



Two Judgeships, Voting Rights for Illegal Aliens on Ballot

# Early Voting Ends Dec. 3



## Convenient Site For Early Voting At Central Library On Joor Road

**Woody Jenkins**  
 Editor

**CENTRAL** — Central voters will play a major role in filling vacancies in two important judgeships on the ballot on Saturday, Dec. 10. Early voting at the Central Library will be held from Nov. 26 to Dec. 3.

At stake is a seat on the 1st Circuit Court of Appeal currently held by Judge Mike McDonald who is retiring. The candidates are Democrat Judge Don Johnson and Republican Judge Hunter Greene. This court is an intermediate court between the 19th Judicial District Court in Baton Rouge and the Louisiana Supreme Court. The Circuit Court of Appeal district includes all of East Baton Rouge Parish except the inner city of Baton Rouge.

Also at issue is a District Judgeship for the 19th Judicial District. The candidates are Democrat attorney Gail Horne Ray and Republican attorney Steve Myers.

Ray and Myers are running in the Northern sub-district of East Baton Rouge Parish. It is a seat formerly held by Judge Richard Anderson of Central who served from 1997 to 2021. Anderson was narrowly defeated in November 2020 by Democrat attorney Chris Dassau. Judge Dassau died shortly after taking office.

Turnout is expected to be the key, specifically whether more Democrats than Republicans go to the polls and vote. Republicans must turn out heavily in the District Judge race, or they will lose.

### Circuit Court of Appeal

Don Johnson (D) vs. Hunter Greene (R)

### District Judge

Gail Horne Ray (D) vs. Steve Myers (R)

## Two Important Propositions on Ballot

Statewide Amendment 1

**LIMIT VOTING TO ONLY AMERICAN CITIZENS**

Parishwide Tax Renewal

**RENEW PROPERTY TAX for SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**CENTRAL VOTERS** will face three constitutional amendments and a parishwide law enforcement tax renewal in the election Dec. 10.

**CENTRAL** — Central voters will face four propositions on the Dec. 10 election ballot, and two of them are of particular importance.

Sheriff Sid Edwards has proposed renewing a 6.90-mill prop-

erty tax for the next 10 years. The tax is expected to produce \$35 million a year or \$351 million over the life of the tax.

Constitutional Amendment No. 1 locks into the Louisiana Consti-

tution the requirement that only U.S. citizens are eligible to vote. Amendment Nos. 2 and 3 require Senate confirmation of the governor's appointments to the Civil Service Board and State Police Board.

# Mayor Barrow, Mayor-Elect Evans on Election

## Barrow: Proud of Our Accomplishments for Four Years as Mayor

**CENTRAL** — In an interview with the *Central City News*, Central Mayor David Barrow was philosophical. "People turned out and voted, and you always have to respect that. I'm proud of my 12-1/2 years of service to the people of Central — 12-1/2 of the 15 years the city has been fully operational. After 12-1/2 years, I was a little burned out but I was still available.



Mayor Barrow

of during his four years as mayor, Barrow listed several things:

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I ran primarily because of the people who asked me to."

The mayor said he has earned full retirement from the state, and he will find something he likes to do. When asked what he was proudest

## Evans: New Council Will Be Good Group For Me to Work with

**CENTRAL** — One of the first things Mayor-elect Wade Evans said he did after the election Nov. 8 was reach out to the members of the Central City Council — five of whom he served with the past four years.

The mayor-elect said he has a good working relationship with the group and with the individual members. He said, "I want members of the Council to be able to



Mayor Elect Evans

have an office.

Mayor-elect Evans is happy to report that Mayor David Barrow

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achieve their top priorities, and I will work with them to do that." He plans to meet with IBTS weekly and include representatives from the Council. He is designating a room at City Hall for the Council to

## Largest Turnover in 15-Year History of School Board

# Four Win Seats on Central School Board

### None of New Board Has Committed to Oppose Roll Forward Of Property Taxes

**CENTRAL** — Five new members of the Central Community School Board will take office in January 2023 — by far the largest turnover in board membership since the school system was founded in 2007.

Four of the five new school board members were elected on Nov. 8 — Jason Leaphart, Carol Norwood, Nick Carmena, and Mike Davis. A fifth new board member, Mike Hooper, was elected without opposition at the close of qualifying.

Five incumbent school board members will be leaving the board in January — board president Dr. Jim Gardner, Sharon Browning, Ruby Foil, Dr. Keith Holmes, and Kim Powers. Two incumbent school board members will return for another term — Dr. David Walker and Roxanne Atkinson.

The Central Community School System was founded as a result of passage of an amendment to the Louisiana Constitution in 2006. Gov. Kathleen Blanco appointed the first seven members of the board in early 2007.

Since then, the membership of the Central School Board has been remarkably stable. Of Blanco's original seven appointments, three are still on the school board — Dr. Jim Gardner, Ruby Foil, and Sharon Browning. Another founding member of the board, Will Easley,



**ELECTED NOV. 8** to the Central School Board were (left to right) Jason Leaphart, Carol Norwood, Nick Carmena, and Mike Davis. resigned in January 2021.

After Will Easley resigned, the school board appointed Phil Graham to serve until a special election could be called. Mr. Easley's resignation marked a turning point for the Central School Board. He had been a strong advocate against rolling forward property taxes without a vote of the people — a practice which allows property taxes to increase enormously over the years without the public understanding why. While every other school board in the state automatically rolled property taxes forward every four years without a vote of the people, Central never did so, thanks to Will Easley.

However, shortly after his appointment in early 2021, Easley's replacement, Phil Graham, took the lead in pushing to roll property taxes forward, and the Central School Board followed Graham's lead with only board member Sharon Browning voting no.

Throughout the pandemic, opposition to the Central School Board's decision to close schools, mandate masks, and deny religious exemp-

tions was simmering in the community. When the Central School Board went along with raising property taxes without a vote of the people, an undercurrent of public discontent became even more evident.

