

Property Across Sullivan Road from Wildcat Stadium

Central Buys City Hall Site



MAYOR DAVID BARROW with Ruby, Jaye, Ray, and Ruth Devall after signing sale of 9.55 acres on Sullivan Road for a new Central City Hall. The Devall and Robinson families have owned the property for generations but are excited for it to serve the community.

Mayor Makes 'Deal Of Decade' for Land In City Center for About \$62k an Acre

Woody Jenkins
 Editor

CENTRAL — The City of Central has purchased 9.55 acres of land near the intersection of Hooper and Sullivan roads for construction of a new City Hall. The property is located on the west side of Hooper.

Mayor David Barrow negotiated the deal with Jay and Ray Devall, whose family has owned the land for generations. The purchase price of \$594,000, or \$62,198 an acre, is low for the City Center.

After debating the future of City Hall over the past several years, the City Council voted 6-1 to approve the land purchase, with Councilman Dave Freneaux voting no.

Barrow said he and the City Council will work with the architect to develop plans for the new City Hall. He hopes that the property will eventually include a City Hall Annex for Central City Services and perhaps the Police Department.

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4,698 People Voted Early at Library on Joor Rd. in Central

CENTRAL — During eight days of early voting, the people of Central and nearby areas poured into the Central Library on Joor Road to cast their votes in the Nov. 8 election. Voters are choosing a U.S. Senator, Congressman, judges, city officials and school board members.

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Wildcats Are a Long Shot to Provide Coach Sid's 16th Trip to State Playoffs

CENTRAL — Playing in the toughest district in Louisiana's 5-A football has a lot of disadvantages. The main disadvantage is that it's tough to win against two defending State Champions (Zachary, the State 5-A champion, and Catholic, the State Division I champion). It's also tough to win against a State 5-A semifinalist (Scotlandville).

However, when Central hosts Liberty High (formerly Robert E. Lee) at 7 p.m. Friday at Wildcat Stadium, there is a long shot chance they will make the State 5-A playoffs. It would be Coach Sid Edwards' 16th trip to the playoffs in the past 17 years.

There is one advantage to play-

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CENTRAL'S STAR RUNNING BACK Glen Cage races for TD against Woodlawn.

Large Turnout in Early Voting at Central Library



NEARLY 4,700 RESIDENTS of Central and neighboring communities came to the Central Library Oct. 25 to Nov. 1 for Early Voting for the Nov. 8 election.



Central Police Department Administration Comparison

Under Chief James Salsbury

Current Administration

- ★ Budget Approximately \$640,000
 - ★ Employee Turnover Rate: Less Than 10%
 - ★ Assistant Chiefs: 1
 - ★ Law Suits: None
 - ★ Campaign Promises: Kept all, truly did "More for Less"
 - ★ Moved the Police Department from taxpayer-funded rental property to current police station which we got donated to the city.
 - ★ Started the Motorcycle Division with motorcycles purchased from WBRSO for one dollar each.
 - ★ Took over working all accidents in Central from Sheriff's Office, 700 wrecks a year, which freed the Sheriff to work serious crimes.
 - ★ Conducted regular patrols in Central neighborhoods.
 - ★ Worked carpools at Central schools reducing wait time from one hour to 20 minutes.
 - ★ Purchased Mobile Command Trailer for emergencies and city events, paid for by donations.
- ★ Budget Approximately \$1.2 Million
 - ★ Employee Turnover Rate: Over 50%
 - ★ Assistant Chiefs: 4
 - ★ Law Suits: Multiple
 - ★ Campaign Promises: Ran on More for Less
 - ★ Disabled the Motorcycle Unit and sold the equipment.
 - ★ Stopped working carpools.

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Devall Family Is Happy at New Use of Property

9.55 Acres for Central City Hall



MAYOR DAVID BARROW with Jay and Ray Devall signing the sale agreements on 9.55 acres on Sullivan Road just south of Hooper for new Central City Hall.

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“There are many other possibilities which have been discussed including a Drivers License office, Tax Assessor’s office, and a branch of the Clerk of Court’s office,” he said. “The back of the property is beautiful. I would like us to preserve that area for community events, perhaps with a pavilion where people could gather and bands could play.”

Although the price for the property was modest on a per-acre basis, Jay Devall said he thought it was fair. “Mainly, we just want the property to serve the community we love so much! We are excited about our homeplace being where City Hall is located!” he said.

His twin brother Ray said at age

75 they wanted to settle their affairs rather than dragging out the sale waiting for the best price.

Jay says Ray is the older of the two. “He’s got me beat by 23 minutes!” Jay said. Growing up on Sullivan Road in Central was a great place to be in the 1950’s and 1960’s. They were related to almost everyone and friends with the rest.

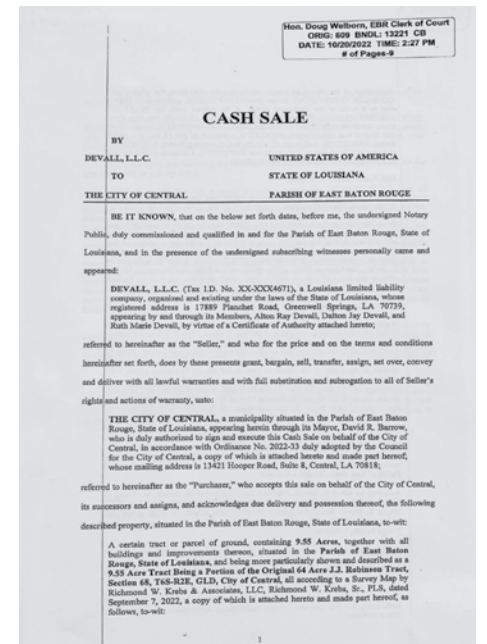
They played football and basketball, and ran track at Central High. On offense, they played end — at opposite ends of the line — and on defense they both played linebacker. In 1964, their team was state runnerup under Coach Misita. Jay and Ray went on to play college football at Southeastern but both suffered injuries early on. They lost their brother Randy who died

in his 30’s.

The twins inherited the property from their parents, Virgil and Melba Devall. Melba’s father, Julius Robinson, gave Virgil and Melba one acre of the land and they purchased the rest from him. Mr. Robinson owned the Kaiser automobile dealership on the northeast corner of Hooper and Sullivan in the 1940’s. Kaiser produced 750,000 automobiles from 1945 to 1955. It later merged with AMC. Today a successor company produces Humvees. The old Kaiser building is still there on the corner. It houses a number of small businesses.

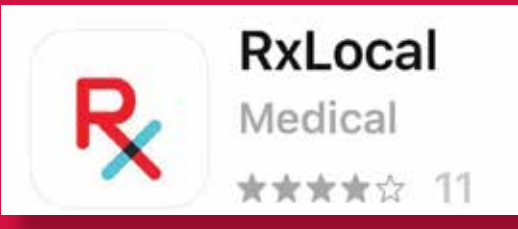
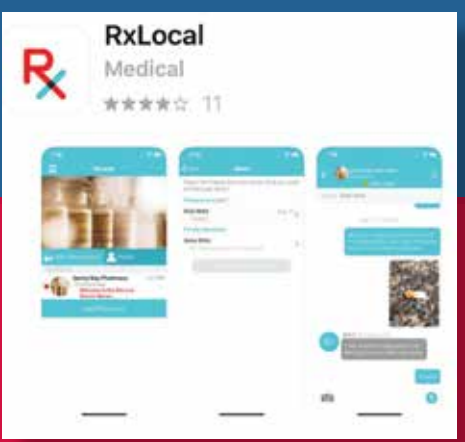
The 9.55-acre tract has been used as a homesite for the Devall

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History of New City Property Tied to Devalls

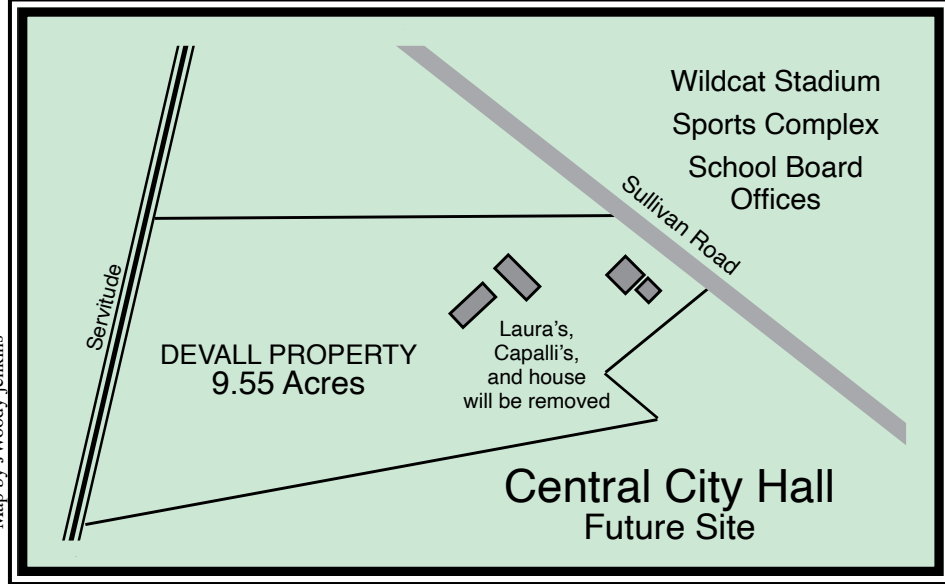
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family and most recently for Laura's Jewelry and Capalli's Salon. Starting in the 1970's, the buildings were used for Burger Chalet owned by Virgil Devall and Rep. Donald Ray Kennard and for a washateria.

