



Jeff Landry Leads 27 States to Enjoin Biden Vaccine Mandate

AG Halts Forced Vaccination

Victory in Effort To Stop Lawless Federal Mandate

Woody Jenkins
 Editor

BATON ROUGE — Attorney General Jeff Landry has won a major victory in the fight against mandatory vaccinations, and that victory is having an impact nationwide.

On Friday, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, acting on orders from President Joe Biden, issued rules purporting to require employers of 100 or more employees to take a Covid vaccination or be terminated from their jobs. Attorney General Landry has been preparing for that rule for months and enlisted 27 attorneys general from across the nation to file suit.

Immediately after OSHA announced its rule, Louisiana sued in federal court on behalf of the 27 states represented. On Saturday, the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ordered a halt in the vaccination mandate. The court said, "Because the petitions give cause to believe there are grave statutory and constitutional issues with the

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ATTY. GEN. JEFF LANDRY wins stunning nationwide ruling on vaccine mandate.

Special Election For School Board Set for Saturday

CENTRAL — Voters throughout Louisiana will go to the polls this Saturday, Nov. 13 to vote on four proposed amendments to the Louisiana Constitution.

Here in Central, voters in School Board District 4 will also choose a replacement for long-time board member Will Easley who resigned in January. Mr. Easley's primary issue over the years was making sure property taxes were never raised without a vote of the people. He was successful in doing that for 14 years. However, after he resigned, the school board appointed Phil Graham as his interim replacement. Mr. Graham took up the banner of reversing Mr. Easley's policy. In June, Mr. Graham convinced the Central School Board to roll property taxes forward — a tax increase of \$3.75 million over five years without a vote of the people. The tax goes into effect Jan. 1.

That tax increase has been the main issue between Graham and his opponent, Kim Powers. She opposes raising taxes without a

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Vote Saturday, Nov. 13

Central School Board District 4 • Four Constitutional Amendments

From Election Reform to Vaccine Mandates, JBE Endangered Liberty

How JBE's Vetoes of Key Conservative Bills Threaten Free Elections, Individual Liberty

14 Major Bills Passed GOP Legislature Were Vetoed by Edwards, Endangering Citizens

BATON ROUGE — The differences between Louisiana's liberal Democratic governor and the conservative Republican legislature were on full display Tuesday when three Republican lawmakers examined Gov. John Bel Edwards' vetoes at the Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon. Most of the vetoes concerned attacks on individual rights by Edwards since Covid and need-

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REPUBLICAN LEGISLATORS REVIEW GOVERNOR'S VETOES — Reps. Kathy Edmonston, Larry Frieman, and Valarie Hodges went through each of the major bills vetoed by Gov. John Bel Edwards and contrasted what a difference it would make to have a conservative Republican governor in Louisiana. Their remarks came at the Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon Tuesday.

Central Hosts DSHS 7 p.m. Friday State 5A Playoffs

Mayor Barrow: Delays Building Sullivan Rd. Caused by Sewer Lines Buried 20 Feet Deep

Widening Sullivan Is a State Project Not City of Central

David Barrow
Mayor, City of Central

CENTRAL — Most of you have noticed that the road work on Sullivan Road has stopped, and workers have basically disappeared. All of this relates to the installation of sewer lines along the east side of Sullivan Road between Hooper and Wax Roads.

This utility relocation project was let back in April of 2017 by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD). As of November 3, 2021, the contractor has used 78% of his contract time and his work is 53.83% complete.

Utility companies such as AT&T, Cox, Entergy, and Parish Water Company have spent the last four years relocating their utility lines in anticipation of the upcoming road widening project. Boone Services, the contractor for the DOTD project, has had a difficult time installing the new public sewer lines on the east side. The lines in some areas are being buried 20 feet deep. A layer of sand and the water table underground have created complications along the way. The same process of sewer line installation has to be done on the west side of Sullivan as well. DOTD and City-Parish officials realized the same complications would occur on that side. As a result, they have decided to redesign the sewer line installation.

Several options were considered such as installing an additional lift station. However, that was considered too expensive. Currently, DOTD and the City-Parish are

considering boring lines underneath the roadway from the newly installed lines on the east side to the west side and installing enough sewer connections for current and future growth. While this is being planned and re-designed, the work on the installations has stopped.

DOTD is also in the process of redesigning the actual roadway in order to widen it to current DOTD highway standards. The previous plans were prepared in 2012, and highways standards have changed since then. The new roadway will have a median with 3 locations to make u-turns along the one-mile stretch, similar to the section of Sullivan Road north of Lovett Road.

A large roundabout will be constructed at the intersection of Hooper and Sullivan. Sidewalks and bicycle lanes will also be included as part of DOTD's Complete Streets Program. The actual road widening project is expected

to be let for bid in late 2022. This is all dependent upon the sewer lines being installed and completed.

Second Pass of Debris Removal About to Begin

CENTRAL — As of Nov. 3, debris removal crews had picked up nearly 50,000 cubic yards of tree debris from Hurricane Ida on the first pass of streets in Central. This amount is considerably higher than the estimated 25,000 cubic yards originally anticipated.

Debris removal crews will begin making a final pass down every local street again to pick up debris placed out after the first pass or debris not picked up on the first pass. DOTD has started their final pass down state highways, and the City-Parish has started their final pass down parish roadways.

If you have tree debris from the hurricane, it should have been placed by the street by Monday, Nov 1. Once crews clear a street, that street will be considered completed and property owners will be responsible for disposal of their debris if not placed out in time. Construction and fence material will be picked up on the final pass by separate trucks.

Your debris must be placed in separate piles of tree debris, construction/demolition debris, and fence debris. Mixed piles may not be picked up as the different materials go to different landfills. Tree debris cut down by a tree service or contractor shall be the responsibility of the tree service to remove.

