

Hot Races for Central Mayor, Police Chief

# Candidates in Nov. 8 Election

Chief Roger Corcoran, Chief James Salsbury In Rematch of Election From Four Years Ago

**Woody Jenkins**  
 Editor

**CENTRAL** - In the race for Central Police Chief, voters will face a rematch from 2018 between the controversial current police chief, Roger Corcoran, and the previous police chief, James Salsbury.

Corcoran received nationwide publicity and considerable criticism after arresting Pastor Tony Spell for holding worship services at Life Tabernacle during the pandemic. Corcoran is one of only two police officers in American history to have arrested a pastor for holding church.

Both Corcoran and Salsbury qualified Wednesday. Qualifying continues until 4:30 p.m. Friday.

In a statement, Corcoran said, "After taking office in January 2019, we have upgraded all antiquated equipment within the police department, including computers, software, a secured technology system, weapons for our officers, a secure reporting system for complaints, installation of an evidence tracking system and purchased the most up to date safety equipment for all of our officers. From day one, I have put my over three decades of law enforcement experience to work for you. We eliminated waste, improved our processes and made our officers, and city, safer.

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Central Mayor David Barrow (left) and Mayor Pro-Tem Wade Evans face off Nov. 8.



Mayor David Barrow, Pro-Tem Wade Evans Face Off for Top Job In Central Government

**Woody Jenkins**  
 Editor

**CENTRAL** - On the first day of qualifying Wednesday, July 20, politics in Central got a lot more interesting, especially in the Mayor's race, when incumbent Mayor David Barrow got the opponent he expected, Mayor Pro-Tem Wade Evans. Additional candidates can still qualify through Friday, July 22. The election is scheduled for Nov. 8.

City Hall was bustling with activity Wednesday morning as Clerk of Court Doug Welborn received qualifying papers from candidates for Central mayor, police chief, city council, and school board. Candidates and their supporters mingled freely in a positive atmosphere — before the battles begin.

Welborn welcomed candidates of all persuasions with a hearty smile and handshake.

In an interview Wednesday night, Mayor David Barrow said he is running to complete the work he has begun. He said, "Over the last three and a half years, we have made progress on many fronts. Roads, drainage, and other projects are now ready to become reality."

"This term has been devoted to planning. The next four years will be about putting those plans into reality. Roads and drainage are basic to our plans but there are many

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Chief Police Roger Corcoran (left) and former Chief James Salsbury on Nov. 8.



# Council, School Board Races Unfolding

Clerk of Court Holds Qualifying in Central; Continues Until Friday

**CENTRAL** - Qualifying for the Central City Council and Central Community School Board opened Wednesday, and most of the candidates who were expected to qualify did so. However, citizens have until 4:30 p.m. Friday to declare their candidacies, and some of the races could change dramatically.

One of the question marks is City Councilman Dave Freneau, who has not qualified to run for

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**QUALIFYING IN CENTRAL** — Clerk of Court Doug Welborn came to Central Wednesday morning to conduct qualifying for Central city and school board elections scheduled for Nov. 8. In this photo, candidates are qualifying with Brandon Abadie (bottom), chief elections officer, and Fred Sliman (not shown). Shown are Central City Councilman Tim Lazaro (left), who qualified for reelection from District 1, and Mayor Pro-Tem Wade Evans (right), who qualified to run for Mayor. Behind Evans is Clerk of Court Doug Welborn and behind Doug is Central City Councilman Briton Myer, who qualified for reelection from District 5. Behind Myer is Central School Board member Kim Powers, who was elected in a special election last October and is running for a full term this fall. At right is Central City News editor Woody Jenkins, who was photographing the event. Qualifying will continue through 4:30 p.m. this Friday, July 22 at the Clerk's office downtown and on Airline. For updates, go to [www.sos.la.gov](http://www.sos.la.gov).

# Barrow, Evans Debate Future of Central

## City of Central Has Tens of Millions in Surplus Funds to Use On Roads, Drainage

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other things too.”

“In a city, it’s important that people be happy. That’s why we do things like work with BRÉC to improve our parks and recreation.”

“When I go around Central, people tell me they are happy with how things are going in Central right now. They want a rural, bedroom community. They want



Photos by Woody Jenkins

**DR. KIM FRALICK** qualified Wednesday as a candidate for the City Council from District 4, which is served by Councilman Dave Freneau. Dr. Fralick is a local veterinarian. Councilman Freneau said he is not running for reelection but may seek another post.

natural growth. That’s why we’ve slowed things down a bit. By slowing down, we can afford to do the things people want done.”

“When I was elected, I promised I would be transparent. I use Facebook to inform people of what is going on, and they appreciate that. People like to be involved in what is happening but they have to be informed in order to do that.”

“People like Central the way it is. I’ve tried to listen and have natural growth. Growth comes with time. You have to slow it down to a manageable level. We have 30,000 people in Central. You can’t please everyone because not everyone thinks the same. But most people in Central are happy.”

“The first four years, we worked on a lot of projects. We’ve started on some and have a lot more planned.”

Looking at the people running for City Council, the Mayor said, “I think we will be fine.” As to the school board, he said, “It will be interesting because we will have some new faces.”

His opponent, Mayor Pro-Tem Wade Evans, has a very different take on where Central stands right now. He said,

“I’m tired of living in a city that doesn’t get things done. We have so much potential but we’re not fulfilling it.”

“As a city government, we need to be that shining city on a hill. We need to be an example for other cities in Louisiana and that begins with putting God first in everything we do. I’m a lot different person than I was four years ago, because of my commitment to Christ.”

“We are one of the highest taxed cities in our state — 10.45% — but we are not utilizing those funds to meet the basic needs of our community, which is roads and drainage.”

“Time and again, I have brought plans to the Mayor for us to be good stewards for the taxes we have collected, but I am rebuffed over and over again.”

“For example, I brought forward a proposal to have a company to do 20 acres of drainage for the city with a focus on roadside work. The Mayor rejected it.”