Virgil Devall served as Constable for 42 years. For much of that period, his Justice of the Peace was Sterling Kennard, father of Donald Ray. For decades, Virgil Devall, Sterling Kennard, and East Baton Rouge Parish School Board member T. H. Montgomery were the only elected officials in Central. All were among the longest-serving public officials in Louisiana.

At one point, Virgil and Melba Devall owned part of the land with J. A. Smith, the legendary principal at Central High from 1938 to 1968 and principal at Central Private from 1968 to 1978.

Virgil Devall and his three brothers — Gene, Julius, and Melvin — all served in World War II. Virgil



was a long-time member of Zoar Baptist and the Masonic Lodge. Melba also served as a school bus driver.

Jay Devall was elected and served on the East Baton Rouge

Parish School Board for 12 years. As Central worked to form its own independent school district in 2005-2006, Jay stayed on the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board to make sure students on the north

side of Hooper were not bused out of Central. After Central formed its own school district, Jay continued on the School Board for about a year to make sure Central got a fair deal in the transition. The ownership of land, buildings, mineral leases, buses, computers, and many other things were at issue during the transition. When that process was complete, Jay resigned from the East Baton Rouge School Board.

After studying industrial technology at Southeastern, Ray worked at Dow Chemical and taught at Baker and then Central. He retired from Exxon in 2003 and then worked 10 more years as a welding inspector. Jay worked for Delta Southern and then Lafayette Logistics. Afterwards, he went to Exxon, where he retired.

Jay's wife Rubye and Ray's wife Ruth were also involved in the sale and the decision making.

Rubye said how much she has enjoyed being part of the Devall family. "One of the most wonderful things was having Virgil and Melba Devall as my father- and mother-in-law. No one could possibly want any better than the relationship we had."

Jay told a funny story about his mother and father. "We had the washateria where Laura's is now, but my dad decided he needed to close the washateria because it couldn't seem to make any money. Little did he know that that's where my mom got her grocery money! And I think Rubye was helping her!" Rubye laughed and chimed in, "I'm pretty sure he knew what was going on!"

Jay and Rubye still own their house in Central but spend most of their time at their place on the Tangipahoa River near Ponchatoula. Rubye loves animals and has goats, chickens, four cows, and guardian dogs for the goats.

The sale of the land for City Hall was handled by a local realtor, Michelle Jones, who happens to be Ray's stepdaughter-in-law. Mayor Barrow said it was fun to work with her, because she loves the property too.

Ray summed up his feelings and those of his brother, saying, "We're just happy to have the family property working for the community we love, and if City Hall ends up being here, that would be a wonderful thing for us!"



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A Short History of Elections in Central

Central Election Results



April 23, 2005
 — Vote on Incorporation —
 Should Central Be
 Incorporated as a City?
 Yes 5,126 63%
 No 3,064 37%
 8,190



April 1, 2006
 First Election of
 Central City Officials
Mayor of Central
 Mac Watts-R 5,129 85%
 Mike Kelly-D 885 15%
 6,014



Police Chief of Central
 Doug Browning-R 4,360 73%
 Wayne Ryland-R 1,593 27%
 5,953



Central City Council
 Five to be Elected
 Ralph Washington-D 3,881 70%
 Louis DeJohn-R 3,862 65%
 Joan Lansing-R 3,601 65%
 Lucky Ross-R 2,624 45%
 Aaron Moak-R 2,683 45%
 Rusty Jacobs-R 2,353 40%
 Pete Humble-D 2,338 40%
 Carolyn Patterson-R 2,316 40%
 Mike LeClerq-R 1,812 30%
 Bob Struppeck-R 1,254 20%
 Alvin Shaffer-NP 1,036 20%
 Tim Falke-NP 946 15%

28,706 votes
 5,741 voters
 Red = Elected Green = Runoff
 Blue = Defeated

April 29, 2006

Runoff Election
Central City Council
 Five to be Elected

Aaron Moak-R 2,138 60%
 Lucky Ross-R 1,724 50%
 Pete Humble-D 1,607 46%
 Rusty Jacobs-R 1,549 44%
 7,018 votes
 3,509 voters



Nov. 7, 2006
 — Create School District—
 Should the Central
 Community School System
 Be Created?
 Yes 9,434 92%
 No 855 8%
 10,289

Central Voters OK Tax Transfer By 92% Margin

CITY OF CENTRAL – Voters in Central went to the polls Saturday and approved two non-controversial proposals to transfer existing tax revenues from the

March 31, 2007
 Should 2% sales tax levied by EBR Parish School Board be transferred to Central Community School Board?
 Yes 4,616 92%
 No 423 8%
 5,039

Should 38.45-mil property tax levied by EBR School Board be transferred to Central School Board?
 Yes 4,371 87%
 No 662 13%
 5,033
Note: These were not tax increases.

Oct. 20, 2007
 Should 2% sales tax Levied by EBR Parish Be Transferred to City of Central

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Yes	8,781	83%
No	1,758	17%
10,539		

Note: This was not a tax increase.

Central Goes with Jenkins for Congress

6th Congressional District • Seven-month term				
Candidate	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
May 3, 2008 Election				
City of Central, LA				
28A	78	248	1	3
28B	40	259	0	0
28C	102	266	0	0
3-1B	73	353	1	15
3-2A	52	281	0	0
3-2B	45	289	1	8
3-2C	45	289	1	8
3-2D	40	284	0	10
3-2E	40	284	0	10
3-2F	40	284	0	10
3-2G	40	284	0	10
3-2H	40	284	0	10
3-2I	40	284	0	10
3-2J	40	284	0	10
3-2K	40	284	0	10
3-2L	40	284	0	10
3-2M	40	284	0	10
3-2N	40	284	0	10
3-2O	40	284	0	10
3-2P	40	284	0	10
3-2Q	40	284	0	10
3-2R	40	284	0	10
3-2S	40	284	0	10
3-2T	40	284	0	10
3-2U	40	284	0	10
3-2V	40	284	0	10
3-2W	40	284	0	10
3-2X	40	284	0	10
3-2Y	40	284	0	10
3-2Z	40	284	0	10
TOTALS	1,229	4,777	12	128

May 3, 2008
United States Congress
Central Results only
Woody Jenkins-R 4,777 85%
Don Cazayoux-D 1,229 15%
6,006



July 19, 2008
Should Central School
District Impose New
3/4-cent sales tax
for Capital Improvements?
No 3,415 56%
Yes 2,732 44%
6,147

Should Central School
District Impose New
\$49 million property tax for
Capital Improvements?

No	3,691	60%
Yes	2,440	40%
6,131		

Note: This proposed sales tax increase (3/4 cents) and \$49 million property tax increase were considered too high by voters. The board came back in May 2009 with a scaled down tax, which passed.