As a result, Central mom Kim Powers, who had been fighting mask and vaccine mandates at the state level, decided to challenge Phil Graham when he ran for the remainder of Will Easley's term in November 2021.

Powers campaigned door to door and won a 63 percent to 37 percent victory in the special election. After being sworn in by Attorney General Jeff Landry, she continued to challenge the school board's policy of raising taxes without a vote of the people. She took the lead on conservative issues, including opposing woke policies, such as the federal government's attempt to require Central to have a nondiscrimination policy on transgenderism.

For years, the members of the Central School Board had discussed business prior to meetings. However, after her swearing in, Powers of-

ten brought up arguments and made motions in school board meetings without clearing them with other board members.

Her independence drew the ire of board members, and many of them actively opposed her reelection this year — an unprecedented practice in Central where school board members have traditionally stayed out of other board members' races.

Members of the board supported Nick Carmena against Powers.

On election day, Powers carried the same area she did in the 2021 election — the Central Middle School and Grace Church precincts. However, the school board had added the Gas Utility precinct to her district this year. Carmena carried that precinct and overcame Powers' lead at CMS and Grace.

None of the new School Board members has pledged to oppose raising property taxes without a vote of the people, and the fate of that issue is unknown. Five board members would have to vote to roll forward property taxes for it to pass. The new board takes office in January 2023.

# THE CHOICE IS CLEAR FOR DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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## STEVE Myers FOR District Judge



### YOUR VOTE MATTERS ON DECEMBER 10TH!

## J. D. Lavergne Is Only Newcomer to Central City Council

# Familiar Faces Return to City Council



**VOTERS CHOSE** five Councilmen in Nov. 8 election — Councilmen-at-Large Aaron McKinney and Josh Roy, and Councilmen Dr. Kim Fralick, J. D. Lavergne, and Briton Myer

### Central City Council Has Continuity for Term of 2023-2027

**CENTRAL** — While the Central School Board will see big changes over the next four years, the opposite is true for the Central City Council. The Council consists of two at-large members elected city-wide and five members elected from five single-members.

Four years ago, all incumbent members of the City Council were defeated for reelection. However, this year there will be only two new members of the council, and one of those served on the City Council from 2015 to 2019.

Two incumbent members of the Central City Council were elected

without opposition at the close of qualifying in July — City Councilmen Tim Lazaroe and D’Ann Wells. Both will hold district seats on the council.

In the Nov. 8 election, voters filled the other five seats with Aaron McKinney and Josh Roy who won the two at-large City Council seats, and Dr. Kim Fralick, Briton Myer, and J. D. Lavergne who won the other three district seats.

Lavergne will be the only true newcomer to the City Council. He outpolled Ray Ashford.

Dr. Kim Fralick is the former City Council member who was returned to the council by voters after a four-year hiatus. City Councilman Dave Freneaux did not seek reelection from District 4, which elected Fralick in his place.

Currently, Mayor-elect Wade Evans and Aaron McKinney hold

at-large seats on the City Council. When Evans decided to run for mayor, City Councilman Josh Roy, who serves in a district seat, decided to run for one of the at-large seats on the council. J. D. Lavergne in turn ran for Josh Roy’s district seat.

No incumbent members of the City Council were defeated this year. That is in contrast to four years ago when all five members of the City Council were defeated. Since then, the council was enlarged from five to seven members.

Central operates under a state law called the Lawrason Act, which applies to cities like Central that have not adopted a home-rule charter. The Lawrason Act was originally designed for small towns and provides for a “strong mayor” type of government.

Examples of the power of the mayor under the Lawrason Act are

that the mayor presides over City Council meetings, instead of the council electing its own presiding officer. Another example of the “strong mayor” type of government is that the mayor proposes the city budget for the year, and the City Council must either accept it or reject it, but cannot amend it. This can lead to “stand-offs” where the City Council adamantly wants to amend the budget but must reject the entire budget to try to get its way. Even then, there is no guarantee the mayor will resubmit the budget with the changes desired by the City Council.

There are exceptions to the “strong mayor” system under the Lawrason Act. For example, in Central, the City Council appoints all members of the Central Planning & Zoning, and the mayor has no appointments at all to the body.

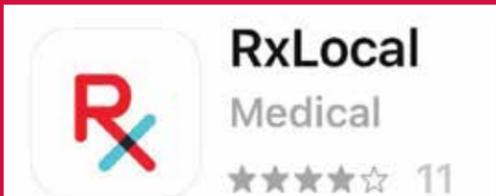
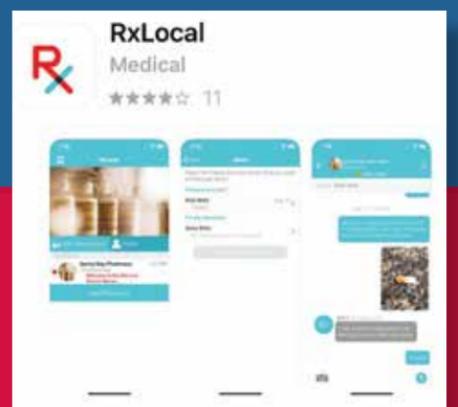
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# Central City News to Launch Talk Network With Moon Griffon, Jeff Crouere M-F Daily



## CENTRAL CITY NEWS/TALK PROGRAM SCHEDULE To Start Before Dec. 31, 2022

7-9 a.m.	<b>JEFF CROUERE SHOW (Live)</b> Central City News on Facebook Morning Drive
9 a.m.-12n	<b>MOON GRIFFON SHOW (Live)</b> Central City News on Facebook Late Morning Drive
12n-4 p.m.	<b>JEFF CROUERE SHOW (Replay)</b> Central City News on Facebook Mid-Day Drive
4-7 p.m.	<b>MOON GRIFFON SHOW (Replay)</b> Central City News of Facebook Afternoon Drive



**MOON GRIFFON AND JEFF CROUERE** will be featured on a daily news/talk network being created by the **Central City News**

## Top Talk Show Hosts In Louisiana to Join Forces with State's Newspaper of Year

**CENTRAL** — Two of Louisiana's most popular radio talk show hosts, Moon Griffon and Jeff Crouere, are joining forces with the **Central City News**, Louisiana's Newspaper of Year, for a unique talk show network they believe will take the Baton Rouge market by storm.