“I brought forward a proposal for us to utilize Thermoplastics, a modern way to permanently repair pot holes. We only needed to invest \$10,000 for a test of the technology. The Mayor rejected it.”

“As far as roads are concerned, Central doesn’t have a plan. We have a traffic plan but that is sitting on a shelf. The Mayor refuses to put together a road improvement plan. I will put together a plan. It starts with making an inventory of our roads, assessing their condition, understanding what they need, and then developing a plan. We have to get something going. Do we want four more years of getting nothing done?”

“I want us to do more than clean out ditches. Cleaning out ditches is essential but we need to go far beyond that. There are bigger things we can do for this community.”

“The bottom line is, we must put God first, and then make a plan to use our resources wisely for the benefit of our citizens.”

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# Candidates for Central School Board

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CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES (left to right) Jeffery LaCour and Joshua Schopp (District 1), Roxanne Atkinson (District 2) and David Walker (District 3)



Also qualifying for School Board at City Hall Wednesday were Kim Powers (District 4), Chris D. de Pierne (District 5), Michael Hooper (District 6) and Jeannie Spell (District 7).

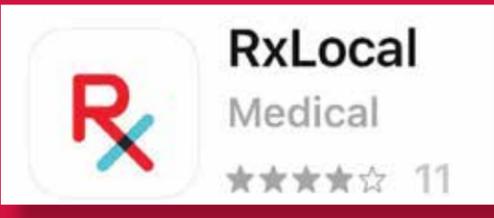
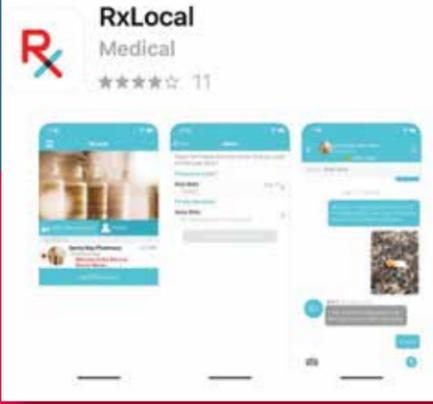
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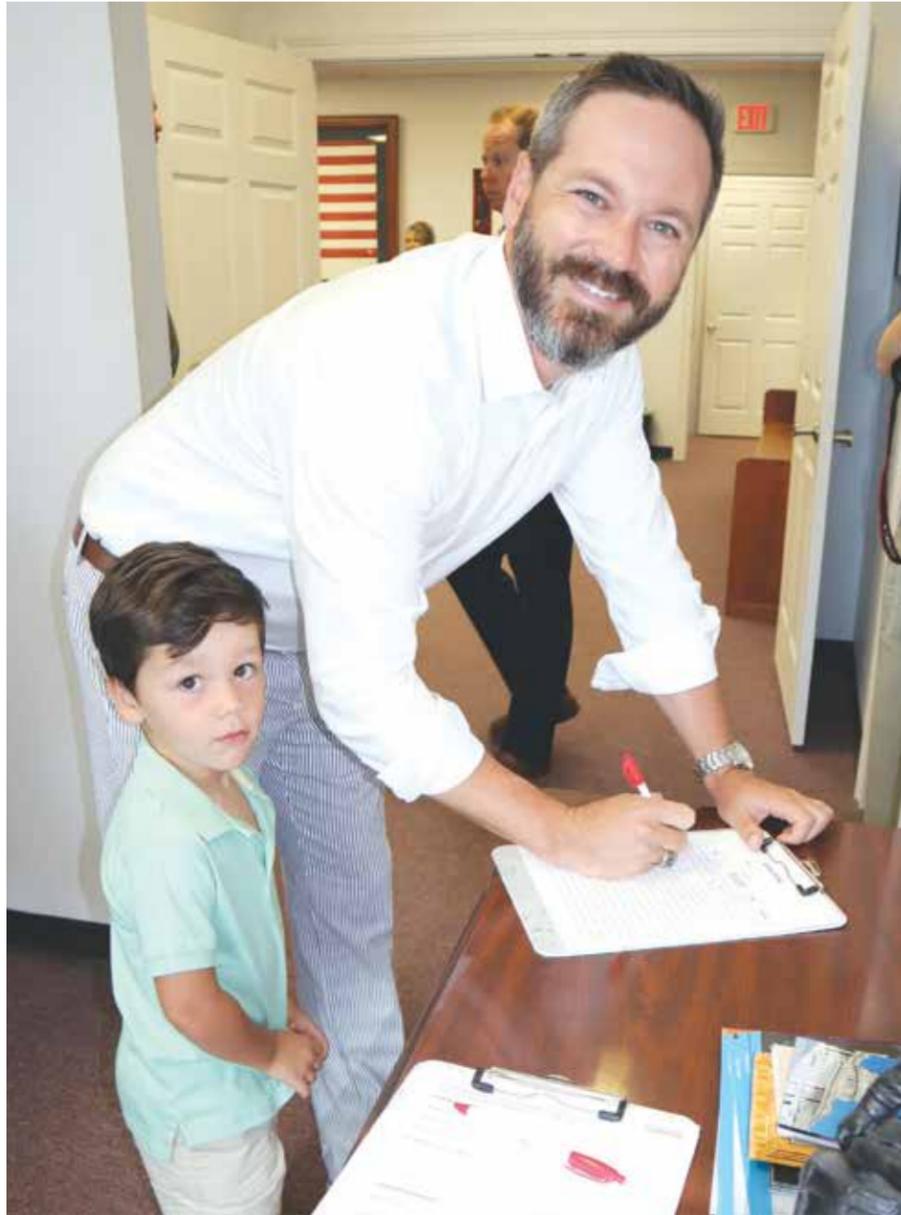


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Donnie Fuslier, Council-at-Large



Aaron McKinney, Council-at-Large, and helper



Tim Lazaroe, Council District 1



Dr. Kim Fralick, Council District 3



D'Ann Wells, Council District 4



Perry Whitney, Council District 3

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reelection, nor has he declared his intentions. Earlier, he discussed a race for Mayor and more recently a possible run for Council-at-Large. He did tell the *Central City News* he will not run for reelection to his district seat on the City Council. He also said he will support the candidacy of Dr. Kim Fralick for his district seat.