Oct. 20, 2008
First Election of
Central School Board

District 1
Russell Starns-R 747 50%
Morris Anderson-D 733 50%
1,480

District 3
David Walker-R 759 64%
Darren Pizzolato-NP 425 36%
1,184

District 4
Will Easley-R 737 57%
Wade Richard-R 549 43%
1,286

District 5
Jim Gardner-R 770 61%
Charles Hinton-R 502 39%
1,272

District 6
Ruby Foil-R 538 59%
Wyndi Bonvillain-R 368 41%
906

District 7
Sharon Browning-R 1,048 82%
Jeff Martin-R 235 18%
1,283



May 2, 2009
Should Central School
District Impose New
1/2-cent sales tax
for Capital Improvements?
Yes 4,594 65%
No 2,518 35%
7,112

Should Central School
District Impose new
\$12 million property tax
Yes 3,830 54%
No 3,270 46%
7,100

Should Central School
District Impose new
\$20 million property tax
Yes 3,610 51%
No 3,468 49%
7,100

March 22, 2010
Election of
Central City Officials

Mayor of Central
Mac Watts-R 4,183 52%
Jr. Shelton-R 3,877 48%
Turnout: 41.7% 8,060

Police Chief of Central
Doug Browning-R 3,794 47%
Wade Welborn-R 3,466 43%
Mike Garner-R 738 9%
Turnout: 41.7% 7,998

Charles Hinton-R 3,591 48%
Mike Mannino-R 3,278 45%
Turnout: 41.7% 37,066 votes
7,413 voters

Red = Elected Blue = Defeated
Note: Joan Lansing actually received 52.5% of the vote and still lost. Yes, that is possible and it happened! The law says if more candidates receive a majority of the vote than seats to be filled, the candidates with the highest vote totals for the number of seats to be filled will be elected.

May 1, 2010
Election of
Central City Officials

Police Chief of Central
Doug Browning-R 2,535 52%
Wade Welborn-R 2,382 48%
Turnout: 25.4% 4,917



Oct. 2, 2010
Central School Board

District 1
Jim Loyd-R 707 64%
Henry Goudeau-D 398 36%
Turnout: 37.5% 1,105

District 2
Roxanne Atkinson-R 659 52%
Jon Simmons-R 613 48%
Turnout: 38.0% 1,105

District 6
Ruby Foil-R 417 60%
Gerry Edgens-D 273 40%
Turnout: 28.7% 690



Nov. 19, 2011
Should Central School
District Impose
1/2-cent sales tax
for Capital Improvements?
Yes 3,998 86%
No 675 14%
Turnout: 23.3% 4,673

Nov. 6, 2012
Should Central School
District Limit School Board
Members to 12 Years
Yes 12,585 83%
No 2,556 17%
Turnout: 78.2% 15,141

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Central City Council
Five to be Elected
Tony LoBue-R 5,282 70%
Ralph Washington-D 4,540 60%
Wayne Messina-R 4,538 60%
Louis DeJohn-R 4,435 60%
Aaron Moak-R 4,165 55%
Joan Lansing-R 3,891 50%

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Nov. 16, 2013
Should Central School District \$13 Million in Bonds?
Yes 1,891 59%
No 1,331 41%
 Turnout: 15.4% 3,222



April 5, 2014
Election of Central City Officials
Mayor of Central
Jr. Shelton-R 4,546 59%
Dave Freneau-R 3,159 41%
 Turnout: 39.1% 7,705

Police Chief of Central
James Salsbury-R 3,944 52%
Kerry Clark-R 3,634 48%
 Turnout: 39.1% 7,578

Central City Council
Five to be Elected
Kim Fralick-R 5,135 70%
Wayne Messina-R 4,135 55%
Shane Evans-R 4,031 55%
John Vance-R 3,984 55%
Ralph Washington-R 3,625 40%
Jason Ellis-R 3,071 40%
June Dupuy-R 2,865 40%
Aaron Moak-R 2,784 40%
Mike Gardner-R 2,704 35%
Eric Frank-R 2,288 30%
Harry Rauls-R 2,112 30%
 Turnout: 31.9% 36,734 votes
 7,346 voters
 Red = Elected Green = Runoff
 Blue = Defeated



May 3, 2014
Runoff Election Central City Council
One to be Elected
Jason Ellis-R 2,066 58%
Ralph Washington-R 1,477 42%
 Turnout: 17.8% 3,543



Nov. 4, 2014
Central School Board
District 4
Will Easley-R 991 59%
Philip Ziegler-R 680 41%
 Turnout: 62.0 1,671

District 6
Ruby Foil-R 687 54%
Nick Carmena-NP 597 46%
 Turnout: 53.1% 1,284

District 7
Sharon Browning-R 1,148 73%
Felicia Braud-R 416 27%
 Turnout: 63.7% 1,564

March 6, 2016
To renew 38.45-mil property tax levied by School Board
Yes 3,783 57%
No 2,861 43%
 Turnout: 33.0% 6,644



Nov. 6, 2018
Election of Central City Officials

Mayor of Central
David Barrow-R 6,561 52%
Jr. Shelton-R 3,386 27%
Marcus Michelli 2,765 22%
 Turnout: 63.9% 12,712

Police Chief of Central
Roger Corcoran-R 7,305 58%
James Salsbury-R 5,296 42%
 Turnout: 63.9% 12,601



Central City Council
Two to be Elected at-Large
Wade Evans-R 6,939 66%
Aaron McKinney-R 4,942 46%
Ryan Meador-R 3,792 36%
Wayne Messina-R 3,342 32%
Kim Powers-R 2,287 22%
 Turnout: 63.9% 21,301 votes
 10,650 voters
 Red = Elected Green = Runoff
 Blue = Defeated

District 1
Aaron Moak-R 1,644 62%
Charlie Habig-D 1,010 38%
 Turnout: 65.2% 2,654 votes

District 2
Josh Roy-R 2,397 75%
John Vance-R 808 25%
 Turnout: 67.5% 3,205 votes

District 3
Dave Freneau-R 1,636 70%
Kim Fralick-R 690 30%
 Turnout: 64.4% 2,326 votes

District 4
D'Ann Wells-R 1,152 59%
Shane Evans-R 794 41%
 Turnout: 56.5% 1,946 votes

District 5
Charles Hinton-R 1,031 43%
Briton Myer-R 927 39%
Jeffrey Meyers-R 428 18%
 Turnout: 64.3% 2,386 votes
 Red = Elected Green = Runoff
 Blue = Defeated

Dec. 8, 2018
Runoff Election Central City Council
One to be Elected at-Large
Aaron McKinney-R 3,591 58%
Ryan Meador-R 2,643 42%
 Turnout: 31.7% 6,234

District 5
Briton Myer-R 875 60%
Charles Hinton-R 587 40%
 Turnout: 37.8% 1,462



Nov. 13, 2021
Central School Board Special Election

District 4
Kim Powers-R 372 62%
Phil Graham-R 230 38%
 Turnout: 21.9% 602

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Mayor, Chief, Council on Nov. 8 Ballot