Combining the best of radio, television, newspaper, and the Internet, **LOUISIANA.AM** will offer a daily 12-hour block of objective news and conservative talk from a Louisiana perspective.

Moon Griffon has been Louisiana's most popular radio talk show host for more than 30 years. The flamboyant Cajun conservative is in 12 markets around the state and has an impact on legislation in Washington and at the State Capitol and on the political future of candidates running statewide.

Griffon is a native of Plaquemine, Louisiana, but he grew up attending Redemptorist High School in Baton Rouge. Ironically, despite his Baton Rouge roots, the Moon Griffon Show is in every major market in Louisiana except Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

Similarly, conservative leader Jeff Crouere has a daily talk show on radio in New Orleans, does a weekly television on a popular New Orleans TV station, writes a newspaper column that runs nationwide, and hosts a new podcast.

Crouere is both a journalist and a political activist. In 2016, he was state vice chairman of Trump for President. Like Moon Griffon, Jeff Crouere is not on any radio station in the Baton Rouge market. Nevertheless, his influence is felt at the State Capitol and among Baton Rouge area conservatives.

Woody Jenkins, editor and publisher of the **Central City News**, brings more than 50 years of experience in journalism. He was elected to the LSU Journalism School Hall of Fame. His daily television news program, Baton Rouge Today, aired for 20 years on WBTR-TV, and was named the Best Local News Program at community stations across the country. The **Central**

**City News** has won more than 200 awards for excellence in journalism and was named Louisiana's Newspaper of the Year the past two years by the Louisiana Press Association.

The **Central City News** has a dozen Facebook pages with more than 110,000 followers. Its pages regularly have more than 4 million views a month.

The plan is for Moon Griffon and Jeff Crouere to continue their daily news talk radio programs. But those daily shows will be videoed separately and the live feed sent to

**Central City News'** Facebook pages, youtube channel, Twitter page, Truth Social page, and websites [centralcitynews.us](http://centralcitynews.us) and a new page, **LOUISIANA.AM**.

Moon Griffon said, "We know anything new takes time to get established, but we are all committed to stick with this and build it into something that will have a big impact and last."

Griffon, Crouere, and Jenkins will sell commercials exclusively in the Baton Rouge market to air in the shows. Jeff Crouere broadcasts

live from 7 to 11 a.m., while Moon Griffon broadcasts live from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. **LOUISIANA.AM** will broadcast Crouere live from 7 to 9 a.m. and Griffon live from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. A rebroadcast of Crouere's full four-show will air from 12 noon to 4 p.m., and a rebroadcast of Griffon's show will air from 4 to 7 p.m. Crouere will have morning drive time, Griffon will have afternoon drive time, and the two will share mid-day drive time.

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## How Talk Show Deal Was Made



**MOON GRIFFON** and wife Tonia, a graduate of Central High; Hollis Day, and Woody Jenkins. Day is likely to have a weekly show.



**MOON GRIFFON** is a frequent guest at Rachel's Cafe in Lafayette, where he gets little respect.

**LAFAYETTE** — Moon Griffon, Jeff Crouere, and Woody Jenkins have been talking for more than a year about how to penetrate the Baton Rouge market with conservative news/talk without the support of news/talk radio stations in the Baton Rouge market.

After much research and conversation, the three agreed on a plan utilizing their own produc-

tion facilities and distributing the produce through Facebook Live on **Central City News** and many other Facebook pages, **Central City News'** YouTube channel, its pages on Twitter and Truth Social, and most importantly, its websites, [centralcitynews.us](http://centralcitynews.us) and a new site, **LOUISIANA.AM**

Some of the important decisions

were made at Rachel's Cajun restaurant in Lafayette.

To watch the pilot of the new Moon Griffon Show, click here:



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**FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMP** last week announced his candidacy for President in the 2024 election. Central residents remember his visit to Central in August 2016 to support residents devastated by the Great Flood of 2016 and lend his support to recovery efforts. Photo was taken in front of Greenwell Springs Baptist Church.

Elections Are About Identifying Your Voters and Getting Them to the Polls

# Republicans Must Rediscover the Basics About How to Win Elections or Else Lose the Country

## Key to Winning Is Finding Voters at Home Not Voting

**Woody Jenkins**  
 Editor

**BATON ROUGE** — It was the fall of 1963. Morton Blackwell and I were sitting in his car in the parking lot of Alessi's Drive-In at the corner of Florida Blvd. at North Foster. Morton was the College Republican national director, and he had just appointed me to be the first Teen Age Republican chairman for Louisiana. Alessi's was the best place to get curly Q potatoes and we were eating ours.

I was 17 and a junior at Istrouma High School.

Mr. Charlton Lyons had just run the first major Republican campaign for governor in modern Louisiana history and did a credible job. Barry Goldwater was about to make his famous run for President. I was to meet him in January 1964.

Morton had three books for me to read. The first was *Atlas Shrugged* by Ayn Rand. The second was *The Law* by Frederick Bastiat, and the third was *How to Win an Election* by the AFL-CIO COPE.

On *Atlas Shrugged*, he said, "This will help you understand what is going on in the world. You can learn a lot from Ayn Rand but don't get carried away with her. She's not a Christian and this is not the Bible. Nevertheless, she does an excellent job of putting political events in perspective."

On *The Law*, he said, "Bastiat was a member of the French General Assembly in 1848 when the Communists were on the verge of taking over France. However, his speeches against Communism on the floor of the Assembly were very powerful. They were printed and distributed across France. His arguments against tyranny resonated and France was saved from the Communists. You may serve in the legislature someday. Let

Bastiat's reason guide you!"

On *How to Win an Election*, he said, "This is the playbook of how the unions in America win elections, but this is not about unions, it's about political technology. The lessons in this book apply equally to everyone from Democrats and Republicans to unions and business. It is technology anyone can use. You must learn it and use it if you are to be successful in politics. Always remember that politics is about identifying your voters and physically getting them to the polls on election day."