Another question mark until Thursday morning was City Councilman Josh Roy who currently represents District 2 on the Council. As of Wednesday, he had not qualified for reelection to his district seat. Rumors were that he might seek the At-Large Council seat being vacated by Mayor Pro-Tem Wade Evans, who is running for Mayor. Then Thursday morning he did just that!

Meanwhile, J.D. Lavergne III

has qualified for the District 2 seat currently held by Roy.

Much like a game of musical chairs, every position that Freneau could run for — Mayor, Council-at-Large, and his district Council seat — has a candidate whom he apparently supports.

So there is increasing speculation that Freneau may not run for anything this year.

As for the Central Community School Board, candidates have qualified for all seven seats.

Three incumbents have qualified to run for reelection:

District 2 — Roxanne Atkinson, a veteran school board member

District 3 — Dr. David Walker, another veteran board member

District 4 — Kim Powers, who was elected only last October to

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# Corcoran vs. Salsbury for Central Chief of Police

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Former Chief James Salsbury sees the current Police Department in Central in a very different light.

Chief Salsbury said, “We need to get our police department back on track.” He said Corcoran has tremendously increased the cost of the police department while actually providing less service. “The department’s budget has skyrocketed, but citizens are not getting their money’s worth.”

“You notice a large number of police units setting at the police station day and night. There are a couple of reasons for that.

“First, the chief has a high turnover rate. So he can’t keep good people. Second, he is not patrolling neighborhoods. Third, he is attempting to take over the role of the Sheriff’s office in investigating crimes. Fourth, he is not handling traffic properly. Fifth, he is not

providing assistance during carpool time at our schools.”

“The current chief has dramatically changed the type of service the department is providing and not for the better.”

“How will we make things better? First, we will treat people better and retain good officers.

“Second, we will patrol the neighborhoods. People want to see our units in their areas. A police presence in the neighborhood is the best deterrent to crime.”

“Third, in regard to crime, our job is to get to the scene, hopefully while the crime is in progress. But the Sheriff’s office is the proper agency to investigate the crime. A small department like Central simply doesn’t have the manpower and the expertise to investigate serious crime. The Sheriff’s investigative unit will take over investigations once again.”

“Fourth, we will bring back our Traffic Division and properly patrol our roads and highways.”

“Fifth, we will resume our service to Central schools. We will once again show up at carpool time to expedite the flow of traffic. The carpool should take 20 minutes, not an hour or two. We did it before, and we will again.”

“As your police chief, I had a 10-year plan to build up our police department properly. We were in Year 4 of that plan when the new chief took over. We will get back on that 10-year track.”

“Remember this: A police department must grow at the same rate as the city, not faster and not slower. If it grows too fast, the city can’t afford it. If it grows too slow, essential services will be neglected and crime will skyrocket.”

“Don’t worry. As your chief, I will get us back on track!”

# Potential Candidates Have Until Friday

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fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of long-time school board member Will Easley. Powers received 63 percent of the vote in her victory last fall.

Three School Board members have announced they will not run for reelection:

- District 1 — Dr. Keith Holmes
- District 6 — Ruby Foil
- District 7 — Sharon Browning

That leaves one School Board member unaccounted for — Dr. Jim Gardner, who represents District 5, the vast northern part of Central.

Dr. Gardner has stated several times that he intends to qualify and seek reelection. However, he did not qualify Wednesday.

The difficulty of finding good candidates to run for public office seems to be a growing problem.

It is costly to run for public office and even more costly if you are elected, especially if you have a job or own a business.

Health concerns, family obligations, and public scrutiny all deter candidates from seeking public office.

Running for the City Council or the School Board is a very time-consuming affair and things will only get worse if one is elected.

One of the interesting candidates running for the Central Com-

munity School Board in this election is Joshua Schopp, who is only 20 years old. A graduate of Central High School, he is a student in political science at LSU.

Schopp is running for the seat currently held by Dr. Keith Holmes in District 1. So far, he has one op-



**WHO IS THAT AND WHAT IS SHE RUNNING FOR?** Jennifer Boyd created quite a stir Wednesday when she came by Central City Hall to qualify to run for the City Council — not the Central City Council but the Zachary City Council. Qualifying was for any office in East Baton Rouge Parish, and Jennifer took advantage of it!

ponent, Jeffery LaCour.

LaCour is the only Democrat who has qualified to run from Central in this election.

Running to replace Ruby Foil in District 6 is Michael Hooper, the President/CEO of LaCapital Federal Credit Union. He is so far unopposed.

Nick Carmena qualified to run for School Board District 4 by sending an agent. He did not attend qualifying at City Hall and was not available for photos.

Another new candidate is Jeanie Spell, who is running in School Board District 7. She was CFO of a medical management company for 16 years and a realtor with Caldwell Banker and Remax for 10 years.

Qualifying for candidates normally occurs at the Clerk of Court’s office downtown and at the office on Airline Highway.

However, when Central holds local elections, Doug Welborn and his team come out to Central City Hall for one morning during the three day qualifying period. While this is especially designed for local candidates in the northern part of the parish, any candidate can come.

Qualifying for all candidates who want to run in East Baton Rouge Parish will continue until 4:30 p.m. Friday at the Clerk of Court’s office downtown and on Airline Highway.

