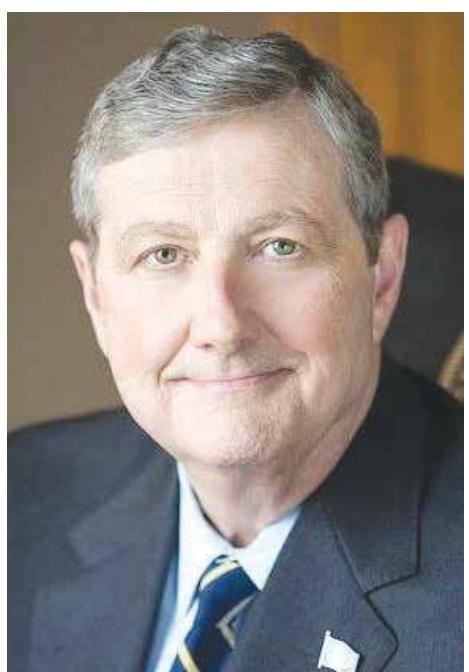


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GOP Endorses Candidates



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United States Congress - Garret Graves



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Central School Bd - 7
Jeannie Spell



EBR School Bd - 1
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EBR School Bd - 2
Jill Dyason



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Republican Party Screens Candidates For Background, Conservative Values

BATON ROUGE — The Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish has announced its first round of endorsements for the Nov. 8 election. The endorsements are for U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, Louisiana's 1st Circuit Court of Appeal, and all but two of the school board seats where Republicans are running in the Central and East Baton Rouge Parish school systems.

Candidates receiving the Republican endorsement so far are:

- U. S. Senate - John Kennedy
- U. S. Congress - Garret Graves
- First Circuit Court of Appeal - Hunter Greene
- Central Community School Board District 4 - Kim Powers
- Central Community School Board District 7 - Jeannie Spell
- East Baton Rouge School Board District 1 - Mark Bellue
- East Baton Rouge School Board District 2 - Jill Dyason
- East Baton Rouge School Board District 5 - Mike Gaudet
- East Baton Rouge School Board District 9 - David Tatman

Local Republican Party chairman Woody Jenkins said all of those endorsed are outstanding conservatives who will speak out and make a difference, not just sit quietly and vote right some of the time. "More than ever, we need conservative leaders in public office, and that's what they are." The

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More Endorsements Coming for Municipal Offices

BATON ROUGE — The Republican Party is wrapping up its endorsements for U.S. Senate, Congress, judgeships, and most school board races for the Nov. 8 election. However, endorsements for municipal offices such as Mayor, Police Chief, and City Council are still on

the table and will be coming soon.

In general, the party only makes endorsements when at least one of the Republican candidates in a given race asks the party to make an endorsement.

So far, at least one candidate for Central Mayor, Central Police

Chief, Zachary Mayor, and Zachary City Judge have asked the party to consider making an endorsement. Some candidates for City Council in both Central and Zachary have also requested the party's endorsement. Remaining endorsements are expected by mid-October.

New Businesses Coming to Shoe Creek

Born in Controversy, Shoe Creek Comes Through with Eight New Retail Outlets

Woody Jenkins
Editor

CENTRAL — Former Central Mayor Jr. Shelton (2014-2018) took a lot of heat when he supported building a Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) at Shoe Creek off Sullivan Road in Central. However, the Central City Council approved the project. Dave Freneaux filed suit to stop the project over the number of apartments, but after



a legal battle, the courts gave Shoe Creek the green light.

Ground-breaking for the massive project was held Oct. 25, 2016. Since then, much progress has been made at Shoe Creek but the promised commercial development has been slow. However, Central Mayor David Barrow this week announced that eight retail establishments are coming to Shoe Creek. They are:

- Aldi, a 21,000-square-foot national supermarket chain
- Five Guys Hamburgers
- Great American Cookies
- Marble Slab Creamery
- CC's Coffee House
- SportClips Haircuts
- Bank of Zachary, and
- Avant Tous

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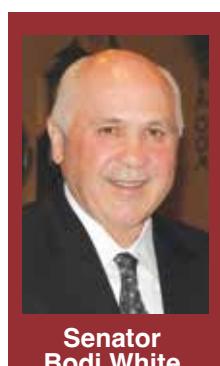
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Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem Face Off in Mayor's Race

Barrow, Evans Outline Their Plans

Both Want to Keep Rural Atmosphere Limit Development In City of Central

Woody Jenkins
Editor

CENTRAL — The two top officials in the City of Central are vying for mayor in municipal elections scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Central Mayor David Barrow is being opposed by Mayor Pro-Tem Wade Evans. The results of the election could have a big impact on the future of the City of Central (population 30,000).

The two candidates explained their respective approaches to city government in separate speeches recently. Mayor Barrow spoke before the Chamber of Commerce of East Baton Rouge Parish on Tuesday, August 23.

Mayor Pro-Tem Evans spoke to the Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon, which is sponsored by the Republican Party, on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Mayor Barrow talked about his experience as the city's first chief administrative officer, a position he held for eight years under Mayor Mac Watts. He said that serving as CAO well prepared him for the



Central Mayor Pro-Tem Wade Evans (left) and Mayor David Barrow are vying for Mayor post of mayor and allowed him to make a smooth transition.

He said people in Central are very vocal and let their feelings be known. One of the things most agree on is the need to retain Central's rural atmosphere, he said.

"They don't want us to get too big for our britches," he said. "They want us to do things gradually. We have to be very careful because the decisions we make as a city can have a big impact on our school system. If we grow too fast, it will have an adverse effect on education, which is the chief driving force of the Central community."

The mayor said that, at the same time that people want to keep the

rural atmosphere, they also want the amenities of large cities. As a result, the mayor said that without the major arteries or interstates that some cities enjoy, Central needs to rely on mom and pop businesses.

"I'm very excited about the new businesses coming to Shoe Creek," he said. "Some very popular chains will be coming here. This will allow us to keep the small town feeling but enjoy more of the amenities found in Baton Rouge. Central is the 13th largest city in Louisiana and the key for us is to keep a balance," he said.

Mayor Barrow described the work going on around the city. "We have a lot of capital improvements

underway. We're doing over \$3 million in drainage projects right now, which affect every subdivision in the city. We're improving underground drainage. We're also identifying ditches that need to be dug out and doing that work. We have a \$600,000 project going on right now along Brown and Carey roads, digging out all ditches and replacing undersized driveway projects."

"We also have \$2.5 million in street rehabilitation projects going on. This involves 25 streets across the city."

He said people call everyday asking about Sullivan Road and Hooper Road. "Of course, these are state projects but we do know that Sullivan is supposed to start up again in November, and Hooper is supposed to get underway by the end of 2023. This will be very important for our city and also provide new areas for commercial development," he said.

As to the new City Hall, Mayor Barrow said city officials are looking at property across from the school board office on Joor. "It has a lot of potential," he said.

The mayor said the City of Central was very fortunate during Covid because sales taxes actually increased by 20 percent. This was made possible by people shopping locally more and by the fact that sales taxes are now being applied to online sales.

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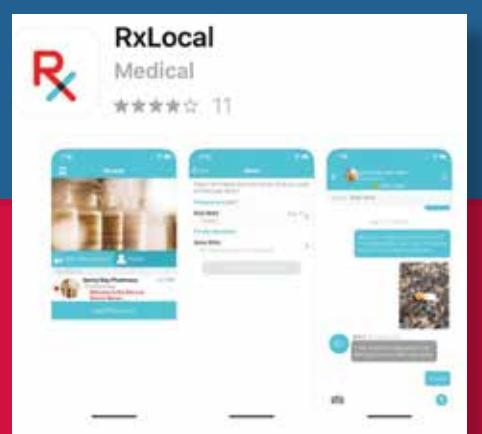




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U.S. First Circuit Court to Consider Suit By Pastor for Deprivation of Civil Rights

Attorneys for Rev. Spell To Argue Case Against Gov. John Bel Edwards, Sheriff, Chief of Police

Woody Jenkins
Editor

CENTRAL — In a case unique in American history, Central Pastor Tony Spell was twice arrested in 2020 by Central Police Chief Roger Corcoran for the “crime” of holding church services. In May of this year, the Louisiana Supreme Court ruled 5-2 that Rev. Spell’s arrest was “illegal” and “unconstitutional” under both the United States Constitution and the Louisiana Constitution.

The state supreme court threw out the criminal charges against the pastor. What is still pending is the pastor’s civil rights suit against Gov. John Bel Edwards, Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, and Corcoran.

On Monday, Oct. 3, the U.S. 1st Circuit Court of Appeals will meet at the federal courthouse in Fort Worth, Texas, to hear oral arguments from Spell’s attorneys, former Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore and Baton Rouge attorney Jeff Wittenbrink.

One of the important legal issues to be considered is the argument by the defendants that they are protected by “qualified immunity.” The defendants argue that even if they violated the pastor’s constitutional



DEPRIVATION OF FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS — The U.S. Court of Appeals in Fort Worth will hear Pastor Tony Spell’s federal civil rights case against Gov. John Bel Edwards and Central Police Chief Roger Corcoran. The suit comes from action by Corcoran and other officials against Rev. Spell for the “crime” of holding church.

rights, they are immune from liability in this case.

Rev. Spell has issued the following statement regarding the hearing:

STATEMENT BY REV. TONY SPELL

Monday, October 3, 2022 will be another red-letter day in the history of religious liberty.

That morning the U. S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals will meet in Fort Worth, Texas, to consider the case of **Pastor Tony Spell v. Gov. John Bel Edwards et al.** This is our suit for deprivation of federal civil rights based on my arrest and imprisonment on orders of Gov.

Edwards for the crime of holding in-person worship services at Life Tabernacle Church.

However, this is not just about my arrest and imprisonment. It’s also about the Governor and the Mayor-President telling the public not to attend our church; the 24-hour surveillance of Sister Spell, our congregation, and me by the FBI and other law enforcement agencies; wiretapping our phones; facial recognition photos of our congregation and everyone coming and going at the church; the firing of members of Life Tabernacle who chose to continue attending

church; the refusal of the Sheriff to respond to calls for help from our church; putting me in an ankle bracelet; restricting my travel outside Louisiana, and much more. It’s about all the things the Governor, the Sheriff, and the Police Chief did to us for the “crime” of holding church.

Thanks to God above and our great legal team, the Louisiana Supreme Court dismissed all criminal charges against me, ruling that everything Gov. John Bel Edwards did to us was illegal and unconstitutional. Now we are on the civil law side of the case, asking the federal courts to find the Governor, the Sheriff, and the Police Chief liable for their violation of our constitutional rights.

While the Louisiana Supreme Court has clearly determined that our religious liberties were violated, this case is before the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals because a federal District Judge ruled (incorrectly) that even if our religious liberty were violated, these three public officials cannot be held liable. That judge cited the principle of **sovereign immunity**, the ancient concept in English law that “the king can do no wrong” and thus he cannot be held accountable for his actions. The principle of sovereign immunity has been watered down over the years to the concept of **qualified immunity**, which is that a government officials cannot be held responsible for

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THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY heard an update on the work of the Supreme Court in the 2021-2022 term at the LABI Center downtown. Hosted by Saul Newsome and La. Solicitor Liz Murrill, it reviewed the actions of the conservative court. Speakers were ex-Utah Solicitor Tyler Green, current Utah Solicitor General Melissa Holyoak, LSU Prof. James Stoner, and Alabama Atty. Gen. Chief Counsel Katherine Robertson. To watch the discussion, go to Central City News on Facebook for Sept. 8, 2022.