Years later, Morton Blackwell went on to found The Leadership Institute. So far, it has trained more than 150,000 young conservatives to be candidates, campaign managers, or found conservative newspapers on college campuses. More than 70 sitting members of Congress attended Leadership Institute training programs when they were young people.

I was Morton's first student, and I remember his lessons well.

**"Always remember that politics is about identifying your voters and physically getting them to the polls on election day."**

Today, Republicans are losing because they have forgotten that simple statement. In fact, most people in politics don't really understand that statement.

Notice some of the things Morton Blackwell didn't say:

- He didn't say politics is about money.
- He didn't say politics is about polls.

• He didn't say politics is about messaging.

• He didn't say politics is about reaching out to 4's and 5's or mailing out oversized postcards or TV spots or appealing to special interest groups or ward bosses or the media.

Because it's not mainly about any of those things.

Politics is mainly about finding — by name — the specific people who **already agree with you and physically getting them to polls** on election day.

It's about having vote goals in your precinct, ward, parish, and state and working to identify the specific voters who will be part of reaching that vote goal. Then the last two weeks, it's about working to get them to the polls. On election day, it's about having a poll watcher checking off the names of each of your identified voters and making sure they vote. On the afternoon of election day, it's about calling and visiting those of your identified voters who haven't yet voted and getting them to the polls.

In the 1960's, 1970's, and 1980's, that's how Republican campaigns were run in Louisiana but not since. In Louisiana, you never hear the words anymore, "Vote ID," "vote goals," or "turning out your voters." That is also true in most of the nation.

Think of it, in Louisiana, only 45 percent of eligible voters cast a vote in the mid-term elections. Nearly 55 percent did not.

Politics is not mainly about

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## Law Enforcement Tax Renewal: \$351 Million over 10-Year Period

Shall the Law Enforcement District of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana (the "District") be authorized to continue to levy and collect, and adopt a resolution providing for such levy and collection, of a special ad valorem tax of six and ninety hundredths (6.90) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana (the "Tax") (an estimated \$35,138,325 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year) for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the tax collection for the year 2024, and annually thereafter to and including the year 2033, with the proceeds of said Tax to be used for operational purposes of the District?

### Candidates

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022

**1st Circuit Court of Appeal**

**Hunter Greene** R ✓  
**Don Johnson** D

**District Judge**

**Gail Horne Ray** D  
**Steve Myers** R ✓

Republican Party endorsements are in Red. Democratic Party endorsements are in Blue. The Central City News endorses the two Republican candidates.

**Constitutional Amendment**

**No. 1 - Requires U.S. Citizenship to Register and Vote in Louisiana**

**Yes** or No

**Constitutional Amendment**

**No. 2 - Requires Senate Confirmation of Governor's Appointments to Civil Service Board**

**Yes** or No

**Constitutional Amendment**

**No. 3 - Requires Senate Confirmation of Governor's Appointments to State Police Commission**

**Yes** or No

The Central City News recommends **Yes** on all three amendments

**Law Enforcement Tax Renewal • 6.90 mills**  
**\$35 million a year**  
**\$351,383,250 over 10 years**

**Yes** or No

**ZACHARY HAS RUNOFFS FOR MAYOR, POLICE CHIEF, AND CITY JUDGE**

# Campaigning on Election Day in Central



**COUNCILMAN AT-LARGE** Aaron McKinney (left) with a successful campaign day. Cherie Carmena (left/center) and friends campaign for Nick Carmena at the corner of Hooper and Sullivan on election day. Central Councilman-elect Jack "J.D." Lavergne (right/center) and his father campaign near Bellingrath Hills Elementary where 65 percent of his district votes. Mayor-elect Wade Evans spent the morning of election day adding balloons to the top of signs (right).



**NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILWOMAN KIM FRALICK** (left) campaigning with friends on the corner of Hooper and Joor. Gloria Cheek (left/center) campaigns for Vanda Mannino on Hwy. 64 where 75 percent of that district votes. Candidate for school board District 1 Jeffery LaCour had supporters (right/center) out on election day. Councilman Briton Myer (right) campaigning on Hwy. 64 in District 5. Briton was re-elected with 71 percent of the vote in District 5.



**CAROL NORWOOD SUPPORTER** (left) campaigning at the corner of Blackwater Road and the Monhegan subdivision. Carol Norwood was elected to the Central School Board to serve District 7 with 58 percent of the vote. Gail Horne Ray supporters (left/center). Ray will face a run off against Judge Hunter Greene on Dec. 10. Donnie Fuslier (center) ran a mostly Facebook-centered campaign. Christopher dePierne and his sons (right/center) campaigning on election day. At right, Central Mayor David Barrow out seeing voters.



**COUNCILMAN AT-LARGE-ELECT JOSH ROY** (left) campaigning with his family. Central veteran Perry Whitney campaigning for City Council District 3. At right, Central School Board member Kim Powers campaigning for reelection with her girls and supporters at the corner of Hooper and Sullivan roads.

# Mayor-Elect Wade Evans at Victory Party



**CENTRAL MAYOR ELECT WADE EVANS** (left) as the returns came in Tuesday, November 8. Evans was elected mayor with 59 percent of the vote. He was introduced as mayor-elect by his campaign manager Randy Anglin (center). Mayor-elect Wade Evans and his son Darren (right).



**CENTRAL P&Z COMMISSION CHAIRMAN T.J. JOHNSON** (left) with newly-elected Councilwoman Kim Fralick, her husband John, and T.J.'s wife Kristen. At center, Evans with Randy and Tami Anglin. At right, Evans with his wife Tonya Evans and Shirley Digirolamo.



**WADE EVANS** hugged supporters and a line formed to congratulate him. At center, Evans poses for a picture with Ryan Meador, Gil and Michelle Matherne, and Gene Gilpin, as Wade's daughter, Anne Marie, looks on. Little Tegan Bennett (right/center) enjoyed the evening as did Robin Kennard (right).