## Candidates

**Tuesday, November 8, 2022**  
 Qualified Candidates as of  
**Wednesday, July 20, 2022**  
 Qualifying Ends July 22, 2022

### City of Central Mayor

- David Barrow (inc) R
- Wade Evans R

### Central Police Chief

- Roger Corcoran (inc) R
- James Salsbury R

### City Council at Large Vote for Two

- Donnie Fuslier I
- Aaron K. McKinney (inc) R
- Josh Roy R

### City Council District 1

- Tim Lazaro (inc) R

### City Council District 2

- J. D. Lavergne III R

### City Council District 3

- Dr. Kim Fralick I
- Perry Whitney R

### City Council District 4

- Despo “D’Ann” Wells (inc.) R

### City Council District 5

- Briton Myer (inc) R

### CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOAR

#### School Board District 1

- Jeffery LaCour D
- Joshua Schopp R

#### School Board District 2

- Roxanne Atkinson (inc.) R

#### School Board District 3

- Dr. David Walker (inc.) R

#### School Board District 4

- Nick Carmena R
- Kimberly Powers (inc.) R

#### School Board District 5

- Chris D. dePierne N

#### School Board District 6

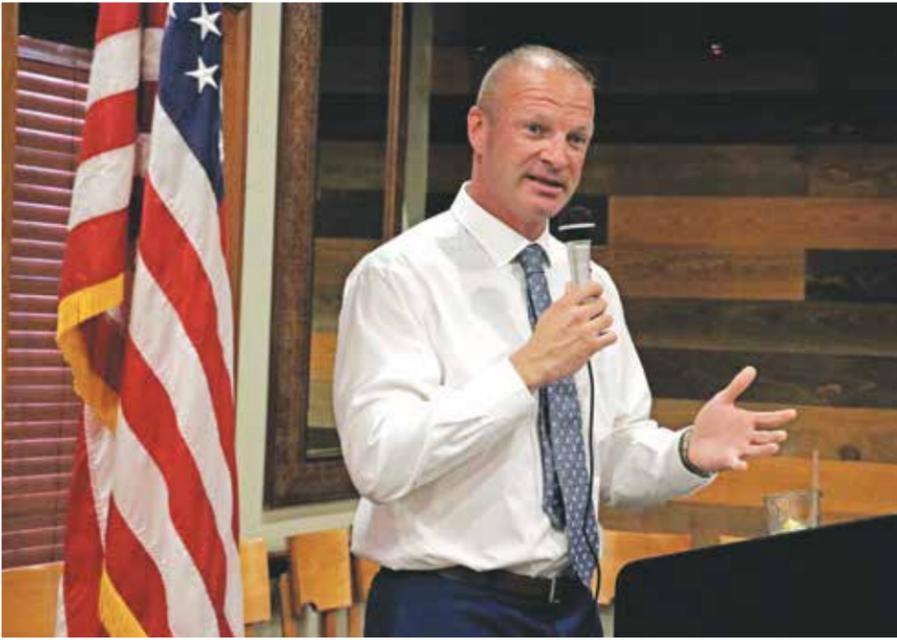
- Michael Hooper R

#### School Board District 7

- Jeannie Spell R

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 QUALIFYING IS OPEN UNTIL  
 4:30 PM ON FRIDAY, JULY 22.**

# Hollis Day to Seek House Dist. 66 Seat



**CANDIDATE FOR STATE HOUSE** — Radio commentator Hollis Day (left) has announced that he will run for the Louisiana House of Representatives from House District 66 next year. Small business owners in Baton Rouge gathered to listen to Hollis Day at the Chamber of Commerce of East Baton Rouge Parish at Café Américain in Baton Rouge.

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# Central Football Is Back and Different

### With a New District, Wildcats Must Play At a Higher Level Than Ever Before

**Woody Jenkins**  
Editor

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** For the 6th straight year, Central High Wildcat Football will be broadcast live by the Central City News. We encourage you to go to the game and support the Wildcats. But if you can't go, watch the game live at Central City News on Facebook. If you attend the game, watch our video later that night or over the weekend.

**CENTRAL** — For Central High School's legendary Coach Sid Edwards, it's all about the kids. In that sense, nothing will change that's really important for the 2022 Central Wildcat football program. It will still be about character and learning to be a good man, a good husband, a good father, and a productive member of the community.

But for outsiders, this must seem like one of the most challenging years in Central High football history. Central has a new district, filled with powerful rivals, mostly old rivals who have stepped up their programs more than a notch or two.

The new district is:  
Catholic High  
Central High  
Liberty High  
Woodlawn High  
Scotlandville  
Zachary High

Last year those teams produced two state championships at the highest level in Louisiana high school football and a state runnerup. Every team in the league has a top level football program or a strong vision to have one.

Meanwhile, Liberty has one of the top running backs in the country and Woodlawn has one of the top quarterbacks in the country.

On the other hand, Coach Sid Edwards, the Wildcats' long-time head coach, said it's been one of the best summers in the history of Central High football.

"These kids are very coachable, super compliant, and of good character. They are a young team and fun to watch."

Perhaps most important, no one has bothered to tell them they will have one of the toughest schedules in the state.

Gone from the district are long-time rivals in Livingston and Ascension parishes — Live Oak, Denham Springs, Walker, Dutchtown, St. Amant, and East Ascension. They now have their own district.

Gone from the Central High schedule is Denham Springs. They will not play this year, ending a 71-year rivalry, one of the longest in the state.

Perhaps the most important addition to Central's new league is Catholic High, which is becoming a perennial state champion in football and other sports.

However, if other teams across the state live in fear of Catholic, Coach Sid is not one of them.

Catholic High and Central had a long standing rivalry un-



**LOUISIANA SPORTS LEGEND** — Several years ago, Central head football Sid Edwards was honored as a Louisiana Sports Legend. The award was presented by Earl Heard.

til they stopped playing 10 years ago. Before that, Central under Coach Sid won the last five games the two teams have played.

One of the hot topics in Central High football right now is the competition for who will be the Wildcats' starting quarterback. When asked, Coach Sid just smiled and said, "It's a good problem to have."

2022 Central High Schedule		
Sept. 2	Tara	H
Sept. 9	West Feliciana	A
Sept. 16	Slidell	A
Sept. 23	East Jefferson	A
Sept. 30	Capital*	H
Oct. 7	Scotlandville*	H
Oct. 14	Catholic*	A
Oct. 21	Zachary*	H
Oct. 28	Woodlawn*	A
Nov. 4	Liberty Magnet*	H
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This is the second year in a row

for BriAnna to earn this title.

Also, she won 2nd in the 2022 Horsemanship class at the state level.

