now prohibited in Louisiana.

Asked by KLFY in Lafayette, Browning said, "Dancing is not allowed at all, indoors or outdoors. It's been very challenging for people to remember that..." For more on the dancing ban, see Page 5.

Governor Targets Firehouse BBQ in Watson

Danielle Bunch Threatened with Prison for Not Ejecting Patrons

Woody Jenkins
 Editor, Central City News

WATSON - A single mom who recently purchased Firehouse BBQ in Watson is in a David-vs.-Goliath battle with Gov. John Bel Edwards, who wants her restaurant closed. Edwards wants her to forcibly eject customers who don't mask.

However, Danielle Bunch says she has no intention to close her popular restaurant. Ms. Bunch attracted the governor's attention



FIREHOUSE BBQ owner Danielle Bunch says the governor's mask mandate is illegal but that even under the governor's rules, her restaurant complies with the health exceptions and social distancing rules. Nevertheless, Gov. Edwards is trying to close her down.

when she posted on Facebook saying her employees could not comply with the governor's mask order for health reasons and there was no point in customers wearing masks if the employees didn't.

Danielle said she meets all health code requirements and socially distances, but the governor's mask order is completely illegal and unconstitutional. The Attorney General agrees! See pages 8-9.

Judge Brenda Ricks ordered Ms. Bunch to close, but Danielle said judges should read the AG opinion. A hearing is set before Judge Brian Abels on Aug. 18.

To learn more, click on the QR codes at the right.



As School Re-Opens, Things Almost Normal For Elementary School Students Under 8



Central schools Assistant Supt. Sandy Davis helps kids with social distancing. Walking to Tanglewood Elementary on the first day of the 2020-2021 school year.



Children file into Tanglewood on the first day of school. It was closer to normal because children under 8 are exempt from Gov. Edwards' mask mandate.



Central Community School System was the first district in East Baton Rouge Parish to return to school during the pandemic.



Teachers and faculty help direct children on their first day of school after a five-month break. First Student was there to monitor the buses.



Fewer parents than normal arrived with their children on the first day of school this year. Old Glory was waving at Tanglewood as children returned to school.

Tanglewood Elementary School First Day • August 6, 2020

News About Drug Blocked by Facebook, YouTube

America's Frontline Physicians Endorse Hydroxychloroquine, Face Censorship

Social Media Doing Their Best To Silence Info On Popular Cure

WASHINGTON — In late July, a group of physicians calling themselves America's Frontline Doctors held a news conference on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court building in Washington to discuss their experience in treating Covid19.

The group explained their success with patients in the early stages of the disease, where they said they get nearly 100 percent effectiveness. The physicians all prescribed 200 mg of hydroxychloroquine twice a day plus azithromycin (zpac), and zinc.



AMERICA'S FRONTLINE PHYSICIANS held a news conference on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court building to describe their positive experiences using hydroxychloroquine, zpac, and zinc in treating Covid19 patients. The video had 18 million viewers but was taken down by Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter. It is available at centralcitynews.us

The live broadcast was viewed by 18 million people in the United States — one of the largest live broadcasts in the history of Facebook. Immediately, social platforms Facebook, YouTube and Twitter began to systematically remove all traces of the news conference from their platforms.

For example, the *Central City News* posted to Facebook a link to the news conference as it was going on. Shortly thereafter, Facebook deleted the *Central City News* post, saying it was false. Since the physicians were simply telling their per-

sonal experiences using the drugs, it was difficult to understand how Facebook could claim the statements were false.

Over the next few days, millions of Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter subscribers had their videos and other posts about hydroxychloroquine deleted. Some people even had their entire page deleted.

It was a very broad and amazing attempt to shut down a discussion of the benefits of hydroxychloroquine.

Many people tried repeatedly to post the video from America's

Frontline Doctors, but in almost every case, the posts were deleted.

The *Central City News* has many Facebook pages and attempted to post the news conference on all of them. Only a couple slipped through the fingers of the Facebook censors.

Meanwhile, *Central City News* was able to get a copy of the video and post it at centralcitynews.us, where it remains beyond the reach of Facebook censors. To watch it, go to the newspaper website.

THOUGHT POLICE

Do you find it remarkable that Facebook, YouTube, and Google do everything in their power to prevent any positive information about hydroxychloroquine from getting to the eyes and ears of the American people?

If American physicians hold a news conference telling their personal experiences in prescribing the drug for their patients, these media giants label them "liars" and block their words.

How do the media giants explain their harsh censorship? Mark Zuckerberg says he is afraid someone might be misled and take the drug! But it's a prescription drug! No one can take it unless his personal physician has prescribed it!

Physicians' Video Is Still Available at centralcitynews.us

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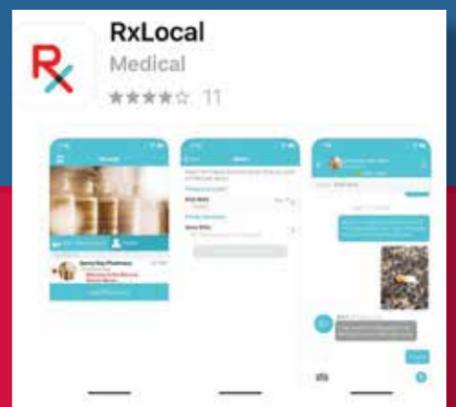
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Governor's Emergency Powers Do Not Include Closing Businesses or Masking

Emergency Statute Much More Limited Than JBE Claimed, Restricts Governor

CENTRAL - The governor's Emergency Powers under La. R.S. 29:721 *et seq* are much more limited than he has told the public. Since March 2020, Gov. John Bel Edwards has issued more than two dozen Emergency Orders, which have been presented by the news media as valid and lawful. Few if any have challenged the governor to provide the statutory basis allowing him to assume such power and issue such far-reaching orders.

One of the most controversial orders was to lockdown the state and shut tens of thousands of small businesses. Another was to order citizens to wear masks. However, a review of the applicable statute shows there is no grant of power to the governor to close businesses or mandate masks. Nevertheless, the Emergency Powers Act does allow the governor to limit or restrict the sale of alcohol, firearms, explosives, and combustibles.

Furthermore, La. R.S. 29:736D makes it clear that the governor has no power to diminish any of the rights of citizens under the Declaration of Rights of the Louisiana Constitution or the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution. It also protects the powers of the legislature and the judiciary, making it clear that the governor's powers are principally limited to control of the executive branch,

Powers of Governor in a Declared Emergency (R.S. 29:724)

C. The declaration of an emergency or disaster by the governor shall:

(1) Activate the state's emergency response and recovery program under the command of the director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

(2) Direct and compel the evacuation of all or part of the population from any stricken or threatened area within the state if he deems this action necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, or recovery.

(3) Control ingress and egress to and from a disaster area, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises therein.

D. In addition to any other powers conferred upon the governor by law, he may do any or all of the following:

(1) Suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any state agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any statute, order, rule, or

regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency.

(2) Utilize all available resources of the state government and of each political subdivision of the state as reasonably necessary to cope with the disaster or emergency.

(3) Transfer the direction, personnel, or functions of state departments and agencies or units thereof for the purpose of performing or facilitating emergency services.

(4) Subject to any applicable requirements for compensation, commandeer or utilize any private property if he finds this necessary to cope with the disaster or emergency.

(5) Prescribe routes, modes of transportation, and destination in connection with evacuation.

(6) **Suspend or limit the sale, dispensing, or transportation of alcoholic beverages, firearms, explosives, and combustibles.**

(7) Make provision for the availability and use of temporary emergency housing.

Nowhere Does the Law Permit the Governor to Close Businesses or Require Masks, Although He Does Have the Power to Suspend the Sale of Alcohol, Firearms, Explosives and Combustibles.