**RANDY ANGLIN** created the idea of the "Love Central" toppers for Evans' signs. Election night everyone enjoyed taking pictures with an oversized "Love Central" sign. Anglin said the Love Central campaign grew into "Changing Central One Heart at a Time" and lapel stickers were ordered and given out at local businesses. Evans with children Darren and Anne Marie.



**EVANS SAMANTHA AND DONNIE BONANNO** with Mayor-elect Wade Evans (left). Hugs from a proud son (left/center). Hannah Brown and Layn Schober with Evans (center). Tony and Jennine Cockerham with Wade (right/center). Zeke Thompson and Gene Gilpin (right) pose with Mayor Elect Evans.

Mayor-Elect Wade Evans Election Night  
 Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Photos and Video by Jolice Provost  
 For the Central City News

# Radio Talk Show Host Jeff Crouere Gives Thoughts on 2022 Mid-Terms



**REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT JUDGE** Steve Myers (left) discussing his race. At center, Hollis Day, Woody Jenkins, Jeff Crouere, Cecil Cavanaugh and East Baton Rouge Republican Women leader Carol Thomas. At right, New Orleans conservative radio talk show host Jeff Crouere spoke on the 2022 mid-term elections.



**JUDGE HUNTER GREENE** (left) Republican candidate for 1st Circuit Court of Appeal speaks at Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon about issues in his campaign. Republicans gather at 12 noon on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Café Américain. At right, Judge Hunter Greene chats with Women Republican leader Carol Thomas.



**JEANNIE SPELL**, candidate for Central School Board (left) speaks to local Republicans. Dr. Evelyn Griffin (left/center) talks about Covid restrictions and science. Jennifer Boyd (center) candidate for Zachary City Council gives an update on her campaign. Moms for Liberty president Emily Chenevert (right/center) tells about her group and how to get involved. Baton Rouge radio personality Hollis Day (right) chats after the meeting with Jeff Crouere.



**Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon**  
**Café Américain • Nov. 7, 2022**

Video by Woody Jenkins  
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**JEFF CROUERE** (right) with Gary Rispono of Central. Jeff Crouere (right) poses with new Livingston Parish Councilman Erin Sandefer and her daughter Grace.

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# Central Middle Honoring Veterans

## 8th Grade Students Participate in Ceremony with Family



CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL hosted Central Veterans during Veterans Day ceremonies on Friday, Nov. 11.



VETERAN PERRY WHITNEY (left) was the main speaker at Veterans Day ceremonies at Central Middle School. With Whitney is his wife Bridget. 2nd from left is Tyson Roux, an 8th grader at the school. Lindsey Campbell (center) with her father Randy Braswell and her daughter Clara Campbell. Isabella Ellis (right/center) gives a rose to her father, Army Veteran Josh Ellis, in front of Kim Powers, Central School Board member. Guest speaker Perry Whitney is a Central Navy veteran.



CMS 8TH GRADE ELA TEACHER MICHAEL RAYBURN (left) singing "God Bless the USA." CMS 8th grade band (center) led by Thomas Huckaby plays taps. The Central 8th grade choir (right) led by choir director Trey Miller during the pledge. The choir sang several patriotic songs for the veterans.



ISABELLA ELLIS (left) hugs her father, Army veteran Josh Ellis with her mother and sister. Michael Hopwood (left/center) with his father, Army veteran Michael Hopwood and his mother Denise Hopwood. Samuel Hemmings Sr. (right/center) Marine veteran, Alven Greavis, Army veteran, with grandson Gabriel Hemmings and family (right).



BRYCE HASSELBECK (left) and his dad Kirk Hasselbeck, Army veteran. Haneen Ebrahim (left/center) and her uncle Sgt. Hilmer P. Hermann, III. Charles H. Krumholt (right/center), Air Force veteran, with Jennifer Krumholt with Mrs. Campbell, 8th grade social studies teacher, CMS Boys Soccer and Youth Legislature Sponsor. Reception (right) serving cake and punch to veterans.



# ChamberEBR: An American Thanksgiving



JAMES LINDEN HOGG entertained local business owners at the Chamber of Commerce of EBR Parish Thanksgiving luncheon. He also unveiled his new book.



THOMAS W. MOORE and wife Margaret with James Linden Hogg. Tom is 93 and Margaret is 90. They have been married 68 years. At right, Charlie Cole and Hank Henagan bought copies of James Linden Hogg's new book, *Finding Faith in the Waste Land*. To order books, go to [www.jameslindhogg.com](http://www.jameslindhogg.com). They are \$20 each.

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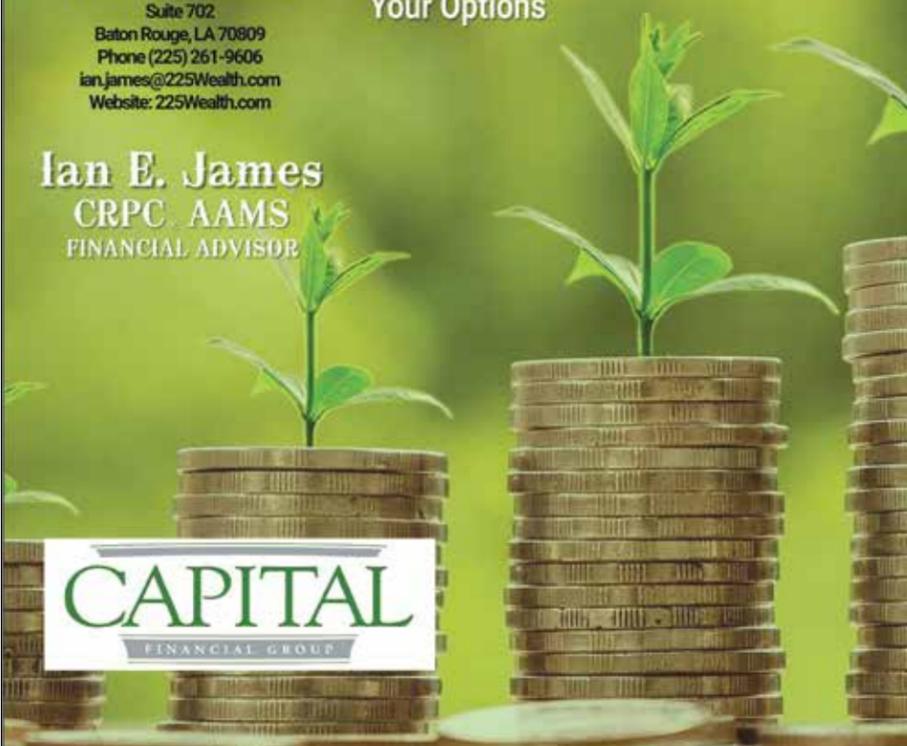