BriAnna is 12 years old and attends Central Middle School. She is a member of 4-H, Livingston Horse Show Association and the Greenwell Springs Youth Riders where she is also the Little Miss Greenwell Springs Youth Rider Queen for 2022.

She has won several titles show-

ing her horse at Livingston Horse Show Association shows, which include 2019 Peanut Champion, and in 2020 and 2021, the Reserve Pee Wee Champion. She has won several buckles and two saddles as well as other prizes.

Her horse, Lucky Twisted, also known by her barn name, Rosie, is a 7-year-old palomino quarter Horse mare that was born and raised and trained at the family place in Central.

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# Judge Hunter Greene Discusses Candidacy for First Circuit Court of Appeal



JUDGE HUNTER GREENE spoke to Republican leaders at the monthly Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon on his campaign for the 1st Circuit Court of Appeal Nov. 8.



JUDGE HUNTER GREENE with Hank Henegan and answering questions from Coleman Brown (left). At right, Baton Rouge area Republican leaders and guests.

**Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon**  
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# Candidates Qualify for Mayor, Chief,



City Councilwoman D'Ann Wells with Clerk of Court Doug Welborn



School Board member Dr. David Walker with wife Jill and School Board member Roxanne Atkinson



Clerk of Court Doug Welborn joking with Central Mayor David Barrow



Michael Hooper qualifying to run to replace Ruby Foil on school board



Clerk of Court Doug Welborn with Central City Councilman Tim Lazaro



Police Chief Roger Corcoran and wife Windy with Clerk of Court Doug Welborn



Jeffery LaCour qualifying for School Board



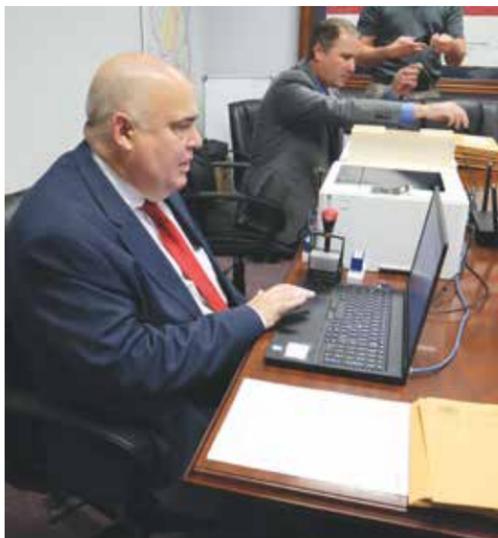
Clerk of Court Doug Welborn with Christopher D. de Pierne



Elections chief Brandon Abadie with School Board candidate Jeannie Spell



Former Police Chief James Salsbury is seeking his old job.



Fred Sliman of Clerk of Court's office



Police Chief James Salsbury qualifies with Brandon Abadie of Clerk's



School Board candidate Jeannie Spell with Doug Welborn.

**Central Has Had Three Mayors: Mac Watts (2005-2014),**

# Council, School Board in Nov. Election



Central School Board member Kim Powers with daughters Ella and Sara and Doug Welborn



Mayor Pro-Tem Wade Evans qualifying to run of Mayor of Central



School Board member Dr. David Walker



Central Mayor David Barrow



Central City News editor Woody Jenkins with Joshua Schopp, candidate for School Board



Doug Welborn and Dr. Kim Fralick



Briton and Chelsea Myer



Wade Evans points out something on the map of Central.



Councilman-at-Large Aaron McKinney with his family



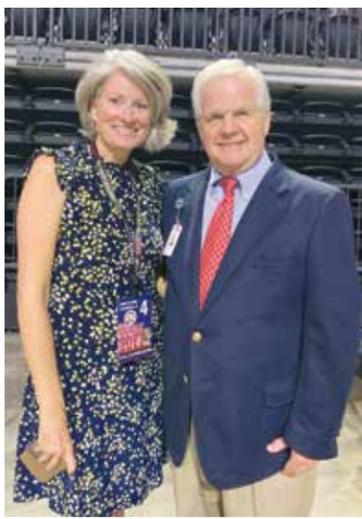
Carolyn Winstead (right) was sent as an agent to qualify for Nick Carmena.

**Jr. Shelton (2014-2019), and David Barrow (2019-)**

# La. Republican State Convention 2022 Lays Groundwork for Victory in 2023



**CAJUN COUNTRY** —The Cajun Dome in Lafayette was the venue for the Republican State Convention. Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry campaigned for governor.



**REPUBLICAN CONVENTION** — Sen. Beth Mizell and Diane Jenkins (left). Jill Hines of Louisiana Health Freedom and Woody Jenkins (left/center). AG Jeff Landry talks politics (right/center). Louisiana's Solicitor General Liz Murill, candidate for Attorney General, with Woody Jenkins, editor, Central City News.

## Central City News Coverage of GOP Convention Video by Woody Jenkins, Editor, Central City News

John Shroder  
Mike Francis  
Tony Perkins  
Clay Higgins



Garret Graves  
Jeff Landry



Jill Hines  
Woody Jenkins



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# GOP Rocked Cajun Dome in Lafayette, A Republican City in Cajun Country



Lafayette is the largest city in Louisiana with a Republican mayor.



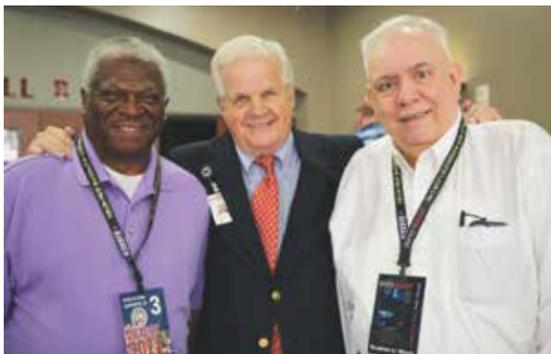
Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry received a rousing ovation from delegates.