R.S. 29:726(D) Strongly Limits Governor's Powers

La. R.S. 29:736(D) provides:

D. Nothing in this Chapter shall be interpreted to diminish the rights guaranteed to all persons under the Declaration of Rights of the Louisiana Constitution or the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution. This Chapter shall not violate Article II (Distribution of Powers), Article III (Legislative Branch), or Article V (Judicial Branch) of the Louisiana Constitution. The courts shall be open, and every person shall have an adequate remedy by due process

of law and justice, administered without denial, partiality, or unreasonable delay, for injury to him in his person, property, reputation, or other rights. The orders of all courts shall have their full force and effect. The legislature may call itself into session at any time and shall exercise its powers and duties. Its ability to enact law, appropriate funds, and confirm appointees shall be in full force. The privileges and immunities of legislators shall be respected.

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OPEN FOR BUSINESS — The governor has ordered Danielle Bunch to close Firehouse BBQ, but the single mom needs her business, remains open, and is doing great!

So Now the Fool Governor Forbids Dancing

No Singing, Hugs, Handshakes, Not Even Funerals or Visiting Hospital

Woody Jenkins
 Editor, Central City News

THAT FOOL GOVERNOR SAYS NO DANCING — Yes, our fool Democrat governor has a new one: No dancing! Add that to no singing, no hand shaking, no hugging, no funerals, no visiting your dying mother in the hospital. “A video recently posted on Facebook shows couples dancing inside a Lafayette restaurant. A viewer called News 10 and asked if people were allowed to dance inside of the restaurant- the short answer is, No!” “Dancing is not allowed at all, indoors or outdoors,” State Fire Marshal Butch Browning said. “It’s been very challenging for people to remember that because you know, we’re a dancing state and if you’re not dancing, you’re not living.” Just wear your masks! Above all, be safe! We wouldn’t want to take any chances, would we? No, “life” is too valuable!
<https://www.klfy.com/local/state-fire-marshal-asks-public-to-hold-off-on-cultural-pastime>



WHERE FREE PEOPLE EAT BAR-BECUE — Rev. Tony Spell took time out from defying the governor’s order not to have church to have lunch at Firehouse BBQ in Watson, which is defying the governor’s orders to require customers to mask. Meanwhile, Jacob and Shonta McMorris are considering defying the governor’s order not to dance!

If you take living out of life, there’s really nothing left, is there?
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“Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness!”
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HOW TO KEEP OUR FREEDOM — The way to keep our freedom is for **you** to **keep exercising your freedom**, especially when it is under attack! **Never let the government or your fellow citizens get the idea that tyranny and lawlessness by the state will be accepted or go unchallenged!**
 ★★★

WE NEED CONSTITUTIONAL JUDGES: VOTE SATURDAY! Please go vote this Saturday, August 15 in the runoff election for District Judge. One of our biggest problems is liberal judges!

This election is between another liberal establishment judge, Yvette Alexander, and a constitutional conservative, Tiffany Foxworth.

Please take time Saturday to go vote.

Tiffany is pro-life, supports the Second Amendment, limited government, and the Constitution. She was a U.S. Army captain and nurse who served in Desert Storm and Desert Shield. She is a practicing attorney, mother, and wife.

Voting is in Central (tax renewal for Central schools) and in the Northern judicial subdistrict (Baker, Zachary, Central, and Sherwood Forest). Please vote Saturday!

LAWS VS. DECREES — So the Louisiana State Police has declared that their boss, the governor, has the power to make law, restrict assemblies, and mandate masks! No, they are wrong! R.S. 29:721 et seq. on Emergency Orders contains no such power. We have three distinct branches of government, and only the legislature can make law, not the governor. In addition, nothing the governor says or does can trump the U.S. Constitution or the Louisiana Constitution.
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DR. RHETT BERGERON, the physician who wrote the excellent two-page article on how to build your immune against the Covid in the April 2020 edition of the Central City News, said this Monday: “Masks, economic shut down and forced isolation are a test of the public’s willingness to accept government orders - they are a precursor to mandatory vaccines and even greater regulation by government and even corporations to prevent those

who refuse vaccines from certain activities in the market place - such as travel, entrance into some businesses and government offices.”
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COVID19 — Yes, we all know it can be deadly. We’ve known that from the beginning. About 1 in every 1,000 people in Louisiana have died from it (or with it). However:

1) The governor’s “orders” are illegal and unconstitutional. He has no power under the state’s emergency powers law R.S. 29:721 to close businesses or mandate masks. His actions are unlawful.

2) There is a cure that is highly successful, according to many physicians. If you get it, they say take hydroxychloroquine with azithromycin and zinc. People who do that early have almost no problems, they advise.

3) The people who are vulnerable mainly older people with other serious health problems need to stay home. Certainly masks won’t help them.

4) It’s not true that it’s more deadly or worse than the flu. It is a form of the flu.

5) Children are not in danger. Almost no one in this country under 15 has died from it and only a handful under 20. There is no reason to close schools or require children to mask in school.

6) This is a free country and people have the right to breathe free or cover their faces. Requiring people to wear a mask is an infringement of their civil liberties and right to control their own bodies.

7) As a newspaper, since mid-March, we have covered 65 church services at Life Tabernacle Church where there has been no mask wearing and no social distancing. Services have ranged from 300 to 3,000 people. Everyone was going to die, we were told, but not one person has died or been hospitalized. Fear is the opposite of faith. We need to live our lives, not huddle in the closet and try to throttle the liberties of those who want to live their lives.
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL — This fool Democrat governor’s latest illegal decree has pushed back high school football to October.
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A FREE WOMAN, DANIELLE BUNCH of Firehouse BBQ in Watson, is standing up to the illegal masking order of that fool Gov. John Bel Edwards, and the public is supporting her! Since the governor began harassing Danielle, her business has soared. They have continu-

ous customers and sell out! [See Attorney General’s Opinion on the legality of the order]
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GOAL OF THE BREATHE FREE SOCIETY at least initially is to counter efforts by our fool Democrat governor to punish and shutdown businesses and churches that refuse to comply with his illegal, unconstitutional orders.

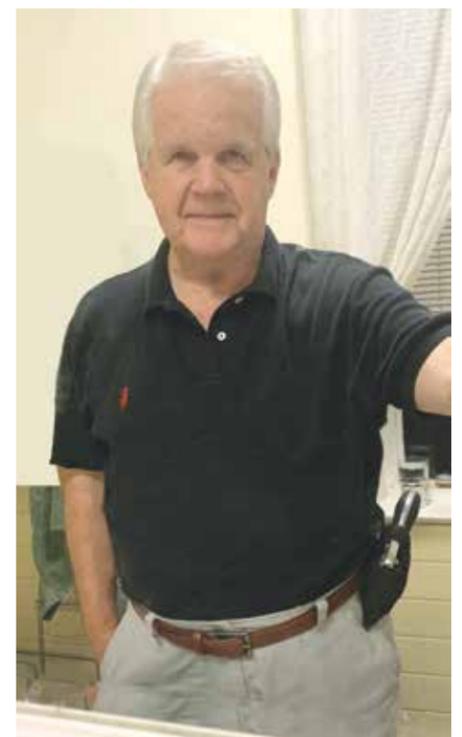
Simply put, the tactic is for large numbers of citizens to surge to the business when his henchmen arrive to close the business. Ordinary citizens will carry signs and line up to purchase products and support the business. It will be a scene that will make it very awkward for the bureaucrats to use the limited tools they have to close the business.

If they turn off the business’ power, we will have generators to help them stay open until we can get a court order to make the State back off.

The idea is to counter any effort to punish or shut the business and make sure it is more popular and more successful than before they were targeted.

“Like” the Breathe Free Society on Facebook! Click here: <https://www.facebook.com/Breathe-Free-Society-631730894126447/>
 ★★★

20,000 RALLIED IN BERLIN for freedom and an end to lockdowns and mandatory masks.



Woody Jenkins of Central City News **SO LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT** — You’re okay with my coming in here with a gun just so long as I put on a mask?