Mayor of Central



David Barrow



Wade Evans

Police Chief



Roger Corcoran



James Salsbury

Council District 5



Vanda Mannino



Briton Myer

Council District 4



D'Ann Wells
Incumbent
Unopposed

Council District 1



Tim Lazaro
Incumbent
Unopposed

Council District 2



Ray Ashford

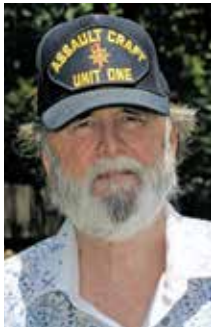


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Council District 3



Kim Fralick



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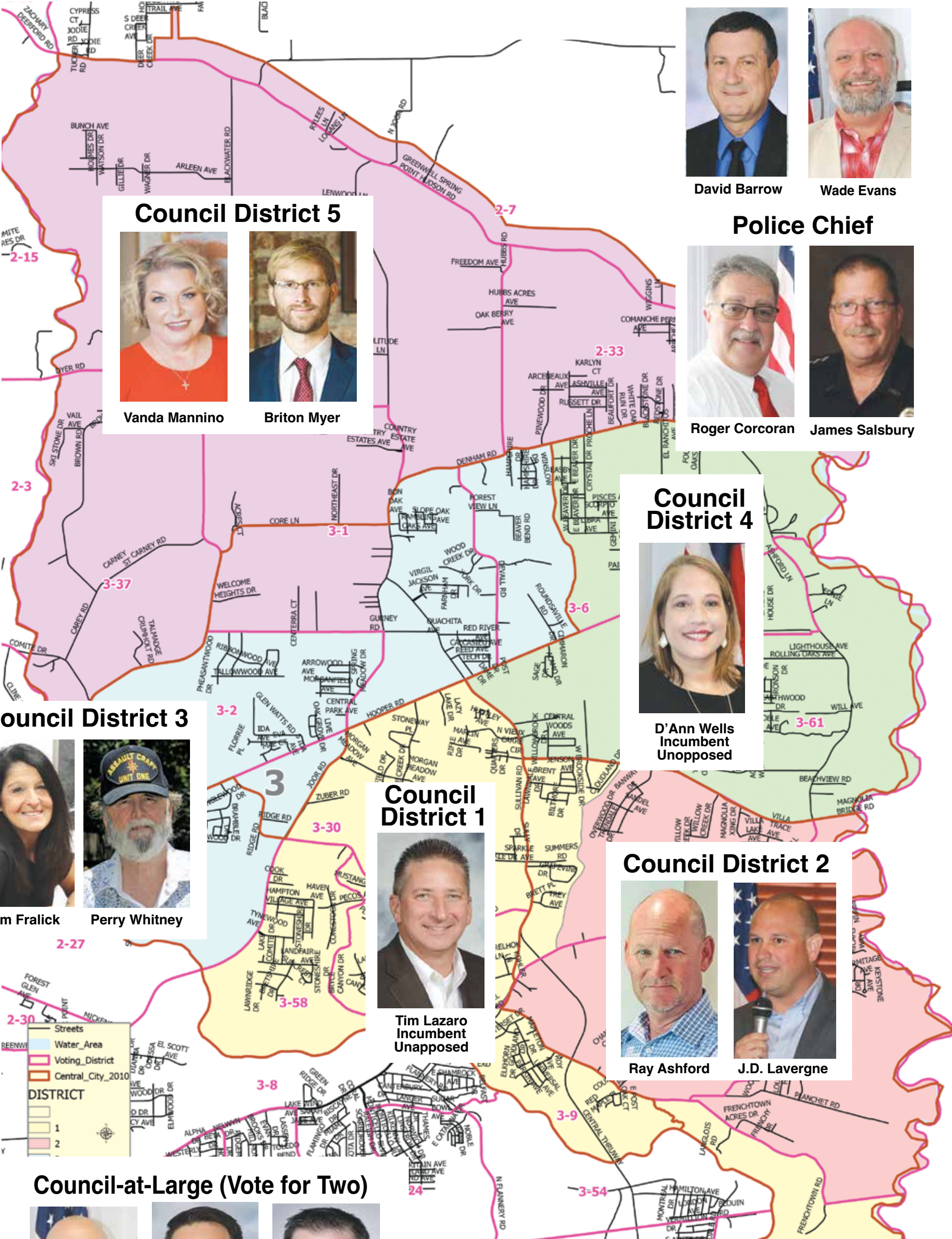


Aaron McKinney



Josh Roy

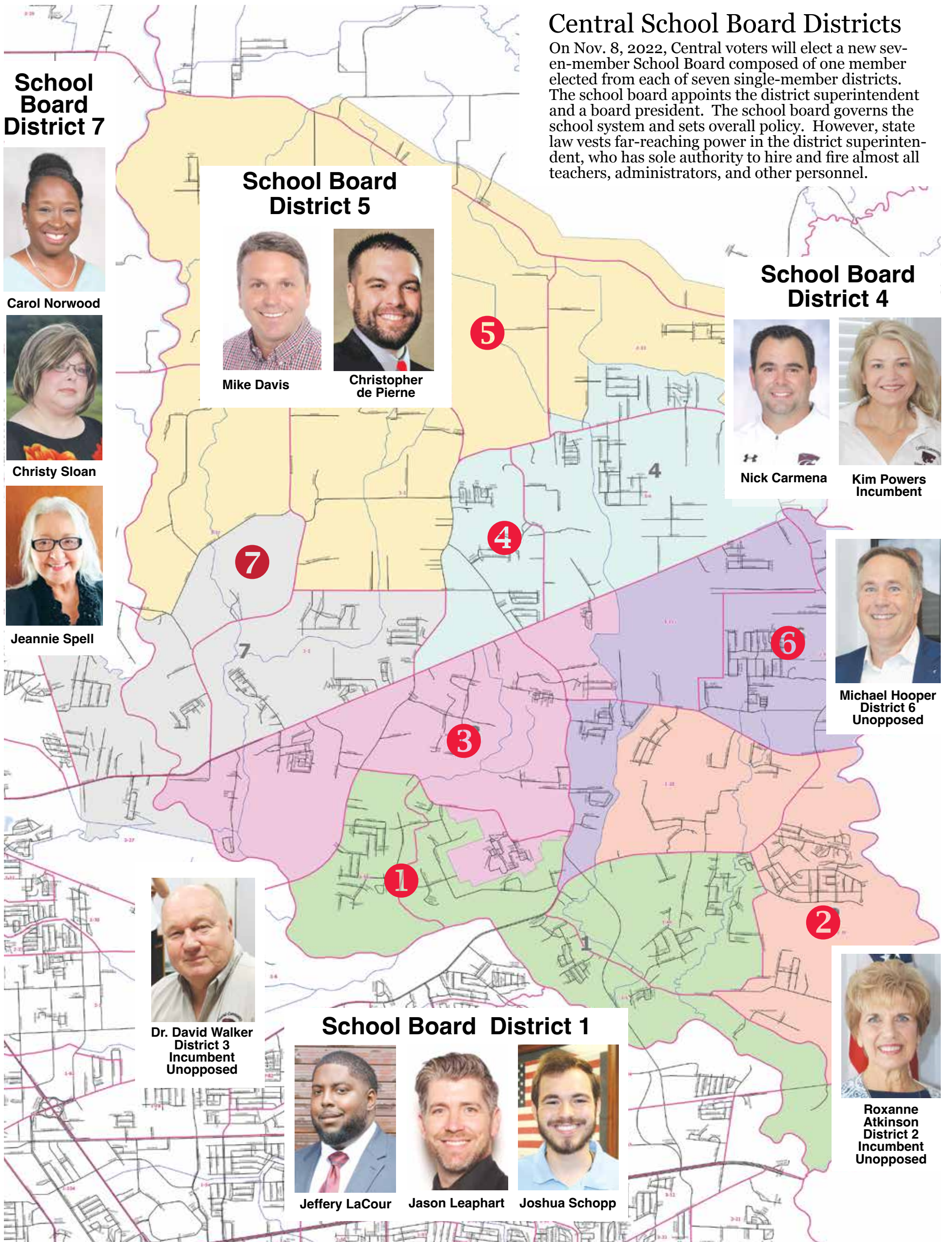
The City of Central (pop. 30,000) was incorporated in 2005 and is the newest municipality in Louisiana. It is governed under the Lawrason Act, which applies to cities that are not under a home rule charter. The city has an elected mayor and an elected police chief. The city council consists of seven members. Five are elected from single-member districts and two are elected at-large. The City of Central is unique in a number of ways. It is the only completely privatized city in Louisiana and one of the few in the U.S. All city services are provided by a private contractor. The city runs strong surpluses and has tens of millions in reserve. It is overwhelmingly Republican and conservative.



Central School Board to Be Elected Nov. 8

Central School Board Districts

On Nov. 8, 2022, Central voters will elect a new seven-member School Board composed of one member elected from each of seven single-member districts. The school board appoints the district superintendent and a board president. The school board governs the school system and sets overall policy. However, state law vests far-reaching power in the district superintendent, who has sole authority to hire and fire almost all teachers, administrators, and other personnel.



The Central Community School District was created as a result of an amendment to the Louisiana Constitution approved by voters statewide, in East Baton Rouge Parish, and in Central in 2006. The interim school board was appointed by Gov. Kathleen Blanco in January 2007. They selected Mike Faulk as district superintendent. The first employee hired was Coach Sid Edwards. The new board officially took over the existing schools in the district on July 1, 2007, and schools in Central opened in August 2007. Voters in the district chose the first elected board that fall. Today, the Central Community School System is one of the highest performing in Louisiana. It operates five schools. The district superintendent is Dr. Jason Fountain.

Early Voting Is Held in Central Thanks to Clerk of Court Doug Welborn

4,698 Turned Out to Vote at Central Library



CATCHING ON — Since Clerk of Court Doug Welborn brought Early Voting to Central several years ago, it has really caught on. Last week, 4,698 people voted at Central Library.

Door Open for Transgender Substitute Teachers If Central Schools Contract with Kelly Services

CENTRAL — The door could be open for transgender substitute teachers in Central schools if a proposed contract with Kelly Services is approved by the Central School Board. The school system has had problems attracting substitute teachers this year.