Candidates City of Central

Tuesday, November 8, 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 (district inc) R

City Council District 1

Tim Lazaro (inc) R

City Council District 2

Ray Ashford R
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

Vanda Mannino R
Briton Myer (inc) R

CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD

School Board District 1

Jeffery LaCour D
Jason Leaphart R
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

Michael Davis R
Chris D. dePierne N

School Board District 6

Michael Hooper R

School Board District 7

Carol Burton-Norwood R
Christy Carriere Sloan R
Jeannie Spell R

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Inc=Incumbent. If necessary,
a runoff will be held Dec. 10.

Republican Party Begins Its Process Of Endorsing Candidates for Nov. 8

Kennedy, Graves Lead First Wave of Party Endorsements for Nov. 8 Election Cycle

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endorsement process is continuing and will now focus on races for Mayor, Police Chief, and City Council in Central and Zachary, City Judge in Zachary, and a few remaining school board races.

At the parish level, the Republican Party is governed by the Republican Parish Executive Committee, or PEC. In this parish, it consists of 17 members with five elected at-large parishwide and 12 elected from each of the 12 Metro Council districts. The members of the PEC are elected at the time of the Presidential Primary.

The endorsement process for the parish Republican Party consists of investigating the backgrounds of the candidates, getting them to answer a lengthy series of questions, and a personal interview by the PEC as a whole. Members of the PEC then vote by secret ballot on proposed endorsements.

The Republican Party Executive Committee has held two endorsement meetings so far in preparation for the Nov. 8 election. Two more endorsement meetings are likely.

Here are notes on the candidates the Republican Party has endorsed:

U. S. Senator - John Kennedy

Sen. Kennedy is now completing his first six-year term in the Senate, after having replaced Sen. David Vitter in the 2016 election. He previously served as State Treasurer.

Since his election to the Senate, Kennedy has been a solid conservative vote for virtually all Republican causes. He has taken a national leadership role as a spokesman for conservatives in the Senate. His colorful quotes, which often make fun of Democrats, are widely viewed on Fox News and other national news channels.

A typical Kennedy quote: "Our country was founded by geniuses but is being run by idiots!"

Congressman Garret Graves

Now serving his fourth two-year term in the U. S. House from Ba-

ton Rouge and surrounding area, Garret Graves has been a reliable conservative vote in Congress. He has served the people of the Sixth Congressional District during difficult times — from the 1,000-year flood of 2016 to the pandemic of 2020-2022.

If Republicans take control of the House next year, Graves is likely to be a committee chairman. He is the ranking member of the Select Committee on Climate and the Subcommittee on Aviation of U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

A typical quote from Graves: "All of a sudden, the same folks who have pushed bad policies for two years say they will now solve the very problems they created."

Circuit Court of Appeal

Hunter Greene

Hunter Greene served in the Louisiana House of Representatives for eight years and had a staunch conservative voting record. In 2014, he was elected Family Court Judge and has established a reputation for fairness, justice, and following the law. He is both an attorney and a CPA.

A typical quote from Judge Greene: "The growing prison population may be a problem but it is a direct result of breaking the law. I would be in favor of building more jails as opposed to releasing more prisoners."

Central School Board Dist. 4

Kim Powers

Kim Powers serves as advertising manager of the Central City News. She has two daughters in the Central School System. During the pandemic, she led parents' efforts to end mask and vaccine mandates. She also opposed rolling forward property taxes without a vote of the people. She was elected to an unexpired term on the Central School Board last year with 63 percent of the vote. She is considered the most conservative member of the board.

A typical quote from Kim Powers: "We have such a great community. We need to make sure our schools reflect our values. No tax increases without a vote of the people. No mandates from the state or federal government. I want to be an independent, conservative voice for

Candidates

Federal Offices and Judgeships

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

United States Senate

Gary Chambers	D
John Kennedy (inc)	R
Luke Mixon	D
Syrita Steib	D

and nine others

Congress (6th District)

Brian Belzer	R
Rufus Holt Craig	L
Garret Graves (inc)	R

1st Circuit Court of Appeal

Hunter Greene	R
Beau Higginbotham	R
Don Johnson	D

District Judge

Dele Adebamiji	D
Gail Horne Ray	D
Adam Kwantua	D
Steve Myer	R

Endorsements are through Sept. 20. More endorsements will be forthcoming. Color code: Republican Party endorsements are in Red, and Democratic Party endorsements are in Blue.

parents, students, and taxpayers."

Central School Board Dist. 7

Jeannie Spell

Jeannie Spell taught American History and Geography in elementary school, pre-Algebra and Algebra I in the 8th and 9th grades, and Home Economics in high school. In business, she was a record-setting real estate agent with more than \$40 million in sales. She is the mother of three and grandmother of nine. She favors traditional family values and excellence in education. A conservative, she says she will hold the line on taxes and oppose political correctness and the WOKE culture.

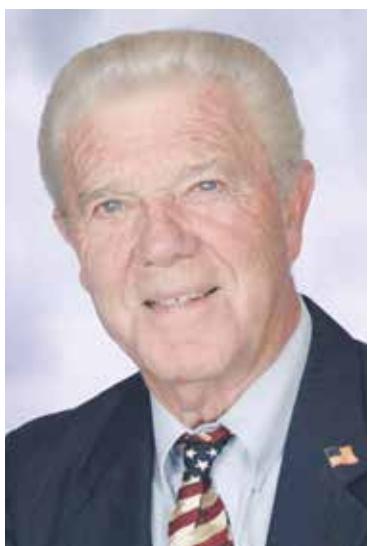
A typical quote from Jeannie Spell: "The water is not going to clear up until you get the hogs out of the creek!"

— John Kennedy

Charles Lee Hinton: Teacher, Advocate for Veterans

CENTRAL — Charles Lee Hinton (10/6/42 – 8/25/22) Charles Lee Hinton passed away peacefully at his home on August 25 surrounded by family. He was a graduate of Central High School and Louisiana State University. He was a beloved educator and coach of 25 years.

Charles Lee faithfully served his country aboard the USS Essex from 1963 -1966. He continued service from 1978 - 1994 in the United States Navy Seabees Reserve Battalion 28 and was a four-time recipient of the Naval Meritorious Service Medal.



Charles Lee Hinton

He was an active member in the Central community and Galilee Baptist Church.

"CL" was dearly loved and will be deeply missed by his family, friends, shipmates, and former students. Charles Lee is survived by his adoring wife of 57 years, Teddie; sons Jason (Jennifer) and Jeremy (Dusty); daughter Kelly Wolfe (Patrick); grandsons Briggs and Stratton Hinton; granddaughter Londen Duplantis (Jerry); great grandchildren Olivia June, Zach, and Zane Duplantis; sisters Betty Mae Taylor (Bill), Sandra Faye Griscom (Jim), Bar-

bara Ann Holden as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his father Nathan Lee Hinton and mother Ethel Hinton. Services were held at Galilee Baptist Church, 11050 Hwy. 64, Zachary on Thursday Sept. 1.

Charles Lee bled red, white and blue. One of his proudest contributions to his beloved Central Community and Country is the Central Veterans Memorial. Please send donations in lieu of flowers to the Central Veterans Memorial or Tunnels to Towers Foundation.

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This week, Teddy Hinton told Central School Board member Kim Powers the story of how the Veterans Memorial on Sullivan came about. "Charles Lee woke up in the night. He said building the memorial came to him in a dream. From that moment until he died, he never stopped working to build the Central Veterans Memorial. It was a passion of his. The thing he really wanted was a computer on the site where visitors could access the stories of Central's veterans. Perhaps we can still do that!"

Proposal: Dedicate Giant U.S. Flag at Stadium to Hinton

CENTRAL - Central School Board member Kim Powers wants to honor the late Charles Lee Hinton in a special way at Wildcat Stadium, the home of Central High School football and many other community events.

Ms. Powers said, "Charles Lee was an incredible man — an active participant in the Central community who added vitality and good humor to every issue before the city, a wonderful family man, and a leading advocate for our veterans. Thanks to Charles Lee and some of his running mates, Central has a beautiful veterans memorial and a faithful remembrance of Veterans Day every year.



CENTRAL WAR VETERANS enjoyed a laugh at a steak dinner in their honor at the home of Gil and Michelle Matherne in May 2010. Shown are (left to right) Gunner Mate 2 Ray Chustz, who served during Korea; Rep. Clif Richardson, QM 2nd Class in the Navy during Vietnam; Charles Lee Hinton, who served during Vietnam, and Lt. Bob Crawford, who flew B-29's during WWII. All are now deceased.

and the veterans of Central.

"My thought is that a large plaque be erected at the base of the flag pole and that it read, 'This flag is dedicated to the memory of Charles Lee Hinton, veteran of the Vietnam War and long-time teacher and coach at Central High School, and to the Veterans of Central, whom he dearly loved and supported.'"

The Central School Board is in the midst of large scale renovations at Wildcat Stadium on Hooper Road. Ms. Powers serves on the Facilities Committee, which planned the improvements at Wildcat Stadium and Central schools. One of the things in the plans for Wildcat Stadium is a gigantic American flag, which just been erected beside the concession stand on the east end of the stadium.

Kim Powers said she will propose that the flag be dedicated to Charles Lee Hinton

Powers said she was walking Wildcat Stadium viewing construction. She looked at the site of the giant flag pole and then at the Veterans Memorial across Sullivan. "That's when I knew we needed to dedicate that flag to Charles Lee."

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Top Two City Officials Vie for Mayor

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He said the city has a strong reserve fund and keeps on hand \$7 to \$8 million — a full one year's budget — in case some disaster should hit.

Sales taxes are generating about \$8 million a year, and the city is able to have a surplus of \$1 million to 1.5 million a year, he said.

As to road construction, the city is able to spend up to \$1.5 million dollars a year, while the MoveEBR program is providing another \$1.8 to \$2 million for new construction.

The mayor says the proposed Central Arena, which is being funded as a result of the work of Senator Bodi White, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, has the potential to provide many benefits for the City of Central. He said the school board has been working on learning more about the project and had a good field trip to Sulphur to learn about the West-Cal Arena & Event Center.

"The arena will be very good for community events and will have a variety of uses to benefit Central for many years to come," he said. The mayor said Central's future is bright and he will work to maintain the balance between the rural atmosphere and providing the amenities that everyone desires.

In his remarks to the Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon in

Baton Rouge on Tuesday, Sept. 13, Central Mayor Pro-Tem Wade Evans had this to say:

Before the flood, I was in the landscaping business. After the flood, I tried to get our cabinets repaired and I realized what a need there was for cabinet work. I became a cabinet distributor and have served more than 200 homes. It became a new business for me.

That experience made me get out with people. It made me realize that ordinary people like me weren't really being heard by people in public office. That led me to run for councilman at large in Central. I was fortunate enough to be elected and now serve as mayor pro tem.

This has given me the opportunity to learn a great deal about our community and about public service. Some people say I'm always running. The truth is I've been in the trenches — or literally in the ditches — of our community working on the problems of our community.

It's been frustrating to bring plans and ideas and had almost all of them rejected, even though we have money in the bank. At the beginning of the last term, Central had \$33 million on hand and today we have \$65 million in the bank.