Runoff for Judge Is Liberal-Conservative Battle

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a dramatic change which is likely to result in most of the district judges in the 19th Judicial District being liberal Democrats, despite the fact that 50.1 percent of voters in the parish are whites who mostly vote conservative. The reason is mal apportionment of the three judicial subdistricts in the parish.

The change in the lineup of judges could affect the administration of justice in both criminal and civil matters for years to come, not only here but statewide, because many lawsuits from across the state have

to be tried in East Baton Rouge Parish.

The runoff election for district judge this Saturday is playing a role in this larger saga.

East Baton Rouge Parish has three judicial subdistricts within the 19th Judicial District Court. Although each district elects five District Court judges, the population of the three districts varies widely. The so-called minority subdistrict has only 59,712 voters, 49,751 of whom are black.

The Northern subdistrict has 99,651 voters and is split with

48,644 black voters, 46,234 white voters, and 4,773 who are listed as other.

The Southern subdistrict has 132,101 voters, including 92,169 who are white.

These numbers show that the minority subdistrict elects more District Court judges than it should, while the Southern subdistrict is underrepresented.

If the districts were reapportioned to reflect the actual population of the parish, there would probably be two conservative subdistricts and one that is liberal.

That could result in five Democrat District Court judges and 10 Republican District Court judges.

Saturday's election is a runoff election to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Judge Beau Higginbotham (R), through the end of the year. However, in November, voters will choose someone to fill the full term.

Alexander and Foxworth have both qualified for that election, which would set up a rematch. However, the loser in this Saturday's election also could decide to drop out of the November race.

Is Judge Alexander the Most Travelled Judge in U.S.?

BATON ROUGE - Both the Louisiana Supreme Court and the Metro Council of East Baton Rouge Parish have tried to curb the international travel at taxpayer expense of Baton Rouge City Court Judge Yvette Alexander. However, so far, they have failed to stop her worldwide escapades. On Jan. 16, 2014, the *Advocate* carried this article by Rebecca Allen.

Public to Pay for BR Judge's 5-Star Trip to Morocco

"Baton Rouge City Court Judge Yvette Alexander, who already has billed taxpayers for trips to Hawaii, Jamaica and Italy, is on her way to Morocco, where she will stay in five-star hotels while attending a judicial conference."

"The cost of the 5,000-mile excursion is at least \$2,898 and taxpayers will foot the bill."

"The trip is billed as the National Bar Association's mid-winter meet-

ing. For the first half of the trip, the delegation will stay at the five-star Sofitel Rabat Jardin Des Roses in the heart of the capital city."

"The second half of the conference will take place at the five-star Four Seasons Resort, according to forms submitted to the city-parish for reimbursement."

"Alexander has been a judge since 1995 and has a well-documented history of taking lavish conference

trips, paid for with tax dollars."

"From 2007 to 2012, Alexander took 37 trips, and used a total of \$52,704 in public funds."

"Her travels included two trips to Hawaii, two trips to Jamaica, and visits to Puerto Rico, St. Maarten, the Virgin Islands and the West Indies. In 2002, Alexander took another eyebrow-raising trip to Italy costing taxpayers \$1,900, drawing the attention of the Metro Council."

"When judges take leave, a cost to pay an ad hoc, or substitute, judge also is incurred."

Since 2014, the Judge has continued travelling at taxpayer expense! For example, just after qualifying to run for District Judge in January 2020, she left on a two-week trip to South Africa, paid for by — taxpayers! Apparently, a Baton Rouge city judge can learn a lot on these educational trips.



ANGELE DAVIS
Former Comm. of Administration

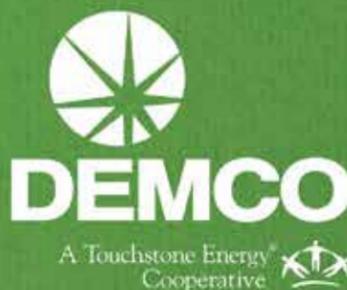
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Tiffany's Conservative Family Values Make Her a Great Choice for Central

TIFFANY Runoff Election, This Saturday, Aug 15., 2020

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EDUCATION

- Southern University, Bachelor of Science, Nursing (2001)
- Southern University Law Center, Juris Doctorate (2005)

CONTINUED EDUCATION

- Death Penalty Defense Law & Mitigation; Chicago, IL, DePaul University, College of Law (2007)
- Death Penalty College; Santa Clara, CA; Santa Clara University (2007)
- Death Penalty Seminar, Louisiana Public Defender Association, Marksville, LA (2007)
- National Criminal Defense College; Mercer Law School; Macon, GA (2008)

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Johnson & Associates, LLC (2005-2006) • The Foxworth Law Firm & Associates, LLC (2006-present)
- North Oaks Medical Center (2001-2007)

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

- Served our country for 13 years in the U.S. Army, as both an enlisted soldier and Commissioned Officer during Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

CIVIC & PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION

- Louisiana State Bar Association • Baton Rouge Bar Association • Louisiana State Nursing Association
- Southern University Alumni Association • Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. • Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Baton Rouge Chapter • Junior League of Baton Rouge • NAACP

PERSONAL

- Married to Dr. Jonathan J. Roberts, MD, Internal Medicine Physician
- Daughter, Tiffany Elle, age 10

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- Pro-Life • Pro-Family
- Pro-Traditional Marriage
- Crime Fighter
- Pro-Military, Pro-Veteran

Attorney General's Opinion Raises Doubt

July 15, 2020

OPINION 20-0068

La. R.S. 29: 721, et seq.
La. R.S. 29: 760, et seq.

Conclusion: Certain provisions of 89 JBE 2020 may be unconstitutional and unenforceable.

Dear Reps. Bagley, Beaulieu, Edmonds, Horton, Miguez, Owen, Seabaugh, and Senator Mills:

We received your requests for Attorney General Opinions and/or inquiries related to mask mandates and 89 JBE 2020, and we determined that guidance for business owners and law enforcement is warranted.

INTRODUCTION

Over the past several months both myself and the professional staff at the Louisiana Department of Justice have worked tirelessly to provide the citizens and public officials of Louisiana with guidance regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. We have worked hard to ensure a balance between protecting constitutional liberties and the overall health and welfare of the public.

When the COVID-19 pandemic started, the goal of government action was to ensure that our health-care capacity to treat citizens was not overrun. Executive orders and mandates were put in place under our laws and Constitution with that simple goal in mind. I supported those actions. To that end, we seem to have achieved that purpose.

Today I am concerned that additional restrictions are being placed on our citizens, while we no longer have a set benchmark with which to measure our success.

The Governor's recent mandates do not appear to serve achieving any type of goal or mission in a manner consistent with statutory authority and Constitutional provisions. I am sending this guidance in large part as a response to the many calls and inquiries I have received from you, private citizens, and other elected officials regarding the Governor's most recent Proclamation that purports to impose a statewide "face covering" requirement (hereinafter referred to as the "mask mandate"), limit gatherings indoors and outdoors to 50 people, and significantly restrict "bars" from their normal operations.

Most importantly, this guidance is for the many law enforcement agencies that have contacted me regarding their concerns about enforcement. After careful consideration, it is my opinion as the chief legal officer of the State that the order does not pass the constitutional test. It is unfortunate that, despite the fact that I am the statutory legal advisor to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness ("GOHSEP"), I was not consulted prior to the issuance of any Executive Order during COVID-19, including the most recent Proclamation.

ANALYSIS

Let me begin by first emphasizing that this guidance in no form should be taken to discredit or reduce the significance of any protections taken by an individual, including the wearing of a face mask for the purpose of preventing infection from COVID-19. However, all mandates that carry enforcement penalties against the public must be rationally related to achieving a legitimate public purpose. To



Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry

“The mask mandate flatly violates due process, separation of powers, the delegation clause, state public accommodation anti-discrimination laws, and La. R.S. 29:724(E); and it is unenforceable.”