Over the objections of Central School Board member Kim Powers, the Central School Board is moving forward with a plan that would make this “Woke” international company the primary supplier of substitute teachers for the school system.

Kelly Services, which has made an international pledge of no discrimination based on “sexual orientation or gender identity/expression,” would be providing substitute teachers for the school system. Administrators said principals could still reject the substitute teachers provided by Kelly but exactly how that rejection would occur was unclear. Normally, most substitute teachers simply sign in at the beginning of the school day. Kelly has made the pledge not to discriminate on “sexual orientation or gender identity/expression” in “assignments.”

The Central School Board’s Fi-

nance Committee recommended moving forward with the plan at a committee meeting Monday night. School Board member David Walker said the school system should partner with Kelly Services for the rest of the school year to see how it works out. The proposed contract will go to the full board at its next meeting. A majority of the board serves on the Finance Committee.

School board member Kim Powers said substitute teachers should be chosen primarily from among Central residents, not an outside firm and certainly not by a “Woke” international firm like Kelly.

“They are flat out telling us they will not discriminate based on ‘sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.’ That’s really all I need to know!”

Powers said Central residents desiring to substitute teach should be paid enough to make it attractive. “Most substitute teachers in Central are being paid less than \$8 an hour. It makes no sense to pay starting teachers \$50,000 a year and then wonder why you can’t find substitute teachers for under \$8 an hour,” she said. “If McDonald can’t find employees for \$8 an

hour, how can we expect to find substitute teachers at that salary?” she said.

“You can bet Kelly will be paying a lot more than \$8 an hour, and we taxpayers will pay a lot more but through a middle man. We will probably end up paying Kelly \$25 to \$30 an hour. Why not simply increase pay for substitute teachers and hire them directly as we always have?” she asked.

Powers said after the meeting that hiring people with confused sexual identity would be an obvious and grievous mistake. “The people of Central want nothing to do with the Woke culture, and I can’t believe this contract is even being considered,” Powers said.

Powers, who is new to the board after having been elected in a special election last year, said she was shocked to learn that no other company besides Kelly has even been considered by the school system.

Kelly Services operates in many countries including China, India, virtually all of Europe, the U.S., Canada and Mexico. It’s website says Kelly aligns with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and is a signatory of the United Nations Global

Compact.

In August, the U.S. Department of Education said Central must allow transgender students full access to bathrooms and other facilities of its choice in order to continue receiving federal lunch funds. State Supt. of Education Cade Brumley said he opposes this federal mandate and is willing to fight it.

— Woody Jenkins, editor

Playing Best Teams In State Does Have Some Advantages

Continued from Page 1

ing in District 4-5A. When you lose competitive games to highly ranked teams, you get points that make it possible to move into the State Playoffs, despite a losing record.

Normally, the State 5-A playoffs include the top 32 teams. Central is rated as No. 29. The problem is, the rules were changed this year, and only 28 5-A teams will be allowed to compete in the playoffs.

Coach Sid said his inhouse expert on how playoff seeds are calculated is still working on the math, but somehow, somehow, the Wildcats might just move up a notch and into the playoffs.

Several years ago, Central was ranked No. 33 in the state. Because a team was disqualified, the Wildcats moved up to No. 32 and into the playoffs. Then they proceeded to defeat Slidell, who was seeded No. 1. It was a year to remember!

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Metro Councilman Laurie Adams, describing Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome's 'Stormwater' Proposal



METRO COUNCILMAN LAURIE ADAMS (left) described how Mayor Sharon Weston Broome's "stormwater" proposal played out and how the mayor-president and her top aides deceived the Metro Council, making them believe the EPA had an urgent deadline but that the details could not be revealed because the EPA had a nondisclosure requirement. But it was all a lie, she said. Five other Republican members of the Metro Council were on hand to back her up. At right, Metro Councilmen Dwight Hudson and Aaron Moak. The fireworks occurred at the Chamber of Commerce of EBR Parish meeting. To watch the Central City News' coverage of the meeting, download a QR Code Reader and click the QR Code below.



REPUBLICAN MOVER AND SHAKER Michael Chittom (left) asks a question. Major news media outlets (center) were at the Chamber of Commerce of East Baton Rouge Parish meeting to cover the event. At right, attorney Jeff Wittenbrink (right) speaks on the need for East Baton Rouge Parish to have a good attorney and jokingly offers his card.



FORMER CONGRESSMAN JOHN FLEMING (left) spoke to the Chamber of Commerce of EBR Parish at Café Americain on his plan to run for Lt. Governor. Penny Landry (left/center) with EBR Infrastructure Solutions. Coleman Brown (right/center) chairman of the Chamber EBR Infrastructure Committee, and Republican Women leaders (right)

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Wildcats Give All Against Zachary



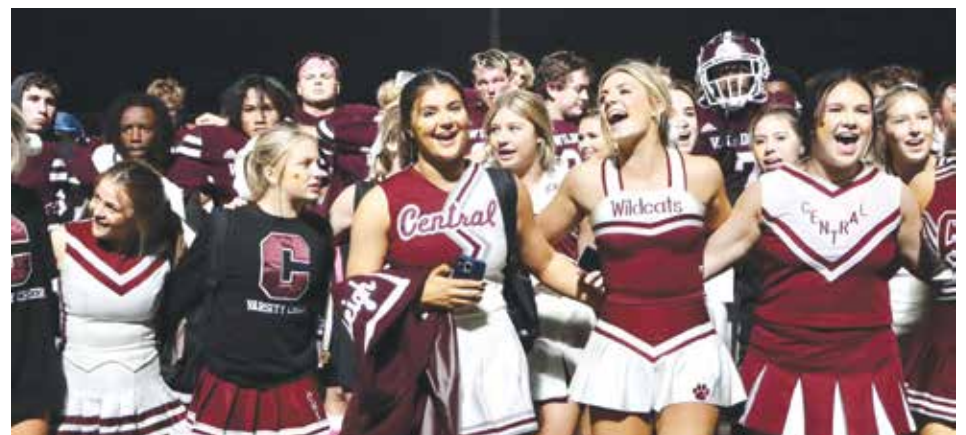
KAM TRIPLETT (left) #1 scores for the Wildcats. #7 Jamarius Jarvis (center) Wildcat defensive back. #4 Jevon Washington (right) celebrates in the end zone.



COLBY WILLIAMS (left), Wildcat defensive lineman, puts pressure on the Broncos. #92 Donte Cryer (center), Wildcat defensive lineman. #11 Jacob Tullier celebrates with defense.



GLEN CAGE (left) #26, Wildcat running back. Robert Dale Gunn, Jr. of the Central High Class of 2008 passed away October 17, 2022. In his memory, members of his Central High School class (center) gathered on the sidelines. Rob Gunn's jersey and towel were on display in his honor.



IN MEMORY OF ALIYE RINGE, Wildcat cheerleaders and alum (left) present the family with Aliye's uniform, pom poms, and cheer shoes in a shadowbox. Cheerleaders and football players (right) after the game singing the Alma Mater.



CHS cheerleaders Presley Reeves and Hallea Lacroix

Wildcat Stadium
Central 28
Zachary 42

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Central Wildcats and Zachary Broncos post game.

Central Wildcats vs. Woodlawn Panthers



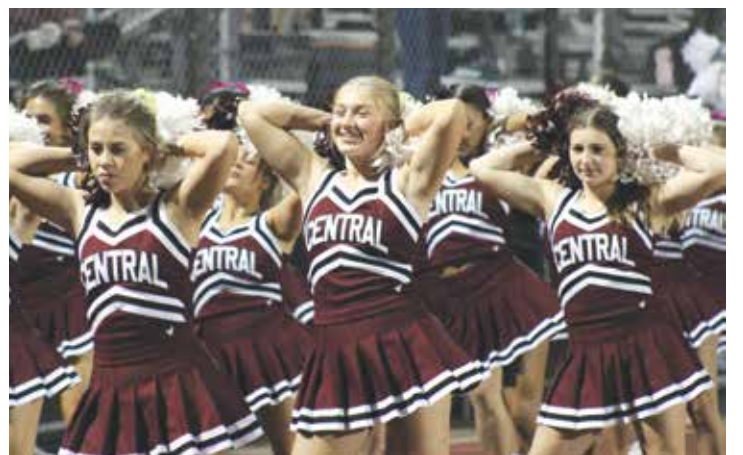
THE CENTRAL WILDCATS #11 Jacob Tullier (left) goes in for the tackle. Central's running back #26 Glen Cage (center). #54 Kaiden Lang (right) clears the way for Cage.