I strongly believe we need a well thought out drainage plan and an equally well thought out road plan. Riding around the city to see what roads need to be fixed is not really

sufficient. You need to have a comprehensive plan and wisely spend \$3 to \$4 million a year on roads.

Drainage is a somewhat different issue. Roadside ditches flow to bayous and then to rivers. The Corps is working on the Comite. We spend far too much money on studies and not enough on actual work. I believe we can develop a good road plan and a good drainage plan within 30 to 60 days.

Central survives totally on our 2% sales tax plus money from MoveEBR — about \$2 to \$3 million a year. It needs to be put to work.

Besides roads and drainage, the third thing we need to focus on is creating a pro-business atmosphere. The reality is we need to generate more business.

Central faces a choice. Either we can have more rooftops, which is not what people want, or we can be a destination location where people want to come and spend money but not necessarily live here.

Our City Council has made the rules for new developments stricter. One way is by making sure that developers have bigger retention ponds and invest more in things that will assist with drainage.

One of the things that we can do is brand our city. We already have a fine community sports park, Blackwater Conservation Park, the

Frenchtown Conservation Area, and two bike trails. We also have the old hospital property on Greenwell Springs Road, which has many potential uses. For example, we could have a kayak launch at a park built at the old hospital to go down to the Frenchtown Conservation Area.

I'd like us to create destinations where people would bring their money but where we don't necessarily have to educate their children. As to the new arena which Sen. Bodi White has provided funds for, it has tremendous potential for livestock events and much more. Eventually, this needs to be under the city. Eight months ago I spearheaded a study of the feasibility of having an arena here. So I think it is a great idea. We just need to do our homework to make sure it is feasible.

The mayor has proposed a 10-acre site for City Hall. While I do not necessarily favor that particular location, I think it is important to move forward, and I have a proposal.

The last few months have been very significant for me and I have really grown spiritually. I am a child of God, father of three, husband, and a business owner who wants to make our community better. I would really appreciate your support!



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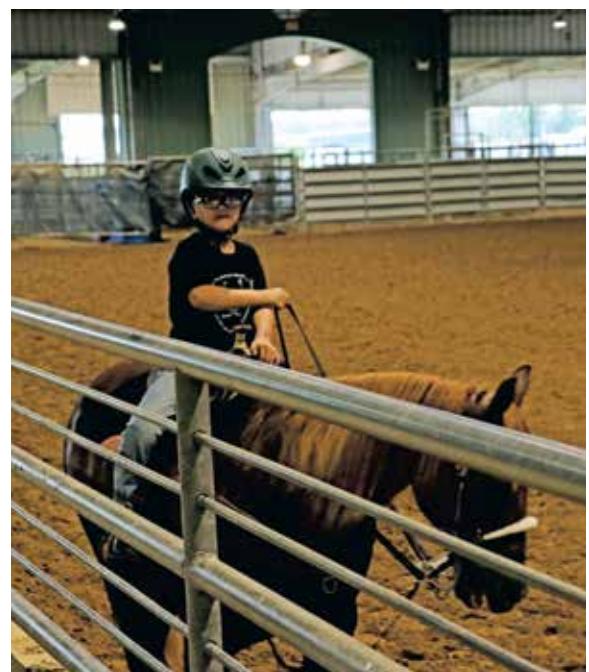
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West-Cal Arena in Sulphur Could Be M



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WEST-CAL ARENA AND EVENTS CENTER was visited earlier this month by members of the Central School Board and others after it was learned Sen. Bodi White secured \$12 million in



TOURING THE WEST-CAL ARENA AND EVENTS CENTER in Sulphur were (center photo) Central school board member Dr. David Walker, Trey Rogillio, Jamie DeLaughter, Chan candidate for school board Carol Burton-Norwood, Mayor David Barrow, councilman Tim Lazaroe, and CFO Barbara Guyon. To the right is Trey Rogillio. Not shown but on the trip were Ce



WEST-CAL ARENA DIRECTOR ADRIAN MORENO (left) gave the Central delegation a tour of the facilities. The arena includes full service concessions with industrial appliances, an in

Officials Travel to Sulphur to View Arena, Events Center

CENTRAL - Last Thursday, the State Bond Commission gave approval to \$12 million to be used to construct an Arena and Events Center in Central. The approval came on the heels of the Capital Outlay Bill passed by the Louisiana Legislature earlier this year.

The funding was included in capital outlay by Sen. Bodi White (R-Central), chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. The senator said he envisions a facility much like the West-Cal Arena and Events Center located in Sulphur. He said he hopes the facility, which would be oriented primarily to agriculture, would help preserve Central's rural character for gen-

erations to come.

News of the funding was received with excitement by Central's public officials. Under terms of the legislation, funding will go to the Central School Board.

Earlier this month, Central schools Supt. Jason Fountain put together a group of Central school board members to visit the West-Cal Arena in Sulphur. Mayor David Barrow and a number of other officials and private citizens joined in the trip.

Supt. Fountain said, "This is an unexpected opportunity for Central. The arena in Sulphur is beautiful and a great model for Central. We learned a lot and will be work-

ing on the concept."

Fountain said, "The bill provided \$1 million in cash, and we have already approved a cooperative agreement to receive this initial funding. Another \$1.4 million is in P1 funding which could be bonded this year. The rest will probably be bonded next year. Now we will look seriously at location and begin to look at concept drawings. This project is in its infancy, but the potential is unlimited."

Sen. White is excited about the arena. "It fits well with the northern part of Central where our people have animals. If you have a covered arena, there are so many things you can do. I believe it will

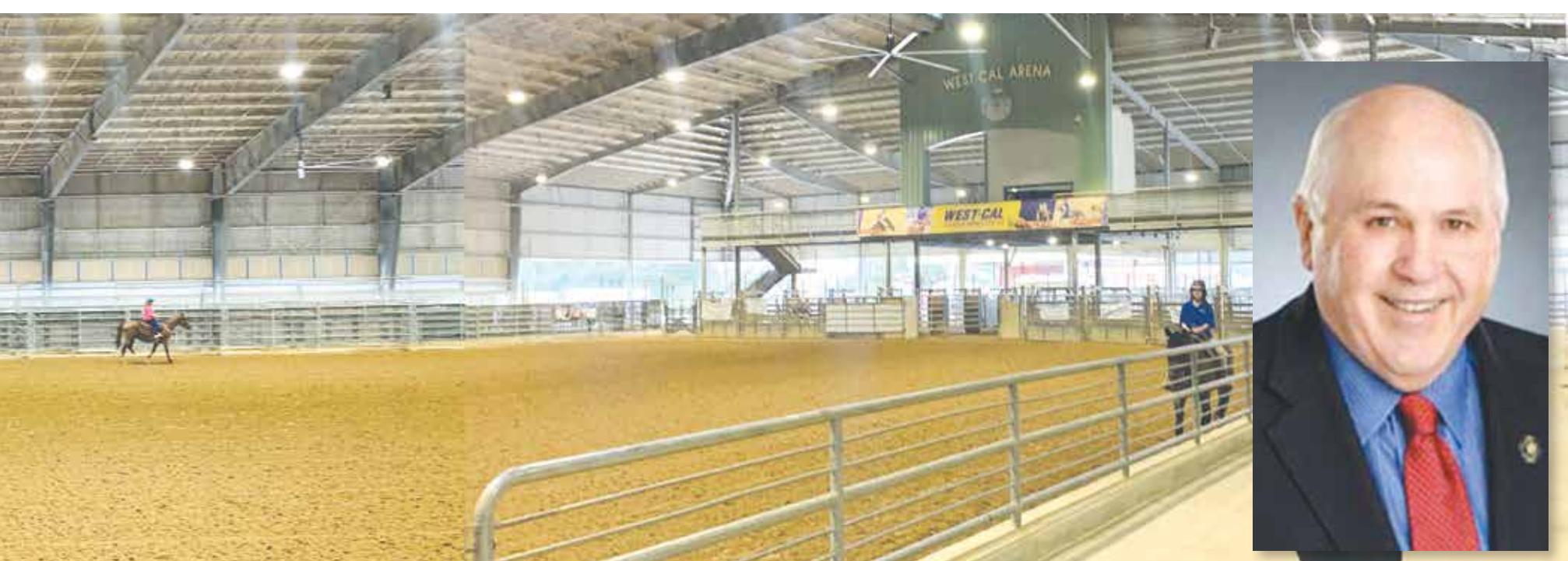
be good for the community and generate revenue as well."

The senator says he doesn't believe Central has lost its rural character, and he doesn't want it to.

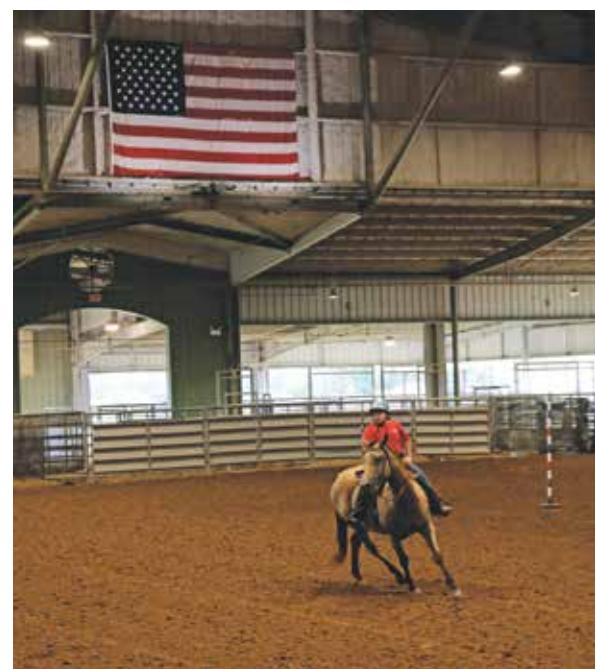
Mayor David Barrow said, "This will be a mini Lamar Dixon and will serve us well for years to come. The city is more than willing to help with management and running of the facility."

Central school board member Kim Powers said that is the direction things should move. "I'm very happy the school system is involved at this early stage, but ultimately this great project is more in line with the mission of city government."

Kodel for New Arena Funded for Central



In state funds to build a similar arena in Central. The Sulphur facility has more than 135,000 square feet under roof and includes meeting facilities. The arena itself is 120'x 260' and seats 1,800.



Dudley Smith, Laura Gerald, school board member Ruby Foil, Supt. Jason Fountain, school board members Kim Powers, Roxanne Atkinson, president Dr. James Gardner, and Sharon Browning, Central city finance director Suzanne Cowart, David DeLaughter, and Ken Raye of Greenwell Springs Youth Riders. The tour was given by West-Cal Arena and Events director Adrian Moreno.



Impressive master ballroom, several large meeting rooms with state-of-the-art media resources, ample lobby space, and a roomy, full-service kitchen which can accommodate multiple caterers.

Religious Liberty Case to Be Heard in Ft. Worth Oct. 3

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violating people's rights, **unless he knew his actions were illegal and unconstitutional.**

However, there is a fundamental flaw in the Governor's argument that his wrongful actions are protected from liability by his claim of qualified immunity. The Governor knows the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution protects the right of everyone to hold church and worship freely! Furthermore, if he missed that rather obvious part of American constitutional law, he must certainly have read the Emergency Powers Act, the state law which he repeatedly cited as the legal basis for his illegal, unconstitutional decrees and orders. Within

the Emergency Powers Act is Section 736D. It says quite clearly that "Nothing in this Chapter shall diminish the rights set forth in the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution or the Declaration of the Rights of the Louisiana Constitution." Edwards knew or should have known his actions were unconstitutional. Therefore, his claim of qualified immunity is without merit.