— Attorney General Jeff Landry

the extent they impinge upon the exercise of constitutionally protected rights, they must meet an even stricter test and be narrowly tailored to achieve a compelling government interest to such a degree that they justify the concomitant reduction in individual liberty.

For that reason, I urge all law enforcement (including the Fire Marshal and other individuals acting under the color of law) to exercise extreme caution when responding to calls related to violations of facemask orders. While face coverings may be recommended, the mask mandate cannot be enforced with criminal or financial sanctions. Furthermore, threats to a business' occupational license or other forms of threats to the business (cutting off water or sewer service, for example) also would violate basic due process and could expose the government actor to civil liability.

foundation is a flimsy one upon which to build a criminal regulatory edifice.

It is even more vague as to penalties and enforcement. At the same time, it is riddled with many exceptions, all of which are subjectively determined, such that "men of common intelligence must necessarily guess at its meaning and differ as to its application." See *Bode, et al. v. Kenner City*, et al., 303 F. Supp. 3d 484 (E.D. La. 3/19/19).

Among other restrictions on the Governor's authority, which will be addressed relative to each requirement, prohibitions must be clearly defined and government should articulate its aims with a reasonable degree of clarity. The restrictions contained in this Proclamation fail this basic test. Similarly, the Proclamation must provide fair notice so that those who wish to follow the order may avoid its prohibitions. The Proclamation also fails this test because citizens not

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89 JBE 2020

On July 11, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued 89 JBE 2020, a Proclamation amending a pre-existing order, issuing a statewide mask mandate, limiting indoor and outdoor gatherings to 50 people (with exceptions), and limiting service in "bars." As a general matter, the order does not define numerous terms, contains minimal statistics in support, and contains no geographical data. It vaguely references possible sources of outbreaks based on vague hearsay from "contact tracers." This

only cannot predict which actions are prohibited, but also they face potential unlawful arrest and unlawful searches and seizures "trespassing" or "any other laws" that a person "may violate" even if they are fully compliant. Arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement is not only possible, but it is highly probable and even encouraged by the order. At the same time, the order is also unconstitutionally overbroad. Moreover, government's legitimate purpose to validly control and prevent some conduct cannot be accomplished by

means that sweep unnecessarily broadly and invade the areas of freedoms protected by the First Amendment. The Proclamation fails this fundamental constitutional norm.

Louisiana courts have also noted other limits on the Governor's powers and consequences of exercising powers not granted to him. For example, the Governor has no power to make substantive law through an executive order, even in an emergency. And if the Governor's actions amount to a constructive taking of private property, then the State may have to pay for it.

THE MASK MANDATE

The order states: "Every individual shall wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when inside a commercial establishment or any other building or space open to the public, whether indoors or outdoors." The order does not define "commercial establishment," nor does it define "face covering" — suggesting anything will suffice as long as it covers the "nose and mouth." After limiting its application only to "commercial establishments," it then broadly applies to "any other building" or "space" that is "open to the public." The mask mandate then proceeds to list numerous exemptions, which are all subjectively determined by the wearer.

Initially, it exempts "any individual who will not come in contact with any other individual." It is unclear when an individual can make this determination, and whether a person who subjectively believes, in good faith, that he or she will not come into contact with another individual, but does so due to no fault of his or her own would be in violation of the Proclamation. It further exempts individuals "who will be able to maintain strict social distancing of six feet apart from any other individual." Again, it is unclear when an individual can make this determination and whether a person who subjectively believes, in good faith, that he or she can maintain strict social distancing but due to no fault of his or her own finds himself or herself within less than six feet of another individual would be in violation of the Proclamation.

It also exempts the following categories of individuals: all children under eight; any individual with "a medical condition that prevents the wearing of a face covering;" any individual who "is consuming food or drinks;" any individual "who is seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing impaired;" any individual who is "giving a speech for broadcast or to an audience;" and any individual "temporarily removing his or her face covering for identification purposes." All of these exemptions appear to be vague, subjective, and/or unenforceable. The rule does not permit anyone to demand parents prove the child is "under eight," and it does not define medical condition (while other state and federal laws prohibit demanding or forced sharing of personal health information). Any individual carrying around a Diet Coke or a pack of crackers is apparently exempt. Any person who generally and subjectively "seeks to communicate" with any other person who may be hearing impaired is exempt. (The rule apparently only requires one to "seek" to have such interaction, not to actually know someone with whom they may communicate is hearing impaired, much less have immediate plans to communicate with

About Legality of Governor's Mask Order

them face to face. "Communicate" is also a broad term, and could include communicating by text, phone, Zoom, or carrier pigeon, but in any event, the communicator is exempt.) And if an individual plans to "give a speech" (undefined) to an "audience" (also undefined), then that individual is also exempt. In short, virtually any individual may fall within one or more of these exemptions.

Although the rule contains exemptions that would or could apply to the vast majority of the public, it then purports to require both compliance and enforcement by "commercial establishments," upon threat of the business (not the mask-less individual) being issued a "citation." The Proclamation does not say who would issue the citation and for what. It is likewise silent as to what the sanction may be, or the legal basis for conscripting businesses to enforce executive orders.

After threatening "citations" to businesses, however, it says "citations" may be written "only to businesses or organizations (other than religious organizations- also undefined) that fail to enforce the requirement. In other words, the order purports to turn private businesses into the Governor's Proclamation enforcement arm. Having threatened businesses "that fail to enforce the requirement" (which is riddled with subjective exceptions, making it difficult even for experienced attorneys to discern its contours), it goes on to further muddy the water by providing a safe-harbor. Businesses are "entitled to rely" on the representations of their employees, customers, and patrons with regard to whether they qualify for an exemption.

Neither the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act ("LH-SEADA"), La. R.S. 29:721, et seq., nor the Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act ("LHEPA"), La. R.S. 29:760, et seq., authorize the Governor, unilaterally, by executive proclamation, to make businesses his proclamation enforcement police. And they may not be threatened with "citations" or otherwise sanctioned for refusing to be his enforcement arm.

Although the order provides a safe harbor for businesses to rely on the representations of customers, patrons, or employees, it does not provide any such safe harbor for individuals. To the contrary, after threatening businesses with sanctions if they "fail to enforce the requirement," it ambiguously states, without any citation to authority, that "law enforcement personnel may enforce trespassing laws or any other laws the patron, employee or customer may violate." Thus, it threatens businesses who refuse to become gubernatorial enforcement agents and encourages businesses to call in local law enforcement for help. The order purports to make it unlawful if any person enters the businesses without a mask and refuses to leave, even if the individual has a physical or mental condition that conflicts with wearing a face covering or is otherwise exempt. It purports to graft the mask requirement onto pre-existing criminal statutes by authorizing police to enforce "trespassing" or "other applicable laws" to deal with allegedly non-compliant individuals, even though the Proclamation contains numerous exemptions that could exempt virtually any

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individual. It even appears to convert a dispute over the applicability of the mask requirement into a trespassing violation, even though it is not the property owner's terms and conditions that are being violated.

Another issue, which should be of specific concern to law enforcement, is the reference to "citation." The only enforcement provided for in La. R.S. 29:724(E), et seq., is a criminal provision found in La. R.S. 29:724. This provision establishes that any violations of such executive orders are misdemeanors. This raises serious concerns related to both Fourth Amendment rights to be free from search and seizure without a warrant and the Fifth Amendment Right against self-incrimination and other constitutional concerns. As such, all of the protections afforded suspects in criminal investigations are required.

Any agency should understand that the violation of a valid executive order (within the proper scope of the governor's powers) should be treated as a criminal investigation *ab initio* and proceed accordingly. Additionally, any agency engaged in enforcement of these orders should also recognize that federal civil liabilities associated with law enforcement also apply. Relatedly, the State may incur liability relative to the activities of the State Fire Marshal. Louisiana Revised Statutes 40:1563.1 sets out the authority of the Fire Marshal and his deputies to make arrests. It specifically outlines those offenses for which the Fire Marshal has investigative authority. Nothing in this section references enforcement of executive orders as described in La. R.S. 29:271, et seq., nor does LSEADA itself grant him such authority.