JACOB TULLIER #11 (left) grabs Panther QB #1 Rickie Collins. Wildcat defensive lineman #42 (center). Tight End #85 Ayden Wilkinson (right).



DONTE CRYER #92 (left) putting pressure on #1 Rickie Collins. Make way for Wildcat defensive lineman #99 Brandon Baker (center). Central's #7 Jarvis Jamarius (right).



THE WILDCAT DEFENSE gives Panther QB #1 Rickie Collins a hard time (left). #6 Kyle Veal (center) on the sidelines. Wildcat varsity cheerleaders (right).



VOICE OF THE WILDCATS Ken Bush (left). #4 Jevon Washington (center/left). #26 Glen Cage for a touchdown (right/center). Wildcats cheerleaders' big buddies (right).

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City of Central Budget

The \$64 Million Dollar Question

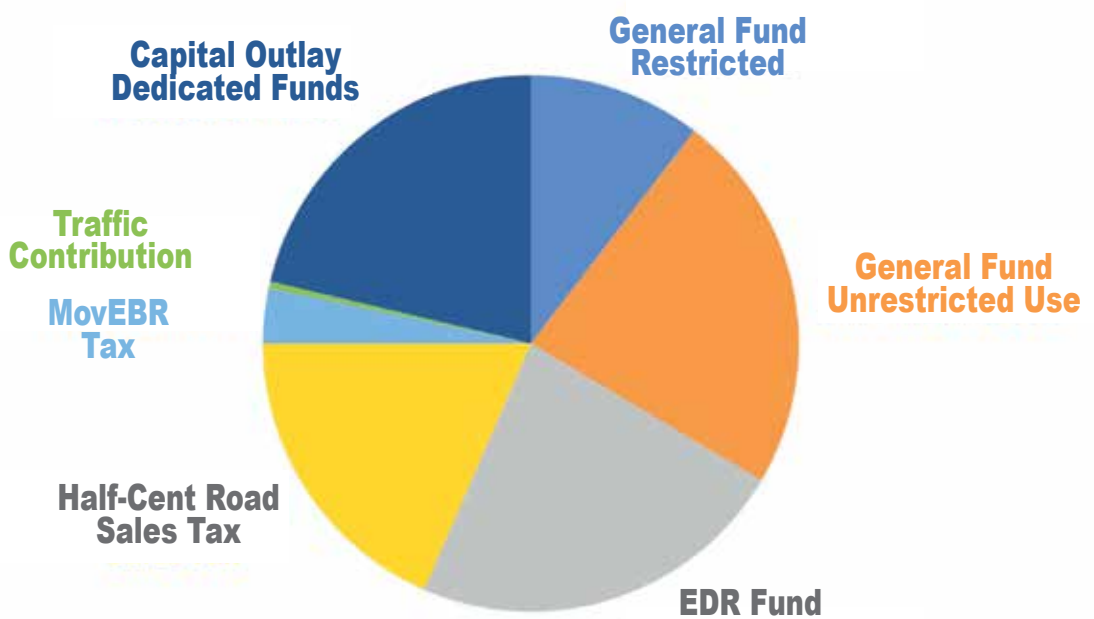
It has been reported that the city has a \$64 million surplus and it's not being spent. This is not true! The majority of these funds are dedicated and restricted:

As of June 30, 2022, the city's fund balance was nearly \$60.2 million. Of that amount, **only \$13.9 million was unrestricted and available for general use.** The remainder was restricted to dedicated funds, projects, and uses.

- **General Fund:** \$20.2 million, of which \$6.3 is restricted for the Operating Reserve Fund.
- **Emergency, Drainage, Road Fund:** \$13.8 million restricted for these purposes only. (\$9.4 million for emergencies, \$3.6 million for drainage, and \$800,000 for roads).
- **Half-Cent Sales Tax Fund:** \$11.1 million for new construction, rehab, and sidewalks: 1) \$9.4 million for new road construction, of which the Mayor has \$15 million in proposed projects. 2) \$1.2 million for street rehab/overlays. 3) \$460k for sidewalks and beautification.
- **MovEBR Fund:** \$2 million dedicated for road construction, signal synchronizations, and upgrades, and sidewalk projects.
- **Traffic Impact Contributions:** \$241k in funds received from developers for traffic impacts.
- **Capital Outlay:** \$12.8 million for construction-related projects, of which \$5.2 million is restricted and \$7.6 million is committed funds for major roadway and drainage projects.

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Dr. Adam Quartano, DDS

Meet Dr. Adam Quartano

Dr. Adam Quartano, or Dr. Q, is dentist native to southeast 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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Court of Appeal - Hunter Greene



District Judge - Steve Myers

Central City Government



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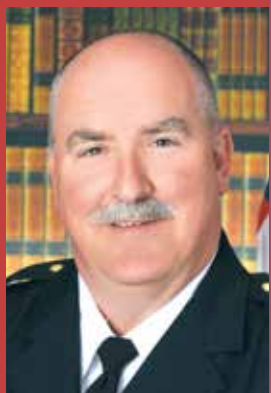
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East Baton Rouge Parish School Board



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Sen. John Kennedy

divided field of Democratic opponents. Third, the black turnout in early voting was way down — far below where it has to be to win statewide elections. About 25 percent of early voters were black. About 35 percent is needed for Democrats to win statewide.

A native of Zachary, John Kennedy is well known to voters in Central. They like him and can be expected to be a respectable part of the landslide victory he will win statewide.

More interesting for Sen. Kennedy is what could happen after the election. Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky is the Senate Minority Leader and would normally be a shoo-in to be the Senate Majority Leader in January if Republicans win control of the Senate Nov. 8, as is expected.

However, McConnell has an abrasive style and is no friend to conservatives. He has alienated many in the Republican caucus. Perhaps most important, he is a vocal opponent of former President Trump, who would like nothing better than to replace him.

A leading candidate to take on McConnell is none other than Louisiana's junior senator, John Kennedy.

"John Kennedy" must be the best imaginable name for a senator, but this John Kennedy brings a lot more than a famous name. He is strong, reliable, and a born fighter and leader.

Republican senators would be well advised to select Sen. John Kennedy as their new Majority Leader. There is no comparison to McConnell. Kennedy has the philosophy and the leadership style to make the next two years very productive and successful for the Republican Party and the conservative movement in the United States Senate.

— Woody Jenkins

Congressman Garret Graves Is Staying Close to the People



CONGRESSMAN GARRET GRAVES (center) greeting voters at The Stockyard on Airline Highway near the Old Mississippi River Bridge last Friday. Shown with him are Metro Councilman Brandon Noel (left) and Central City News editor Woody Jenkins (right). Graves has little opposition Nov. 8.

BATON ROUGE — For most Congressmen, getting reelected should be a breeze. Just do your job, represent the viewpoint of your district, and stay close to the people.

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Too often, people get elected to Congress, start believing their press releases, and get the "big head." They are too busy and too important to be out and about with ordinary souls. That hasn't happened to Garret Graves, which is why, no

matter who were to run, he would be very tough to beat. Add to that his conservative voting record, and outstanding Chief of Staff in Paul Sawyer, and you have a Congressman with staying power. If Republicans win the House as expected, Garret should play a major in Congress for years to come.

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Four Competing for District Judge Nov. 8

Can Republicans Re-Take Judgeship In Northern District Of East BR Parish?

Woody Jenkins
Editor

CENTRAL — Central's Judge Richard Anderson served as a District Judge for many years in the 19th Judicial District. He was respected by judges, lawyers, and the general public. His decisions were uniformly upheld, and he had no scandals of any kind.

Yet, on Nov. 3, 2020, Judge Anderson was defeated by a young Democratic attorney. The reason? In East Baton Rouge Parish, voters elect five judges from each of three judicial sub-districts, and these sub-districts have not been reapportioned in 30 years. They are badly malapportioned, and black voters are highly overrepresented.

The so-called minority sub-district has a voting population of 57,325 and elects five District Judges. The Northern sub-district, which includes Central and Zachary, has 100,093 voters and elects only five District Judges. And the Southern sub-district with 134,506 voters also elects only five District Judges.