Rep. Danny McCormick, Rep. Larry Frieman, and retired District Judge Roy Brun



State Republican Chairman Louis Gurvich interviewed by Tyler Bridges of The Advocate. Radio commentator Hollis Day, Rep. Kathy Edmonston, Dr. Kathy Willis, and Jill Hines of Louisiana Health Freedom. Rep. Blake Miguez, Charlie Buckles, and Will Mills. Carol Thomas of Tiger Bucks, Woody Jenkins, and Jill Dyason of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board.



COL. GEORGE FRANCIS, Deputy Republican chairman for East Baton Rouge Parish, parish Republican chairman Woody Jenkins, and Michael Chittom, Republican member of the East Baton Rouge Parish Board of Election Supervisors. Rep. Blake Miguez, District 49 with Will Mills, (left/center). Woody Jenkins reporting for the Central City News (right/center). Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry (right). All were in attendance at the Louisiana Republican State Convention in Lafayette.

Photos and Videos by Woody Jenkins for the Central City News

# Louisiana Press Association Competition

# Central City News Named Newspaper of Year, Honored for Best News Coverage, Editorials

**BATON ROUGE** — For the second straight year, the *Central City News* has been named Newspaper of the Year by the Louisiana Press Association.

The *Central City News* brought home eight 1st place and many 2nd and 3rd place awards in competition with community newspapers across Louisiana in the annual Better Newspaper Contest. The contest includes categories for news, commentary, photography, and advertising.

Each year, the LPA pairs with another state's press association. Editors from the other state judge Louisiana's newspapers, and Louisiana editors judge the other state's newspapers. The LPA pairs with a different state every year.

*Central City News* editor Woody Jenkins said, "It is very interesting for us to watch what happens in LPA Better Newspaper Competition every year. It can be expected that newspaper editors in Maine would judge us far differently from editors in Georgia or Colorado. We are very grateful to do well every year, no matter who is doing the judging. This is especially true since our editorial policy is conservative, and we know most of the judges will be liberal. In a sense, our success in this competition is a reflection of the wonderful community we serve."

Here are the honors received by the *Central City News* in the Better Newspaper Competition:

**OVERALL Newspaper of the Year Central City News**

Newspaper of the Year honors are awarded to the



**BEST NEWS PHOTO - 1st Place - Trump Supporter at Rally** by Jolice Provost of *Central City News*. Judge Comment: "You couldn't have shot a better image for this story. This perfectly speaks not only to the event itself but to the fervor of the Trump supporters who attended. Well done!"

newspaper which has earned the highest combined vote totals from all categories of the competition including news, feature writing, commentary, sports, photography, advertising, and layout and design.

### NEWS COVERAGE Breaking News Story

**1st Place - Central School Board Refuses to Protect Teachers, Staff from Vaccination Mandate** by Woody

Jenkins — When parents asked the Central School Board to enact rules prohibiting the termination of teachers and other school personnel for refusing to take the Covid vaccine, the school board refused.

**2nd Place - Central Parents Come Out in Record Numbers to Ask School Board to End Mandatory Masks** by Woody Jenkins — Central parents led by Kim Powers asked the

school board to end the mask mandate for students. Even though students were shown not to be at risk and masks were not shown to be effective, the school board refused to lift the mask mandate.

**3rd Place - Attorney General Halts Forced Vaccination** by Woody Jenkins — Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry intervened in a federal lawsuit and stopped the vaccine mandate nationwide.

### Best News Story

**1st Place - Where in the World Is Jr. Shelton?** by Woody Jenkins — After completing four years of service as Mayor of Central, Jr. Shelton disappeared from public view in Central. What members of the Central community didn't know but learned in this article was the former mayor was hard at work saving another community — the Town of Sterlington in North Loui-

siana. The Legislative Auditor appointed Shelton to turn around the town which was \$20 million in debt.

Judge's Comment: "This is a great news story. It does an excellent job of laying out step-by-step events in this little town as it moved from near bankruptcy to solvency."

**2nd Place - New School Board Member Pushes for Change** by Woody Jenkins. This is story of Kim Powers, a parent who fought to end mask and vaccine mandates before being elected to fill a vacant seat on the Central School Board. Judge's Comment: "A straight-forward, well-written news story about an event that was timely, important and proximate. Explains why the election was important and the work the candidate will undertake now."

### Best Feature Story

**3rd Place - Gene Lato Is Celebrating 60 Years at Sterlington** See CENTRAL on Page 15



**CENTRAL CITY NEWS** staffers Jolice Provost, Woody Jenkins, and Kim Powers with Louisiana Press Association president Sam Hanna, Jr. at the 2022 LPA awards luncheon at the City Club.

## 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place • BEST BREAKING NEWS STORY • by Woody Jenkins, Editor



**1st Place Breaking News Story "Central School Board Refuses to Protect Teachers, Staff from Vaccination Mandate"**



**2nd Place Best Breaking News Story "Central Parents Come Out in Record Numbers to Ask School Board to End Mandatory Masks"**



**2nd Place Best Breaking News Story "AG Halts Forced Vaccination"**

# Central City News' Jolice Provost Wins Best News Photo, Sports Photo in State



**BEST SPORTS PHOTO - 2nd Place in State** - Central High student section photo by Jolice Provost. The student section is always one of the most exciting places to watch Central High football. Win or lose, the students are always excited!



**BEST SPORTS PHOTO - 1st Place in State** - CCN swept the Best Sports Photo category. This photo by Jolice Provost from the Denham Springs game took first place. Jolice also brought home the 2nd and 3rd place sports photo awards.



**BEST SPORTS PHOTO - 3rd Place in State** Central's #5 Jarien Veal in the game against South Lafourche. Photo by Jolice Provost



**BEST FEATURE PHOTO - 2nd Place in State** - Central High School Class of 2021. Photo by Jolice Provost of Central City News.

Continued from Page 14

Central Barber Shop on Hooper Road by Woody Jenkins. Judge's Comment: "Folksy tone is perfect for this story about a long-time community barber. Good use of community history and storytelling technique."