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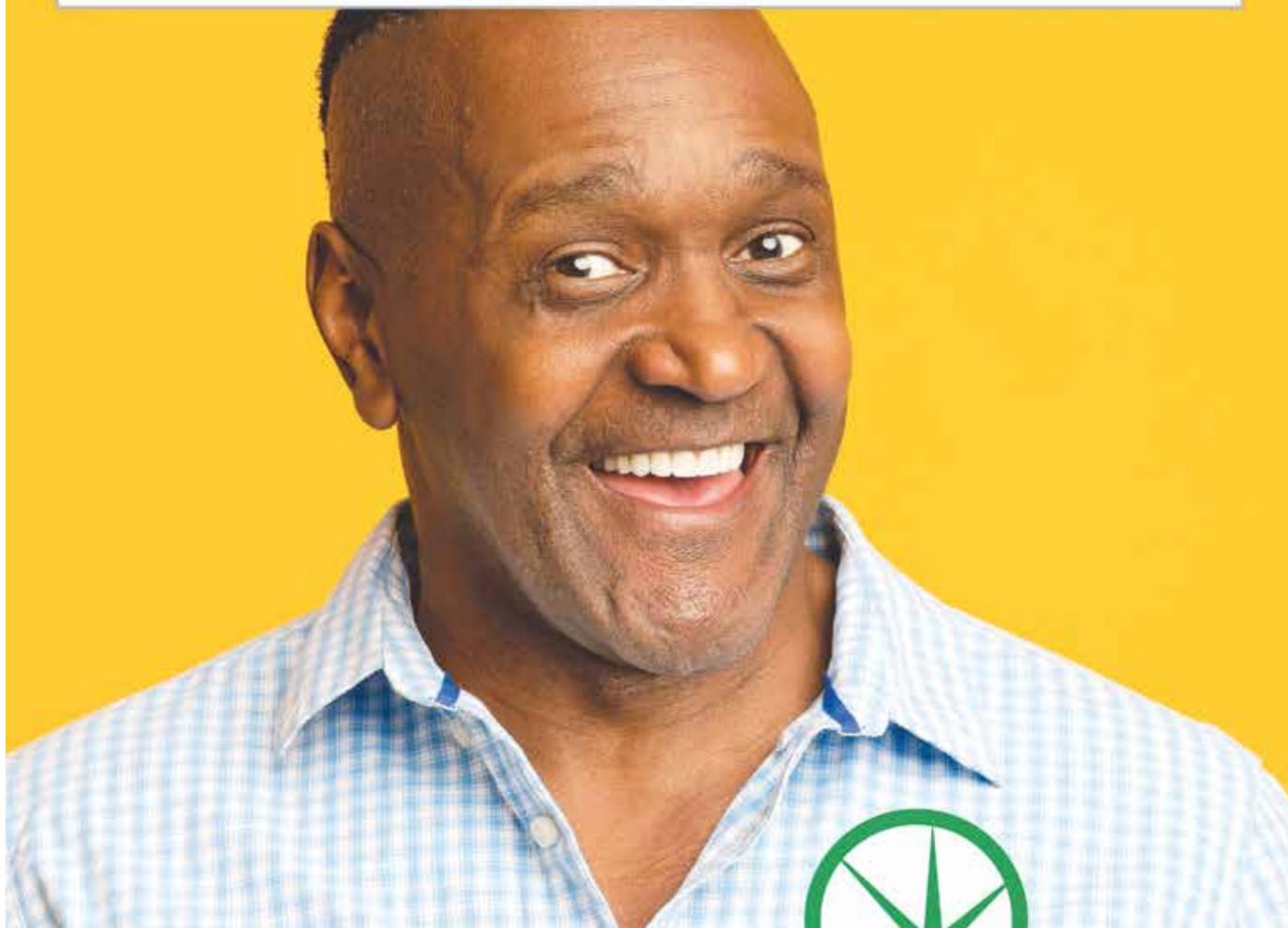
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How Different Things Would Be If State Had Conservative Republican Governor

Gov. Edwards Has Reflected National Democratic Party Thoughtout COVID

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ed reform of Louisiana's election law.

The major bills discussed were:
Bills to Stop Attacks on Individual Liberty under Covid

• **HB103** by Rep. Danny McCormick — To provide that any employer who terminates an employee for refusing to take a Covid vaccine would be liable in civil damages for death or injury caused by the vaccine. **VETOED** by Gov. John Bel Edwards.

COMMENTS: Rep. Hodges quoted Thomas Jefferson on a government that could determine what medication you take is nothing but tyranny. She said, "The bill said if an employee mandates a vaccine, then the employer must be legally responsible for any injury. Doctors across the state are opposed to this mandate. If you have a vaccine injury, you may never be able to work again. If the governor had not vetoed this, it would have solved this entire problem. This governor has shown how far left he is. We



LEGISLATORS DISCUSS GUBERNATORIAL VETOES — Reps. Kathy Edmonston, Larry Frieman, and Valarie Hodges answered questions from local Republicans about bills vetoed by Gov. John Bel Edwards. To watch the meeting, click the QR Code.

will file this next year. We'll need 70 votes to override the veto." She said that yesterday a Democratic legislator spoke against vaccine mandates. "There is movement on this." Rep. Frieman recalled that in 2020 Rep. McCormick tried legislation to prevent vaccination mandates. Everyone said that will never happen. He was called crazy and way out, but he was right and everyone should have listened. Rep. Edmonston said so many of our problems are in school K-12, where the governor placed illegal, unconstitutional mask mandates

on our students. Rep. Hodges said she has an atheist neighbor who is solidly behind her efforts to stop mandates of masks and vaccines. She said Republican opposition to mandates is broadening our appeal and reaching out to many new people.

• **HB149** by Rep. Larry Frieman — To allow the legislature to terminate portions of a governor's declaration of emergency without terminating the entire declaration. For example, this would allow the termination of a mask mandate while keeping the remainder of the emergency. **VETOED** by Gov. John Bel Edwards.

COMMENTS: Rep. Frieman said he introduced this legislation to balance out the power between the governor and the legislature. The bill would have given the legislature a veto over mandates that

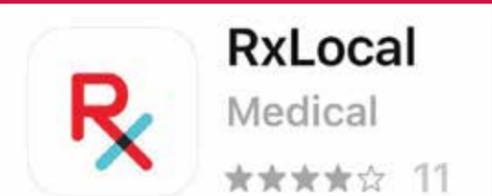
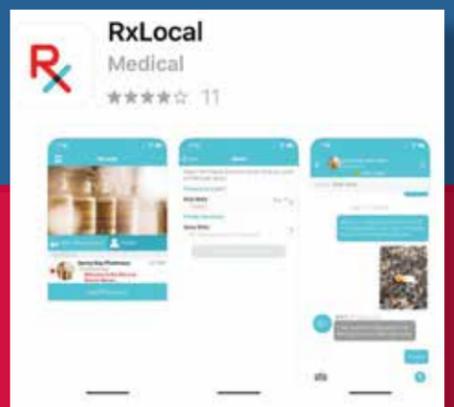
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Kim Powers with daughters Ella and Sara

Kim Powers

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I'M NOT A CPA. I'M NOT A LAWYER. I'M NOT AN EDUCATOR OR A RETIRED EDUCATOR. I'M A PARENT!

