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Saturday, Dec. 12, 2026
Early Voting Nov. 28-Dec 5

Candidates in **RED** have been endorsed by Republican Party, in **BLUE** by Democratic Party. The **Central City News** supports all of the endorsed Republican candidates plus those in **GREEN**

Congress (6th District)


Chauna Banks


Blake Miguez

Chauna Banks D
Blake Miguez CCN R

Mayor • City of Central

Aaron Moak R
Lon Vicknair CCN R

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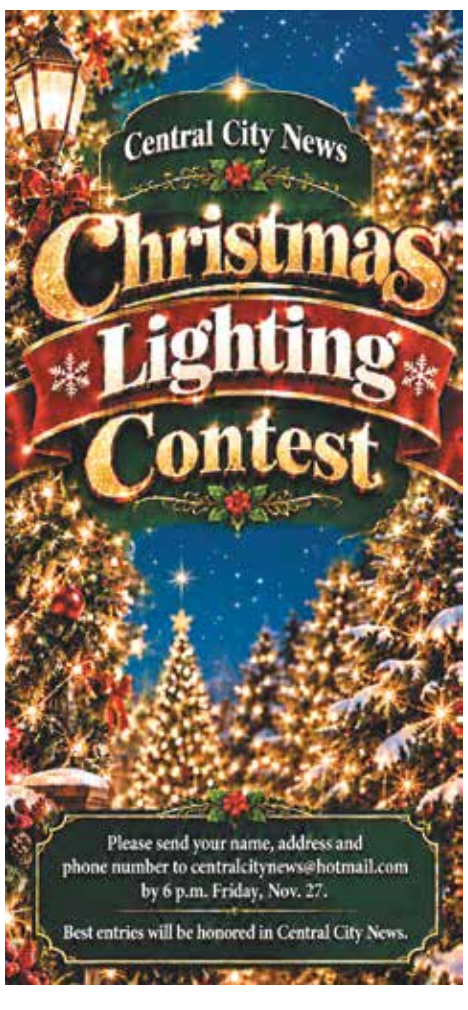


Central Mayor, Police Chief to Be Decided

Lon Vicknair, Aaron Moak In Runoff Election Dec. 12



MAYORAL CANDIDATE LON VICKNAIR election night with his wife Rebecca, Mayor-President Sid Edwards, and First Lady Beanie. Vicknair led Aaron Moak 35-31.

Retired Naval Officer, Family Man Leads in Race with Councilman

CENTRAL - Retired Naval officer Lon Vicknair led Metro Councilman Aaron Moak in the race for Mayor of Central in the Nov. 3 municipal primary. Vicknair, a Central High grad who spent 20 years in the U.S. Navy, is on a leave of absence from his role as Chief of Staff to Mayor-President Sid Edwards.


Aaron Moak

Vicknair led Moak 35 percent to 31 percent. Central City Council member D'Ann Wells received 23 percent of the vote, and businessman Geno Guercio got 11 percent.

Vicknair and Moak will face each other in the runoff election Saturday, Dec. 12. Early voting runs from Nov. 28 to Dec. 5.

In the race for Central Police Chief, incumbent Chief Roger Corcoran ran second and was forced into a runoff by former Baton Rouge Police Lt. Lew Walters who served in uniform patrol and as a detective before joining the U.S. Marshal's office. He is the owner of Lew's Firearms in Central. Corcoran is completing his second term as chief. He has been a polarizing figure since he twice arrested a Central pastor for holding church service during Covid. Those arrests were later thrown out by the Louisiana Supreme Court who said everything done to the pastor was "illegal and unconstitutional." Walters received 38 percent of the vote and Corcoran 37 percent. The third candidate, Paul Kimball, received 25 percent.


Lew Walters


Roger Corcoran

In the only contested City Council race in Central, former City Council Dave Freneaux defeated Hannah Brown 53 percent to 47 percent.