We are making another very important argument before the court. Most attorneys would probably approach this civil case from an "equal protection" standpoint. That argument is based on the 14th Amendment's requirement that every person shall be guaranteed equal protection of the law. This

means that if WalMart is open with a thousand customers inside, you cannot restrict a church to 10 people, as Gov. Edwards tried to do. However, the problem with that argument is, What if they close WalMart completely? Do they then have the power to close churches? Of course, they should not! But you can see that, if we base our arguments solely on "equal protection," we are abandoning our most fundamental argument — that the "free exercise clause" of the First Amendment guarantees that the church has the right to be open even if everything else is closed.

That's why our argument is that the government has no power whatsoever under the First Amendment

to exercise control over worship services. Legally, it may be harder for the court to agree with us, but it is really what our case is about: The First Amendment. Only secondarily is it about the "equal protection" clause of the 14th Amendment!

I am believing October 3 will be a decisive day in American history! Please pray that the courts will do their job and protect our fundamental liberty — not only for Life Tabernacle but for generations of Americans to come.

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The hearing on Pastor Spell's case will be held at 9 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 3 at the federal courthouse in Fort Worth, Texas. It is open to the public.

Baton Rouge Day Care Owner Carol Norwood Seeks School Board District 7

CENTRAL - Carol Burton-Norton released the following statement in connection with her candidacy for the Central Community School Board from District 7:

Carol Burton-Norwood is a qualified and experienced candidate for the Central Community School Board, District 7. First, meeting in the Louisiana National Guard over 36 years ago, Carol (U.S. Army/NG Veteran) and John Norwood (U.S. Marine Corps Veteran/B.R. Police Homicide Commander-retired) married in 1987. Carol and John are lifetime residents of Baton Rouge, and the family has resided in Greenwood Subdivision off Foster Road (District 7) for 29 years.

They are the proud parents of four adult children: Candis N. (Master Sargent Joshua Goins - U.S. Airforce), Angel N. (Des Collins), Joshua and McCaleb Norwood. Carol and John have three beautiful grandchildren: Jaidyn, Josiah and Camden stationed with their parents at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom, Great Britain. Carol experiences today's concerns of parents and grandparents. The need for a safe, progressive school system is her priority.

Carol's family connection to Central Community School System spans over 17 years. Over the years, they have supported many school-related functions. Attended sporting events, cheerleader events, graduations, drama plays, honor roll programs, fundraisers, Cooking In Central, and Christmas parades are just a few of the activities the family attended and enjoyed.



Carol Burton-Norwood

Three of their children: Joshua G. (2005), Candis (2006), and McCaleb (Honors/ Scholarship-2021); a niece, Nia Jerro (Sr. Class President/Cheerleader/Scholarship-2022) and nephew, Harlan Jerro (U.S. Air Force Scholarship/Sr. Class President/football-2019) are all Central High School graduates! Carol's family attends school activities, shops and eats in Central. She is committed to the growth, advancement and the future of the City of Central.

Carol's educational journey and career were interesting and rewarding. She graduated from Baton Rouge Magnet High School.

After attending LSU for two years, and Baton Rouge School of Computers, she enlisted in the Army National Guard. During her eight years as a Military Police, Carol completed training at Fort McClellan, AL, tactical training in Frankford, Germany, and served in the National Guard Police Unit.

During these years, she learned leadership skills that are still a valuable and valid part of life. Upon returning to Baton Rouge, she completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education from Southern with a certification to teach PreK-4 through 8th grade.

For the next eight years, Carol followed her passion and taught kindergarten in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

In 2000 to expand her desire to continue in early childhood education, she and John purchased and opened Trinity's Children Academy, an early childhood school. Carol is committed to providing a solid early childhood foundation.

Over the last 22 years, she has built and established all aspects of the business. She has taught each age level and created curriculums. Personally providing employment for over 150 teachers/staff, Carol has hired, trained, and managed Trinity with great dedication. In the past 22 years of operating Trinity, Carol and her staff have cared for and educated over 1,000 early childhood students in the Central, Zachary and Baton Rouge areas.

Coupled with the other responsibilities as an owner and administrator, she established the business policies and procedures to meet DOE requirements and to keep the students and staff safe and protected. Carol's experience in the areas of teaching, management and administration will be a great asset to the Central Community School System.

Carol is a committed Christian, serving in leadership roles at Abounding Love Ministries/CDA for over 33 years. Over the years some of the ministries she was director over are: Children, Finance, Ministry of Help, Hospitality, Greeters, and Ushers. She participates in year-round Evangelism and Community Outreaches and teaches Bible Study.

In conclusion, Carol Burton-Norwood, the candidate for School Board, District 7, has the experience in education, leadership, management and administration (policy/procedure maker). Central's children and their education are her priority! Carol would be a great asset to Central Community School System.



Christy Carriere Sloan

Christy Sloan Running for School Board In District 7

CENTRAL - I've decided to run for the school board seat in District 7 because I love my community and I want to ensure the continuation of traditional conservative values free from the influence of more liberal state and national politics.

I'm qualified to be a member of the Central school board by being not only a parent, but both a home-school and public school parent. I was a substitute teacher for 5 years.

I've also worked as a radio personality and have been co-owner/office manager of Manchac Office Repair for 15 years.

I was raised in Central. I moved away when my son was going to be bussed out of the Central schools. You can take the girl out of Central, but you can't take Central out of the girl! I longed to move "home" since I left and finally had the opportunity to return in 2016.

I've been married to Tom Sloan for 20 years this September. I have an 18-year-old daughter, Sarah Sloan. She graduated from Central High this past May with honors. She's attending LSU, majoring in mechanical engineering and minoring in music. She is a part of the LSU Marching Band and she's also auditioned and has been accepted into this year's symphonic band. My son, Dustin Dupre, passed away in January 2020. He was 25 years old. He was employed with the Clerk of Courts office. He had also been employed at Carlton's Seafood. He was the tall red head who always had a kind word and a smile.

I volunteer at the Central community food bank. I've been involved with the Central High and Middle School band. I volunteered with the Wildcat Service Organization. I enjoy serving at church. I've been involved with Caring to Love Ministries and Trafficking Hope, to help end human trafficking.

I've been trained and volunteered as a CASA to be a voice for foster children. I'm a member of the Central Chamber of Commerce and the Republican Women of Central.

A political campaign poster for a District 5 School Board candidate. The top half features a red background with white text. The title "Our Schools Our City" is at the top in large blue serif font. Below it is a subtitle in a smaller blue serif font: "A Conservative Voice for Christian Values, Fiscal Accountability, And Building Trust in Our School System". To the left of the text is a portrait photo of the candidate, a man with dark hair and a beard, smiling. To the right of the subtitle is a row of six blue five-pointed stars. The bottom half has a blue horizontal bar. On the left side of the bar is the candidate's name "de Pierne" in a large, stylized blue font where the 'd' is red. On the right side of the bar is the election position "DISTRICT 5 - SCHOOL BOARD" in a white sans-serif font.

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Central Community School Board on Tuesday, Nov. 8

Jeannie Spell Is Candidate for District 7

CENTRAL - Jeannie Spell is running for the Central Community School Board from District 7. She released the following statement on her candidacy:

I was very fortunate to have a father who was a real hero. In 1944, at age 14, he joined the United States Navy so he could fight in World War II. He lied about his age, but since he was 6 feet tall, the lie was easy to believe! He served aboard the USS Intrepid and fought to free the Philippines and in Okinawa.

He was one of the youngest sailors in American history, until they found him out at age 16 and kicked him out of the Navy! At age 17, he joined the U. S. Army. When the Korean War broke out in May 1950, he had just turned 20. On June 29, he volunteered to go to Korea. He was with the first group of Americans to see combat. Unfortunately, he and his 500 fellow GI's were overrun by 35,000 North Koreans. 889 Americans and South Koreans were taken captive. They embarked on the infamous 150-mile Tiger Death March. Anyone who stumbled was immediately killed. They were given no food, medicine, clothing or heat. At the end of the march, only 234 were still alive.

After that, my dad was a POW for three years — the entire war. His weight dropped from 198 pounds to 118 pounds. He endured every kind of suffering. But he survived! When my dad came back to Baton Rouge, he became a pipefitter with Local 198.

From my father, I learned the importance of loving America, freedom, determination, and having an iron will.

I love children, and I love what a good education can do for them. I have been blessed to have taught American History and Geography



Jeannie Spell

in elementary school, pre-algebra and Algebra I in 8th and 9th grades, and Home Economics in high school.

In business, I was the Chief Financial Officer of Fairchild Health for two years, a buyer and merchandiser for Lifeway Books for 12 years, and a purchasing agent at Payne & Keller for five years.

I started in sales at Dillard's at the Mall of Louisiana right after it first opened. In that capacity, I led the Estee Lauder counter to one-year sales of \$1 million. My personal sales of cosmetics was \$190,000 in sales of \$20 to \$60! Estee Lauder's national leadership team came to Baton Rouge to honor us! They had never seen a \$1 million counter in a market this size!

Perhaps my greatest success in business was in real estate at Coldwell Banker, Keller Williams, and then Remax. I set sales records at Coldwell Banker and was named "Rookie of the Year." Over a 12-year period, I set many other re-

cords. During my three best years, I had sales of \$10 million to \$12 million a year. You have to love people, and you have to be competitive!

I am the wife of an evangelist, Rev. Timothy Spell. We have been married 48 years. We have three sons (one deceased), nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. I have been a member of the same church for 50 years, and most of my community service is through my church plus Friends of the Americas and Lifeway Books.

I am very energetic. No one will outwork me. I believe in leading by example. I am ready to go to work to help improve our Central community school system! I am persuasive and will have a positive effect on negative situations that arise.

My position on the issues:

- I support the Constitution.
- 100 percent pro-life
- I support traditional marriage between one man and one woman.
- I support the right to keep and bear arms and oppose additional gun control.

• I oppose granting special protection based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Boys should use the boys restroom, and girls should use the girls restroom. Boys should play on male sports teams, and girls should play on female sports teams.

• Everyone should present a photo ID before being allowed to vote.

• I favor reducing the federal role in local public education.

• I oppose requiring students

who are healthy to wear a mask in order to go to school. Vaccines should be the choice of the parents, in accordance with current law.

• Discipline in our public schools should be strict. We should always take the time to find out who is right and who is wrong before jumping to conclusions. Students who are unruly, disruptive, or violent should be removed from the classroom.

• I oppose additional taxes without a vote of the people, and I will not support rolling forward property taxes without a vote of the people.

• I support the teaching of traditional American history and social studies and oppose rewriting our history to satisfy political correctness. While we should acknowledge our mistakes and our faults, we should make sure that our students understand that this is the greatest nation that ever was and the one that offers the most liberty and the greatest opportunity for all people.

• I oppose teaching Critical Race Theory in our public schools.

• Parents should always be welcome in our schools. They should have free access to view the books and teaching materials being used in their children's classes.

• The Central school board should always welcome public comment and listen to the concerns of parents and other citizens.

I am for freedom of choice and will not comply with tyranny, mandates, or Woke culture. Please vote for Jeannie Spell for Central School Board, Dist. 7.