I'M NOT A CPA. Our school board has a Finance Committee and that committee makes recommendations to our school board. We pay a CPA to advise us. If he does a good job, we should keep him. If not, fire him.

I'M NOT A LAWYER. Our school board has a law firm it retains, although I've never seen them or heard their voices. I'm not sure what the selection process for this particular firm's representation was, but I think we need to revisit this issue.

I'M NOT AN EDUCATOR OR RETIRED EDUCATOR. Our school board has several retired educators holding seats and they are able to bring their experiences to discussions.

I'M A PARENT. I have two girls who have been part of the school system for 7 years. They entered CCSS in kindergarten and first grade. PARENTS have had to make a lot of decisions over the last 20 months. We have been forced to make unbelievably difficult decisions, and I believe understanding these situations as a PARENT OF SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN makes me the best fit for our school board. Above is a photo of Ella and Sara with me at the Veterans Day Ceremony at CIS on Monday. They've grown up so much in the last 20 months. All three of us have!

- 48-year-old mother of Ella, 14, and Sara, 13
- Member, Facilities Planning Committee of Central School Board, and helped plan \$1.3 million improvements to Wildcat Stadium including artificial turf; \$23 million renovation of Central High, and \$4 million at Tanglewood
- Producer of Central High football broadcasts
- Advertising Manager, Central City News, named Louisiana's Newspaper of the Year
- First Place Awards, Best Feature Article and Best News Photo, Louisiana Press Assn.
- Elected member of Republican State Central Committee — Supports President Trump
- Christian, Conservative, Pro-Life, Supports Traditional Values, opposes CRT
- Promotes Patriotism, Love of Country, American Exceptionalism
- No Increased Taxes without Vote of People!
- Daughter of former Slidell Mayor Alvin Singletary, who as a delegate to CC/73 co-authored Louisiana Constitution of 1974
- Graduate, Slidell High; Delgado College in Social Sciences with Honors
- Average age of Central School Board is 75; but we need energetic young people too!

Compare the Candidates on Issues

	Phil Graham	Kim Powers
Roll Forward Property Taxes Without Vote of People — \$3,750,000 Tax Increase Over Next Five Years	YES	NO
Mandatory Masks in Central's Public Schools	YES	NO
Protect Central School Employees from Being Fired for Refusing Vaccine	NO	YES



Kimberly POWERS
 Central School Board • District 4
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U. S. 5th Circuit Puts Halt to OSHA Effort to Force Vaccinate People

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Mandate, the Mandate is hereby STAYED pending further action by this court.”

In an exclusive interview, Landry told the *Central City News*, “Never before has the government so aggressively tried to get in between you and your doctor on health care choices.”

The three judges on the panel are Judge Edith Jones, who was appointed by President Reagan, Judge Kyle Duncan, who was appointed by President Trump, and Judge Kurt Englehardt, who was also appointed by President Trump.

It is noteworthy that the Court of Appeals did not order a hearing but simply halted the mandate. This means OSHA can take no action against an employer for failing to terminate an employee because they are not vaccinated.

The three-judge panel gave OSHA three days to respond and Attorney General Jeff Landry and the other attorneys general a chance to respond to OSHA.

Landry told the *Central City News*, “The rule is stayed and we are waiting on the court to rule on a permanent injunction.”

“Just when you think Joe Biden cannot possibly abuse his power any more, he then utilizes his government bureaucrats to threaten private employers,” said Attorney General Landry. “This latest Biden overreach is an egregious attack on the liberties and freedoms our great nation was built upon.”

“I trust our Petition for Review will be granted by the Fifth Circuit, and I look forward to showing them the many statutory and constitutional reasons why the Court must halt implementation of the OSHA rule,” he said. “I will not waver in standing up for our State and her people – fighting to prevent the government from forcing medical procedures upon our citizens.”

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vote of the people. She has hit that issue hard in her campaign literature, public statements, and advertising. Mask mandates and vaccine mandates have also been an important issue in the campaign.

Mr. Graham said the governor's mandate requiring students to mask in school is “the law.” Mr. Powers says the governor has no power over BESE or local school boards. The Attorney General has issued two opinions saying the governor has no such power.

Both candidates have been actively campaigning. Mr. Graham has been doing some walking and sent out several mailings. Mrs. Powers has been walking door to door, sign-waving at major intersections, sending out mailings, and making calls.

Both candidates are advertising in the final days of the campaign.

The polls close at 8 p.m. Saturday.

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HOME ON LEAVE — Louis (Little Ory) Jenkins while home on leave from Haiti in 1942 during World War II. He was visiting his mom, Dora Rogers Jenkins, at their family home in Folsom, Louisiana. Over the next year, he was sunk twice and disabled.

I'm Thinking of my Father on Veterans Day

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 To Those Who Served

Woody Jenkins
 Editor

CENTRAL — I'm remembering my dad, Louis (Little Ory) Jenkins. If he were still alive, he would be 112 years old. He was born in Folsom, LA, on May 25, 1909. He grew up in Ponchatoula, where he was a star football player for Ponchatoula High School (Class of 1930) and the star shortstop for the Ponchatoula Athletics semi-pro team. He was a founder of the Ponchatoula Volunteer Fire Department, and he lived at the fire station. His dad died young, and he was responsible for his mother Dora Rogers Jenkins, his younger brothers Bailey and Sherwood and his sister Alma. So he went into business for himself.

It was the depths of the Depression and people were hungry. My dad had the idea that people would be drinking more coffee because coffee can quell your hunger. He researched the coffee business. Starting with nothing, he built a company that imported, roasted, and distributed coffee. Even though times were hard, he became very successful. He supported his family.

In 1937, he built a beautiful brick home in Ponchatoula. He drove his brand-new convertible around town, often with his pet monkey on board! He was a pilot and owned his own airplane. During the 1930's, while he was in his 20's, he was the top vote-getter for the Ponchatoula Town Council and was elected mayor pro-tem. He briefly served as Mayor. As he said, "I had the world by the tail!"

My dad was 32 years old when the war came — too old to be drafted. But like millions of others his age, he loved our country so much and knew everything was at stake. So he volunteered for the war, or tried to. At age 32, that wasn't easy. He had to fight even to get in. The Army wouldn't take him because of his age. Although he was a pilot and owned his own plane, they wouldn't let him be a pilot because

he was too short, only 5'4". In fact, the recruiter at the Army Air Corps recruiting office told him, "Jenkins, you are too short, too old, too fat, and too ugly to fly for the Army Air Corps! Get your ass outta here!" But he was determined to fight the Germans or the Japanese.