The minority district is severely over-represented. Minority voters living near the minority subdistrict but in the Northern sub-district, give minority voters in the Northern



Dele Adebamiji



Gail Horne Ray



Adam Kwentua



Steve Myers

Sub-District	Total Voters	White	Black	Other
Minority	57,325	7,582	47,520	2,223
Northern	100,093	44,579	50,313	5,201
Southern	134,837	105,991	23,568	9,278

sub-district a majority.

As a result, even though only 44.6 percent of the voters in the parish are black, they have a majority in districts electing 10 of the 15 district judges in the parish. White voters are 49.5 percent of the voters in the parish but a majority in districts electing only five of 15 district judges

Based on population, black voters in the parish should have a majority in 7 or 8 of the 15 judgeships but not 10 of 15.

Judge Richard Anderson lost his race for reelection to Democrat Christopher Dassau. Unfortunately, Judge Dassau died shortly after tak-

ing office. On Tuesday, Nov. 8, voters in the Northern Sub-District, which includes Central and Zachary, will choose the replacement for Judge Dassau, the seat formerly held by Judge Anderson.

Four candidates are vying for the seat, including three Democrats — Dele Adebamiji, Gail Horne Ray, and Adam Kwentua — and Republican Steve Myers.

Here is a rundown on the four candidates:

• Dele Adebamiji, a native of Nigeria, has been practicing law in Baton Rouge for more than 30 years. He has been a public defender for much of that time. Like

many natives of Africa, Dele is very conservative on social issues. He is strongly pro-life and pro-traditional marriage.

• Gail Horne Ray, a Baton Rouge attorney who has the support of most black leaders in Baton Rouge and the Democratic establishment. She is endorsed by the Democratic Party.

• Adam Kwentua, also a native of Africa and a practicing attorney in Baton Rouge. He has served as an Assistant District Attorney and is viewed as more sympathetic to law enforcement.

• The candidate endorsed by the Republican Party is Steve Myers. His brother Brad Myers was elected District Judge from the Southern Sub-District in a special election earlier this year.

Steve Myers is a strong conservative with libertarian tendencies. He is a staunch defender of the Constitution and a devout Christian.

VOTE NOV. 3

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*Sincerely,
Kim Fralick*

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Central City Council
District 3



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BACK IN TIME — Rep. Donald Ray Kennard (R-Central) and attorney Sherri Morris testify in the Louisiana Legislature in 2006 for passage of a constitutional amendment to permit the creation of the Central Community School System.

Runoff Likely for 1st Circuit Court of Appeal

BATON ROUGE — One of the most important races on the ballot for Tuesday, Nov. 8 is for the First Circuit Court of Appeal. This appellate court is the first line of defense against the bad decisions coming from the District Court in Baton Rouge, and there are many!

In years past, the district judges serving on the 19th Judicial District Court had a reputation for judicial restraint and respect for the Louisiana Constitution and the federal Constitution. However, with the creation of judicial sub-districts, liberal judges have become a majority on the court.

The sub-districts have not been reapportioned in 30 years. East Baton Rouge Parish is evenly split between black and white. As a result, the parish should have eight Democrats and seven Republicans on the District Court bench, or vice versa. Yet, because the sub-districts have not been reapportioned, Democrats now control the election of 10 of the 15 district judges in the parish.

Those Democrats are mostly liberal, and their decisions often need scrutiny. That's where the First Circuit Court of Appeal comes in. We have to count on them to correct the mistakes of the 19th Judicial District.

In the Nov. 8 election, two conservative Republicans — Judge Hunter Greene and Judge Beau Higginbotham — are on the ballot, as is Judge Don Johnson, a Democrat. The Republican Party has co-



Judge Beau Higginbotham

alesced around Judge Hunter Greene. Judge Greene who has been both a CPA and an attorney, served in the Louisiana House of Representatives for eight years and as Family Court judge for eight years. During his time in the Louisiana House, he had to vote on countless thousands of important bills that have charted the direction of our state. In that capacity, he proved himself to be a strong, outspoken leader and a solid conservative. As Family Court Judge, he has a reputation of being fair to the parties and careful to do justice in accordance with the state and



Judge Hunter Greene

federal constitutions. Judge Greene has won the endorsement of the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish. The other Republican candidate, Judge Beau Higginbotham is also a staunch conservative who is respected by the bar and who could be expected to do a fine job if elected. When asked why they chose Greene over Higginbotham, most members of the Republican Parish Executive Committee said that while both candidates are well qualified, Greene has a stronger campaign and is better positioned to win in the runoff.



Judge Don Johnson

A runoff is likely with Judge Don Johnson likely to face one of the Republicans. Judge Johnson is a fine person who works well with lawyers appearing in his court. However, he is a liberal Democrat. He received national attention recently when after the Supreme Court reversed **Roe v. Wade**, he refused to allow Louisiana's strong pro-life legislation to go into effect. Even though Judge Johnson is a very good man, his liberal judicial philosophy is an example of why conservatives must be elected to the First Circuit Court of Appeal. — Woody Jenkins, Editor

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 Kwentua	D
Steve Myers	R
City of Central Mayor	
David Barrow (inc)	R
Wade Evans	R
Central Police Chief	
Roger Corcoran (inc)	R
James Salisbury	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 Lazaroe (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 BOAR	
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
Republican Party endorsements are in Red. Democratic Party endorsements are in Blue. The Central City News supports the Republican endorsements. There are also several other candidates who should be considered. They are marked in Green.	

Central's Race for Mayor Hot and Heavy

Barrow, Evans Offer Two Visions: Natural Growth vs. Utilize Taxes Better

CENTRAL — With city elections this Tuesday, Nov. 8, both Central Mayor David Barrow and challenger Mayor Pro-Tem Wade Evans are hard at work trying to persuade voters to swing their way.

Mayor David Barrow said he is running to complete the work he has begun. "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 other things too."

"In a city, it's important that people be happy. That's why we do things like work with BREC to improve our parks and recreation."

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



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

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 start-

ed on some and have a lot more planned."

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 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."

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JOSHUA ROY

Building A Better Tomorrow

About Joshua
 Conservative Republican - Current Council Member, District 2
 Active in Church & Community - Local Attorney
 Married 15 Years with four sons

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First Amendment Rights Have Key Role In Election for Chief of Police in Central

Will Voters Forget Dark Days of Covid Or Demand a New Face in Leadership

CENTRAL — Central voters will face a rematch from 2018 between the current police chief, Roger Corcoran, and the previous police chief, James Salsbury. Corcoran received nationwide criticism after arresting Pastor Tony Spell for holding worship services at Life Tabernacle during the pandemic.

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."

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



Central Police Chief Roger Corcoran vs. former Chief James Salsbury

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 patrol-

ling 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!"



WADE EVANS
MAYOR
THE CHANGE WE NEED

MY PLEDGE TO YOU

A COMPREHENSIVE DRAINAGE PLAN

- Make a manageable grid of the whole city
- Prioritize the grid based on the 2021 Drainage Master Plan
- Assign our crews and work with intention to address the problems in each priority zone
- Work urgently and diplomatically to bring other agencies to the table to improve the flow of the Amite and Comite Rivers so that our local efforts are not futile

A ROADWAY MANAGEMENT PLAN

- The 2022 Pavement Assessment Analysis shows: Only 1% of our roads are "Very Good" condition
- We must invest the tax dollars YOU ALREADY PAY to improve the roads YOU DRIVE ON!

A BRAND FOR OUR CITY

- Work to fill the void in the business community
- Eliminate tax leakage to surrounding cities
- Work with our partners to implement the "Multi-use" arena
- Cooperate with BREC to make our parks part of our economic development plan
- Work with School System and BREC to bring the abandoned Greenwell Springs back to life at the old hospital site

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I BELIEVE...

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within a Growing City.
I believe in Smart Growth
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MY GOALS

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Protect our rural way of life in District 5
Protect our schools from overcrowding

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I will be there to speak for and protect our forgotten district. A Master Plan is vital to our community for smart growth.

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Vanda and Mike Mannino

Vanda Mannino

I will fight for you, make your voice heard!

Remember to Early Vote Oct. 25 - Nov. 1 • Election Day Nov. 8

Highlights of Races for Council, School Board

Woody Jenkins
Editor

CENTRAL — Early voting at the Central Library was outstanding. 4,700 people came to vote, indicating Tuesday's overall turnout will be strong. Signs are plastered all over town, and candidates are still walking neighborhoods and sign-waving. Mostly, the campaigns have been positive. It all demonstrates that democracy and civic engagement are alive and well in the City of Central.