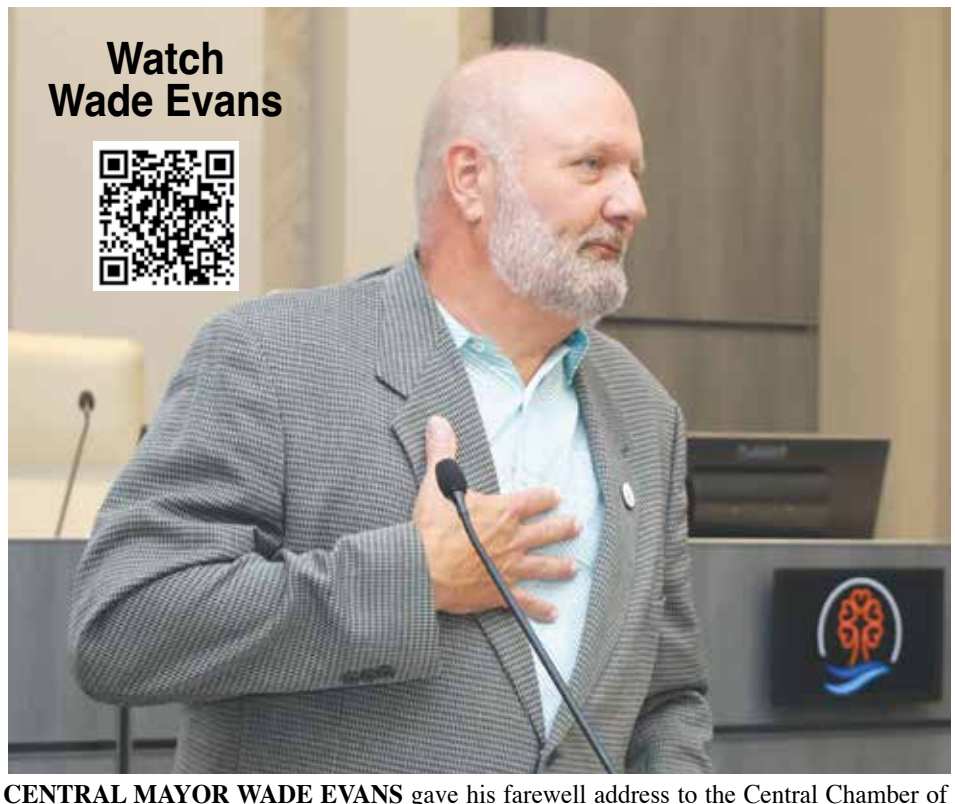
Incumbent City Council members at large Aaron McKinney and Josh Roy were unopposed for reelection

See HUGE on Page 3

PLAYOFF WIN!
Central High defeated Barbe 36-28 (photos on page 15) and now faces Hahnville Friday, Nov. 27 in Q-Finals.

GOP Could Pick Up Seat In Congress Here Dec. 12

BATON ROUGE - Voters in Louisiana's 6th Congressional District have the opportunity to replace Democratic Congressman Cleo Fields with Republican Sen. Blake Miguez. It would represent one of the few pickups in the nation for Republicans. Miguez faces former Metro Council member Chauna Banks. Miguez has been endorsed by the Republican Party and Banks by the Democratic Party.



CENTRAL MAYOR WADE EVANS gave his farewell address to the Central Chamber of Commerce Wednesday, Nov. 11. Evans thanked the people for the opportunity to serve, reviewed the accomplishments of his administration, and talked about the future of Central.

Results from Nov. 3 Primary Election

Election Returns

City of Central and Nearby Areas

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026

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U. S. SENATE (Statewide)

✔ Julia Letlow-R	746,014	51%
Jamie Davis-D	720,217	49%

CONGRESS (6th District)

✔ Chauna Banks-D	50,882	19%
✔ Blake Miguez-R	50,214	19%
"Rick" Edmonds-R	49,242	19%
Lindsay Garcia-D	33,544	13%
Stephen Wagley-R	28,169	11%
"Pat" Forbes-D	23,822	9%
Larry Davis III-R	11,359	4%
Monique Appeaning-R	8,110	3%
Rufus Craig-Lib	3,461	1%
Michael Mebruer-R	3,160	1%

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

✔ Hillar Moore III-D	85,409	58%
Ryan Thompson-D	62,188	42%

DISTRICT JUDGE (Parishwide • Div. B)