Daddy found out the Coast Guard was putting together a "suicide mission" to the Caribbean, and they were having trouble finding men. They told him that once they left U.S. territorial waters, they would be assigned to the Navy. But there was a catch: What they really needed was a cook. "Can you cook, Jenkins?" the recruiter asked. Lying, my dad said, "Yes sir, I can cook anything!" After he signed up, the recruiter said, "Jenkins, I hope you CAN cook, because if those men find out you can't, they'll throw your ass overboard!" That statement had



Woody Jenkins

my dad concerned, so he came up with a plan. In those days, most food was rationed and civilians were very limited in what they could buy, but the military could buy anything.

Once the men were onboard their boat, my dad gathered them together and said, "Fellows, I don't know why on earth they made me the cook, because I can't cook anything, but here's what we're going to do. We don't need ration coupons. We can go into New Orleans and buy anything we want! You come with me, and we're going to buy your favorite foods. You probably know how to cook your favorite food, so you can teach me to cook it, and that's all we're going to eat — your favorite foods!" Well, they bought the idea, went into New Orleans, got the best steaks and everything else, and the men taught my daddy to cook! In fact, he became a great cook, and after the war, he usually cooked for our family.

The photo is of my dad in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, during World War II. He served on the last of the wooden sailing ships to fight for the United States. It was a

"suicide mission" put together in New Orleans to search for German submarines, which threatened Allied shipping in the Caribbean. The mission was aptly named because only two of them returned. These vessels were yachts the government had seized from the Southern Yacht Club on Lake Pontchartrain in New Orleans. They stripped them down and fitted them each with a couple of machine guns on the deck and one depth charge to drop on a German sub.

Why would we send poorly equipped former yachts into combat? It was all-out war. We threw everything we had at the Nazi's. Failure was not an option. My dad was the cook on one of the vessels but during combat he was assigned to one of the machine guns.

There he was. A pilot, a businessman, the former mayor of his town. Now he was an ordinary seaman fighting for his country. He didn't mind. He wanted to be exactly where he was.

The so-called Haitian Flotilla was based in Port au Prince, Haiti, during the war. They sailed throughout the Caribbean hunting

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Update on Recently Repaired Bridges

Three Central Bridges Have Been Repaired By State of Louisiana, One Under Repair

CENTRAL — Three bridges on major roadways in Central were recently repaired by the City-Parish after inspections by DOTD showed deficiencies. All of these bridges are timber/creosote bridges with concrete spans built nearly 50 years ago.

The Frenchtown Road bridge over Draughn Creek was closed July 23 and was reopened Oct. 15. Five major pilings and caps had to be completely replaced. Delays to this project were caused by Hurricane Ida as well as high water in Draughn Creek which prevented work from being done.

The Wax Road bridge over Draughn Creek was closed Sept. 14, and repairs were completed



Old Wax Road bridge ove Draughn Creek west of Durmast Drive



Gurney Road bridge near Centerra Court



Frenchtown Road bridge over Draughn Creek south of Country Road

Oct. 22. However, the roadway was not opened until Oct. 26 due to gas line repairs by Entergy. While crews were fixing a cap issue on the bridge, they noticed other de-

ficiencies and proactively repaired those issues as well to prevent having to come back in the future for more repairs.

The Gurney Road bridge over

the Blackwater Bayou lateral was closed Sept. 14 and reopened just over a week later after repairs to a piling and cap were completed Sept. 23. This bridge is scheduled to be replaced by DOTD in 2023 with a new concrete piling bridge.

The closure of these bridges shows the need for more connecting roadways in the city, as the detour routes were lengthy and created congestion on other major roadways.

Three other timber piling bridges in Central have been torn down and rebuilt with concrete pilings within the last three years in Central. These bridges were on Pecos Avenue, Denham Road, and Dyer Road.

A bridge on Arleen Avenue is currently under repair. However, the bridge is remaining open during the repairs.

Central City Taxes Continue to Grow Despite Pandemic

CENTRAL — Monthly sales tax collections for the City of Central amounted to \$590,967.12 for August 2021. This represents a 5.95 percent increase compared to August 2020 and marks the 18th month in a row of sales tax growth compared year-to-year.

Motor vehicles sales taxes on vehicle purchases for the month of August 2021 were \$121,700.70. This represents a 13.98 per cent decrease compared to August 2020. Mayor David Barrow said the lack of new vehicle inventory is making its impact.

A complete sales tax report can be found at www.centralgov.com on the Finance page