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# Find Your Voters and Get Them to Vote

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changing anyone's mind. That happens occasionally but it's a tough job. Mostly, politics is about finding the people among

the 55 percent who agree with you and getting them to vote. It's not a hard job, but it does require work. Mainly, you have to knock on their doors and ask them!

The main reason Republicans are not winning the races they should win is that they are listening to political consultants who are viewed as experts but really aren't. Typically, the consultants want you to spend money on things that will earn them a commission — not on the ground game that will win the election.

Republicans have all the votes they need to win strong majorities in the House and Senate and to win the Presidency and most governorships. But the voters who can make those victories happen are sitting at home and not voting.

I'm not talking about Independents. I'm talking about conservatives and Republicans who are sitting at home and not voting.

Mostly, they are simply busy living life. The way to get their vote is to identify who they are — by name — and keep on them to vote. Overwhelmingly, if asked, they will vote!

In Matthew 7:7, the Word says, **"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."**

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# Two Rivers Drugstore Open On Hooper

**CENTRAL** — Two Rivers Drugstore is now open at 13565 Hooper Road in the Central Shopping Center. The phone is 256-7373.

The opening is the dream of Austin Peavy, who worked for Claude Derbes, the late owner of Central Drug Store, when it was at the same location. Peavy said he enjoys providing personal service to customers. He is excited that so many people have already come in — mainly because they saw the sign outside and were wondering what was happening. New customers tell stories about Mr. Claude and previous owners of the pharmacies that have been located there.



**TWO RIVERS DRUGSTORE** owned by Austin Peavy (left) is now open at 13565 Hooper Road in the Central Shopping Center, corner Hooper at Sullivans roads. Austin worked for Mr. Claude Derbes when he had a drugstore at the same location. Phone 256-7373.

# The Haven Cafe Opening at Life Tabernacle



**THE HAVEN CAFE & GENERAL STORE** at Life Tabernacle, 9323 Hooper (use Blackwater Road entrance).

**CENTRAL** — The Haven Cafe & General Store at the Lake is now a reality! The Haven Cafe, a special project of Sister Shaye Spell, is a small, non-profit outdoor cafe nestled between Life Tabernacle Church, the Brush Arbor Freedom Center, and the beautiful lake with its walking deck.

Sister Shaye said, “When you are here, you can make yourself at home in this comfortable, nature-inspired, rustic hangout where there’s something for everyone. You can enjoy a hot latte, expresso, or our signature cold brew while sitting in a cozy futon or swing, listening to the sounds of the outdoors. You can enjoy complimentary WiFi for business meetings or just check on your messages or social media.”

“Always feel free to invite your friends to The Haven Cafe on the campus of Life

Tabernacle. The Haven serves hot lunches from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. The menu will be ever changing but will usually consist of home-cooked meals with plenty of farm-fresh vegetables, fresh bread, and sweet tea.”

“You will also want to visit the general store and browse our inventory of home-grown or handcrafted gift items, most of which are made by members of Life Tabernacle. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. All proceeds from the cafe and general store will support the operation of the bus ministry. Our children’s ministry is currently the largest in the South, and we plan to continue to grow where God has planted us! Thank you for supporting this work!” The Haven is behind Life Tabernacle, 9323 Hooper Rd., Central 70818.



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# Mayor Barrow Cites Accomplishments

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• **City Hall** - Purchase of 9 acres for new Central City Hall

• **Transparency** - "We put everything on the city website so it would be accessible to everyone."

• **Communication** - "We let people know what was happening."

• **Controlled growth** - "The people wanted natural growth, not forced growth, and that's what we provided. We approved only one new subdivision with a total of 50 homesites. Big developments approved in the past came back for revisions to their plans, and we reduced the number of homes in those developments. Four years ago, people were concerned with uncontrolled growth. We have taken the city back to natural growth."

• **Fiscal responsibility** - "All of our mayors have been conservative with our tax dollars, and I have continued that. The only time we have dipped into our surplus was



Purchase of property for new City Hall. Mayor David Barrow and Michelle Jones.

for big drainage projects."

• **Leaving a legacy** - "The new mayor will inherit a very strong financial situation. We are in a very good position. This reflects on all previous mayors and city councils of Central. We have been very careful of taxpayers' money."

As of June 30, 2022, the city has unrestricted funds of \$14 million, not \$64 million as some have claimed, he said.

Mayor Barrow said the City of Central also has \$7 million on hand as an Emergency Fund, enough to run the city for one full year without revenue in case of an extreme catastrophe.

The dedicated funds include:

• Sullivan Road from Wax to Hooper - \$14 million

The mayor said the city has \$10 million in other projects on the books.

"It must be remembered that the various projects the city considers all have to be funded. You have to save money in order to have the money for those projects. One project can wipe out everything."

One good thing, the mayor pointed out, is that city revenues have been growing. The period 2019 to 2022 has seen revenue grow by \$2 million. General sales

taxes are up, and online sales taxes have contributed a lot, he said.

Mayor Barrow said he is looking forward to the transition and to deciding on some new directions in life.

