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Mama Bears Show their Power on Vaccines

Mamas Take the Capitol

They Came to BR, Put Their Foot Down, Said NO to Governor On Vaccine Mandate

Editor's Note: Although the La. Dept. of Health is proposing to add the COVID vaccine to the list of required vaccines for students, bear in mind that this proposed rule does NOT alter the provisions of La.R.S. 17:170(E), which guarantees the right of parents to opt out of any vaccine mandate by filing a simple written dissent. This claim of exemption cannot be denied. For a sample copy, see Page 4.

Woody Jenkins

BATON ROUGE — John Bel Edwards may still be governor, but

moms from across the state poured into the State Capitol Monday to show him who is boss.

By the time the meeting of the House Committee on Health & Welfare adjourned its seven-hour hearing on Cov. Edwards' year hearing on Gov. Edwards' vaccine mandate, there was no doubt the moms have the politicians on the run. The committee members, which showed contempt for un-were like hogs on ice running to the witness table to speak against the governor's mandate.

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Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., speaks at Capitol against forcing children to take vaccine.

Supreme Court Votes 7-0 to Hear Motion to Quash Rev. Spell Case

Woody Jenkins

NEW ORLEANS — The Louisiana Supreme Court announced Tuesday that it has unanimously voted to hear Rev. Tony Spell's Motion to Quash the criminal charges against him. Rev. Spell was arrested last year and booked into Parish Prison for holding church ser Prison for holding church services in violation of orders by

Gov. John Bel Edwards.

The pastor has challenged his arrest as a blatant violation of the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution and specifically the Free Evention land. cally the Free Exercise clause and Freedom of Assembly.

The governor maintains the Emergency Powers Law gives him the authority to shut down churches. But Kev. Spell's attorney Jeff Wittenbrink said it

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Kim Powers Sworn in by Attorney General, Gets to Work

New Board Member Pushes for Change

Powers Visits Schools, Seeks to Roll Back Property Tax Increase, Question Attorneys

CENTRAL — After a landslide victory for a seat on the Central Community School Board in a special election Nov. 13, Kim Powers was sworn in by Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry. The ceremonies were held Saturday, Nov. 20 at the lake at Revolution Square, § 9530 Blackwater Rd.

Ms. Powers won with 62 percent so the vote over Mr. Phil Graham, who was appointed to the seat in February to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of long-time school board member Will Easley.

She will represent School Board District 4, which is bounded on the south by Hooper Road, on the



office from Louisiana Atty. Gen. Jeff Landry at ceremonies at Revolution Square, 9530 Blackwater. Other speakers were Rep. Valarie Hodges and Clerk of Court Doug Welborn.

west by Joor Road, on the north by Denham Road, and on the east by Greenwell Springs Road.

Ms. Powers began her work last Monday with a series of requests of Central schools Supt. Jason Fountain, designed to address the issues she ran on in the election.

Last Thursday, she and Supt. Fountain visited Central High, Central Middle, and Central Intermediate schools, and she met the principals and some of the key staff. On Friday, she visited Tanglewood Elementary and Bellingrath Hills Elementary and also met the principals and staff there.

Ms. Powers said she appreciated the wonderful reception she received from principals and staff and she plans to return often.

During the election campaign, Ms. Powers was critical of the Central School Board's decision to roll forward property taxes without

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Physicians Outline COVID-19 Protocol

Plan Focuses on Actually Treating Disease Before Going to Hospital

Woody Jenkins

BATON ROUGE — What is the best protocol for physicians who want to treat patients with symptoms of COVID-19, instead of waiting until the patient gets worse and needs hospitalization?

For the past two years, millions of people with symptoms have been told to go home and take Tylenol until they get worse. Or call 911 if they can't breathe.

But many physicians have wanted to take a more pro-active approach and begin treating the parameters.

proach and begin treating the patient as soon as there are symptoms. "There is no effective treatment,"

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the media and some public health authorities have said over and over. However, many physicians have strongly believed there are effective

treatments, and they have been using them.

Unfortunately, physicians can be cancelled, lose hospital or teach-

for speaking out on what treatments have worked.

The **Central City News** has been asking physicians to explain what they have found to be the best protocol for early treatment. Two physicians have responded to Central City News' requests. They are speaking openly about the protocols they use in treating patients in the early stages of COVID-19.

Central City News' medical consultant Dr. Rhett Bergeron was

willing to go on the record and tackle question. Another physician the newspaper relies on for advice, Dr. Jeff Andry, was also willing to give his opinion. Between the two of them, they have treated thousands of COVID-19 patients with great

Ironically, the protocol for the two doctors is almost identical. The only variation is that Dr. Bergeron believes a higher dose of Vitamin D would be beneficial. When asked, Dr.

Andry said he would not disagree.

Both physicians rely heavily on building the patient's immune system and using off-the-shelf drugs which are proven safe for treating other illnesses but which also work on COVID-19.

Both emphasized early treatment treatment within the first day or two if possible.

Dr. Andry said the protocol is

used for vaccinated and unvaccinated patients.

He said that steroids can have an important role in treatment but only

in the inflammatory phase.

Dr. Andry said he is encouraged that more physicians are utilizing monoclonal antibodies, but says they should also consider the other tools available, such as ivermectin.

He said ivermectin can be used as a treatment but also as a preventative. He prescribes 0.2 mg per kg

twice a week as a preventative.

Dr. Andry said, "For a long time, sick people who went to the hospital were sent home with no treatment and told to call 911 if they have trouble breathing. The truth is, there are

treatments, and those treatments are most effective early," he said.

He said, "While I feel disappointed with how the medical profession as a whole has responded, there are many frontline doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, PAs, and paramedics who have been heroic in their efforts to provide care for Covid patients during this pandemic."



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Inventor of mRNA Vaccine Comments on Hearing at State Capitol in Baton Rouge

Down on Bayou: Battle for Health Freedom in BR

Editor's Note: Dr. Robert W. Malone is an American virologist and immunologist. He is the inventor of mRNA technology. Although his work is associated closely with the shots currently being given for COVID-19, he is an outspoken opponent of the vaccines being mandatory, especially for children. On Monday, he attended the hearing held by the Louisiana House Committee on Health & Welfare on the rules proposed by the Louisiana Dept. of Health to require students in public and private schools to take the COVID-19 vaccine. While in Baton Rouge, he was interviewed by Central City News editor Woody Jenkins, and he agreed to write this article on his thoughts about the proposed vaccine mandate in Louisiana.

Dr. Robert W. Malone

Inventor of mRNA Vaccine

BATON ROUGE — Over the last three days I took an interesting trip down to Baton Rouge with the Children's Health Defense team on short notice to help Health Freedom Louisiana, the physician and nurses' advocacy group, Louisiana for Medical Freedom, Rep. Kathy Edmonston, and Attorney General Jeff Landry.