Here are a few thoughts on the races for Central City Council and the Central School Board:

Central City Council
City Council-at-Large - Aaron McKinney and Josh Roy are well liked and should glide to victory.

City Council District 1 - Tim Lazaro is unopposed.

City Council District 2 - Ray Ashford and J. D. Lavergne. Two good candidates. We're more familiar with Lavergne because he went through the Republican endorsement process which includes an extensive questionnaire and interview. He is a solid conservative with strong Christian values.

City Council District 3 - Dr. Kim Fralick and Perry Whitney. Again, two good candidates. Dr. Fralick seems to have the edge because she had a good record when she served before and she has walked the district.

City Council District 4 - D'Ann Wells is unopposed.

City Council District 5 - Vanda Mannino and Briton Myer. Briton is the incumbent and is a good conservative. He is endorsed by the Republican Party. Vanda Mannino is also an excellent conservative. She is working hard and making the race very competitive.

Central Community School Board

School Board District 1 - Jeffrey LaCour, Jason Leaphart, and Joshua Schopp. This is a very unusual race. Joshua Schopp had an unfortunate scandal and has not actively campaigned. The presumptive favorite, Jason Leaphart, has been extremely low key. Although he has a fair number of signs, he doesn't seem to be out with the voters. By far the best campaign is by Jeffrey LaCour who is working hard and presenting himself well. He will get a lot of votes. Running as a Democrat in Central is a hard-sell

but his effort is very respectable. **School Board District 2** - Roxanne Atkinson is unopposed.

School Board District 3 - David Walker is unopposed.

School Board District 4 - Kim Powers and Nick Carmena. Kim Powers has been a leader who has fought against the roll forward of property taxes without a vote of the people, against closing schools, mask mandates, vaccine mandates, and the Woke culture which promotes CRT and transgenderism. Nick emphasizes that he is a team player but in one way or another usually says, "I agree with Kim." The race is about leadership. Nick is well liked and both candidates have worked. It's a toss up.

School Board District 5 - Mike Davis and Chris de Pierne. Both good men. Mike Davis is the Republican but did not compete for

the Republican endorsement. He is well qualified. Chris is an interesting candidate. He has lots of good questions about how things are being done. He would add a lot to the board.

School Board District 6 - Michael Hooper was unopposed.

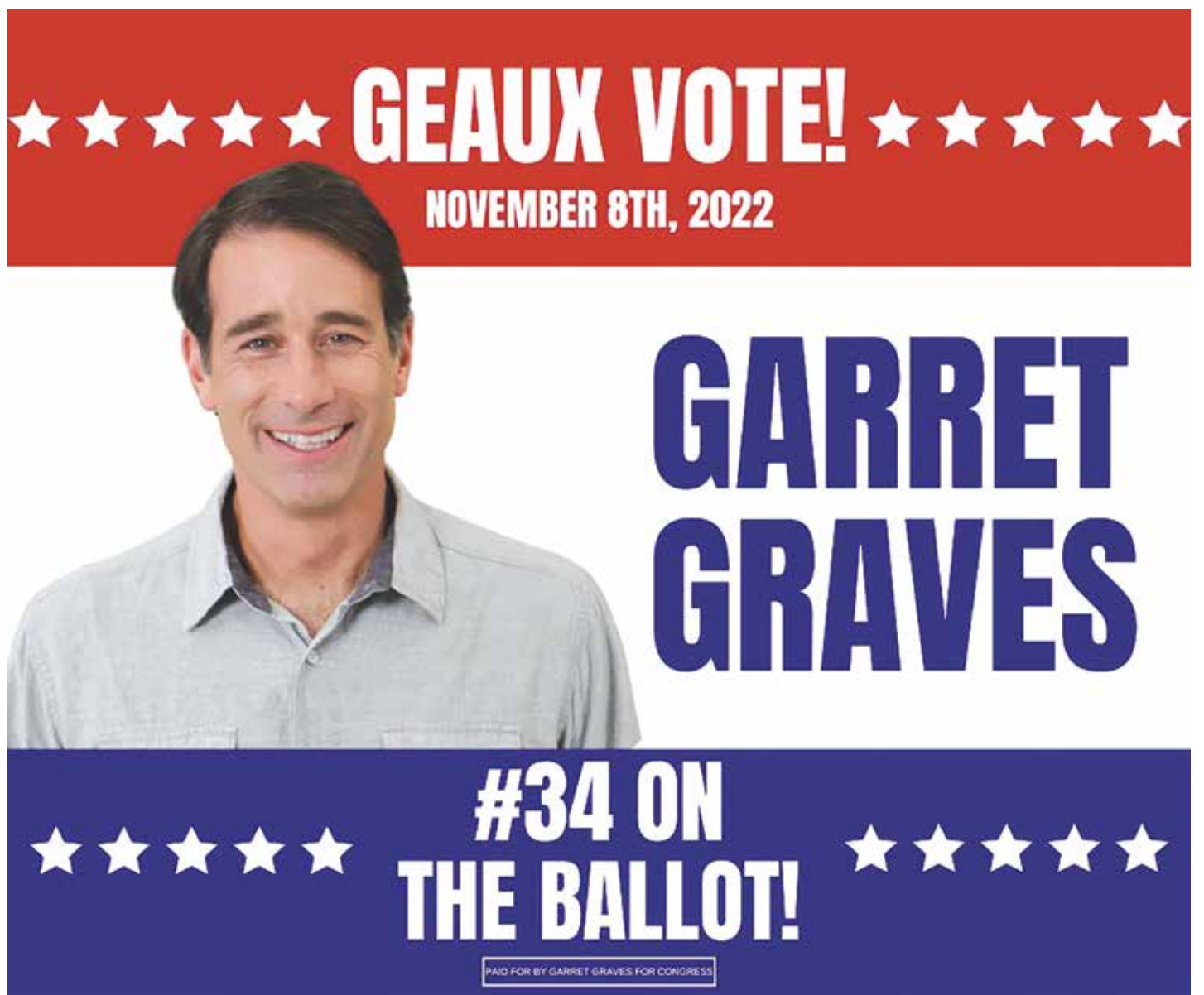
School Board District 7 - Carol Norwood, Christy Sloan, and Jeannie Spell. Carol Norwood has been an active candidate, but has really been hurt by being a lifelong Democrat and involved with Together Louisiana. Her challenge is to broaden her appeal from just the west side of the Comite to the east side. Christy Sloan is a sweet lady, a life long resident of Central, loves this community, and is working. Jeannie Spell has a solid background as a teacher and a successful business woman and realtor with more than \$40 million in

sales. She's a real people person. Her challenge is to broaden her appeal to the west side of the Comite. She's walked every door in most precincts.

Just a bit of advice to all our candidates, most of whom have never run before:

- First, thank you for offering yourself. It is a sacrifice to run and an even bigger sacrifice to serve. You have shown you really care about this community, and everyone owes you a debt of gratitude.

- Second, remember that you have a life, a real life. Don't get so invested in this that it hurts your family relationships or damages your self esteem. Everyone is not going to vote for you. That's okay. You are offering yourself to serve. If most voters don't accept your offer this time, just find other ways serve or come back next time. Good luck!



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To the Citizens of Central —

While the Left attempts to rewrite our history, let's remember those who contributed to the founding and growth of our great Nation. We don't get better by erasing history. We learn from our mistakes, but America is still the greatest nation on earth! I am against the WOKE/ Marxist Agenda. Freedom isn't Free! We are only one generation away from losing it. To those who have fought for our Nation and our Freedoms, we sincerely THANK YOU! You have given so much! Our immigration policy has taught us volumes about open borders and drug cartels literally getting away with murder. I will be a School Board member for Central Community School Board District 7 who will vote against these policies and be a proponent of conservative values and common sense! I have 50 years' experience in working well with others! I look forward to serving and being a strong voice for you!

— Jeannie Spell for Central School Board



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- ★ Briton is **experienced** & has built **strong relationships** with many state & local leaders
- ★ Briton will continue to **support** the economic prosperity of Central while honoring the Master Plan

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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.

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Road Repair Work Done in 2021-22



Thibodeaux Rd. - 2021



Bellingrath Estates - 2022

INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

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\$2.5 million

Joor Rd at Sullivan Rd
\$2.5 million

Road Repair Work Done in 2022



Village Lakes - 2022



Comite Hills - 2022

Planchet Road Improvements
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Hubbs Rd Improvements
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