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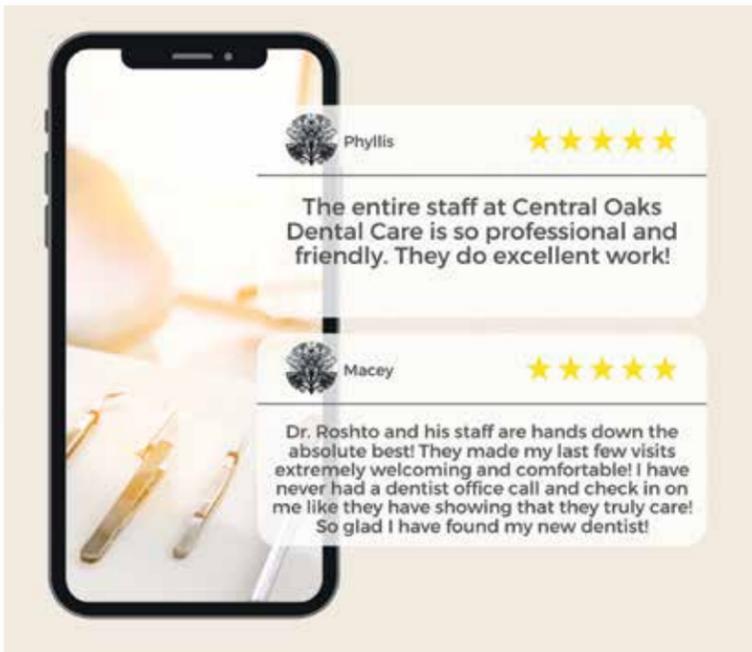
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#51 Jonathan Barth with his father Brad Barth



#26 Glen Cage with his parents Berda and Stephen Alexander and other family members



#92 Donté Cryer, Jr. with mother Danieel Carmouche and father Donté Cryer, Sr.



#87 Jackson Griffin with his parents Candance and Billy Griffin and other family members



#31 Justin Hillard, his mother Cuswana Trosclair and brothers Malik Hillard and Joseph Mitchell



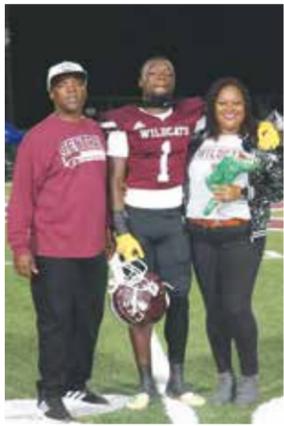
#14 "Dre" Jarvis with his mother Rashander Walker, Samyra Watson and other family



#7 JaMarius Jarvis and mother Danielle Johnson



#54 Kaiden Lang with parents Carrie and Kraig Lang



#1 Kam Triplett with his parents Melissa and Gerold Triplett



#11 Jacob Tullier with his parents Michelle and Brad Tullier



#8 Gavin Vaccaro with his parents Danielle and James Vaccaro



#49 Tyler Ward-Roberts and his parents Jennifer and Jody Hebert



#4 Jevon Washington with his mother Mary Millas and brother Jaylin Mills



#9 Colby Williams and mother Shay Richard, Jason Spears and other family



Trainer Jailah Burns with her parents Krystal and Damien Davis and grandmother Linda Tolliver



Trainer Alaina Carlson with grandparents Julie and Lane Swearingen



Trainer Lariah Foster with parents Michelle and James Foster



Trainer Chloe Heil with parents Katelyn Downy and Jason Heil



Trainer Emily Mier with her mother Kayla Mier



Trainer RyAnn Barbier with her dad Daryl Barbier and grandmother Lea Ellis



Cheerleader Raelyn Burnett with her mother Kathy Landry and father Jeff Burnett



Cheerleader Emmy McClure and her parents Trish and Trey McClure

# Celebrating Central Class of 2023



**Cheerleader Kenleigh Perrin and her parents Kristin and Jerry Perrin**



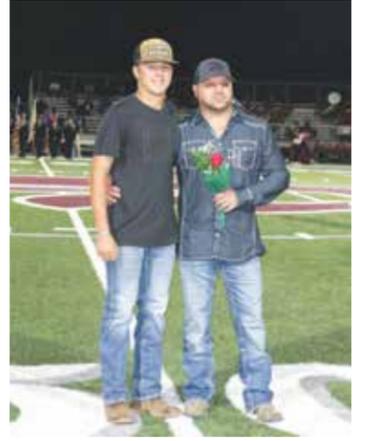
**Cheerleader Danielle Satterwhite and her parents Melissa and Taylor Satterwhite**



**Cheer Big Brother Luke McLin with his parents Jodi and Les McLin**



**Cheer Big Brother Dylan Pizzalato and his parents Julie Parker and Darin Pizzalato**



**Cheer Big Brother Kade Repp and his father Stephen Repp**



**Cheer Big Brother Nicholas Wilkins and his parents Nicole and Jason Wilkins**



**Kitten Emilee Brumfield and her parents Alexis and Owen Brumfield and sister Madolyn**



**Kitten Caitlin McLin and her mother Elizabeth McLin and grandfather Gaylan McLin**



**Silk Cassie Stuedlein with her parents Sarah and Mark Stuedlein**



**Twirler Afton Graham with her mother Lacie Graham**



**Band Member RyAnn Barber and her dad Daryl Barber and grandmother Lea Ellis**



**Band Member William Briley and his parents Dacia and Charlie Briley**



**Band Member Sam Glascock and her mother Suzanne Badeaux and Brandon Boudreaux**



**Band Member Danica Humphreys with her mother Dana Humphrey and brother Nick Fournet**



**Band Member Carly Minor with her parents Gina and Steve Minor**



**Band Member Konner Mullins with his parents Kayci and Ruben Mullins**



**Band Member Nicholas Murphy, Jr. with his parents Molly and Nicholas Murphy, Sr.**



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**Band Member Shane Ruegg with his parents Kathy and Daniel Ruegg**



**Band Member Carson Truett and his parents Tina and Scott Truett**



**Band Member Rilyn Weathers and her father Allen Weathers**



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**JROTC Adrianna Holmes and her dad Shane Holmes and her mom and stepdad Donna and Jeremy Fabre**