The purpose was to support testimony opposing the Louisiana Department of Health ("LDH" ap-



VISITING CELEBRITY — Dr. Robert Malone, inventor of the mRNA vaccine, was in Baton Rouge to appear in opposition to Gov. Edwards' proposal to require children to receive the COVID19 vaccine. This world famous authority is accused of providing 'misinformation.' With Malone are Jill Hines and Colette Martin of Health Freedom Louisiana.

pointed by Gov. John Bel Edwards) move to **mandate** the unlicensed and still experimental Pfizer vaccine be taken by Louisiana school children

General belief that I heard from the locals is that this is an attempt by Gov. Edwards to curry favor with the Biden administration as he seeks a federal appointment as an exit strategy from the government and great State of Louisiana.

This is a similar position to that which has been advanced in

the State of California by Governor Gavin Newsom, which state is intending to mandate the Pfizer vaccine be taken by all California school children when and if it becomes licensed. The leading organization focused on opposing that California mandate is The Unity Project (www.uniprojectonline.com), for which I serve as Chief Medical and Regulatory Officer.

A televised hearing was held before the entire Louisiana House Health and Welfare Committee in a hearing room at the statehouse which was packed with residents opposing the mandate. Proposed was a resolution opposing an edict by unelected LDH leadership which would currently cover students 16 and older but could expand as the vaccines obtain EUA recommendation from FDA and CDC for children down to age 5.

Opposing testimony was provided from a wide range of elected officials, medical care providers (including physicians and nurses) and parents – including many mothers seeking to protect their children.

From what I saw, there are a lot of angry Louisiana mothers as well as physicians and nurses that are absolutely not OK with a government mandate that their children receive an experimental vaccine that is mismatched to currently circulating viral variants, does not prevent infection and spread of the virus, and is associated with significant safety risks to their children including myocarditis and even potentially death.

The governor's attempts to interject state government bureaucrats and DC politics into decisions that should reside within the family are not going down well

with these groups.

The Children's Health Defense team worked hard to summarize and present a carefully researched and focused presentation based on

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Incentives for Treating COVID Patients Are Backward

Hospitals: All About Money?

Private Physicians Question Priorities Of U.S. Hospitals

Elizabeth Lee Vliet, MD & Ali Shultz, J.D.
American Association of Physicians & Surgeons

TUSCON — Upon admission to a once-trusted hospital, American patients with COVID-19 become virtual prisoners, subjected to a rigid treatment protocol with roots in Ezekiel Emanuel's "Complete Lives System" for rationing medical care for those over 50. They have a shockingly high mortality rate. How and why is this happening, and what can be done about it?

As exposed in audio recordings, hospital executives in Arizona admitted meeting several times a week to lower standards of care, with coordinated restrictions on visitation rights. Most COVID-19 patients' families are deliberately kept in the dark about what is really being done to their loved ones.

The combination that enables this tragic and avoidable loss of hundreds of thousands of lives includes



THE MONEY — How much of what happens when you arrive at the hospital is about the money, especially since COVID? Almost everything according to a report published by the American Association of Physicians and Surgeons.

- The CARES Act, which provides hospitals with bonus incentive payments for all things related to COVID-19 (testing, diagnosing, admitting to hospital, use of remdesivir and ventilators, reporting COVID-19 deaths, and vaccinations) and
- Waivers of customary and long-standing patient rights by the Centers for Medicare and Medic-

aid Services (CMS).

In 2020, the Texas Hospital Association submitted requests for waivers to CMS. According to Texas attorney Jerri Ward, "CMS has granted 'waivers' of federal law regarding patient rights."

law regarding patient rights."
Specifically, CMS purports to allow hospitals to violate the rights of patients or their surrogates with regard to medical record access,

patient visitation, and freedom from seclusion."

Jerri Ward said, "Rights do not come from the hospital or CMS and cannot be waived, as that is the antithesis of a 'right.' The purported waivers are meant to isolate and gain total control over the patient and to deny patient and patient's decision-maker the ability to exercise informed consent."

Creating a "National Pandemic Emergency" provided justification for such sweeping actions that override individual physician medical decision-making and patients' rights. The CARES Act provides incentives for hospitals to use treatments dictated solely by the federal government under the auspices of the NIH. These "bounties" must paid back if not "earned" by making the COVID-19 diagnosis and following the COVID-19 protocol.

The hospital payments include:

- A "free" required PCR test in the Emergency Room or upon admission for every patient, with government-paid fee to hospital.
- Added bonus payment for each positive COVID-19 diagnosis.
- Another bonus for a COV-ID-19 admission to the hospital.
- A 20 percent "boost" bonus payment from Medicare on the entire hospital bill for use of remdesivir instead of medicines such as Ivermectin.
- Another and larger bonus payment to the hospital if a COVID-19 patient is mechanically ventilated. More money to the hospital if cause of death is listed as COV-ID-19, even if patient did not die directly of COVID-19.

• A COVID-19 diagnosis also provides extra payments to coroners.

CMS implemented "value-based" payment programs that track data, such as how many workers at a healthcare facility receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Now we see why many hospitals implemented COVID-19 vaccine mandates. They are paid more.

Outside hospitals, physician MIPS quality metrics link doctors' income to performance-based pay for treating patients with COV-ID-19 EUA drugs. Failure to report information to CMS can cost the physician 4% of reimbursement.

Because of obfuscation with medical coding and legal jargon, we cannot be certain of the actual amount each hospital receives per COVID-19 patient. But attorney Thomas Renz and CMS whistle-blowers have calculated a total payment of at least \$100,000 per patient.

What does this mean for your health and safety as a patient in the hospital?

There are deaths from the government-directed COVID treatments. For remdesivir, studies show that 71 to 75 percent of patients suffer an adverse effect, and the drug often had to be stopped after five to 10 days because of these effects, such as kidney and liver damage, and death.

Remdesivir trials during the 2018 West African Ebola outbreak

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ATTENTION PARENTS

I am honored to represent you on the Central School Board! Many of you have expressed concern about the Governor's plan to force students to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Be assured that Louisiana Law protects you! No child can be vaccinated if the student or parent dissents in writing such as below. The school has no option but to honor the exemption. File this form or a dissent in your own words with your school. If you need to contact me, please send your message to kdtpowers@yahoo.com.

— Kim Powers



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WHILE IT WAS STORMING OUTSIDE, moms from across the state were having a great victory inside the Capitol, defeating JBE's vaccine mandate for children.

Malapportionment of Judgeships in EBR Cannot Be Ignored

Reapportion 19th Judicial District Now!