✔ Winston DeCuir-D	94,306	63%
Justin DeLaune-R	55,100	37%

DISTRICT COURT (Western) Div. L

✔ Jermain Guillory-D	33,472	53%
Elzie Alford-D	28,467	47%

DISTRICT COURT District 1 (Western) Div. M

✔ Vernon Thomas-D	31,416	52%
ReAzalia Allen-D	16,254	27%
"AJ" Sabine-D	12,755	21%


Hillar Moore


Winston DeCuir


Jermain Guillory


Vernon Thomas


Caulette Guillard


L. T. Dupré


Jason Leaphart


Dwayne Rogers


Mark Miley


Dave Freneaux

FAMILY COURT (Div. A • South BR)

✔ Caulette Guillard-D	27,932	52%
Joseph Cataldie-R	26,031	48%

FAMILY COURT (Div. C • Central & Zachary)

✔ "LT" Dupré-R	28,946	52%
Wendy Edwards-R	27,031	48%

Central School Board (District 1)

✔ Jason Leaphart-R	1,257	63%
Jeffrey LaCour-D	733	37%

Justice of the Peace (District 3)

✔ Mark Miley-R	13,295	51%
Henrietta Williams-D	7,503	29%
LaShawn Goodwin-D	5,483	21%

Constable (JP Dist. 2)

✔ Dwayne Rogers-R	2,334	71%
Lee Russell-NP	959	29%

Constable (JP District 3)

✔ Sheila Freeman-D	12,577	49%
✔ Gordon Hutchinson-R	9,270	36%
"Chris" Johnson-R	4,071	16%

Mayor • City of Central

✔ Lon Vicknair-R	4,239	35%
✔ Aaron Moak-R	3,757	31%
Despo "D'Ann" Wells-R	2,745	23%
Geno Guercio-R	1,354	11%

Police Chief • City of Central

✔ Larry "Lew" Walters-R	4,552	38%
✔ Roger Corcoran-R	4,408	37%
Paul Kimball-R	3,034	25%

Central City Council • District 3

✔ "Dave" Freneaux-R	1,195	53%
Hannah Brown-R	1,079	47%



Dec. 12 Runoff Could Result in GOP Pickup of House Seat

Huge Turnout by Democrats Resulted in Few Changes in East Baton Rouge Parish

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as were incumbent Councilmen Tim Lazaroe in District 1, J.D. Lavergne in District 2, and Briton Myer in District 5. Newcomer Richard Venable was unopposed in Council District 4