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The upshot of these fatally ambiguous and legally unauthorized provisions is potentially lethal. It

exposes law-abiding individuals to confrontational encounters with business owners (who fear enforcement against their businesses) as well as encounters with police (who have been called to deal with mask-less individuals), even though the individual may be fully compliant with the order. It exposes individuals to unlawful searches and seizures, as well as burdens them with exposing potentially sensitive personal health information and having it exposed to others in a public and disputatious setting.

The mask mandate flatly violates due process, separation of powers, the delegation clause, state public accommodation anti-discrimination laws, and La. R.S. 29:724(E); and it is unenforceable. To the contrary, the LH-SEADA specifically prohibits any order from creating a crime or fixing penalties; and, to this degree, the order is *ultra vires*.

Moreover, any law enforcement agency – and importantly any business – may be exposed to liability under state and federal civil rights laws for violating an individuals' constitutional rights under color of law. Such a massive liability expansion is clearly a matter for legislative balancing and accountability, not executive fiat.

THE 50-PERSON LIMIT

The 50-person limit is also too vague to be constitutional. Moreover, the exceptions to the rule swallow any rational basis for it. The Proclamation initially states that "crowd sizes are limited to no more than 50 people in any single indoor space at the same time." It does not distinguish between the size of the indoor space and its capacity. Thus, the Superdome and a 10 x 10 room are treated the same.

It goes on to say that "crowd sizes are limited to 50 people in any outdoor space where individuals will be in close proximity to one another and unable to maintain

suant to CISA and those that are operating at 50 percent capacity, regardless of their size, from the gathering requirements of the order. Thus, under the terms of the order, any indoor or outdoor facility operating at 50 percent, even if 100 percent amounts to 100,000 people and 50 percent to 50,000, the crowd is exempt.

The order is both over-inclusive and under-inclusive at the same time, a characteristic that frequently defines unconstitutional vague and overbroad statutes. In addition, the large number of exemptions (Albertsons, Lowes, Ace Hardware, alcoholic beverage stores, to name a few stores that have remained open for months without restrictions), undermine any rational basis for the rule. A rule that has so many exceptions that it undermines its very purpose is unconstitutional because it is irrational and fails to serve a legitimate government interest.

CLOSURE OF "BARS"

The bar closure is also problematic for several reasons. First, the Proclamation provides little data to support a statewide closure of a single type of business, without regard to whether the business is operating with the utmost care and a perfect record, operates exclusively with outdoor service, or operates in a geographical location with little data showing spikes related to bars.

The Proclamation vaguely refers to a handful of outbreaks traced to "bars" but does not say where those outbreaks occurred and does not place the minimal data in the context of the total number of facilities that qualify as a "bar." It also only vaguely connects outbreaks by stating they "may be" related to bars based on hearsay from contact tracing.

Without stating adequate data to support it, the Governor has singled out one type of business and punished hundreds of law-abiding business owners. While the data and the public health statutes may permit targeted closures of individual businesses where outbreaks are documented to have occurred, the Governor has no authority to discriminate against a single business type statewide in the absence of far more data to support such a draconian and arbitrary exercise of power.

Moreover, suspending or threatening the business or alcohol permit of any business would likely amount to violation of due process as these permits are recognized property interests protected under the due process clause. It could also result in a "constructive taking" via government regulation.

SUMMARY

In summary, the three provisions of the executive order – the mask mandate, the 50-person indoor/outdoor gathering limit, and the bar closure – are likely unconstitutional and unenforceable. Although the mask mandate and the 50-person limit may be good recommendations for personal safety, they may not be enforced with financial or criminal penalties. Both businesses acting under color of law as mask police and actual police acting as mask police could face liability if individual civil rights are violated due to the Proclamation.

With best regards,

Jeff Landry
ATTORNEY GENERAL

strict social distancing of six feet apart from individuals who are not immediate household members." Again, it does not distinguish between outdoor spaces, it does not define "close proximity," and it does not define the scope of the phrase "unable to maintain strict social distancing."

The larger defect in this provision is that it categorically exempts thousands of businesses – those that are "essential" pur-

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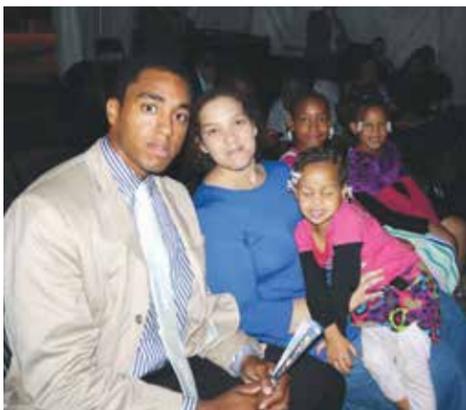
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LPA Honors Central City News Staff With 12 First Place Awards for News, Ads

BATON ROUGE — The *Central City News* and other community newspapers published by Community Press, LLC, once again dominated the Better Newspaper Awards competition conducted by the 110 newspapers of the Louisiana Press Association.

The *Central City News* group, which also includes the *Istrouma Journal* in North Baton Rouge and the *St. George Leader* in the new City of St. George, won 12 first-place awards in competition with community newspapers across Louisiana.

Central City News editor Woody Jenkins said, "It is gratifying to be honored by our peers in the journalism profession and recognized for our work throughout the year. We accept these awards on behalf of the Central community and hope it calls attention to the wonderful community we are honored to represent."

Perhaps the most important award was the Community Service Award. This award is given to only one daily newspaper in the state and one community newspaper in the state.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

• **Community Service Award - 1st Place** - The judges determined that the *Istrouma Journal* made an outstanding contribution to the reopening of Istrouma High.

NEWS & OPINION

• **Investigative Reporting, Gibbs Adams Award - 1st Place** - *Russian Intelligence Heightened Tensions Here By Initiating an Alton Sterling Protest at BRPD* by Woody Jenkins.

• **Best Front Page - 1st Place** - *Central City News*' May 2019 Graduation Edition was chosen best in the state, by Woody Jenkins.

Our sister publication, *The Istrouma Journal*, won 2nd Place for its September 2019 Edition front page.



CENTRAL CITY NEWS staffers Jolice Provost, Woody Jenkins, and Kim Powers receiving LPA awards

• **Best Layout and Design, Gary Hebert Award - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place** - *Night Owl, What's Open Late Night in Central* by Woody Jenkins.

Our sister publication *The Istrouma Journal*, won 2nd Place for the September front page, *Istrouma Mourns Reginald Douglas*. Our sister publication *The St. George Leader* won 3rd Place for the October 24 edition's front page, *St. George Votes Yes!*

• **Best Single Editorial - 1st Place** - *St. George Leader, Mayor President Broome Will Not Be Able to Continue as Plaintiff Against St. George*, by editor Woody Jenkins. Judges said, "Out of the gate, the writer makes a powerful point and continues to hammer the evidence which backs it up, ultimately delivering a fact-based and conclusive exclamation point. Solid writing style. Good use of the legalities to present the argument. Well done!"

• **Best Regular Column, Sam Hanna Award - 1st Place** - *St. George Leader* by editor Woody Jenkins - *Never-St. George Groups*

Push Annexation and Why BRPD Officers Live Outside City.

• **Best Feature Story - 1st Place** - *St. George Leader* by editor Woody Jenkins. *How a Prominent Civil Rights Leader, Acie Belton, Set in Motion St. George*. Judges said, "I was impressed by the writing and topic. It was a fascinating look at an important topic. Well done."

• **Best Sports Column - 3rd Place** - *Central City News, Can Central Repeat as State Baseball Champions?* by editor Woody Jenkins.

• **Best Sports Story - 1st Place** - *Central City News, Central's Steve Ensminger Helped Guide LSU's Joe Burrow To Season of Greatness* by editor Woody Jenkins.