### OPINION Best Editorial

**1st Place - BESE Leadership Must Be Replaced** by Woody Jenkins. When 300 Louisiana citizens appeared at the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to testify against mandatory masking of school children, the board refused to hear testimony and shut down the meeting entirely. This editorial explains the injustice done and the need for new leadership.

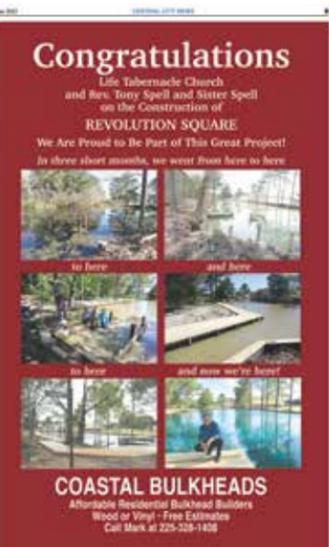
**2nd Place - The Emperor Has No Clothes, and We're Living in His World** by Woody Jenkins. This piece describes the imaginary world we lived in during the pandemic shutdown and the fact that there was no legal basis for the actions the governor took.

**3rd Place - Time to Ditch the Masks in Central Schools** by Woody Jenkins. An argument that the Central School Board should lift See CENTRAL on Page 16

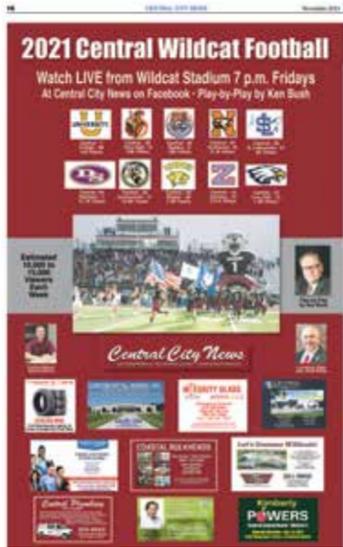
# 1st Place: Best News Video for Coverage of Veto Session



**BEST NEWS VIDEO - 1st Place in State** - The hard work of Kim Powers resulted in her winning the coveted Best News Video for her coverage of the Legislature's veto session.



**Coastal Bulkhead 1st Place Staff Generated Ad By Woody Jenkins**



**2nd Place Multiple Advertiser Page by Jolice Provost**



**BEST NEWS PHOTO - 3rd Place in State, Heart Broken** by CCN staffer Kim Powers.

## 3rd Place • BEST FRONT PAGE Central City News Staff



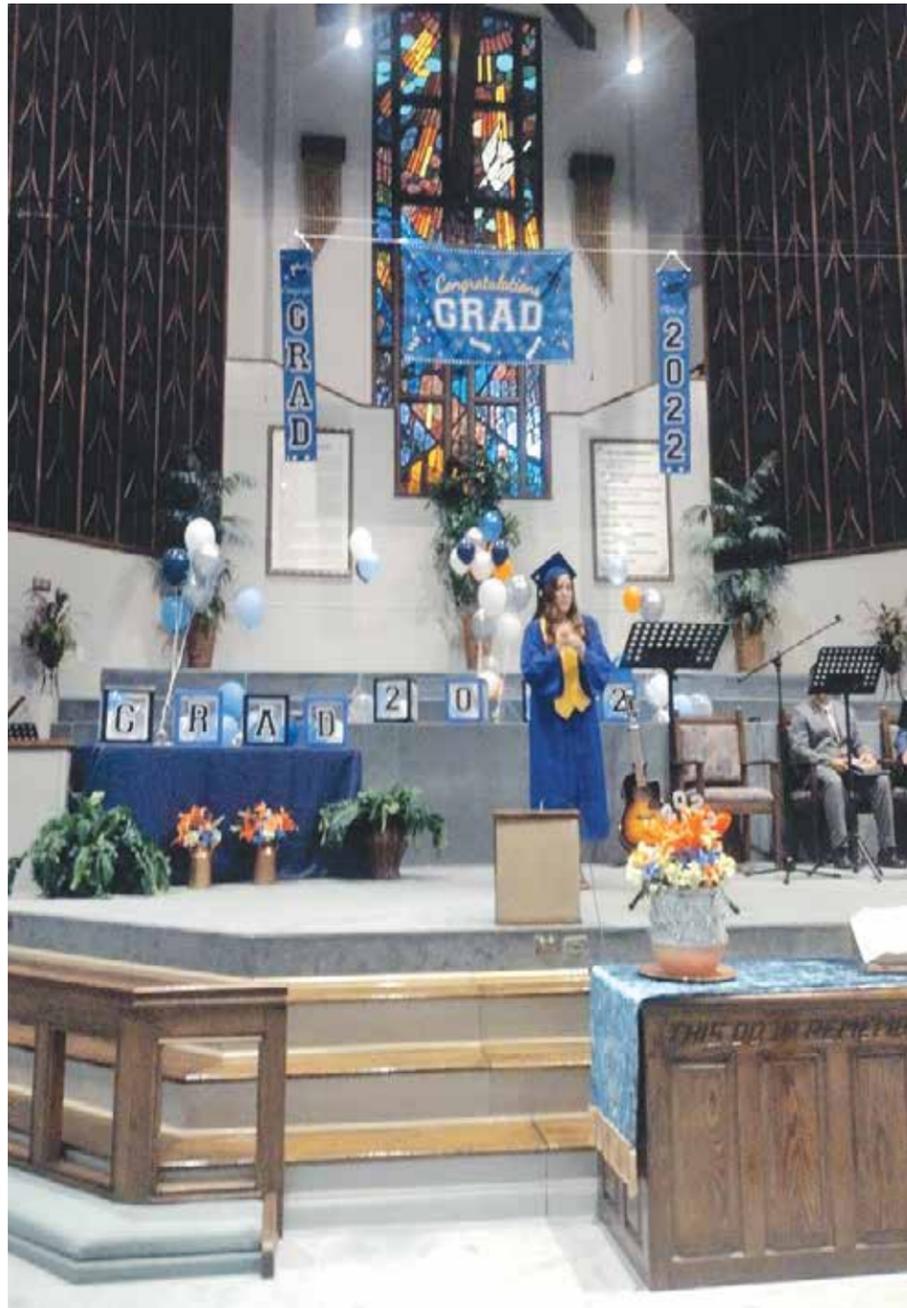
**3rd Place • Best Front Page Designed by Woody Jenkins and Jolice Provost**



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**BATON ROUGE** — Lanier Baptist Church Academy is now registering for the 2022-2023 School Year with openings for K4-12th grade.