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Former Central Sub-Station Commander Weighs In

Col. Bobby Dale Calender Endorses James Salsbury for Chief of Police

Chief Salsbury Was Dedicated, Able to Work Well with Staff And Sheriff's Office

CENTRAL — Earlier this year, retired East Baton Rouge Sheriff Col. Bobby Dale Callender considered running for Chief of Police in the City of Central. However, he ultimately decided not to for family reasons.

Now Col. Callender is making his views known on the race for Police Chief between the incumbent chief, Roger Corcoran, and the former chief, James Salsbury. The election is Nov. 8.

It wasn't an easy decision because Col. Callender knows both candidates very well. Roger Corcoran and his top aide, Debbie Dougherty, are his cousins.

But Callender worked closely with former Chief James Salsbury and that experience made the difference to him.

"James is as hard a worker as I've ever seen, and he loves to be out patrolling our neighborhoods. He's hands-on and demands a lot from his officers but yet works well

with his people and is able to keep them," Callender said.

"When I was at the Central Sub-Station, the Central Police Department was not able to be on the same radios with the Sheriff's office, but Chief Salsbury met with the Sheriff one-on-one, and that problem was solved."

"We at the Sheriff's office were being overwhelmed with wrecks in Central. It was making it difficult for us to handle the criminal complaints. So I asked Chief Salsbury if the Central Police Department could help us service the wrecks in Central. To my great surprise, he said, 'We'll work them all!' And he did! It was more than 600 wrecks the first year and 700 wrecks the second year! You can imagine how much that freed up the Sheriff's Office to work serious crimes. People have no idea how much that did to hold down crime in Central," Callender said.

"One of the things that blew me away was that Chief Salsbury himself worked as many wrecks as anyone in the department!"

"I went to one of the Central City Council meetings for the specific purpose of telling the Council and the citizens of Central how much Chief Salsbury was doing for the Sheriff's Office. We were always



Col. Bobby Dale Callender (retired)

short-handed, but Chief Salsbury made it possible for us to focus on our core mission, which was serious crime."

"In addition to wrecks, the Central Police Department under Chief Salsbury also helped with serious crimes. When a 911 call came in, they would often beat us to the scene, and they would hold the scene until we arrived and could do the investigation."

"When the current Chief said he

would work burglaries and other crimes, we knew he couldn't do that because he doesn't have the personnel. I can't believe all the turnover and how many guys no longer work there."

"Chief Salsbury did a fine job. From the standpoint of the Sheriff's Office, he was great to work with and made us stronger. From the standpoint of his police officers, all the guys loved him. He is not one to sit in the office. He was an active participant in what was happening everyday."

"I have a high degree of confidence Chief James Salsbury will do an outstanding job if given the opportunity once again."

Retired Col. Callender is a native and life-long resident of Central. He served in law enforcement for 45 years, rising from deputy to colonel.

He graduated from Central High in 1966 and went to work at the Sheriff's office in 1970. He worked in uniform patrol, general detectives, felony action, armed robbery, burglary, and detectives under five sheriffs.

Callender was named Louisiana's Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and was named Deputy of the Year by the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office.

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Wade Evans for Mayor

Dear Citizens,

On November 8th you have a clear choice to change direction in Central. I am running because I feel my ideas for moving Central forward are better.

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I want you to know that your concerns about our future, and about issues involving the City are not just being heard, but are the basis for the decisions being made. I believe in communication, and it is paramount that we work symbiotically with our State and Parish leaders to accomplish our goals as a City.

I will work towards common sense solutions for the drainage and road problems we face as a City. We will plan our future and we will work the plan, so it ensures a future we all want.

As a father of three children, ages 11, 14 and 17, I want to make Central a place that they want to grow up and raise their own family in. This election is the one that will give you the chance to have a voice at the table.

We will be proactive and not reactive, we will be honest and open, and we will listen. Please give me your vote on election day and let me be "THE CHANGE WE NEED" and vote Wade Evans. As always, my number is 225-413-6473

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Eight New Businesses for Shoe Creek

German-Owned Aldi To Compete with Wal-Mart, Oak Point

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The original developer of Shoe Creek, Robert Daigle, said from the beginning he expected Aldi to be part of the project, according to former Mayor Shelton. That was also true of CC's Coffee.

The Aldi supermarket chain coming to Central is, of course, a major development. Aldi is one of the largest retailers in the world with 12,400 stores in 20 countries.

Aldi is actually two separate companies, Aldi North and Aldi South. The stores themselves are a bit different from what consumers in Louisiana are used to.

Here are a few differences:

- In general, Aldi stores have no frills. They display a lot of items at discount prices, especially staples that every household buys.

- The new Aldi store in Central is likely to offer many brands that are owned by Aldi and others that are unknown to Central families. Aldi uses private labels and generally avoids namebrands. Only about 10 percent of products offered are namebrands.

- Aldi stores are big on weekly specials. These could include special deals on clothing, electronics, computers, and even appliances. The sales can last a week, but often everything is sold very quickly. Shoppers often wait for these deals.

- Aldi uses a lot of boxes, milk racks, and prepackaged produce.

Aldi opened its first store in Louisiana in February at the corner of Ambassador Caffery and Kaliste Saloom in Lafayette. It added a second store at 1102 E. Admiral Doyle Drive in New Iberia this spring.

New stores are also planned for:

- Baton Rouge - Two stores
- Lafayette - 3200 Louisiana
- LaPlace - 2122 W. Airline Hwy.
- Covington - 123 Holiday Blvd.
- Metairie - 8855 Veterans Memorial Blvd.
- Marrero - 1849 Barataria Blvd.

Altogether, Aldi has more than 2,200 stores in the United States.

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Five Guys is a popular hamburger chain with 1,700 locations around the globe including two in Baton Rouge and one in each of the state's 12 largest cities.

It prides itself in three things:

- We only use fresh ground beef.
- We only use peanut oil.
- There are no freezers in Five Guys locations, just coolers.

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CC's Coffee House has 30 shops in Louisiana. It spun off from Community Coffee in 2013 and is a separate company also owned by the Saurage family.

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Marble Slab creamery has been specializing in small batch ice cream since 1983. It has 392 stores including three in Baton Rouge.

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The Bank of Zachary is planning to move its Hooper Road branch to the new location, which will be on the corner of Sullivan Road and Settlement.

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Great American Cookies often



A NEW ALDI SUPERMARKET will be a key element of commercial development in and around Shoe Creek on Sullivan Road.

teams up with Marble Slab. They had a store in Cortana and currently have one in Juban Crossing.

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AvantTous spa and massage is moving from its current location in Magnolia Square.

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Sport Clips Haircuts is a group of 1,800 shops specializing in men and boys. There are currently three locations in Baton Rouge.

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JD Lavergne Vies for District 2 Council Seat

CENTRAL - Jack "JD" Lavergne has announced his candidacy to serve the citizens of District 2 on Central's City Council. JD was born and raised in Zachary. He married his wife and lifelong Central resident Holli (Drane) and they immediately chose Central as the perfect place to grow their family. They have three children: Mason (15), Madox (14), and Mila (8) who all attend Central Community Schools and participate locally in extracurricular activities.

JD attended Southeastern Louisiana University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Safety, Health, and Environment. After the required years of experience, he went to sit for and pass, on the first attempt, the Certified Safety Professional Exam, which is considered the pinnacle designation for a safety professional. JD also received an Associate of Arts degree from Baton Rouge Community College.

JD is currently employed by ISC Constructors, LLC as the Corporate Safety Manager and has worked for ISC for approximately 10 years. ISC is a nationally recognized award-winning industrial engineer-



Jack "JD" Lavergne

ing construction and maintenance company that is headquartered in Baton Rouge. JD has also held professional roles with Jacobs Engineering as the Safety Manager for the Jacobs Alliance Group

(JAG) located at the ExxonMobil Baton Rouge Complex, as well as with Troy Construction as a Project Safety Manager.

JD has coached baseball both as a travel ball coach and locally as a CAYL coach for six years. He sees coaching as one way to give back to the kids and the community. Some of the most motivational and influential people in our communities are often our coaches as they propel us to be greater than we ever imagined possible! JD has also served multiple years in various roles on the Village Lakes Homeowners' Association.

Words that friends and coworkers use to describe JD are: Honest, diligent, unambiguous, highly ar-

ticulate, personable, well spoken, hard worker, respectful, and a man of dignity.

JD is a conservative Republican candidate who understands the value of soft skills, which can be defined as personal attributes that enable someone to interact effectively and harmoniously with other people. These skills, combined with active listening, research, resourcefulness, and networking are attributes that JD possesses, and he feels are necessary to serve District 2 on Central's City Council. He humbly asks for your support on November 8.

Contact JD with questions or comments at (C)225-247-5872 or Lavergneford2@gmail.com

Richard Cobb: Veteran With Passion for Cars

MIDWEST CITY, OK — On Friday, August 19, 2022, Richard Cobb passed away at age 76. Richard was a native of Greenwell Springs.

Richard was born December 4, 1945 in Baton Rouge, LA to Perry and Maybelle Cobb. He joined the Air Force and produced manuals for operating aircraft. In May of 1966, he married Patricia Gaye Kehrer. They raised one daughter, Stephanie.

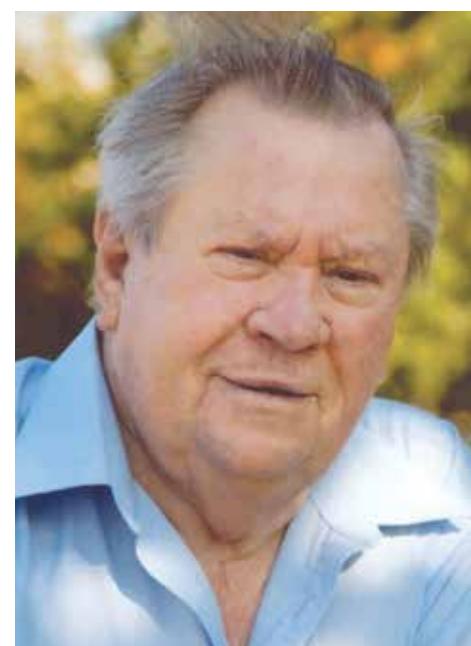
Richard was hired on at General Motors in 1979. Richard worked the production line, later becoming a committeeman for the union, finishing his career in Ergonomics and retiring in 2006.

Richard had a passion for Classic cars. He built many cars from the 1950's. He enjoyed going to car shows and could talk for hours about all kinds of cars.

Richard was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Patricia; his father Perry Cobb; mother and stepfather Maybelle LeSage Cannon and JD Cannon; and brother Charles Cobb and loving companion Carol Kling. He is survived by his daughter Stephanie; sisters Phyllis Martin and Peggy McCutcheon Besson (Jerry); brothers Carl Cobb (Jan) and Jeffery Cobb (Melanie); sister-in-law Peggy Cobb; stepsisters Brenda Campbell and Joyce Polito, and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held August 25 at Barnes Friederich Funeral Home in Midwest City, OK. Flowers or donations may be sent to 1820 S. Douglas Blvd, Midwest City, OK 73130.

The family would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, and beautiful flowers.