What Was Used to Rectify Injustice Is Now Causing More

Woody Jenkins

In 2022, the Louisiana Legislature will use 2020 Census data to reapportion the legislature, Congressional districts, the PSC, BESE, and judgeships. Meanwhile, the House Committee on House & Governmental Affairs is holding hearings throughout the state. In mid-November, they held a public hearing at Southern University. This was my testimony:

BATON ROUGE — I had the pleasure of representing Baton Rouge in the Louisiana House of Representatives for 28 years and served in the Constitutional Convention. There I drafted the Declaration of Rights of the Louisiana Constitution, which is one of the most progressive Constitutions and Bill of

Rights in the nation, even now.

By the way, if you take a look at the Louisiana Constitution, you see that we prohibited all discrimination based on race, and that was nearly 50 years ago.

Back in the 1960's, when I was editor of the North Baton Rouge Journal newspaper, we proposed single-member districts for the legislature, City-Parish Council, and East Baton Rouge Parish School

Board in our paper.

In 1970, the federal courts actually adopted that and put single-member districts into effect, and the legislature immediately changed, both in the House and the

We went from no black members of the House to the first six black members since Reconstruction. Today it's maybe 35 black members of the House of Representatives. Similar changes were made in the Senate. So this has been evolving over the years.

I had the pleasure of living in North Baton Rouge, where I grew up, and I still live there, about a mile from where I grew up. It is a minority area.

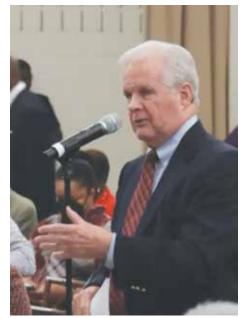
I'm involved at Istrouma High School, my alma mater, which went from 99 percent white to now 99 percent black.

Now, we here in East Baton Rouge Parish have a problem that

you need to address as legislators. Back in the early 1990's, among our district judges here in East Baton Rouge Parish, we had only one black member of the judiciary. That was because judges were elected parishwide, rather than by district. The only black judge at that time was District Judge Freddie Pitcher.

I was one of the those legislators who came forth and authored the legislation establishing subdistricts for the election of district judges in East Baton Rouge Par-

We created three subdistricts in that legislation. One was the minority subdistrict, a mostly black area that was assigned five district



Central City News editor Woody Jenkins testifying before reapportionment committee on need to reapportion 19th Judicial District subdistricts.

judges. We wanted to give black voters the opportunity to elect at least five of the 15 district judges in the parish, and that is what hap-

Unfortunately, today the subdistricts are exactly the same. Thirty years have passed, and they have not been reapportioned. No effort has been made to adjust the allocation of district judges to the changing population of the parish. As a result, there is a malapportionment of our judicial subdistricts.

The minority district has far more judges than it is entitled to based on population and other parts of the parish are underrepresented. Even though nearly 50 percent of voters in the parish are white, currently nine of the judges are black and six are white.

As a conservative, I took a lot See REAPPORTION on Page 6

EBR Parish	Total Vote	rs White	Black	Other
Division 1	58,169	7,622	48,335	2,212
Division 2	100,034	45,087	49,880	5,067
Division 3	134,000	92,309	31,523	10,168
Parish Totals	292,203	145,018	129,738	17,447

No. of District Judges Elects 5 Black District Judges Elects 4 Black, 1 White Judges Elects 5 White District Judges 9 Black, 6 White Parishwide



Hospitals Treat Trauma Injuries Well But Treatment of COVID Patients Is Disgrace

Now Is Good Time To Avoid Going to Hospital if Possible

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had to be discontinued because death rate exceeded 50 percent. Yet, in 2020, Anthony Fauci directed that remdesivir was to be the drug hospitals use to treat CO-VID-19, even when the COVID clinical trials of remdesivir showed similar adverse effects.

In ventilated patients, the death toll is staggering.

A National Library of Medicine \S January 2021 report of 69 studies \geq involving more than 57,000 patients concluded that fatality rates = were 45 percent in COVID-19 patients receiving invasive mechanical ventilation, increasing to 84 percent in older patients.

Renz announced at a Truth for Health Foundation Press Conference that CMS data showed that



Many physicians are advising their patients to avoid the hospital if possible.

in Texas hospitals, 84.9 percent of all patients died after more than 96 hours on a ventilator.

strictions on effective treatments for hospitalized patients. Renz and a team of data analysts have Then there are deaths from re-estimated that more than 800,000

deaths in America's hospitals, in COVID-19 and other patients, have been caused by approaches restricting fluids, nutrition, anti-biotics, effective antivirals, antiinflammatories, and therapeutic doses of anti-coagulants.

We now see government-dictated medical care at its worst in our history since the federal government mandated these ineffective and dangerous treatments for CO-VID-19, and then created financial incentives for hospitals and doctors to use only those "approved"

(and paid for) approaches.

Our formerly trusted medical community of hospitals and hospital-employed medical staff have effectively become "bounty hunters" for your life. Patients need to now take unprecedented steps to avoid going into the hospital for COVID-19.

Patients need to take active steps to plan — before getting sick — to use early home-based treatment of COVID-19 that can help you save

3 Subdistricts Should Be Equal in Population

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of heat for helping create a plan that immediately created five new judgeships where blacks would be elected. Of course I did that in consideration of the black population of this parish.

Now the reverse is true.

Subdistrict No. 1, which is the minority subdistrict. It has only 58,000 voters but five district judg-

Subdistrict No. 2 has 100,000 voters and it has five district judg-

Subdistrict No. 3 has 134,000 voters, and it too has five district judges. District 3 is vastly underrepresented.

Subdistrict No. 1 has 48,000 blacks and 7,600 whites.

Subdistrict No. 2, the northern district, has 49,000 blacks and 45,000 whites.

Subdistrict No. 3, the southern district, has 92,000 whites and 31,000 blacks.

So this parish is just about 50-50 black and white. Logically,

there would be 8 white judges and 7 black judges.

Instead, we have 9 black judges and 6 white judges — even though the voting population is 145,000 whites and 129,000 blacks.

As a person who came forward in the 1990's and said it's not right that we have only one black judge in East Baton Rouge Parish, I have to say that today the process is out of balance again. We are extremely malapportioned in our three judicial subdistricts and it must be

I know everyone here is concerned about the legislature and Congress, but we also have reapportionment issues to address at the local level. Some of those issues, like this one, are controlled by the state. It is the legislature who draws these maps.

We need to have our judicial subdistricts with roughly equal population. One man, one vote does not apply. Nevertheless, we cannot have malapportioned judi-

cial subdistricts.

Having gone through three reapportionments, I would like to give you a couple of words of advice, as result of my 28 years in the House.

No. 1, I would say, try to create districts around communities, so your representatives or senators can really represent a community.

I disagree with the idea of Professor Samuelson that there should

Sen. Kennedy Passes **Resolution to Block Vaccine Mandates**

WASHINGTON — On Wednesday, the Senate passed a bipartisan resolution to nullify President Biden's vaccine mandate on private employees with support from Sens. John Kennedy (R-La.) and Mike Braun (R-Ind.). All other Senate Republicans as well as Sens. Jon Tester (D-Mont.) and Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) voted in favor of the resolution.