LBC Christian Academy uses the ACE Ministry curriculum, a Bible-based K-12 curriculum, consisting of reading programs, core subjects, electives, and student programs. School literature says, "Your child will be trained with a character-building academic curriculum like no other."

Each student entering the A.C.E. program is given a diagnostic test to determine skill and concept mastery. Specialized curriculum, known as PACES, will be ordered and ready at the start of the school year.

Registration Information and Tuition Fee Schedules are shown on the school's website, [www.lanierbc.com/lbc-Christian-academy](http://www.lanierbc.com/lbc-Christian-academy).

There is an early bird discount and a 5 percent discount on tuition for those who have paid in full by August 1, 2022. When a parent has more than one child, tuition is discounted 5 percent for each additional child enrolled.

Each student learns essential academics and explores truths about God and His world without being pressured to keep up with a group. As the students move upward, level after level, and into new concepts, they are far better prepared to learn because they have mastered the skill on the previous level.

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# Sandy Creek Baptist Church Youth



**SANDY CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH** took a record number of young people to Teen Extreme youth camp in Pensacola, Florida, this summer. A spokesman for the church said that although these youth come from many different backgrounds, they find unity in Christ. During their time at camp 17 individuals asked Jesus to be their personal Lord and savior. They will be going again next summer. Anyone interested in going or helping out should contact Sandy Creek Baptist Church.



**A TESTIMONY FROM TEEN EXTREME YOUTH CAMP** — One camper said, “The week has been filled with amazing messages from Pastor Ray McCormick but the best way that I can sum up the things that stuck with me the most is this: “God will never fail you. God will never leave you. God will never forsake you. God will never lie to you. God will never betray you. God will never abandon you.”



**ANOTHER TESTIMONY** — A camper said, “I am so incredibly grateful for Sandy Creek Youth Group. These people are the most loving, God fearing, genuine individuals you will ever meet. I was able to bring my younger sister and her friend to camp this year, knowing that this group of people would lead them to what God had for their hearts. I have been praying long and hard that they would seek God and really let the Word of God speak to their minds. At camp, they both decided to accept Jesus into their hearts! There is power in prayer. You cannot bring the toys of this world with you, but you can bring the people you lead to Christ with you!”

## A Very Brief History of Sandy Creek Baptist Church



### History 1839 Mount Moriah Baptist Church

Records in Louisiana Baptist and Southern Baptist Archives indicate Mount Moriah Baptist Church was constituted on October 21, 1839. Prior to the Civil War, the church was moved to another location at which time the name was changed to Sandy Creek Baptist Church. The property on which the church is located was provided through land donated on June 2, 1873 by Mrs. Mary Anne Cain.

### Early 1800 Settlement The Beginning of Sandy Creek Baptist Church

A review of available resources reveals conflicting stories on the beginning of the community of Pride. However, in and around 1800, the families of Norwood, Chaney, Craig, Dreher, Forbes, and Kirby began settling in the areas of Pride, Milldale, and Deerford along Sandy Creek, and the Comite and Amite rivers.

A majority of the families residing in the area where Sandy Creek

and the Amite River merged were of the Methodist faith, leading to the establishment of the church that eventually became known as Sandy Creek Baptist Church.

#### 2011

##### Opening Of New Facility

On October 16, we celebrated the Grand Opening of our new facility, fully expecting that the presence of God will continue to go before us.

#### 2013 - 2014

##### Starting “The Causes” Program

After several years of looking for property, our church founders made a unanimous decision to enlarge the place of our dwelling and expand our building into a better worship place for the whole community.

#### 2020

Sandy Creek built a spacious spacious sanctuary. This expansion was necessary to match the organic growth that had been taking place over the last few years. We

are encouraged by the diversity of our worship services and the unity found within all generations being represented. To God be the Glory!

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sandycreekinfo@gmail.com  
Pastor: Dr. Tim Norris  
Youth Minister:

James Daniel Schopp  
Worship Services are Sunday at 10:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. with small sdsdgroup Bible studies for all ages at 9:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. Midweek service at 6:30 p.m. Youth meet Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and also have many other events throughout the year! If you have questions about the youth, reach out to James Daniel at 225-747-0574

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# A MESSAGE FROM DR. JOHN ROSHTO



Since purchasing Central Oaks Dental Care from Dr. David Prudhome in 2018, we have been overwhelmed with the wonderful reception you have given us! As a proud native of Central and graduate of Central Private, it is great to be home. Now please join me in welcoming the newest member of our team, Pride-native Dr. Landon Broussard. You will love him!



## MEET OUR NEW DENTIST DR. LANDON BROUSSARD

Hello, Central Community! My name is Landon Broussard, and I am a new General Dentist coming to Central Oaks Dental Care in May. I was born and raised in Pride, Louisiana; though, I often feel as if I grew up in Central. Having attended St. Alphonsus, playing in the CAYL baseball league, and being active in many other community activities, the Central Community holds a special place in my heart. I attended Catholic High School in Baton Rouge following St. Alphonsus. I then achieved my Bachelor of Science with a Minor in Business Administration from Louisiana State University. I will be receiving my Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from LSU Dental School in New Orleans in May.

Moving back home and closer to family and friends is very exciting for me and my wife, Alyce, who is a Registered Nurse from Baton Rouge. We were married in December of 2020 and have a precious chocolate lab named Briar.

I am truly excited and driven to provide exceptional, compassionate, and gentle care for our patients. I strive to treat each patient like family and to ensure that their visit is as comfortable and pleasant as possible. I am looking forward to making even more connections with our great community, and I look forward to our future in Central!



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