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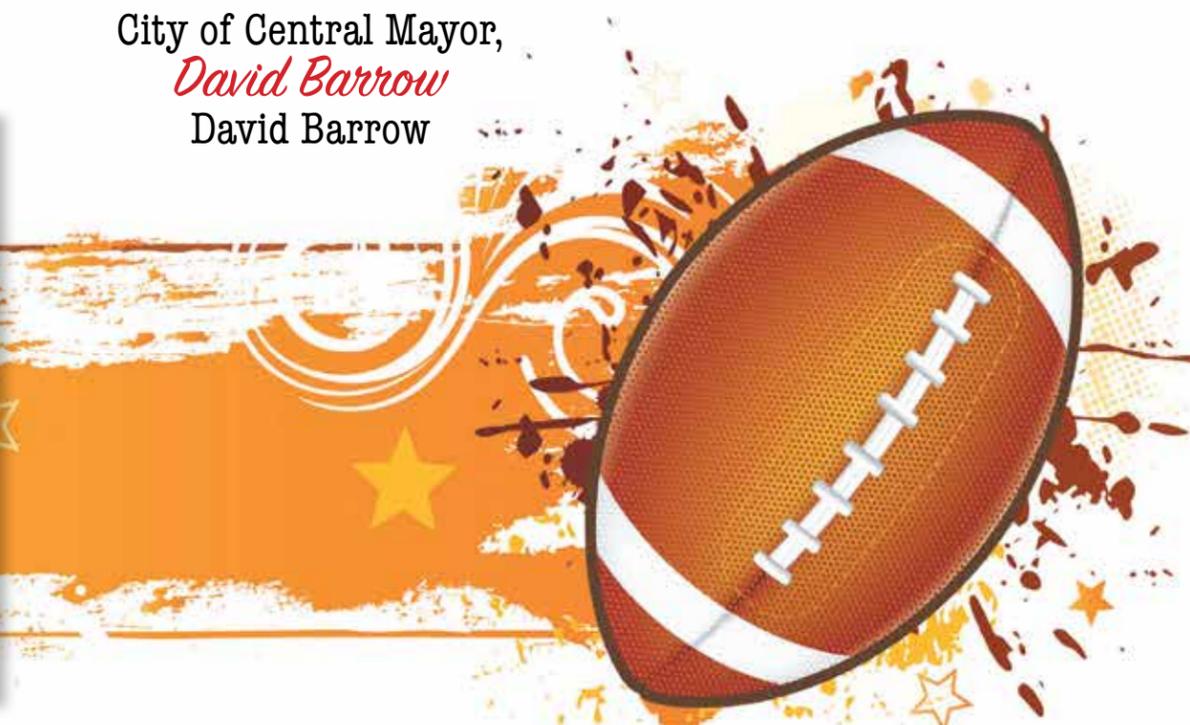
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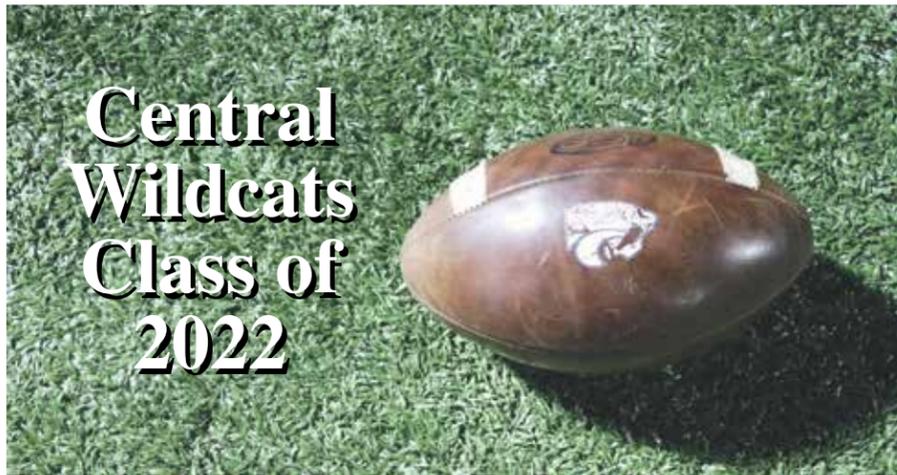
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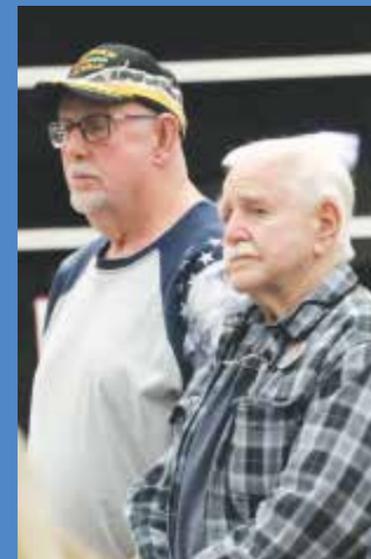


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Remembering My Dad on Veterans Day

He Served on the Last Of the Wooden Ships To Serve in U.S. Navy During a Difficult Time

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for German submarines. The Germans were not impressed with this tiny fleet and would surface and ram the U.S. vessels or sink them with the sub's deck guns. They wouldn't waste a torpedo on such a small target. But, on one occasion, Dad's group of former yachts cornered a German sub in an island bay, dropped their depth charges, and believe they sank the sub.

Life was different when they were in Port-au-Prince. Ernest Hemenway was there, working on one of his novels. My dad and he became drinking buddies. Daddy said Hemenway always wrote when he was drinking. The President of Haiti, Eli Lescot and the commander of U.S. Naval forces in the Caribbean would often dine at the Crow's Nest, a spectacular residence on the top of the mountain overlooking the city. When they invited Hemenway to join them, he would bring my daddy, who would cook for them. They always invited Daddy to join them.

When Hemenway was in Haiti, he always had an old black man follow him to keep away thieves and beggars. He slept outside Hemenway's door. When Hemenway left Haiti, the old man latched onto my

dad and provided the same services, including sleeping right outside Dad's room.

In 1970, my wife Diane and I traced my dad's steps back to Port-au-Prince and stayed in the Hotel Splendid (Spon-di), the same hotel my daddy stayed in. It was one of the most beautiful hotels I've ever seen. Not what you'd expect.

My dad told me about voodoo and zombies. He told me it is real. I investigated in Haiti for myself. I assure you it is real, and it's not good. I might write about it someday. It is nothing to get close to. I advise you to stay away from it.

On two occasions, Dad's convoy of small vessels escorted troop transports part of the way from the Panama Canal to North Africa. They would sail alongside the transports in hopes of stopping a German torpedo on its way to the troop carrier. They were the reverse of kamikazees, putting themselves in harm's way in order to protect the men going to fight the Nazi's in North Africa.

Ships my dad served on were sunk twice by the Germans, and in one sinking he was burned over much of his body. My dad spoke of storms at sea where the swells would be 100 feet high, especially in the Windward Passage. He suffered a broken back during one of these storms. With the burns and his broken back, dad was shipped home to the U.S. for surgery. It didn't go well. You can imagine what back surgery was like in 1944!



Ory Jenkins (1909-1980)

He met my mom, Doris Laverne Rowlett, while recuperating at the Naval hospital in Galveston. My mom was from Alvin. It was 1945, and her uncle took her to a dance. My dad saw her and walked across the dance floor to meet her. He was in his dark Navy uniform. "Little Lady," he said, "may I have this dance?" It was love at first sight! She told me she was enchanted by his good looks and his maturity.

My dad was 13 years older than my mother, and they were worried that her mom and dad wouldn't approve of them. My grandfather, Fred Rowlett of Houston, was a cowboy as a young man and had been in the Texas National Guard

during World War I. He had not been able to go overseas during the war because he had only one eye. He felt guilty for not going. I think he enjoyed hearing my dad's experiences. He and my father were only 10 years apart in age. But when they met, he and my grandmother, Beatrice Eernisse, originally from South Dakota, fell in love with my dad. They had so much in common.

My mom's brother Walter Rowlett served in the Army Air Corps in World War II, and he and my dad met during the war when Uncle Walter was home on leave. Uncle Walter, my Aunt Dorothy, my dad Ory, and my mother Doris got along beautifully, and our two families became very close.

After the war, my dad returned to Ponchatoula and tried to restart his life. He courted my mom by mail. I still have one of their love letters. It was so proper! In the letter, he invited my mom to come stay in Ponchatoula for the holidays, but he was very clear to point out she would be staying with his friends, Mrs. Pittman and her daughter. I'm sure my grandpa Rowlett read that letter, just to be sure everything was going to be straight up! My dad said, "There is someone who loves you, waiting for you in Ponchatoula!"