The resolution would invalidate the mandate under the Congressional Review Act. "Vaccines can be a blessing, but Pres. Biden's vaccine mandate is a major threat to every American's liberty. The president's power grab contradicts his earlier promise that he wouldn't impose such a mandate," Kennedy said.

be a second majority black Congressional district. We already have the 2nd Congressional Distict which is a long snaky, spidery districts that ranges everywhere it can to pick up a few minority voters here and a few more there. That's why it meanders from New Orleans to Baton Rouge.

I guess you could have another snaky district somewhere but that

puts so much emphasis on race.
We don't need to apportion like that. We need to keep communities together. North Louisiana, South Louisiana and all the areas where we live should have representation based on community.

We need to stop emphasizing race. What's really important is policy. For example, we have had black mayors of this parish for the past 20 years, and as a resident of North Baton Rouge, we have seen no improvements in the past 20

Our garbage still doesn't get picked up. The sidewalks are not maintained. The servitudes are not cleaned.

It's not about race.

It's about whether these public officials represent what we believe in and do they provide the services that they are supposed to perform!

Thank you very much for the opportunity to speak to you!

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Dr. Robert Malone on What He Saw Here

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both peer-reviewed data as well as primary data previously presented to the FDA by Pfizer. The presentation including a series of posters presented by CHD Chairman of the Board lawyer Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who testified at the request of Attorney General Jeff Landry.

General Landry provided a comprehensive summary of the statutory nuances of the proposed illegal mandate, and then yielded the remainder of his allotted time to Mr. Kennedy. Many of those reading this article will be familiar with the meticulously documented and footnoted opus recently published by Bobby entitled "The Real Anthony Fauci: Bill Gates, £ Big Pharma, and the Global War on Democracy and Public Health.' Mr. Kennedy has certainly demonstrated a detailed and nuanced understanding of the subject matter.

The general outcome was never in doubt, but the bipartisan nature of the final vote by the Louisiana House Health Committee was unexpected, with a bipartisan 13-2 vote to reject the proposed mandate which included three Democrats and an Independent, who joined all nine Republicans in voting against the recommendation. Democratic Reps. Robby Carter of Amite and Dustin Miller of Opelousas were

the only no votes.

Predictably, the legacy media misrepresented the rout of Governor Edwards' attempt at a bureaucratic end run for mandating that the children of Louisiana be subjected to an unlicensed, experimental medical product. They misrepresenting the testimony provided, gaslighting and attempting to de-legitimize those providing testimony while regurgitating the vaccine mis- and disinformation provided by the Governor's representative Louisiana Public Health Officer Dr. Joe Kanter. He believes that COVID-19 represents a significant health threat to children, denies that the vaccines are experimental, and rejects the idea that an unlicensed vaccine shouldn't be added to the immunization schedule just because it doesn't keep someone from getting infected or spreading the virus to others.

Unfortunately, none of these opinions are consistent with an objective fact-based assessment or past precedent, and Dr. Kanter did not provide any actual data to sup-



MAMA BEARS from across Louisiana packed the House committee rooms in opposition to Gov. Edwards vaccine mandate for children. Legislators took notice.

port these opinions. He did state that no vaccine-associated deaths have been reported to his office via the unpublicized telephone number provided by his office to report any such events (which assertion was then posted to Twitter by the Governor himself).

Even this assertion is readily refuted by reviewing the many postvaccination death reports listed in the CDC VAERS system as having occurred in Louisiana. Biased public health reporting of vaccine adverse events may help support the dominant narrative and the governor's political agenda, but it does not help enable sound public health policy decision making, and is no substitute for solid, peer-reviewed study data.

Rather than addressing the data and meticulously referenced information provided by Lawyer Kennedy and the CHD team, the Associated Press merely commented that Attorney General Landry "appeared with Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., who has promoted debunked claims about the vaccine.'

Local rag Lafayette Daily Advertiser reporter Greg Hilburn, who also reports on Louisiana politics for USA Today, referred to Mr. Kennedy as "an adamant COVID-19 vaccine critic who has been banned from social media sites because of spreading what the platforms deemed as immunization misinformation" rather than

actually reporting on the substance of what was presented.

Readers will recognize a typical pattern of derisive legacy media coverage of data and opinion which is not consistent with the approved narrative that the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective in children, including the notable absence of media coverage of the recent peer-reviewed publication from Hong Kong documenting that 1 in 2,680 young men develop clinically significant acute myocarditis/pericarditis following Comirnaty vac-

Despite the overwhelming rejection of his bureaucratic strategy by the elected legislative representatives of the people, the Governor intends to overrule the rejection and add the shot to the immunization schedule starting next school year.

Perhaps mindful of the famous Battle of New Orleans, the intrepid health freedom warriors fighting the Battle of Baton Rouge seem to be metaphorically keeping their pow-der dry and waiting until they can see the whites of the eyes of their opponents. However, as has happened with the federal mandates, Louisiana legal guns are ready to respond to the Governor and may put a crimp in his designs on a soft landing in Washington after he leaves his current position.

In my experience, one should never underestimate Southern state lawyers just because they may come across as folksy. Meantime, we await the next skirmish.

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Court to Hear Religious Liberty Case

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is absurd to argue a statue could empower the governor to abrogate constitutional rights. In addition, R.S. 29:736D of the Emergency Powers Law specifically provides, "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.

The Supreme Court gave Rev. Spell and District Attorney Hillar Moore until Jan. 3, 2022, to file briefs in the case with oral arguments to be set thereafter.



MILESTONE — Rev. Tony Spell with his attorney Jeff Wittenbrink of Baton Rouge

the Supreme Court decided to hear the case, and he is optimistic. "I Wittenbrink said he is happy am very proud to represent Pastor Spell in this matter."

If the Motion to Quash is granted, the criminal charges against Pastor Spell will be ended.

After his arrest, he was sent to Parish prison, then fitted with an ankle bracelet and put under house arrest. Even now, he is under the supervision of Judge Eboni Johnson-Rose and cannot leave the state without her permission. Government security cameras continue to observe the pastor's residence and the family's comings and goings.

The case of Pastor Spell is unprecedented in American history. Never before has a pastor been jailed for holding church.

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New School Board Member Kim Powers Is Pursuing Legality of Mask, Vaccine Mandates

Powers Asks Board Attorney, Asst. Atty. Gen. To Testify Here

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a vote of the people.