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APPLIANCES

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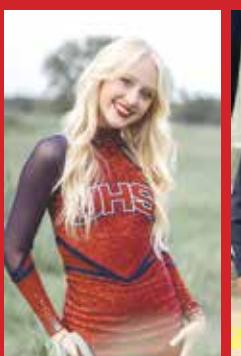
RONALD REAGAN NEWSMAKER LUNCHEON — Keynote speakers were Central mayoral candidate Wade Evans (center) and Judge Beau Higginbotham (right), who is seeking the 1st Circuit Court of Appeal. Also on hand were Judge Hunter Greene (left), candidate for Court of Appeal, with Jeannie Spell, candidate for Central School Board



REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES David Conachen (left) and L.T. Dupre (center), both candidates for Zachary city judge and Laura O'Brien candidate for Zachary mayor. The Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon is sponsored by the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish. It meets at 12 noon on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Café Américain.

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Jeannie and Timothy Spell

Jeannie Spell

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As a teacher, I taught American History and Geography in elementary school, pre-algebra and Algebra I in 8th and 9th grade, and Home Economics in high school. In business, I was Chief Financial Officer for Fairchild Health, a merchandiser for Lifeway Books, and a purchasing agent for Payne & Keller. In real estate, I set sales records at Coldwell Banker and over a 12-year-period sold more than \$40 million in real estate. My husband, Rev. Timothy Spell, and I have been married 48 years. We have three children (one deceased) and nine grandchildren. I love Central, I have time, and I want to go to work for our schools and our children!

A CONSERVATIVE PLATFORM

- I oppose additional taxes without a vote of the people and oppose rolling forward property taxes without a vote of the people.
- I support the teaching of traditional American history and social studies and oppose rewriting our history to satisfy political correctness. While we should acknowledge our mistakes and our faults, we should make sure that our students understand that this is the greatest nation that ever was and the one that offers the most liberty and the greatest opportunity for all people.
- I oppose teaching Critical Race Theory in our public schools.
- I oppose granting special protection based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Boys should use the boys' restroom, and girls should use the girls' restroom. Boys should play on male sports teams, and girls should play on female sports teams.
- I support the Constitution. I am 100 percent pro-life.
- Traditional marriage between one man and one woman.
- Support the right to keep & bear arms and oppose gun control.
- Everyone should present a photo ID before voting.
- I favor reducing the federal role in local public education.
- I oppose requiring students who are healthy to wear a mask in order to go to school. Vaccines should be the choice of the parents, in accordance with current law.
- Discipline in our public schools should be strict. We should always take the time to find out who is right and who is wrong before jumping to conclusions. Students who are unruly, disruptive, or violent must be removed from the classroom.
- Parents should always be welcome in our schools..
- Parents should have free access to view the books and teaching materials being used in their children's classes.
- The Central School Board should always welcome public comment and listen to the concerns of parents and other citizens.

Reach Jeannie Spell at 225-278-0541

Road Improvements

A Few Samples of Road Work Done in Central Since 2019

Road Repair Work Done in 2020



Willowbrook Dr. - 2020



Frenchtown Rd. - 2020

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

Since 2019, there has been over \$7 million collected in sales taxes towards roadway projects. Committed expenditures have totaled nearly \$6.4 million.

Additional future expenditures 2023 - 2026 include:

INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

**Morgan Rd at Greenwell Springs
\$2.5 million**

**Joor Rd at Sullivan Rd
\$2.5 million**

**Planchet Road Improvements
\$1 million**

**Hubbs Rd Improvements
\$5 million**



Thibodeaux Rd. - 2021



Bellingrath Estates - 2022

Road Repair Work Done in 2022



Village Lakes - 2022



Comite Hills - 2022

RE-ELECT
City of Central Mayor
David Barrow

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Mayor David Barrow

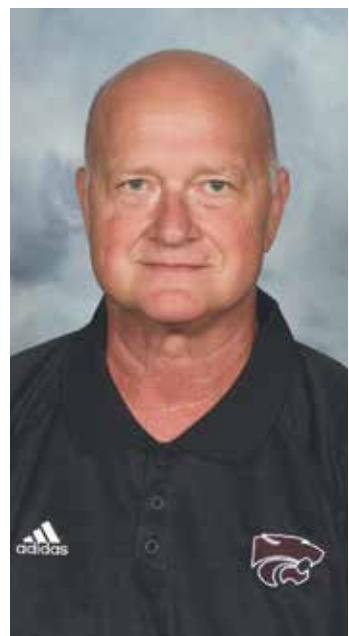
ELECTION NOV. 8

2022 Central Wildcat Football Team



Central High School's 2022 Varsity Football Team, Coaching Staff, and Athletic Trainers

Central High School 2022 Football Coaching Staff



Central Head Coach Sid Edwards



Dusty Breaux
Freshmen



Mark Carroll
Freshmen



Reid Cooper



Hunter Edgens
Offensive Line



Frank Fresina
Defensive Line



Coach Willie



Hutch Gonzales
Offensive Coordinator



Ken Hilton
Defensive Coordinator



Justin Hutchinson
Line Backers



Joey Jarreau
Defensive Line



Gregg Morris
Wide Receivers

Clay Polk

Josh Martin

McKenzie Price
Freshmen

Storm Reeves
Offensive Line

Jessie Smith
Freshman

Leroy Williams
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Jakouri Williams
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Robbie Yellott
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Freshman



VOTE NOV. 8



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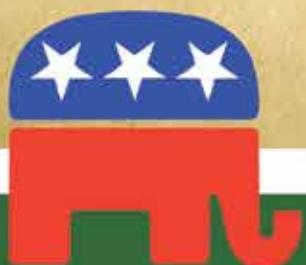


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2022
District 5

City of Central

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REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE
FOR JUDGE



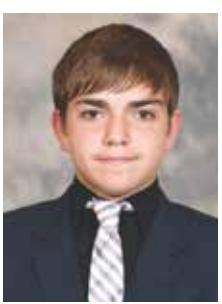
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2022 Central Wildcats Football Team



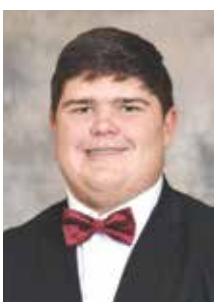
Brody Artieta
#53



Nathan Ashmore
#46



Valentine Badulescu
#55



Brandon Baker
#99



Jonathan Barth
#51



Waylon Bennett
#75



Damon Blocker
#13



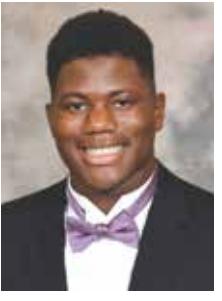
Travis Bradley
#29



Logan Brown
#52



Glen Cage
#26



Brandon Collins
#42



Gavin Cooper
#35



Braden Cowan
#63



Donte Cryer
#92



John Cummings
#72



Jackson Firmin
#10



Charles Fontenot
#59



Tyler Fortney
#2



Levell Gant
#33



Braelen George
#89



Jamerion George
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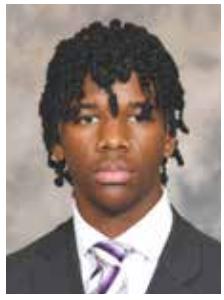
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Branton Hawkins
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Griffin Heil
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Samuel Hemmings
#34



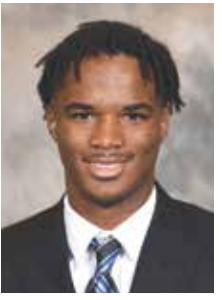
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Bryce Hunter
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James Hussey
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Darren Jarvis
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Jamarius Jarvis
#7



Evan Jones
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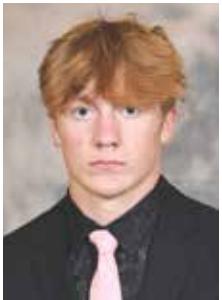
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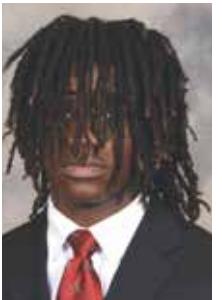
Kaiden Lang
#54



Stephen Lato
#43



Kaeden Loupe
#2



Patrick Lundy
#15



DK Mays
#47



KD Mays
#38



James Montoya
#74



Tran Ngyuen
#21



Cody Paddie
#17



Tucker Pitre
#84



Michael Pizzaloto
#39



Steven Ranel
#10



Andrew Richard
#62



Josh Richard
#12



Brayden Ringe
#79



Tyler Ward-Roberts
#49



Samuel Rodriguez
#61



Kasey Smith
#57



Maurice Stewart
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Reece Thompson
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Kam Triplett
#1



Jacob Tullier
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Gavin Vacarro
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Javier Wasquez
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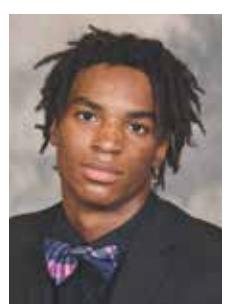
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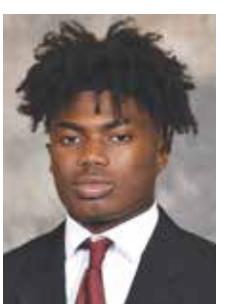
Kyle Veal
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Collin Verrett
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Keary Walker
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Jevon Washington
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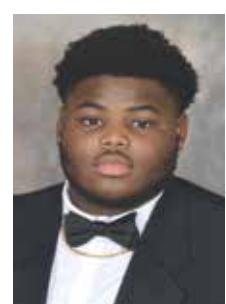
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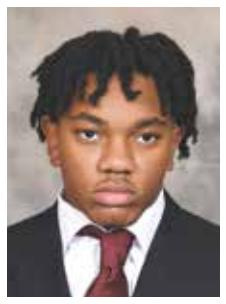
Colby Williams
#9



Emmanuel Williams
#5



Justin Williams
#45



Keith Williams
#26



Nathan Zimmer
#41

Central High 2022 Sports Medicine Trainers



Jailah Burns
Sports Med Student



Alaina Carlson
Sports Med Student



Lariah Foster
Sports Med Student



Chloe Heil
Sports Med Student



Travid Hill
Sports Med Student



Hannah Hutson
Sports Med Student



Ryleigh Hutsn
Athletic Trainer



Cole Jeter
Sports Med Student



Emily Mier
Sports Med Student



Cheyenne Noel
Sports Med Student



Kaitlyn Birch
Athletic Trainer



Brian Hutson
Athletic Trainer



Keith Thompson
Athletic Trainer

**Central Wildcat
Football Pictures
By Eric Frank
Photography**

2022 Central High Football Schedule

Aug. 26	Brusly Jamboree	H
	Central won 26-0	
Sept. 2	Tara	H
	Central won 37-6	
Sept. 9	West Feliciana	A
	W. Feliciana won 24-23	
Sept. 16	Slidell	A
	Slidell won 48-0	
Sept. 23	East Jefferson	H
	Homecoming	
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

*District Game

All games start at 7 p.m.

Head Coach: Sid Edwards

Come out to support the Wildcats!