• **Best Headline - 2nd Place** - *St. George Votes Yes!* by editor Woody Jenkins.

ONLINE NEWS

• **Best Overall Website - 1st Place** - *Central City News on Facebook* by Woody Jenkins, Jolice Provost, and Kim Powers. The judges said,

• **Best News Video - 1st Place** - Our sister publication, *St. George Leader, Election Night* by Woody Jenkins.

In 2nd and 3rd Place our sister publication *The Istrouma Journal*, with the *Breakfast of Champions* video and the video coverage of Istrouma High's principal, Reginald Douglas' funeral service.

PHOTOGRAPHY

• **Best Photo Package - 1st Place** - by Ron Moore - *Parkview Falls to Catholic*. The judges said, "This was an engaging package around the sights and sounds of a high school football game. Several very good action shots in the mix."

• **Best Photo Package - 2nd Place** - by Woody Jenkins - *St. George Election*. The judges said, "The candid shots from election night stood out."



BEST FRONT PAGE - 1st Place in State by Woody Jenkins also on the front page
BEST SPORTS PHOTO - 2nd Place by Shane Evans. Our sister publication, *St. George Leader* won 2nd Place for its Oct. front page

Best Photo Package 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place



BEST PHOTO PACKAGE - 1st Place in State *St. George Leader, Parkview and Catholic High game spread.* Photos by Ron Moore



BEST PHOTO PACKAGE - 2nd Place in State *St. George Leader for the election night coverage,* photos by Woody Jenkins



BEST PHOTO PACKAGE - 3rd Place in State Spring Game Central High at Istrouma High, photos by Shane Evans

BEST OVERALL WEBSITE
Central City News Facebook Page

Central City News Recognized as Best Overall Website the Central City News



BEST SPORTS PHOTO - 1st Place in State - CCN sweeps Best Sports Photo category. This spring game photo took first, photo by Shane Evans of CCN. Shane also placed 2nd with a photo of Sam Kenerson. Coming in 3rd place was Jolice Provost for the CCN.



BEST FEATURE PHOTO - 3rd Place in State - Clarence Frugé and Dwayne Digrilamo boiling crawfish for Cookin' in Central. Photo by Jolice Provost of Central City News. She ate some crawfish too!

• **Best Photo Package - 3rd Place** - by Shane Evans - *Central High at Istrouma High*. The judges said, "Several good actions shots and a nice flavor from the scrimmage."

• **Best News Photo - 1st Place** - by Stacy Hudson - *A Joyous Victory for Supporters of St. George*. The judges said, "Pretty good body posture and drapery for the flag."

• **Best Feature Photo - 3rd Place** by Jolice Provost - *HOT CRAWFISH*. The judges said, "Good composition of a colorful subject, unusual and on target for the event."

• **Best Sports Photo - 1st Place** - by Shane Evans - *All State Sophomore Running Back Le'Vean Moss*. Judges said, "An important player captured in good action, angle and a tense moment."

• **Best Sports Photo - 2nd Place** - by Shane Evans - *Central Quarterback, Sam Kenerson*. Judges said, "A central character well lit and framed."

• **Best Sports Photo - 3rd Place** - by Jolice Provost - *Central Wildcats Take the field at W.A. Mumford Stadium*. Judges said, "Dramatic moment well done, but predictable."

NEWSPAPER DESIGN

• **Best Front Page - 1st Place** - *Central City News* front page for May 2020 by editor Woody Jenkins

Note: Our sister publication, the *St. George Leader*, won 2nd Place for Best Front Page in the competition!

• **Best Layout and Design - 1st Place** - *Guide for Night Owls, What's Open Late Night in Central* by editor Woody Jenkins.

Note: Our sister publication, the *Istrouma Journal* won 2nd Place for layout and design for the *Istrouma Mourns Regional Douglas* front page. In 3rd Place was our sister publication, the *St. George Leader* for the *St. George Votes Yes!* front page.

ADVERTISING

• **Best Ad Campaign - 3rd Place** - *Franklin Foil for State Senate* series by Woody Jenkins.

• **Best Success Story of an Ad** - 1st Place - *Play-by-Play* ad by Woody Jenkins

Jenkins Wins Triple Crown: Best Column, Investigative Reporting, Graphic Design



1st Place Gibbs Adams Award - Best Investigative Reporting



1st Place Sam Hanna Award - Best Regular Column



1st Place Gary Hebert Award Best Use of Graphics

BATON ROUGE — Once again, *Central City News* editor Woody Jenkins has won some of the top awards given each year by the Louisiana Press Association, which represents 110 of the state's daily and weekly newspapers.

This year Jenkins won the Triple Crown of Louisiana journalism — first place for three of the LPA's most prestigious awards in three quite different areas of journalism. The awards, each named after a legend in the history of the Louisiana Press Association are:

• **Gibbs Adams Award for Best Investigative Journalism.** This award memorializes Adams, who was a highly-respected investigative reporter for the *Baton Rouge Advocate*. Jenkins won 1st Place for his investigation and reporting of the story on *Russian Intelligence Heightened Tensions Here By Initiating and Alton Sterling Protest at BRPD*. Jenkins revealed who was behind the mysterious demonstration.

• **Sam Hanna Award for Best Regular Column.** This award is in memory of Sam Hanna, longtime editor of the *Concordia Sentinel* in Ferriday. Jenkins won 1st Place for his column on *Never St. George Groups Push Annexation and Why BRPD Officers Live Outside the City*.

• **Gary Hebert Award for Best Use of Graphics.** This award honors the memory of Gary Hebert, editor of the *Plaquemine Post*, who was known for outstanding graphic design. Jenkins won 1st Place for a graphic he designed showing a *Guide for Night Owls; What's Open Late Night in Central*.

It is extremely unusual for one person to win all three of these awards. However, this is the second time Jenkins has done it.

New CHS by Aug. 2021

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- Update science labs
 - Welding, pipe fitting, and HVAC
 - Special education and life skills
 - STEM classrooms and pre-engineering
 - Health science classrooms
 - New commons area and 600-seat cafeteria
 - 1,200-seat competition gym
 - Develop old cafeteria into culinary arts facility
 - Student-led coffee shop and student store
- Wildcat Stadium will get the following improvements:
- Artificial turf, which is already being installed
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 - New scoreboard which can play video
 - Pavilion at entry point

If voters approve the tax renewal Saturday, Dr. Fountain plans the following time line:

- Develop final design from September 2020 to April 2021
- Begin interior construction in May 2021
- Begin exterior construction in August 2021
- Be ready to move into the new facilities in August 2022, two years from now.

The Central school system has a very strong bond rating, thanks to the conservative nature of the school board.

Dr. Fountain said the current high school can have an additional life of 50 years either as a high school or perhaps as a middle school if the community at some point decides to build a new high school.

He said the newly-renovated Central High School will be a world class facility.

Wildcat to Cheer for LSU



LSU Cheerleader Bailey Mitchell with her family — Josh and Brandi Austin and brother Caden

CENTRAL — Bailey Mitchell, a 2020 graduate of Central High School and former Wildcat varsity cheerleader, will be cheering for the LSU Tigers this fall. She is the third Central Wildcat in the past five years to make the LSU cheer team.

Bailey was a member of the 2018 and 2019 National Championship teams from Central High School and the 2019-2020 Central Cheer team that won the LHSAA State Championship. She served as Co-Captain of the 2019-2020 Central High Cheer team.

Bailey's family is very proud of the hard work and dedication it took for her to win this recognition and have this opportunity.

Baby Rilye Huval Born May 20

CENTRAL — Blake and Lauren Huval along with big sister Sage Huval are proud to announce the birth of their second child, a girl, Rilye James Huval.

She was born at 12:09 p.m. on May 20, 2020, at Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge. Rilye weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Ronnie and Charmon Breaux and John and Rhonda Huval, also from Central.