Last Tuesday, Ms. Powers requested that Supt. Fountain prepare a resolution to roll back property taxes to their prior level. The roll back would be effective Jan. 1, 2023 if appropriate the state of the roll back would be effective Jan. 1, 2023 if appropriate the state of the roll back would be effective Jan. 1, 2023 if appropriate the roll back would be effective Jan. 1, 2023 if appropriate the roll back would be effective Jan. 1, 2023 if appropriate the roll back would be effective Jan. 1, 2023 if appropriate the roll back would be effective Jan. 1, 2023 if appropriate the roll back would be effective Jan. 1, 2023 if appropriate the roll back would be effective Jan. 1, 2023 if appropriate the roll back would be effective Jan. 1, 2023 if appropriate the roll back would be effective Jan. 1, 2023 if appropriate the roll back would be effective Jan. 1, 2023 if appropriate the roll back would be effective Jan. 1, 2023 if appropriate the roll back would be effective Jan. 1, 2023 if appropriate the roll back would be effective Jan. 1, 2023 if appropriate the roll back would be effective Jan. 1, 2023 if appropriate the roll back would be effective Jan. 1, 2023 if appropriate the roll back would be effective Jan. 1, 2023 if appropriate the roll back would be effective Jan. 1, 2023 if appropriate the roll back would be effective the roll back would be proved by the board, she said. She asked that she have all necessary information to make sure than the ground back meets all requirements of the Louisiana Constitution and state law.

She said she will introduce the proposal after there has been enough time to evaluate the effect of the tax increase and the fiscal impact of a roll back. She expects to bring it to a vote closer to the fall elections, so that voters can make their opinions heard on the

Other major issues in the school board campaign were mask mandates for students and vaccine mandates for teachers and students. Ms. Powers has strongly opposed both types of mandates for the past two years and has a suit pending against the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for refusing to allow parents to testify unless they wore a mask, in contravention of Louisiana Constitution, Art. 12 Section 3.

The Central School Board imposed a mask mandate on students in the sys-



LOUISIANA ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF LANDRY swore in new Central School Board member Kim Powers in ceremonies Nov. 20 at Revolution Square on Blackwater Road. Also shown are Rep. Valarie Hodges (R-Central and Watson) and Ms. Powers' daughters Ella and Sara.

tem throughout the 2020-2021 school year and well into the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Powers was the leader of a group of parents who challenged the mask mandate. They said Gov. John Bel Edwards' mandate was unconstitutional and illegal.

Central School Board president Dr. Jim Gardner said the governor's mandate was "the law." However, parents challenged that idea and cited two Attorney General's opinions that said the governor had no authority to order masking of the public or students.

Dr. Gardner repeatedly said that the school board was acting on the advice of legal counsel, but the board's attorneys never appeared to answer questions from the public.

fined powers under the state's Emergency Powers Act, and those powers do not include closing businesses, mandating masks for the public or students, or mandating vaccines. Much of what the Governor has done is unconstitutional and illegal, and local governments such as the Central school system need to stand up and refuse to bow to his illegal edicts. This is a conservative state being governed by a left wing governor. We need to make sure the mandates end, especially as we face the Omicron variant and every new disease or variant that comes along. They are no excuse for Americans to be stripped of our constitutional rights!"

Last Monday, Ms. Powers requested that the Cen-Ms. Powers said, "The tral school system supply Governor has clearly deher with copies of the school board attorney's Letter of Engagement and billing records for 2020 and 2021.

She also requested all communications between the attorneys and the superintendent on the mask mandate and parents' requests for religious exemptions to the mask mandates.

She also asked that the school board's attorney appear at the Dec. 13 school board meeting and answer questions from the board and the public about their advice on the mask mandate. She said she is also asking that the school board invite the Attorney General's office to send a representative to speak on the issue and answer questions. She said the AG's office has tentatively agreed to appear.

During the summer, Ms. Powers asked the school board to adopt a policy prohibiting any staff member from being dismissed for failing to wear a mask or take a vaccine. The board considered that proposal but took no action.

Ms. Powers said that measure still needs to be passed because of pressure from the White House attempting to force employ-ees in the public and private sectors to be vaccinated or lose their jobs. "We should send a strong message that forcing our employees to take a vaccine is unacceptable in Central," she said.

At her swearing in ceremonies at the lake at Revolution Square, Kim Powers was sworn into the Central School Board by Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry.

Rep. Valarie Hodges (R-Central), who had strongly supported Ms. Powers for school board, also spoke.

The other major speaker at the event was Clerk of Court Doug Welborn. Welborn, who served Central as Metro Councilman for 12 years before being elected Clerk of Court, has served the community in elected office a total of 40 years.

At the end of the ceremony, Welborn presented Ms. Powers with a special gift, a photo of Welborn and T. H. Montgomery, who represented Central as a member of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board for 42 years and was the longest serving school board member in history.

Welborn said Mr. Montgomery was a model public service whom Ms. Powers should strive to emulate.

More information on the Central Community School System can be found at the website, www.centralcss.org

Atty. Gen. Jeff Landry Calls for Restraints On Power of Louisiana Governors in Address

REMARKS BY JEFF LANDRY **Attorney General of Louisiana**

Good morning! What a beautiful morning! I'm reminded of how much rain we've had over the last three or four years. I remember people saying when is it going to stop? I said all I know is it will stop and the Lord is going to let the sun shine! It's amazing that at the same time that it stopped raining, we got to see all these beautiful, shining faces, because for now, the masks are all gone!

It is my pleasure to be here today. I can tell you, Kim, that having Alvin Singletary as your step dad and your mom, Miss Judy, you come from a family of servant leaders. In order to serve our public, you must be not just a leader but a servant leader. There's a big difference between being a leader and being a servant leader, because a servant leader is someone who goes above and beyond.

Today is also a great day because this is the beginning of something you are going to see not only here in Central but across this country. It is high time for the people to start taking control of their educational system. It is through the education of our young folks that the foundations of America will be preserved.

All of us including me have failed to some extent. We've always believed that those in leadership either at the school board level or higher were there to serve us as servant leaders. But we look back today and see that perhaps there were shortcomings. We're seeing it evident in our school systems.

I believe there is a revival coming in this country, and it is actually going to start at the school board level. You know, the one thing I

have so much faith in is mothers. My mother was a strong woman!

We are winning the battle!

Kim, you will become a brick in the wall — a person to stand in the gap — and insure that the victories we are piling up continue. It is an important role. You now have the opportunity to shape the education of the children of this parish.

If every school board member across this country would take that responsibility and say that my goal, sitting in this position, is simply to insure that the children's lives are shaped in a productive manner, this country would not be in the position we are in today.

Yes, we are winning! The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals gave a loud rebuke, telling the federal government that it does not belong between people and their doctors when it comes to health care choices.

We in the Louisiana Department start with the Bible.

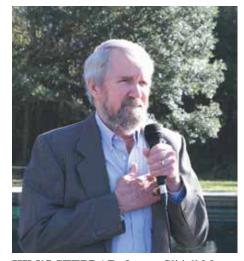
of Justice will continue to litigate this issues, no matter what it takes.