**JROTC Talia Jackson and Principal Brandon LaGroue**



**JROTC Brooklyn Mixon with Alvin McLeod and other family**

# Central Beats Liberty in Classic Overtime



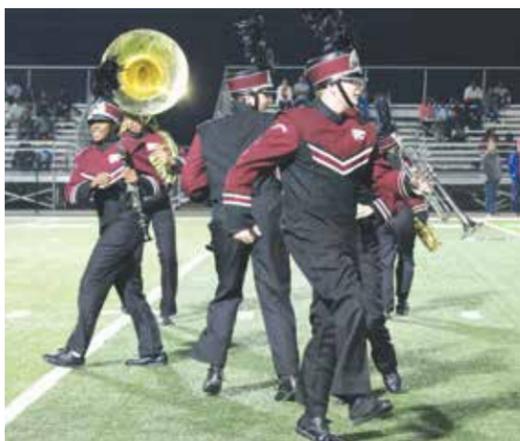
**WILDCAT DEFENSIVE LINEMAN** Justin Hillard #31 assisted by #11 Jacob Tullier sack Liberty's QB. At center, the Wildcats take the field versus Liberty High at Wildcat Stadium on Hooper Road in Central. In the last play of the game #2 Kaeden Loupe (right) intercepts the ball, preventing the Patriots from scoring in overtime. The Wildcats win 34-27



**WILDCAT DEFENSIVE BACK** Jacob Tullier #11 (left) with a sack. Wildcats face off against the Liberty High Patriots (center) in last game of season. Central recovers a fumble.



**WILCAT DEFENSIVE LINE ON FIRE** #9 Colby Williams, #92 Donte Cryer and #31 Justin Hillard (left). At center, Central's explosive running back #26 Glen Cage breaks through with a great run. Overtime team captains #11 Jacob Tullier and #92 Donte Cryer (right).



**CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND** (left) performed their award-winning halftime show. A rainy balloon release (center) for former Wildcat Robert Dale Gunn, Jr., Class of 2008, who passed away on October 17, 2022. At right, Central cheerleaders and Kittens stand for the Alma Mater.



**THE WILDCATS POST GAME** #31 Justin Hillard (left). After the game, Central's senior offensive lineman #62 Andrew Richard (left/center) puts his arm around senior defensive lineman # 92 Donte Cryer. #6 Kyle Veal and #85 Ayden Wilkinson (right/center) with other offensive players. At right, the kick is up and it's good, as students gaze up at the ball.

Central 34 Liberty 27  
Wildcat Stadium  
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Video by Ken Bush  
For Central City News

# Evans: Central Must Be Attractive for Our Kids

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agreed to a good transition, and that is important. He said he is asking Terri Parnell to stay on as Chief Administrative Officer.

The Mayor-elect said he has been talking to the news media and was happy with a segment he did with WAFB-TV. "We want to develop good relations with multiple media outlets," he said.

Evans said he has spoken with Central schools Supt. Jason Fountain and expressed a desire to get

high school students involved with his administration.

He said one of his concerns is that too many Central High graduates leave the Central community and never come back. "We need to provide opportunities that will make our young people want to stay in Central."

To do that, we need to talk to young people and find out what they want here that will make them want to stay, he said.

He said his administration will

be about ideas. "My job is to be a salesman," he said, "and get the community to take ownership of new ideas as they arise."

Mayor-elect Evans campaigned on public works projects that will improve roads and drainage in Central. "The most important thing about public works is that it should never be political. It should be based on the needs of the community."

He said he has confidence that the Mayor, the City Council, and

the community can move Central forward in a positive direction.

Evans served as Mayor Pro-Tem the past four years. Two members of the City Council were unopposed — D'Ann Wells and Tim Lazaroe — and two were returned by the voters — Aaron McKinney and Josh Roy. McKinney was re-elected as Councilman-at-Large. Roy replaced Evans for the other Council-at-Large seat. Councilman Dave Freneau did not seek reelection, and he was replaced by former Council member Dr. Kim Fralick. The only fresh face on the Council is J. D. Lavergne, who replaces Josh Roy for a district seat.

Two seats are coming up for appointment to the Central Planning & Zoning Commission. However, those will be made by the City Council, as the Mayor does not have any appointments on the P&Z.

— Woody Jenkins, editor, Central City News

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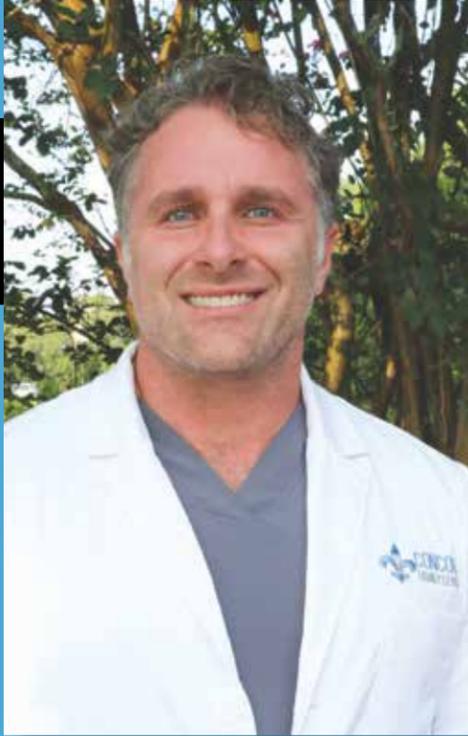
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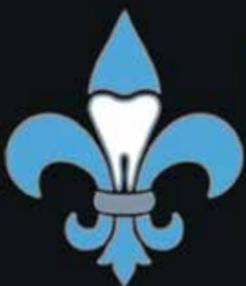
Dr. Adam Quartano, or Dr. Q, is a dentist native to southeast Louisiana. Born in New Orleans, he spent the majority of his childhood in the Mandeville/Covington area. He went to St. Paul's School in Covington, and then moved to Athens, Georgia where he attended the University of Georgia, majoring in 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 personal 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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