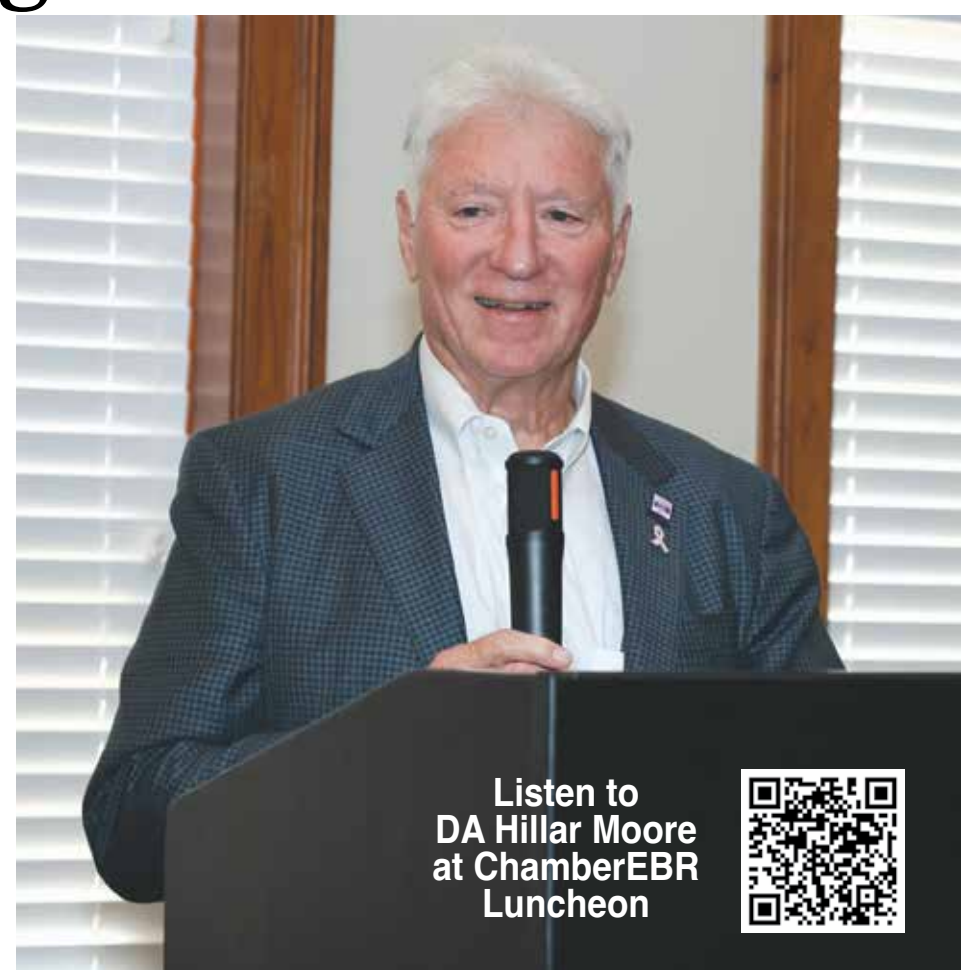
The Central Community School Board had one only contested election. In District 1, incumbent board member Jason Leaphart was opposed by local businessman Jeffrey LaCour. Leaphart defeated LaCour 63 percent to 37 percent.

School board members Nick Carmena, Mike Davis, Michael Hopper, and Carol Norwood were unopposed for reelection. Newcomers Leah Veck and Kenneth Wall were also unopposed.

In Justice of the Peace District 3, incumbent JP Mark Miley was reelected with 51 percent of the vote over Henrietta Williams with 29 percent and LaShawn Goodwin with 21 percent.

Under a reapportionment plan adopted by the Louisiana Legislature, Justice of the Peace districts in East Baton Rouge Parish were extended into the City of Baton Rouge. This is expected to result in faster, less costly trials for small claims. However, extending the districts into Baton Rouge also resulted in a more Democratic constituency.

Incumbent Constable Gordon Hutchinson, a Republican, also running in District 3, was forced into a runoff with Democrat Sheila Freeman. Freeman received 49 percent of the vote in the primary, while Hutchinson received 36 percent and Republican Chris Johnson received 16 percent. While Freeman received 49 percent, the two Republicans received just over 50 percent.



DISTRICT ATTORNEY HILLAR MOORE spoke to the Chamber of Commerce of EBR on crime in the parish. Moore was reelected to another six-year term Nov. 3.

Sheila Freeman and Gordon Hutchinson will face each in a runoff election Saturday, Dec. 12.

In other races, a large black turnout on Nov. 3 resulted in Democratic Senate candidate Jamie Davis carrying East Baton Rouge Parish with 97,909 votes to Julia Letlow's 54,264, or 64 percent to 36 percent.

In another parishwide race, Democrat Winston DeCuir, Jr. won Division B with 94,306 votes to 55,100 votes for Republican Justin DeLaune.

Also running parishwide, incumbent District Attorney Hillar Moore, a conservative Democrat, won reelection with 85,409 votes, or 58 percent, to 62,188 votes, or 42 percent for Democrat Ryan Thompson.

The turnout parishwide for Senate was 52.8 percent, District Judge Division B was 51.8 percent, and District Attorney was 51.2 percent.

Supporters of reforming Family Court had two big victories in the election of Caulette Guillard in Division A and L.T. Dupré in Division C. Guillard defeated Joseph Cataldie 52 percent to 48 percent, and Dupré defeated Wendy Edwards 52 percent to 48 percent.

The ***Central City News*** is making its endorsements for the Dec. 12 runoff on Page 5.