After the war, the injuries caused my dad constant pain and suffering. As mentioned earlier, before the war, he was very successful. He owned a coffee importing business, a restaurant, and a cleaners in

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1949-1950 CHS Queen



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1950-1951 CHS Queen



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1952-1953 CHS Queen



Linda Webb LaRocca
1958-1959 CHS Queen



Tug Ashford Coarsey
1962-1963 CHS Queen



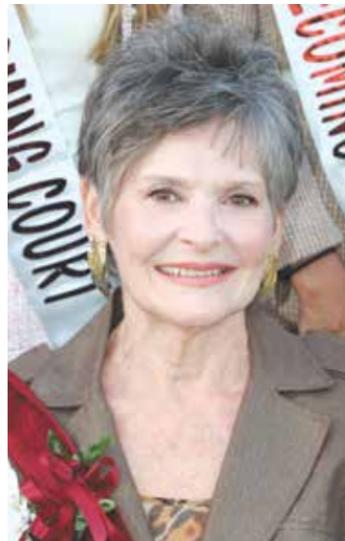
Bridgett Williams Saloom
1963-1964 CHS Queen



Pat Stilley Romero
1966-1967 CHS Queen



Shirley Svoren Browning
1967-1968 CHS Queen



Trudy Sides
1969-1970 CHS Queen



Sonia Guidroz Hearn
1971-1972 CHS Queen



Cassidy Griffin and
Sonia Guidroz Hearn



Jaida Alvin and
Trudy Sides



Pat Stilley Romero
1966-1967 CHS Queen



Tug Ashford Coarsey
1962-1963 CHS Queen



Kenleigh Perrin and
Shirley Svoren Browning

Central High 2021 Homecoming Court



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Central High's 2021 Homecoming Queen Emma Dungan
and her father Ansley Dungan



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Jaida Alvin
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2021 Queen Emma Dungan and 2020 Queen Allyssa Gulliot

Central vs Walker Homecoming Game

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GOP Legislators Say 58 Percent of State Voted Trump, Yet JBE Governs as Liberal Democrat

Edwards' Appeal Is Now to National Party, Not His Conservative Constituents in State

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we believe are not necessary. The bill would have been effective after the current governor is out of office and yet Edwards still vetoed it. Rep. Frieman said the governor sued the legislature, but what the media has not told us is the Louisiana 1st Circuit Court of Appeal threw out the governor's suit.

- **HB349** by Rep. Kathy Edmonston — To prohibit listing vaccination status on drivers license or other forms of government ID card, in order to prevent government officials from demanding to see your card, as is common in Communist countries. VETOED by Gov. John Bel Edwards.

- **HB498** by Rep. Kathy Edmonston — To prohibit government officials or agencies from discriminating against anyone based on their vaccine status. VETOED by Gov. John Bel Edwards.

COMMENTS: Rep. Edmonston said that had Edwards signed the bill, the state would not be in the situation we are in with people being discriminated against at universities or their workplace because of vaccination status. She said, "We will be coming back with this bill again. For the governor there is nothing but vaccine or death. There is no treatment. But we know that it is not true. There are effective early treatments!" Rep. Edmonston said we are no longer in a pandemic, yet he continues with many of his mandates.

Bills to Reform Election Law

- **HB704** by Rep. Valarie Hodges — To reform Louisiana election law. One of most important provision of this legislation was to allow the Republican Party and the Democratic Party to each appoint a watcher at every voting precinct and at each Early Voting Site. VETOED by Gov. John Bel Edwards.

COMMENTS: Rep. Hodges said transparency solves many problems, and that's what this bill was trying to provide. She said, "Poll watchers were a very important part of this bill. This is not partisan because both parties get to have watchers. The governor said he vetoed it because it was political. That was nonsense. Elections are by their nature political!" Another important part of the bill was to stop foreign ownership of voting machine companies.

- **HB20** by Rep. Blake Miquez — To prohibit private entities from paying election-related expenses. VETOED by Gov. Edwards.

COMMENTS: Besides the fraud, Mark Zuckerberg's money, more than \$430 million, was very important to Biden's victory. It was injected into the election in very unusual ways. The money was used to hire partisan activists to help run the election at the local level. It was also used to fund drop boxes, mostly in Democratic areas. Rep. Frieman said this bill would have prohibited private funding of the election process. He said, "It was a great bill



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CONSERVATIVE HOUSE MEMBERS — Reps. Kathy Edmonston, Larry Frieman, and Valarie Hodges described the problems created for the people of Louisiana by the left-wing policies of Gov. John Bel Edwards. They spoke at the Ronald Reagan Luncheon.

to protect us from outside influences." He said that with regard to voting machines, we need to move to a system that combines machine counting with paper ballots.

- **SB63** by Sen. Robert Mills — To provide that ballots must be delivered to an employee of the registrar of voters and to prohibit the use of unmanned drop boxes in Louisiana. VETOED by Gov. John Bel Edwards.

- **SB220** by Sen. Heather Clouid — To require that the election results be audited after every election. VETOED by Gov. John Bel Edwards.

- **SB224** by Sen. Heather Clouid — To provide that mail ballots must include the last four digits of a voter's Social Security number. VETOED by Gov. John Bel Edwards.

- **HB138** by Rep. Farnum — To provide the voter rolls would be canvassed annually to be sure the voters are still at the address listed. VETOED by Gov. John Bel Edwards.

Fairness in Women's Sports

- **HBSB156** by Sen. Beth Mizell — To provide that persons born as males cannot compete in girls sports. VETOED by Gov. John Bel Edwards.

COMMENTS: Rep. Edmonston said it is unconscionable that this bill would be vetoed. The supposed

reason is that it is not a problem in the state at this time. "Of course, it can happen at any time, and our constituents do not want this. This is about our daughters and granddaughters. This bill will be back!" Rep. Frieman said liberal forces threatened to keep major events out of Louisiana if we pass this. However, at some point, you have to stand on principle. We can't do everything based on money. We have to do what's right.

Protecting Right to Bear Arms

- **SB118** by Sen. Morris — To protect the right to carry weapons concealed on the person without a permit. VETOED by Gov. John Bel Edwards.

COMMENTS: Rep. Frieman said in Louisiana we can openly carry a firearm. But if you put your coat on, it's a crime! The data shows states that allow concealed carry without a permit have not had problems. This is called constitutional carry. We should not have to have a permit to exercise a constitutional right, he said.