We will not back down. We will consistently stand up with you, Kim, and your peers. So, Kim, I come here today to commit to you that our office and our staff, including Solicitor General Liz Murrill, will stand with you and every other school board member in this state, when it comes to respecting parental choice — whether it's vaccines or divisive policies like CRT.

We want to insure that students understand that they do not leave their First Amendment right to practice their religion at the doorstep of the school. We will stand

So it is with great honor and pleasure that I ask you to come up and we can swear you in — in front of God and these beautiful people. We will begin as it is supposed to

Kim Powers Sworn In for School Board



KIM'S STEPDAD, former Slidell Mayor Alvin Singletary led the Pledge.



CLERK OF COURT Doug Welborn presented a photo of T. H. Montgomery.



SWEARING IN — Attorney General Jeff Landry came to the lake at Revolution Square in Central on Saturday, Nov. 20 to swear in new Central School Board member Kim Powers. Kim was joined by about 75 of her supporters plus Rep. Valarie Hodges, Clerk of Court Doug Welborn, her stepfather, former Slidell Mayor Alvin Singletary, her mom Judy, brother Shane, and daughters Ella and Sara.



DR. RON FRANCIS with Attorney General Jeff Landry and Kim Powers



CENTRAL PARENTS Jamie and David DeLaughter worked in Kim's campaign.





CENTRAL SCHOOL member Kim Powers in an emotional moment with her mom Judy and dad Alvin

SOME who worked in Kim's campaign: Amber Thomas, Stacy PASTOR TONY SPELL and Sister Shaye with Kim Powers and daughters Ella and Sara at Revolution Square



Kim Powers Speech at Swearing in Ceremony

Kimberly Powers

Member, Central Community School Board

Good morning, everyone! On behalf of my girls, Ella and Sara, I want to thank you so much for being here today and for your support in this campaign! I am especially grateful to my army of moms who worked so hard in this campaign and to Attorney General Jeff Landry for being the leading voice among our elected officials to stand strong for the Constitution — and for swearing me in today!

After walking our neighborhoods and meeting our citizens face to face, I realize better than ever that Central is a wonderful place to live, work, and go to school! I want to dedicate myself to making this community and our school system even better — for the parents and students of District 4 and for our entire city!

The past two years have presented great challenges — not only to our health but, more importantly, to our liberties. Our victory in the election Saturday is part of a larger picture. What we saw in Virginia and New Jersey, we saw here in Central — average Americans standing up against unconstitutional edicts, lockdowns, closures of churches and businesses, mask mandates, and vaccine mandates. It is all part of an attack on the United States Constitution, the Louisiana Constitu-

tion, and the rule of law itself. No! Neither the governor nor the President can make a law or assume the powers reserved to the individual citizens of our state. Nor can a governor usurp the authority of local school boards. In fact, the governor has no power at all over the Board of Elementary and Secondary Edu-cation or local school boards. If that matter is not settled everywhere for all time, at least it should be settled in Central. I hope my election in Central sends a strong message here to always remember that we are citizens, not subjects. Do not try to mask us or vaccine us against our will — and keep your hands off our children! They deserve the right to breathe free and function as normal human beings.

I trust there was also a message about taxation. Our most important issue in this campaign was that we do not consent to having our taxes raised without a vote of the people. How powerful is that issue? Very powerful indeed! That is what the American Revolution was in large part about. No taxation without our consent. Of course, the people in government must be reminded of that from time to time.

Last year, our little family learned a lot. Because of virtual school, we learned what is actually being taught in the classroom, and in some cases, I was sorely disappointed. As your school board member, I will stand

if I can help it, promote alternative life styles, rewriting American history, mocking our Christian heritage, or Critical Race Theory. I also favor teaching traditional mathematics that students can actually ematics that students can actually use and making sure that students can write in cursive. Paper and pen are critical parts of learning, and we should not go overboard on the use of computers.

The family and the church are \cdot or should be — the center ot our lives, and as the Louisiana Children's Code declares, parents should always play the central role in making decisions for their children.

At the invitation of Superintendent Jason Fountain, I will be visiting all five of our public schools in Central very soon. I look forward to meeting the administrators, teachers, and students!

So many supporters have contacted me to say they are counting on me to make big changes and have a dramatic impact on our school board and our schools. Of course, no one person can do all those things. But I will be offering proposals and reaching out to our other members of the school board — all of whom are good people so that we can work together to make much-needed improvements.

Meanwhile, there is one thing I can do right now. The school system has had some negative attention re-

for traditional values. We will not, cently on the issue of bullying. I do not have the information to say who is right and who is wrong in that case. However, I believe it is important for school board members to actively monitor issues like this and weigh in with policy changes at the appropriate time if justified. I want to invite every parent who runs into an issue of bullying to text me as they work their way through the process. Keep me abreast of your problem and how it is being addressed. Text me at 225-921-8784. While respecting the privacy of all, I will work with the Superintendent and the board to make sure every problem is addressed and resolved fairly.

What an honor it is to also have my friends Rep. Valarie Hodges and Clerk of Court Doug Welborn with us today. They are wonderful

I want to thank my pastor, Rev. Tony Spell and Sister Spell and the congregation of Life Tabernacle Church, for all their many kindnesses to me and our family and for hosting this event at Revolution Square today. They are a great blessing to this community, to our state, and to our family!

Watch Swearing in Ceremony of Kim Powers to Central School Board on Nov. 20, 2021 **Photos by Jolice Provost**



Big Crowd and Beautiful Weather







CENTRAL CHRISTMAS PARADE — These boys are ready for a Christmas treat (left). The Grinch as he gives out treats to excited kids (left/center). Greenwell Spring Youth Riders roy









LOVING TOUCH — This cute little girl caught the eye of Central High Homecoming Queen Ansley Dungan and received a princess crown (left and center left). Central Private











SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE — Folks of all ages were hoping for a Christmas surprise (left). C.J. Jenkins Law Firm float (left/central). Pretty as a picture in her Christmas











FAMILIES LOOK FORWARD TO PARADE EVERY YEAR —Brandi Quebedeaux and her niece Caroline (left). Cub Scout Pack 13 from Blackwater Methodist (left/central). Carmet











A DAY TO REMEMBER — Lots of happy families, many dressed in Christmas attire, came out to enjoy the beautiful weather and watch the Central Christmas parade put on by the City of the City of the Day 100 and 100 are considered in Christmas attire, came out to enjoy the beautiful weather and watch the Central Christmas parade put on by the City of the Day 100 are considered in Christmas attire, came out to enjoy the beautiful weather and watch the Central Christmas parade put on by the City of the Day 100 are considered in Christmas attire, came out to enjoy the beautiful weather and watch the Central Christmas parade put on by the City of the Day 100 are considered in Christmas attire, came out to enjoy the beautiful weather and watch the Central Christmas parade put on by the City of the Day 100 are considered in Christmas attire, came out to enjoy the beautiful weather and watch the Central Christmas parade put on by the City of the Day 100 are considered in Christmas attire, came out to enjoy the beautiful weather and watch the Central Christmas attire, came out to enjoy the beautiful weather and watch the Central Christmas attire, came out to enjoy the beautiful weather and watch the Central Christmas attired to the Central Christm

for 2021 Central Christmas Parade







valty posed for a picture before the parade (center). The U. S. Navy was in attendance and was well received by all (right/central). Jolly Ole St. Nicholas waving to parade attendees (right).