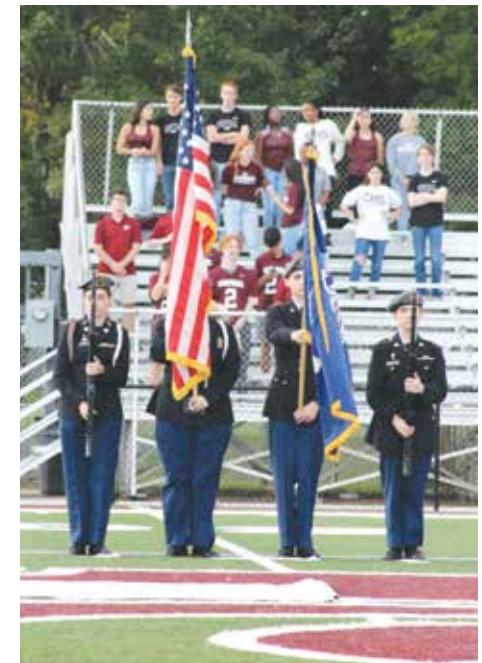
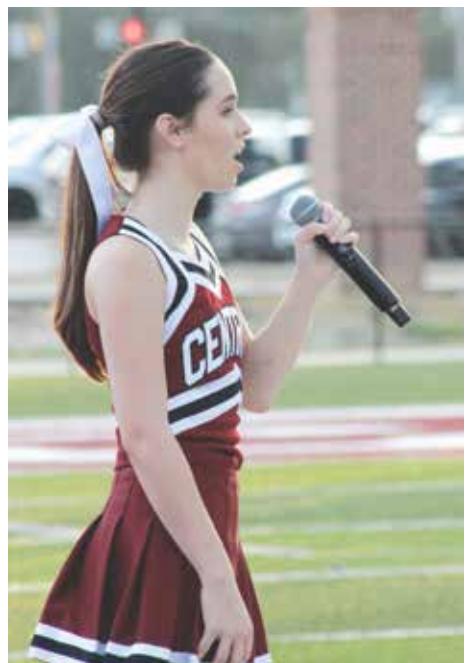
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PARKING - Just come to the
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Central High Wildcat's Football Class of 2023



Meet the Central Wildcats



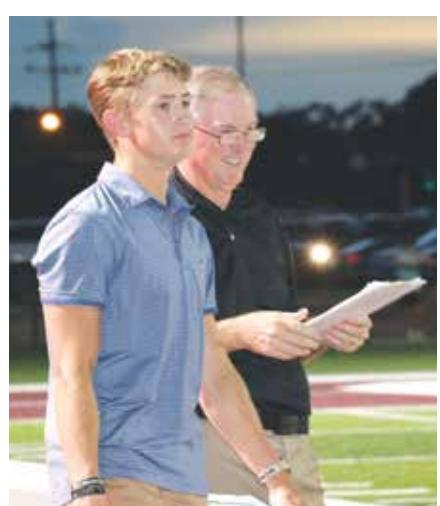
CAROLINE WAGONER singing the National Anthem. Central High's senior varsity cheerleaders with Willie the Wildcat. Central High School JROTC Color Guard.



CHS PRINCIPAL BRANDON LAGROUE opens the Meet the Wildcats. Ava Nehring gave the invocation. Wildcat Stadium was full of proud parents and friends.



DRUM MAJOR MATTHEW DAVIS. Varsity cheerleader Kaitlyn Lamonte. CHS majorette Afton Graham. Saxophone players Landon Hamilton and Hannah Cook.



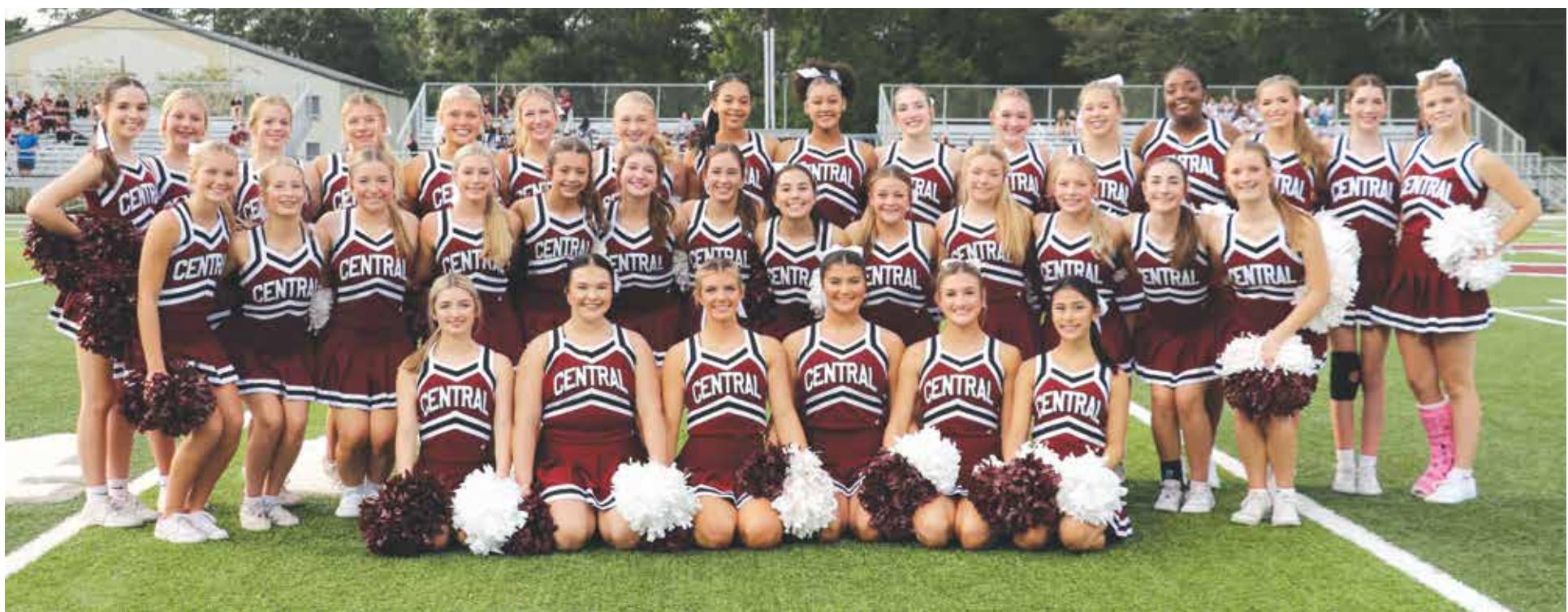
MEET THE WILDCATS Emcees Jack Leaphart and Wes Watts. Central's championship Fishing Team. At right, Central High softball team.

Meet the Wildcats
Wildcat Stadium • August 31, 2022



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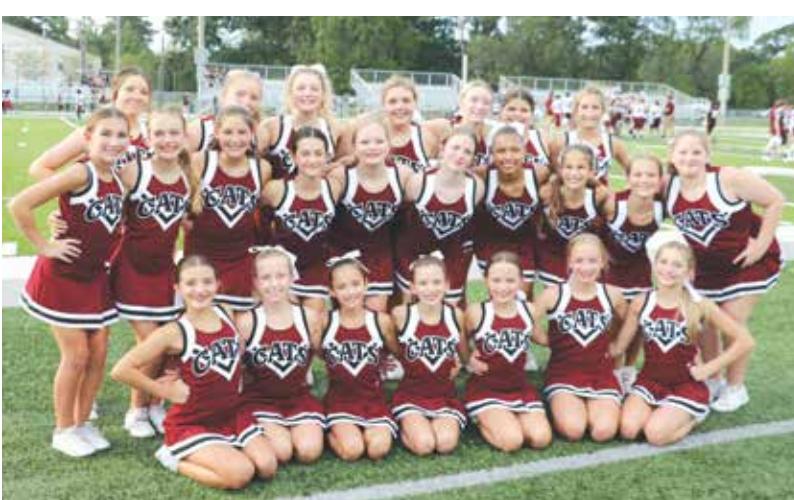
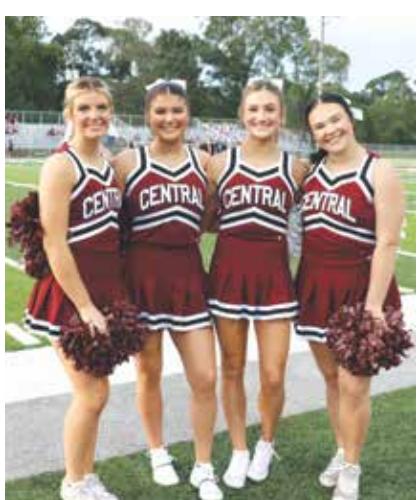
Meet the Central Wildcats



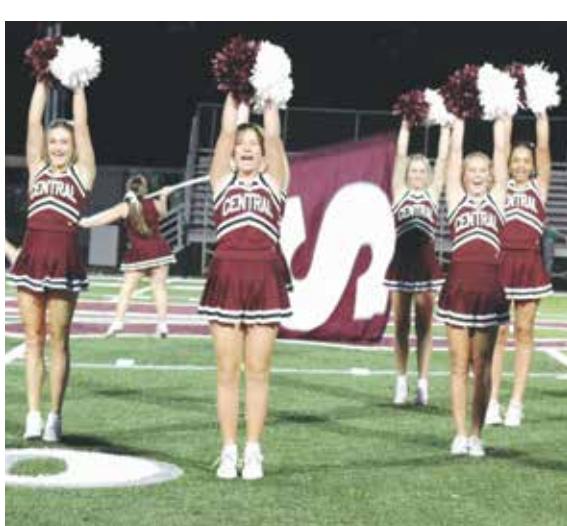
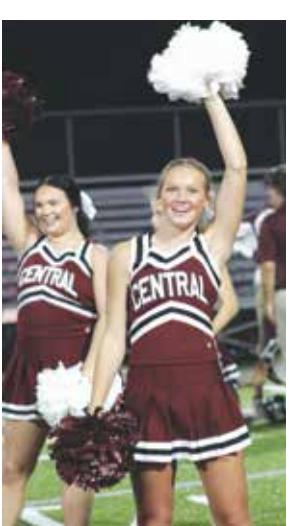
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL's 2022-2023 Varsity Cheerleaders, sponsored by Sharon Ball and head coach Amy Felps Stevens



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL's 2022-2023 Silks and Kittens sponsored by Alison McCauley



Cheer captains Emmy McClure, Kenleigh Perrin, Danielle Satterwhite and Raelyn Burnett. Central Middle School cheerleaders. Willie the Wildcat serenades the cheerleaders.

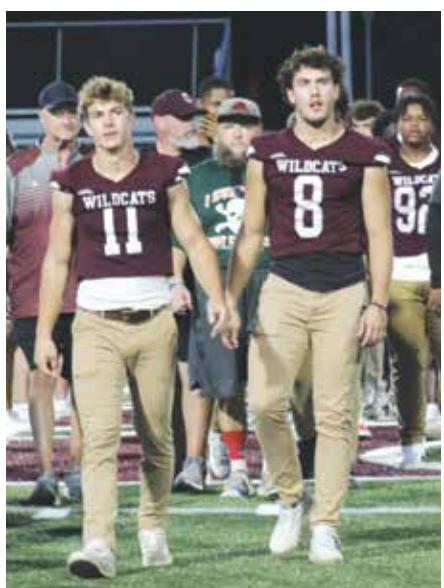


CHS Silks perform. CHS cheerleader Lucy Patterson. Cheerleaders perform for the fans. CHS cheerleader Kierra Taylor. Kitten captain Emilee Brumfield.

Meet the Central Wildcats



#5 Emmanuel Williams, #6 Kyle Veal, #87 Jackson Griffin, #54 Kaiden Lang, #1 Kam Tam Triplett, #49 Tyler Ward-Roberts, #27 Keon Coverson, #20 Blayson Stokan.