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Matt McCoy Seeks Seat on Metro Council

CENTRAL - Matt McCoy has announced his candidacy for Metro Council and released the following statement:

"Neighbors, friends, and residents of EBR Metro Council District 4, my name is Matthew McCoy and I am asking for your vote and confidence to serve as your next Councilman. I am a 29-year resident of Central, 35-year husband to Frances McCoy, father to the late Brett McCoy, and grandfather of three."

"I am a native resident of Louisiana. Before and during this time I have lived in several locations around our state and country while on job assignments. Throughout my career I have worked in several different industries: fast food, casual dining, oilfield, non-destructive testing, and Quality Assurance (current). I love what I do, and I have been doing it for 33 years."

"My job has taken me to many



Matt McCoy, Republican for District 4

parts of the country and the world. I believe this gives me added insight as to how different municipi-

palities operate. It also helps one understand more about what works for the people and, more importantly, what does not. I can promise you that I do not have all of the answers. But I will always listen to the people and do what is right and do it according to the law and the Constitution. It seems that today's politicians are quick to make laws that are not legal. And to proclaim mandates that affect all of our liberties. My liberties matter; your liberties matter."

"My top priorities are to stick to the basics of government: maintaining the roads and infrastructure and providing for the safety of the people through law enforcement."

"I will stand as a strong Christian Conservative representative of our District. We all know that we must use compromise to make government work. But that does not mean that we must compromise our morals and plain common sense. The success of government

is not through new taxes; its success is accomplished through controlling spending and managing the taxpayer's money in a manner that is beneficial to all citizens."

"District 4 has a great opportunity to draw new businesses to our area which will benefit everyone. I ask for your support to make it happen."

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Two from St. Alphonsus Ordained Deacons

BATON ROUGE — Bishop Michael G. Duca of Baton Rouge ordained six Baton Rouge area men to the diaconate on Saturday, August 8, 2020, at St. Joseph Cathedral downtown.

Two of the new deacons are from St. Alphonsus in Central:

- Deacon Mark Reynaud has been assigned to Most Blessed Sacrament.

- Deacon Alec Campbell has been assigned to St. Patrick Catholic Church in Baton Rouge.



Mark Reynaud
New Deacon

formation at the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University in Baton Rouge.

It was an historic ordination because the six men represent the first deacons to receive their intellectual formation at the



SIX NEW DEACONS have been ordained by Bishop Michael G. Duca. Shown (left to right) are Deacon Ehren Oswald, Deacon Alec Campbell, Deacon Billy Messenger, Bishop Michael Duca, Deacon Gabriel Rico, Deacon Chris Landry and Deacon Mark Reynaud

"This is one of those great moments when we see the Church renewed by the faith of the people and by these men who have been called

to serve the Church as ordained deacons," Bishop Duca said.

The academic work at the university included 20 courses required to

earn certificates in Catholic Theology and Catechesis, awarded to the new deacons near the conclusion of Saturday's liturgy. Dr. Tina Holland, president of FRANU, said, "As the only Catholic university in the Diocese of Baton Rouge, we have both the privilege and the responsibility to serve the Church. This historic ordination and the awarding of these certificates for the first time are sterling examples of that service."

In addition to their academic work, the new deacons received formation in the spiritual, human, and pastoral dimensions of their new ministry. All six new deacons have been assigned to serve in the Baton Rouge area.



Alec Campbell
New Deacon

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East Baton Rouge Parish Executive Committee Swearing in Parish Republican Leaders



REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP FOR 2020-2024 — Members of the East Baton Rouge Republican Parish Executive Committee were sworn in at Great Oaks July 30. They were elected by Republican voters on July 11. Shown in left photo are (left to right) Deputy Chairmen Major George Francis, Laurie Adams and Shirley Bowler, along with former Rep. Woody Jenkins, parish chairman. At right are the elected member of the EBR Republican PEC (seated, left to right) Francis, Jenkins, Adams, and Bowler. Standing are (left to right) Mike Chittom, Edress Landry, Secretary Scott Wilfong, Conner Graham, Cecil Cavanaugh, Barbara Thomas, John Coghlan, Vice Chairman Connie Bernard, Rep. Scott McKnight, Rev. Tommy French, and Jay Lindsey. Not shown are Sen. Dan Richey, treasurer, former Central Mayor Jr. Shelton, and Richie Edmonds. Wilfong was named 2020 Campaign Chairman.



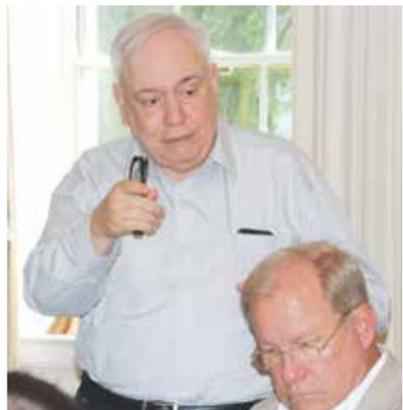
Cecil Cavanaugh, Conner Graham, Scott Wilfong, and Connie Bernard. Mike Chittom and John Coghlan, Jay Lindsey, and Laurie Adams.



Chairman Woody Jenkins shows a mail-in ballot. Barbara Thomas. The members were sworn in by Louisiana Supreme Court Associate Justice Jeff Hughes.



Conner Graham, Mr. and Mrs. John Coghlan, vice chairman Connie Bernard, and Rep. Scott McKnight



Connie Bernard, Rep. Shirley Bowler, Mike Chittom, and John Coghlan. Committee member enjoy a laugh. At right, Republican parish chairman Woody Jenkins

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Wildcat Stadium Getting a Facelift



Renovations are underway at Wildcat Stadium on Hooper Road near Sullivan. The tax renewal has earmarked funds to complete the work that has already begun.



Total estimated cost of improvements to Wildcat Stadium is \$1,800,000. Included are artificial turf, new entrance and ticket booth, scoreboard, and parking lot improvements.

Powercat Installed at Wildcat Stadium This Week




Renewal of the school tax on the ballot this Saturday, August 15, will help fund stadium improvements

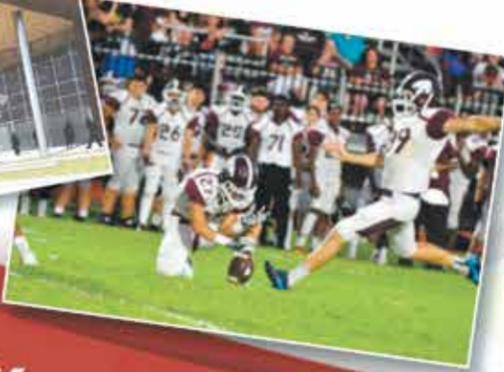



Election Day: Aug. 15
Early Voting is July 25-Aug. 8

Mail Ballots can be requested thru Aug. 11

RENEWING OUR PROMISE TO INVEST IN OUR FUTURE



The Central Community School Board is asking voters to renew 23.65 mills dedicated to capital improvement projects in the district.

This is NOT a new tax, and the renewal will NOT increase what taxpayers are currently paying each year!

The funding renewal will allow the school system to invest \$23 million in much-needed renovations and upgrades at Central High School and Wildcat Stadium.

These dedicated construction funds were established in 2009, when voters originally approved local funding for the newly created school system. This vote is a continuation of the promise to invest in the future of Central, by ensuring our children have a world class education system.





CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Complaint Could Result in Reversal of BESE Mask Order

Kim Powers Files Complaint Against BESE For Violating Louisiana Open Meetings Law

Woody Jenkins

Editor

CENTRAL — *Central City News* advertising manager Kim Powers has filed a complaint with Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry alleging that the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education violated the Louisiana Constitution (Art. 12, Section 2) and the Louisiana Open Meetings Law by denying her access to a public meeting.

The meeting was held to consider whether to require students in Louisiana's public and private schools to wear masks in school this year.

Because she was denied access, Ms. Powers wants to exercise her rights under state law to have the action taken at the meeting invalidated. The law requires the public body to meet again to reconsider their actions and requires each member of the board to be fined up to \$500.