Redhawk entertaining the crowd (central). Handsome cowboy with the Greenwell Springs Youth Riders (right/center). Central Private youth cheerleaders handing out treats (right).









has outfit and bow (left/center). Boy tries out Robert Kusch's Harley motorcycle (left/center). Happy families (right/center). The Clerk of Court float handing out a special treats.









na 's Collision float (left/center). The U.S. Navy (center). Dance Fusion float (right/center). Families and friends come out early to watch the Christmas parade roll down Joor Road (right).













of Central Chamber of Commerce. After the parade, many local businesses came out for a shop local event and later that night to light the community Christmas tree at Hooper and Sullivan.

More Than 2,000 Lined Joor Road







THE CITY OF CENTRAL CHRISTMAS PARADE rolled down Joor Road last Saturday. Children were all smiles with the sun shining brightly for a picture-perfect day.







CENTRAL PRIVATE HOMECOMING QUEEN ZOIE LANDRY at left. Central High junior homecoming court maids Winsome Brass and Kenleigh Perrin at right.









SANTA HATS OF ALL KINDS (left). Central cheerleaders' float with Coach Amy Stevens spreading Christmas joy (left/center). Central High School Color Guard (left).









DANCE TEAMS HAPPY with the sunshine (left). Families were filled with Christmas cheer (left/right center). It's always great fun for the youth to ride a float (left).







Annual Central Christmas Parade



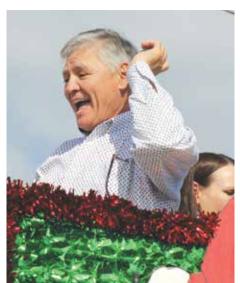




GRAND MARSHALS Lucky and Juanita Ross (left). Santa Claus made a grand appearance. (center). Keara Field Drum Major leads the band in the parade (right).







SEN. BODI WHITE and his granddaughter (left). Rep. Valarie Hodges with her family (center). Clerk of Court Doug Welborn (right).







RAVE PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY dancers (left) Central High School Kittens (center). A young man in his Christmas pajamas ready for a treat (right).









HAYLEY WALL, CHS cheerleader (left). School Board member Kim Powers and her girls Sara and Ella (center/left). Parade ready and all smiles (center/right and right).



Use QR Code to Watch Central Christmas Parade December 4, 2021

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Central High Rematch Against Denham





The sixth-ranked Central Wildcats take the field at Wildcat Stadium in Round 1 of the LHSAA 5A playoffs. Coin toss with team captains #18 Lucas Hill and #13 Jonathan Swift.





Central's center #62 Andrew Richard prepares to snap the ball to QB Jonathan Swift (left). Wildcat defensive lineman Lucas Hill in playoff game against Denham (right).





#26 Glen Cage with the carry for the Wildcats (left). Central's offense put up two touchdowns in the game. At right, Glen Cage surrounded by Yellow Jackets.







Earlier in the season the Central dominated the Denham the much anticipated match up just weeks later had a different outcome. At right, #15 Caleb Ward sees a friend after game.







#5 Jarien Veal scores for the Wildcats (left). Wildcat defense ushering in the fourth quarter (center). Wildcat fans on their feet cheering during the game against Denham Springs

in Round One of Louisiana 5A Playoffs





Wildcat's in prayer before the start of the game against Denham Springs (left). Central defensive back #1 JyJuan Davis attempts a tackle (right).





Central Wildcat's offensive line in action. #62 is Andrew Richard (left). Central quarterback #13 Jonaathan Swift carries up the middle for the Wildcats (right).





Central High School's Student Council honored at the playoff game against Denham Springs (left). Central's #87 Jackson Griffin with Coach Justin Hutchinson (right).









31 Justin Hillard on the sideline (left). #16 Elijah Bridgewater in pursuit of Denham's #5 Ray McKneely (left/center). #12 Tyler Heil on a punt return (right/center). Serving as honorary captains for the playoff game were Sen. Mack "Bodi" White and long-time Denham Springs coach Butch Wax, shown with his wife.



Central's #62 Andrew Richard and #13 Jonathan Swift.

Central vs Denham Playoff Game Nov. 12, 2021

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First Quarter



Second Quarter



Third Quarter



Fourth Quarter



House Health & Welfare Committee



Heath and Welfare Committee Chairman Larry Bagley



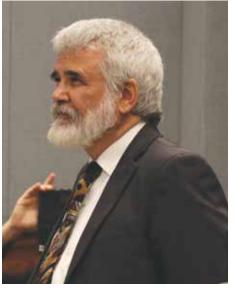
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. testified on the dangers of Covid-19 vaccines



Heath and Welfare Committee members listened attentively to the moms.



A mom showed the results of other supposedly "safe" vaccines from the past.



Dr. Robert Malone, MD Inventor of mRNA technology



Amber Thomas of LA GOP



Moms packed the House Health & Welfare Committee and two overflow rooms at the Capitol.



Christy Haik against mandatory vaccine

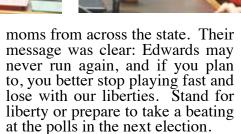


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The committee voted to veto Edwards' "mandate" 13-2, with one independent and three Democrats joining Republicans in opposition to the mandatory vaccination of Louisiana school children.

One Democratic legislator told of his own traumatic health crisis after taking the vaccine.

The committee's action can be overridden by the governor, but that had been expected all along. That was not really the point. The point was the powerful showing by



None of the legislators had any doubt of the determination of the moms. Supporters of the Governor's stand were few and far between, with the exception of the governor's handpicked State Health officer, Dr. Joseph Kanter, and his staff. The hearing drew some fa-



mous people to the State Capitol to support the moms. Attorney General Jeff Landry led the fight and explained the legal objection to what the governor wants to do.

Landry is fresh off a major victory in federal court, where he was successful in convincing the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals to issue a national ban on President Biden enforcing his OSHA rule. That rule seeks to require mass vaccination of employees at firms with 100 or more employees.

Speaking after Landry was Rob-

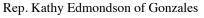


ert F. Kennedy, Jr., son of the late Attorney General and a leading opponent of forced vaccination. Backing him up was world famous Dr. Robert Malone, inventor of the mRNA technology and an opponent of forced vaccination.