- **HB597** by Rep. Blake Miquez — A number of large corporations have begun to discriminate against gun manufacturers or ammo makers. Some large banks refuse to allow them to have bank account. This bill provided that the State of Louisiana would not do business

with any bank or other company that discriminates against gun manufacturers or ammo makers. VETOED by Gov. John Bel Edwards.

COMMENTS: Rep. Larry Frieman said this is a very good bill. In addition, he said the State Bond Commission is holding up contracts with big banks who are discriminating against gun manufacturers and ammunition manufacturers. "This supposedly pro-gun governor vetoed this bill," he said.

Transparency in Government

- **HB38** by Rep. Rick Edmonds — To provide that school board information be available to the general public on the Louisiana Fiscal Transparency Website, known as Louisiana Checkbook. VETOED by Gov. John Bel Edwards.

All three legislators said Louisiana is in the current situation largely due to the policies of Gov. John Bel Edwards and especially his vetoes, which have trampled on the views of most Louisianians, 58 percent of whom voted for Donald Trump for President just one year ago.

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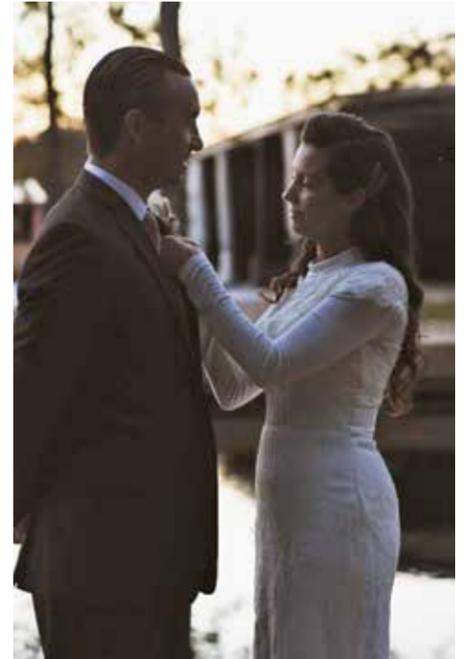


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NEED FOR ELECTION LAW REFORM — Mike Chittom (standing center) discusses the need to change the Louisiana Election Code to allow political parties to name at least one commissioner and one watcher in each precinct in the state. Chittom, a former Republican Parish chairman for East Baton Rouge Parish, is the party's member of the Parish of Election Supervisors.

Spells Celebrate Anniversary, Renew Vows



Pastor Tony Spell and Sister Shaye Spell celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary and renewed their vows last week at Life Tabernacle Church in Central.



Pastor Tony Spell, Shaye Spell and Woody Jenkins



Pastor Tony Spell and Sister Shaye Spell at the lake



Pastor Tony Spell, Shaye Spell and Belinda Spell



Pastor Tony Spell, Shaye Spell with pampas grass decorations



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War Leaves Long, Deep Pain for Vets, Their Loved Ones

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Ponchatoula. He had a brand new brick home and drove a brand new convertible, and had no debt. As he said, "I had it made!" But the war changed all that. He lost everything while he was gone.

When he returned home, he had nothing. I'm not going to go into all the gory details and complain about how our government treats veterans (which is nothing new), but my dad was totally disabled by his war injuries and couldn't work. Yet, the government wouldn't pay him a disability pension — not a penny!

So he had to work, even though he was always in great pain. It wasn't until I was grown — 21 years old in 1968 — 23 years after the war — that I took his appeal to the VA Appeals Board in Washington and won for him the total disability pension he deserved.

I grew up in the home of a disabled veteran. It was hard on him. He was so smart, so wise, so accomplished. But the pain and agony were ever-present. He suffered from depression and long bouts of alcoholism. The war changed him and humbled him. But he always kept the same passionate love of this country that made him and so many others volunteer to go to war. I always considered him a hero. He gave his country everything.

When my daddy died, I received a letter from his commanding officer, Cmdr. Edward "Buddy" Jahncke of New Orleans. During one of the sinkings, he saved Cmdr. Jahncke's life and, during the other, Jahncke saved his. The letter said, "Your father was a real man, and I will always love him."

My dad wasn't a big man in size, but I learned from him you don't have to be big to be great. It's funny the things you remember about a person. I always think of my Dad's smile and his laugh. And his strong hands.

In 1980, my dad committed suicide. He left us a note asking forgiveness and saying he could not tolerate the pain any longer. War leaves long, deep pain. The price of freedom is very great indeed.

When my mother Doris was still alive, she would often say, "I think about him everyday. I miss him so much!" So do I!

Sammy's Faces Fine for Failing To Mow Grass

CENTRAL — Through the City of Central's administrative hearing process, Sammy's Properties, LLC was issued an order to cut the grass and maintain the property at 14800 Wax Rd. After failing to do so, the City of Central was authorized to enter the property and abate the code violations. Sammy's Properties, LLC was issued a fine of \$1,000 plus \$250 for the hearing cost. Failure to pay will result in the filing of a lien on the property.

The city's contractor entered the property to cut the grass back in October.

The property has been seized by the Sheriff and was put up for a tax sale.

A Message from Rep. Valarie Hodges

Why I'm Supporting Kim Powers for School Board

In a letter to my constituents, I endorsed Kimberly Powers for Central School Board, District 4 in the special election coming up this Saturday, Nov. 13. It read as follows:

"Thank you for allowing me to represent you in the Louisiana House of Representatives the past 10 years! All these years, I have been fighting for Christian values in state government and especially in our public schools. The battle has intensified the past two years as the current President and Governor have exceeded their authority under the Constitution and tried to take away so many of our rights and liberties."

"Today, everything we value is at stake, and we need men and women in government who will stand strong and fight for traditional values. I'm always on the lookout for real leaders who are unafraid — leaders who can be counted on to stand for God and Country, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, free enterprise, lower taxes, and the rule of law — leaders who can't be bought off, bullied, or silenced!"

"That's why I am so excited that my friend Kim Powers is running for the Central School Board from District 4 in the special election on Saturday, Nov. 13. I know Kim personally. Kim stands for the same principles I do, and she is a fearless leader who is willing to stand against the powerful and make our voices heard! Here are examples:

NO TAX INCREASES WITHOUT A VOTE OF PEOPLE

"• Kim has spoken strongly against the Central School Board rolling property taxes forward without a vote of the people! This was a \$3.75 million tax increase that takes effect Jan. 1. Her opponent led the fight to raise property taxes without a vote of the people! I was shocked! Kim is clear: No tax increase without a vote of the people!"