Ms. Powers said she is also entitled to a public apology from the board for violating her rights.

Kim Powers is a member of the staff of the *Central City News*, but more importantly she is the mother of two school age girls who attended Central Middle School. Since the pandemic began, she has questioned the legality of Gov. John Bel Edwards' shutdown of the economy and his countless arbitrary decrees.

However, when the governor issued his "mandatory" mask order, Ms. Powers had enough. She wanted to do everything she could to make sure her children did not have to wear a mask to go to school.

"The governor's orders are illegal! He has no authority under state law to require people to wear a mask. He's doing it because he can, and no one has challenged him."

"When it comes to children, there is absolutely no reason they should be required to wear a mask. The governor talks about the science, but where is the science on masks? There is no science because there is no study showing an ordinary mask does anything."

"Children simply aren't vulnerable to Covid19. Since the pandemic began, only a handful of children have died 'with' Covid19 in the entire nation. Moreover, it has been demonstrated that children don't carry it! There is every reason to have school and no reason to mask children!"

"I'm also very concerned about the psychological effect of teaching children to do something very strange for absolutely no reason. We need future adults with brains who don't swallow every ridiculous lie that is fed to them hook, line and sinker!"

Acting on her own behalf and not on behalf of the newspaper, Ms. Powers monitored the Central Community School Board and attended the meeting where the board agreed to encourage but not mandate mask use. She attended the Senate Education Committee on masking of school children at the State Capitol and saw the new State Superintendent of Education say that he had no authority to direct school systems to require students to mask.

Then the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education called a meeting to adopt a policy on masking. She attended the meeting at the Claiborne Building. She studied the Louisiana Constitution and the Open Meetings Law and knew that BESE had no legal authority to require members of the public to wear a mask to attend their meetings.

The Louisiana Constitution insures in Article 12, Section 3 that all meetings of public bodies are open to all unless a law has been passed restrict-



REMOVED FROM PUBLIC HEARING — *Central City News* staff member Kim Powers had been waiting to speak at the BESE meeting (left) for an hour when an officer demanded she leave or put on a mask. Ms. Powers objected that state law does not require anyone to wear a mask to attend a public meeting. They went back and forth for 30 minutes before six officers forced her to leave.

ing attendance. The legislature has never passed a law requiring masking as a condition of attendance.

But here's what happened next, as described by Ms. Powers in a complaint she has filed with Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry.

"The violation occurred July 14, 2020 during the emergency meeting of BESE to approve guidelines for schools to reopen for the 2020-2021 school year. I am the mother of two girls who will be in the sixth and seventh grades at Central Middle School in the Central Community School District. I was in attendance to speak on behalf of my daughters against mask mandates for students in public and non-public schools in the State of Louisiana and in favor of Louisiana's school districts such as Central having local option relative to the masking of students in their respective districts. Central had already adopted a plan for the coming school year which suggested but did not require students to mask."

"I have video documenting some of the events described below."

"As I entered the building, I was given a mask. I put the mask in my briefcase and entered the meeting room. I immediately began the process of filling out a comment card. A staff member helped me fill out the form appropriately, since I was not familiar with the process."

"I did not have a mask on and was not questioned. I sat in the back corner of the room, socially distant. A woman with a 'Progressive Social Network of Baton Rouge' T-shirt walked over and leaned over me, saying, 'Do you need a mask?' I replied, 'No thank you.' Another woman sitting next to her leaned over toward me and said, 'You're supposed to be wearing a mask.' I said, 'Thank you.' Then they began recording me and the woman in the PSN BR t-shirt went out into the lobby, then quickly returned."

"The meeting began. About 30 minutes passed and DPS Officer K. Worley came to me and asked me to put on a mask. I said, 'No thank you!' and she then motioned for me to come with her. I followed her to the lobby, and she then told me if I didn't wear a mask I would have to leave the building since this was a state building and the governor signed a mask mandate. I specifically told the officer that I was at the Louisiana State Capitol the day prior and attended an entire House Education Committee meeting and never once was asked to put on a mask, only offered one. Officer Worley replied, 'Well, that's not possible!' My attendance can be verified through several legislators if necessary, and I did not appreciate being called a liar by a DPS officer."

"I continued to explain that I had a

OPEN MEETINGS VIOLATION
Watch Kim Powers Being
Removed from BESE Meeting
When She Tried to Testify
Against Mandatory Masks
Point Phone at QR Code



right to be in a public meeting thanks to the Louisiana Constitution and our Open Meetings law. Officer Worley told me she was calling her sergeant. I asked if I was being detained and she said no. So I entered the meeting again, continued to hear testimony, and continued to wait for my turn to testify. I feel very strongly about this issue. I have been gathering lots of information. I attended the legislative committee hearings. I attended the Central Community School Board meeting on this issue. Up until this point, masks for the coming school year were optional. However, I could see that BESE would ultimately decide the issue, and I was ready to speak out publicly at this critical moment."

"After about 30 minutes, Jennifer Womack of BESE came to me and provided me with another mask and asked me repeatedly why I refused to wear a mask. I told her I did not have to answer that question. She asked me if I needed to see a copy of the Governor's order, and I asked her if she needed to see a copy of the Louisiana Constitution! She left."

"About 20 minutes later in the meeting, Sandy Holloway, the President of BESE, stopped the meeting and made an announcement that masks must be worn by all in attendance at this 'public' meeting. Ironically, this meant that I was supposed to leave a meeting that I had attended specifically to speak against masking! A few moments later, six Department of Public Safety officers entered the meeting room and asked me to follow them. As I was being led out, my name was repeatedly called for me to testify, but someone announced with obvious delight, 'Oh, she left!' That added insult to injury! Not only was I being forced by threat of arrest to leave a public meeting but they announced my name and mockingly pretended they didn't know I was there to testify and was at that moment being removed from the room!"

"Once I was back in the lobby, I was again asked to put on a mask or leave the building. I explained that the Louisiana Constitution provides that 'No person shall be denied the public right to observe the deliberations of public bodies...'"

"I was told again that without a mask I had to leave. I asked who order my removal. Shan Davis was the name the officers finally gave me as the person who requested my removal.

[When her office was contacted, she denied she had anything to do with my removal and said that the building maintenance people requested my removal.] In any case, BESE chairman Sandy Holloway had just announced that you must have a mask or leave, and she obviously had given the order. I noticed that not a single member of the 11-member BESE board spoke up on my behalf or said a word in defense of the Louisiana Constitution or my right as a citizen to be present and participate. To them, this was all just fine."

"Still outside the meeting in the hallway, I explained to the officers that the Governor's mandate provides that if social distancing is observed, no mask is required. [Exception No. 1 in his order]"

"Nevertheless, I was again told I had to leave. It was clear that their next step was to arrest me."

"The six officers then escorted out of the building. In tears, I told them, 'I'm a healthy 47-year-old woman, and I have a right to be here without a mask and speak for my children!' However, that was not allowed."

"There were several other people in attendance at the BESE meeting who were not wearing masks. However, I was clearly targeted, bullied, and removed from this meeting illegally. Perhaps the Progressive Social Network complained about me. I do not know. However, I do know Melissa Berry sat up front while others were speaking and then she testified. She never wore a mask, but rather had it dangling from her ear like jewelry. She was never asked to wear a mask. Jamie Pope was sitting next to me and accompanied me in and out of the meeting and was never asked to wear a mask."

"As you know, R.S. § 42:25 of the Louisiana Open Meetings Act Public Records Act says the Attorney General shall institute such proceedings upon a complaint filed by any person, unless written reasons are given as to why the suit should not be filed."

If the AG does not file suit, Ms. Powers can file it on her own. If successful, she would be entitled to attorney fees, court costs, and damages.

Ms. Powers said, "I'm a single mom who simply wanted to speak on behalf of my girls, and I should be allowed to do so! The law says so, and I expect this injustice to be corrected!"