Presiding over the meeting was Rep. Larry Bagley, who three months ago had a mom dragged from the meeting for being present without a mask. This time Bagley didn't bully or talk down to the moms as he did three months ago.

on Mandating Vaccine for Children







State Health Officer and Medical Director, Dr. Joseph Kanter



Jeff Landry, Louisiana's Attorney General



Moms were well-informed.



Many of the moms wore red. They packed the committee room and two overflow rooms.



One of the best witnesses



Witnesses were effective because they spoke from the heart.



Rep. Beryl Amedee and Rep. Blake Miguez



Former Sen. John Milkovich









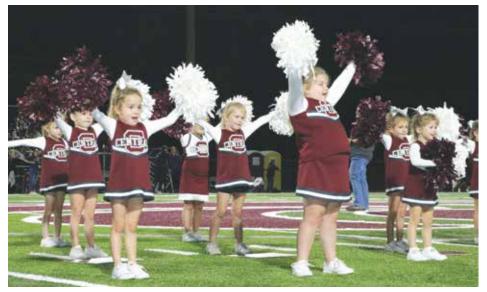
Scores of witnesses spoke against mandatory vaccines. One of the most effective was Tori Hymel (right), mom from Livingston Parish, who emphasized the government belongs to the people.

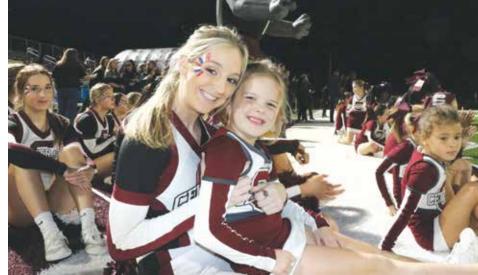
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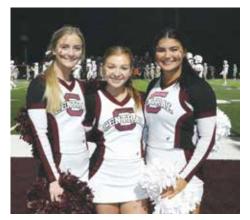
As Football Season Ends, Competitive Cheer Season Begins

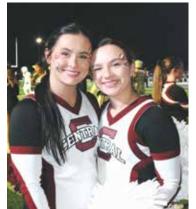
Central's Cheerleaders of All Ages



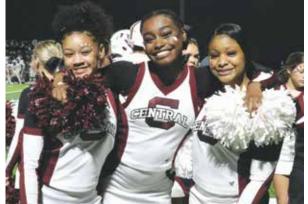


CENTRAL COMMUNITY ATHLETIC CHEERLEADERS perform at Wildcat Stadium. (left) Tristen Eaton holds Bristol Stevens on her lap to watch a performance (right) .

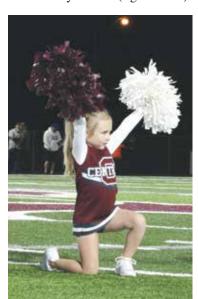








CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY CHEERLEADERS Makalya Smith, Kallie Watts and Kenleigh Perrin (left). Taylor Richard and Lexi Lambert (left/center). Hayley Wall and Makalya Smith (right/center). Kierra Taylor, Nia Jerro and Azia Jones (right). The Central High cheerleaders now begin the competition season!

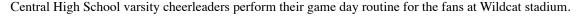






Central is home to cheerleaders of all ages, and they help each other get ready for competition season. There is a sisterhood among the girls, and each generation helps mold the next.







We love our cheerleaders!

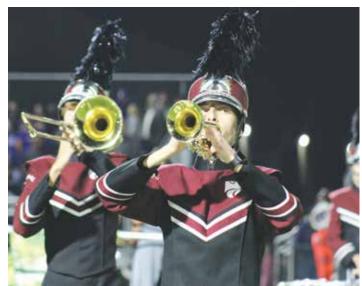
Honors and Performances During Half-Time





CENTRAL HIGH VOLLEYBALL TEAM honored after making it to Round 2 of the state playoffs this season. Central Color Guard during halftime performance..





WILDCAT SCOOP ALUMNI were honored at the game with their mentor and teacher Karen Bush (left). Central High band members during performance at halftime (right).







CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BAND earned a 2nd Place finish in Class II for auxiliary (guard and dance) and Overall Band for their "Beyond the Forest's Edge" in competition.







CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL KITTENS AND COLOR GUARD showed off their talent during the halftime show of the Central-Denham Springs game.







TERRI PETERSON, OWNER OF LEGWORKS BY TERRI DANCE STUDIO presented a hip hop routine at halftime. Terri is a Kitten alum of Central High School.

Central Schools Rank No. 3 in State In Unofficial Grades from State DOE

Top Five Districts in Louisiana Are Found In Baton Rouge Area

Woody Jenkins

Editor

CENTRAL — Once again, students in the Central Community School System have demonstrated that they are among the top students in Louisiana based on school performance scores. Statistics released this week show Central schools ranked No. 3 in the state.

School letter grades were not released this year because of CO-VID. The numbers that were released showed Central is an A school district, one of only four in the state. West Feliciana was first and Zachary second. It was the first time since the Zachary Community School District began that it did not rank No. 1 in the state.

Central schools Supt. Jason Fountain said, "I was very pleased with our scores when they came out! We've endured 20 months of challenges. In 2020-2021, there was no testing. Our goal has been to have as much face-to-face classroom instruction as possible. With everything going on, our teachers



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL: AN 'A' SCHOOL — The Central High School JROTC on review in the Central Christmas Parade. Central High is an 'A' ranked school.

did an amazing job of keeping the students focused."

Four of Central's five schools scored high enough to be A schools — Bellingrath Hills Elementary (pre-K and K), Tanglewood Elementary (1st and 2nd), Central Intermediate School (3rd, 4th, and 5th), and Central High School (10th-12th).

Across the state, COVID affected different age groups differently, Dr. Fountain said. In general, it seemed to be hardest on middle school students. That was true in Central where Central Middle

School (6th, 7th, and 8th) was the only school in the Central to score at the B school level.

A score of 90.0 or above would be an A, either for a school or a school system.

Central Intermediate School has brought its score up significantly over the past three years — from 71.3 in 2018 to 90.2 in 2021.

Central High School scored high enough to be a solid A school at 97.9.

In fact, Central High's outstanding scores were instrumental in giving the Central school sys-

tem an overall A rating. The high school's score includes graduation rates, assessment index, strength of diploma, and ACT index.

In fact, as a district, Central had the highest performing 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders in Louisiana.

Once again this year, the Zachary school district achieved a slightly higher score than the Central school district. Zachary had a score of 93.3, compared to Central's 91.9.

Fountain noted that out of the 69 school districts in the state, the top five school districts were all from the Capital area: 1-West Feliciana, 2-Zachary, 3-Central, 4-Ascension, and 5-Livingston.

"I'm really proud of our colleagues in the Capital area. We work closely together and they all did a great job!" Dr. Fountain said.



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