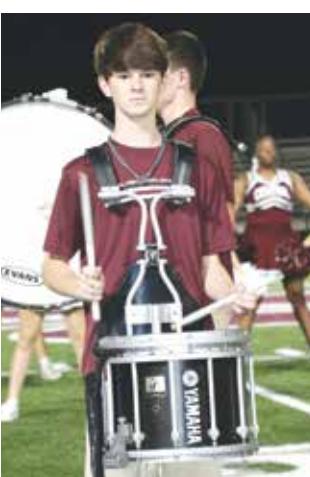
Football players, #11 Jacob Tullier and #8 Gavin Vacarro. Senior volleyball players #1 Reese Prestridge, #2 Aly Lasseigne, #10 Kylea Saccafo, #31 Bella Bossier, #5 Jaida Alvin, #8 Kara Watts, and #13 Azaria Porch. Central girls soccer #16 Kate Hill, #18 Emily Mier, Trinity Weatherman, and #4 Molly Vance.



CHS baseball coach Leo McClure gives a high five to Emmy. Central High's swimming team. Central High's state powerlifters Luke Miller and Kaiden Lang. CHS girls basketball.



CHS gymnastics team. Central's tennis team Annalyse Greely and Janece Bueche. Representing the Central High School bass fishing team. Myah Chenier with the Central High girls track team. Central volleyball coach Michele LeBouef.



Central High drum line Carson Truett, Gabby Sparks (bass drum in back), Daniel Alba, and Taylor McGlone, Hinesley Bryant (percussion captain) and Tanner Smith.

Meet the Central Wildcats



Central High School baseball Wildcats #21 Jacob Leblanc, #9 Cam Patterson, and #11 Blaise Gregoire. Center photo: #44 Jesse Lord, #36 Sean Sunday. Right photo: #35 Connor Logsdon, #25 Jackson Cassels, and #36 Sean Sunday.



Central High baseball. Left photo: #26 Brady Wiles and #16 Peyton Walls. Center photo, Central's basketball team Jax Johnson, Malachi James, Gage Burkhalter, Karson Perrin, Michael Manchester, Markell Sampson, and Coach Scott Osborne. Right photo: Noah Pedeaux, Michael Manchester, Chuck Rawls, Scott Smith, Collin Starks.



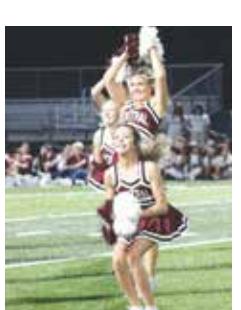
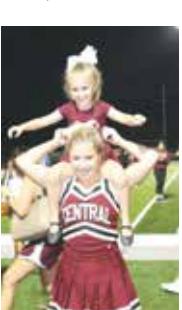
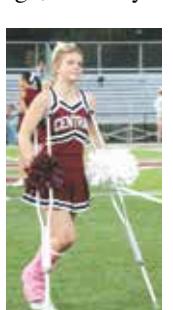
Lady Wildcat's softball team and Central High School athletic trainers. Also, Central High's cross country team makes an announcement about track meets (right).



Central High head coach Sid Edwards (left). At right, Coaches Frank Fresina, Reid Cooper, Justin Hutchinson, Hunter Edgens, and Robbie YYellowt.



#8 Gavin Vacarro, #92 Donte Cryer, #26 Glen Cage, #9 Colby Williams, #31 Justin Hillard, #4 Jevon Washington. Coaches Joey Jarreau, Frank Fresina, Reid Cooper, and Justin Hutchinson.



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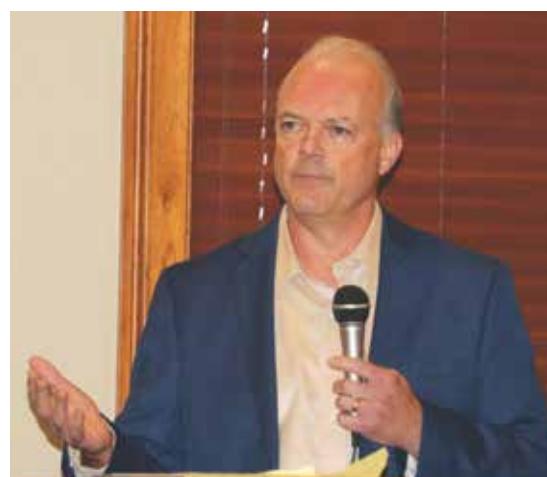
Chamber of Commerce of East Baton Rouge Parish Candidate Forum Café Americain Aug. 23, 2022



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ZACHARY POLICE CHIEF DAVID MCDAVID, candidate for Mayor of Zachary, and Central Mayor David Barrow, who is running for reelection, addressed the Chamber of Commerce of East Baton Rouge Parish Aug. 23 and gave voters information about their campaigns. The election in Zachary and Central is Tuesday, Nov. 8.



JIM HOGG (left) asks East Baton Rouge School Board incumbents a question. Candidates were Mike Gaudet, Mark Bellue and Jill Dyason, who are all running for reelection.



SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES APPEARED at the Chamber of Commerce of East Baton Rouge Parish, including (left to right) Nick Carmena, running for Central School Board District 4; Chris dePierne, who is seeking Central School Board District 5; David Tatman, who is running for reelection from East Baton Rouge Parish District 9, and Mike Davis, who is seeking Central School Board District 9, the same seat as dePierne.

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Captain Wade Welborn Laid to Rest

CENTRAL—A loving and beloved father, brother and son, Kenneth Wade Welborn passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 13, 2022, at the age of 63.

Wade retired a Captain from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office in 2009 after 31 years of diligent service. After joining the office in 1978, he served as a uniform patrolman, Commander of the Central Substation and liaison to the District Attorney's Office.

Wade graduated from the FBI National Academy and took other courses and programs including the LSU Law Enforcement Academy and Institute. After retirement, he served as part of the security team for the Louisiana Dept. of Agriculture, where he worked with his brother Jimmy and his father.

A 1977 graduate of Central High School and an accomplished athlete, Wade was one of the first from Central to be selected to an All-American football team. He followed his family's tradition with his love of history and had a special fondness for the history of law enforcement. Absorbing the lessons and stories of his father and other veteran officers, he often spoke accurately of events that he would have been too young to experience when they occurred.

Wade was a member of Central Masonic Lodge #442 and also served as a board member on the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation Project. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of



Kenneth Wade Welborn

Police, FBI Academy Association, Louisiana Peace Officers Association, Louisiana Sheriffs' Association and the Central Rotary Club. He was named Peace Maker of the Year by the Lions Club in 1988.

Throughout his years in law enforcement and beyond, Wade was well liked and respected by all those he worked with, in his own and other agencies. He was loved far and wide for his dedication to family and friends, strong backbone, and good humor.

A solid anchor, a loyal advocate, a voice of reason, the life of the party – Wade was all of these and so much more. If the nature of his job sometimes called for a

no-nonsense approach, he was best known for a smile that could light up a room, a caring nature, and a kind heart. Most of all he loved the simplest things in life like having a cup of coffee and a biscuit, sitting on the back porch with his beloved dog Sadie Mae and son Blake.

Left to cherish Wade's memory are his son Blake Welborn, his pride and joy from the day he was born; mother Anna Mae Welborn; brothers John "Coker" Welborn, Jr., Doug Welborn and Jimmy Welborn and wife Tammy.

He is also survived by nieces Erica Welborn Malone and husband Ryan, Lindsey Welborn, Skylar Welborn and Piper Welborn; nephew Colby Welborn; great nephew Gabriel Malone; great nieces Dulcie and Juniper Malone and numerous cousins.

Awaiting Wade in Heaven are his father, John Welborn, Sr.; brother Billy Welborn; sister Darlene Anne, who entered the world with Billy and Jimmy and preceded him after only three hours on earth; and great nieces and nephews Ryan, Landen and Lauren Welborn and Joseph "Little Joe" Malone.

Though he left us far too soon, Wade leaves behind wonderful times to remember, stories to tell and solid examples to be followed until his ultimate reunion with family and friends in Heaven.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022 at Central Funeral Home, 9955 Hooper Road. Funeral services were held at 12

noon followed by procession to graveside service at Resthaven Gardens of Memory.

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Capt. Wade Welborn's funeral was quite a community event. A large crowd was waiting at 9 a.m. to enter Central Funeral Home.

A large group of government officials, community leaders, and law enforcement officers came to pay their condolences to the Welborn family.

Among those in attendance were District Attorney Hillar Moore, Chief Roger Corcoran, former Chief James Salsbury, Col. Bobby Dale Callender, and many others.

Mementos on display included Capt. Welborn's sheriff's uniform and some photos and awards from his days playing football for Central High School, where he was named an All-American.



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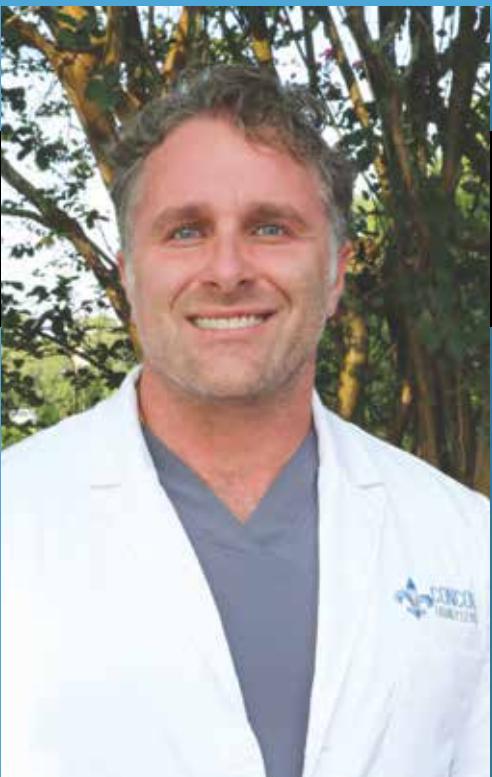
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Meet Dr. Adam Quartano

Dr. Adam Quartano, or Dr. Q, is dentist native to south-east Louisiana. Born in New Orleans, he spent the majority of his childhood in the Mandeville/Covington area. He went to the St Paul's School in Covington, and then moved to Athens, Georgia where he attended the University of Georgia, majoring in Genetics. He moved back to New Orleans after college, where he received his Master's of Cell and Molecular Biology from Tulane and his Doctorate of Dental Surgery from LSU School of Dentistry. While in dental school, Dr. Quartano became particularly interested in cosmetic dentistry and oral surgery. He also spent all four years serving with the Student Government Association at LSU, acting as both class president and Student Body President as well as serving as the student member of the Alumni Board. He is currently a member of many dental organizations, including the ADA, LDA, and NODA. He also aims to be very active in the legislative aspect of dentistry.

Dr. Quartano comes from a family of dentists, with both his late Grandfather George Quartano and his brother Ross Quartano practicing dentistry. He is a huge fan of the patient interaction dentistry offers him, and he strives to get to know each of his patients on a person level. He desires all patients to feel at ease while they receive care, and he hopes to establish lifelong relationships with each and every patient.

Outside of dentistry, Dr. Quartano enjoys staying active. He plays in local volleyball leagues and enjoys coaching Crossfit. He grew up skiing and wakeboarding and continues to do so. He is an avid Saints and Pelicans fan, and enjoys college football cheering his on his Alma Mater, as well as LSU. He is also a member of the 610 Stompers and can be found marching during Mardi Gras with the dance crew. He looks forward to serving the Central community.



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