"• In July, Kim also spoke out strongly at the BREC Board of Commissioners meeting against BREC rolling property taxes forward without a vote of the people! This was a \$24 million tax increase parishwide!"

"While others were silent and went along, Kim Powers has been representing us — even before being elected!"

OPPOSITION TO ILLEGAL MASK MANDATES

"• Kim has helped lead the fight against Gov. John Bel Edwards' illegal mask mandates. She helped organize hundreds of parents who attended the Louisiana Board of Elementary & Secondary Education meeting in August. As a result,



Rep. Valarie Hodges (R-Central)



Kim Powers for Central School Board

BESE failed to adopt a mask mandate. Kim also spoke and organized scores of parents to speak against mask mandates for students at the Central School Board in late August. The Central School Board said they will enforce the Governor's mask mandate, because it is "the law"! Well, it's not the law! In fact, Attorney General Jeff Landry, the state's chief legal advisor, has confirmed that JBE has no authority to mandate masks in two AG opinions!"

"Kim's opponent has supported masking students in Central schools 8 hours a day! When you attend Wildcat Stadium and see students packed in together with no masks, it is clear what a fraud it is to require children to wear masks throughout the school day. Students are not vulnerable to Covid except in very rare cases!"

OPPOSITION TO ILLEGAL VACCINE MANDATES

"• Kim has also been leading the fight against illegal vaccine mandates. We know that these mandates are destroying our health care system and our supply chain, resulting in shortages, including in our supermarkets. Such dictatorial "mandates" are a fundamental attack on our rights as Americans. In August, when the Central School Board was considering changes to the school system's Employee Handbook, Kim Powers proposed amendments to guarantee that no teacher or employee of the Central Community School Board could be terminated or disciplined for refusing to take a Covid vaccine. The School Board heard Kim speak and debated the proposal. However, they declined to give Central school employees even this basic protection! Kim's opponent refused to do a thing to pass this amendment to the Employee Handbook and protect our teachers from mandatory vaccines!"

"The time for public officials to sit quietly on the sidelines and allow our rights to be trampled is over! We need leaders who will speak out strongly and make a difference."

IMPROVEMENTS TO WILDCAT STADIUM, SCHOOLS

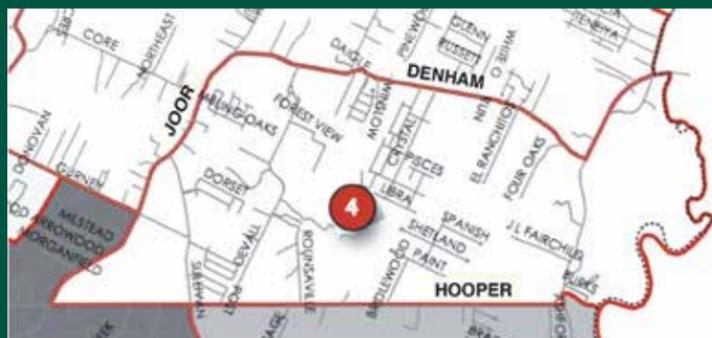
"Over the past two and a half years, Kim Powers has served as the Community Member of the Central School Board's Facilities Improvement Committee. In that capacity, Kim has been part of planning some of the most important improvements in the history of the Central school system. These include the improvements to Wildcat Stadium, including artificial turf; the complete renovation of Central High School; the renovation of Tanglewood Elementary, and the new Central Schools Admin building. These facilities will make a big difference for our children for generations to come. Many thanks are due to Kim and the other members of the Facilities Committee!"

"Kim said she has high regard for the members of the Central School Board. However, she said that, if elected, she will push change some of the ways the board operates. She said all meetings should be well publicized and open to the public. Too often, she said, the real meeting is "the meeting before the meeting," and these are not well publicized."

"Kim Powers is a graduate of Slidell High School and Delgado College. Her step father, Alvin Singletary, served as Mayor of Slidell and was a delegate to the constitutional convention in 1973 that wrote the current Louisiana Constitution. If elected, Kim will be the only parent of school age children to serve on the current Central School Board. Kim is Advertising Manager of the Central City News, and has played a key role in the Central City News being named Louisiana's "Newspaper of the Year". Kim will be a big help to me on education issues. I really need some strong allies on our school boards! The election is Nov. 13th."

"Please join me in supporting Kim Powers for Central School Board from District 4!"

Yours,
Rep. Valarie Hodges (R-Central and Watson)



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City of Central Veterans' Day Ceremony



Mayor David Barrow



Music performed by Central High School Jazz Band under the direction of Patrick Bordelon



Guest Speaker "Tony" Perkins, USMC



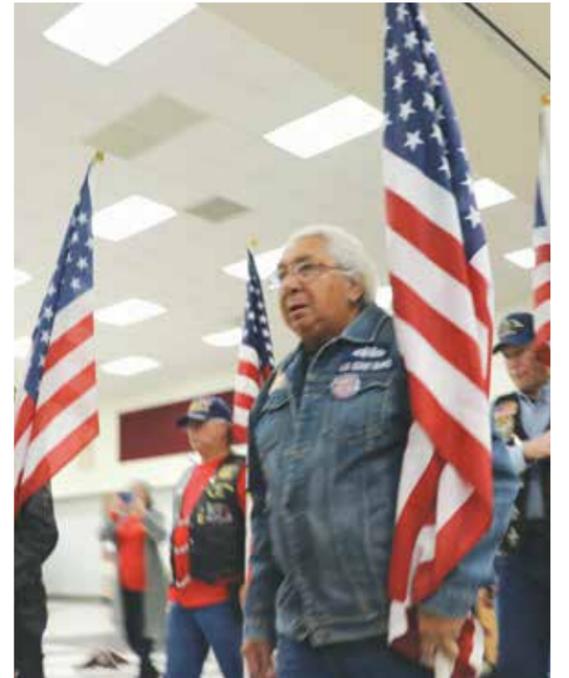
VETERANS' DAY CEREMONY AT CENTRAL INTERMEDIATE included a jambalaya dinner sponsored by Kristenwood Catering. Students read letters to the veterans. Presentation of Flags. As each branch of the military's flag was brought forward, the Central High School Jazz band played the respective branch's anthem honor their flag and song.



Presentation of the Colors by Central High JROTC Sgt. Timothy Dubois, Director



"Amazing Grace" performed by Baton Rouge Pipes and Drums



Louisiana Patriot Guard Presentation of Flags



This year's Central Community Veterans Ceremony is said to have been the most well attended yet. Many thanks to all our local veterans for their service to our country.

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