40 Million Readers a Month View DrudgeReport.com

Central City News Launching Newzhound.us As Conservative Alternative to Drudge Report

Drudge Report Began as Conservative Website, But Flipped to Far-Left In 2019 before COVID

CENTRAL - Community Press, LLC, owner of the ***Central City News***, has launched a new website intended to provide a conservative alternative to the far-left but popular news site ***Drudge Repor***t, which is found at drudgereport.com.

Central City News editor Woody Jenkins said, "Our Facebook page has drawn 22 million views over the past 12 months, which led us to believe there is potential for a national audience." The site, ***Newzhound.us***, is similar to Drudge in its appearance but draws its content from respected conservative news sites, such as ***Washington Times***, Newsmax, Breitbart, and the Western Journal. Both Drudge and Newzhound are "aggregators" of news, meaning their content is mainly tied to other sources. However, Newzhound will add its own news stories or opinion pieces everyday.

The editor of ***Newzhound.us*** is Lynn Matthews, a journalist and editor who got tired of seeing stories people need to read get bent, buried, or silenced. Before becoming a journalist, she practiced dentistry for two decades. She also holds an MBA in technology management.

Newzhound.us is free.

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News from Conservative News Sites

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LOOKING BACK ON 2026

30,248 VOLUNTEER HOURS
recorded, providing a monetary value of $911,065.84 to East Baton Rouge Parish.

12 PLAYGROUNDS REPLACED

1,200 TIRES REMOVED +
from the bayou at BREC's Monte Sano Park with new piperail fencing installed to prevent future dumping.*

17 ANIMALS
added to BREC's Baton Rouge Zoo.

CAMP BREC
6,562 SUMMER CAMPERS
served, setting an all time record.

200+ TREES PLANTED
volunteers, creating a living barrier to mitigate erosion and improve filtration.*

6-TON SOLID GRANITE KUGEL FOUNTAIN
relocated to the new Zoo entrance.

5.9 TRAIL MILES
OF CONNECTIVITY + COMMUNITY
Completed the Freedom Heritage Trail, featuring multimodal pathways + 2 amenity stations.

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Politics Is About Identifying Your Voters and Getting Them to Polls

Mid-Term: Triumph of Grassroots Organization By Far Left over the GOP's Political Consultants

While GOP Consultants Wasted Money on TV And Expensive Mailers, Far-Left Dems Knocked On 217 Million Doors

Media Portrayed the Victory in Iran As Vietnam and a Vibrant, Booming Economy as Depression of 1930's

EDITOR'S NOTE: On Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2026, as the House Republican Caucus was meeting in Washington to elect the new House Minority Leader, I was speaking to the Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon in Baton Rouge on what happened in the Mid-Term elections seven days earlier.

Woody Jenkins
Editor

*If you think the election turned on the war in Iran or the economy or the President's personality, you simply don't understand what happened. The Far Left had a plan called **Too Big to Rig**. They targeted the 19 million voters who voted in 2020 but failed to vote in 2024. They spent hundreds of millions of dollars getting those voters to the polls using NGO's, PAC's, unions, and even foundations. The Republicans were nearly absent on the ground and delusional, spending their hundreds of millions on TV, mailings, and online, which generally do not drive voters to the polls and often drive them away. The result was inevitable.*

Learn How Far-Left Organizations Pivoted from Street Protests to Voter Registration and Turnout - Scan QR Code

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BATON ROUGE - To understand the mechanics of politics, how to get elected, and what happened in the Mid-Term elections Nov. 3, 2026, you need go no further than what is happening in Washington as I speak. The House Republican Caucus, composed of roughly 180 Republican Congressmen, is meeting to elect a new Republican leader.

Make a List. What happened leading up to today? The candidates for Republican leader made a list of the returning and newly-elected members.

Ask for Support. After making their list, the candidates for leader got on the phone and called each member or, more likely, set up a meeting with each member. They explained why they were running and asked for their support.

Check Off Each Name. Next to each name, the candidate for leader listed whether that person was 1) For him, 2) Against him, 3) Undecided, or 4) Would not say.

Vote Goals. Every candidate for leader had a vote goal. The vote goal is the specific number of votes he needs in order to win. The goal is a majority plus a cushion to insure victory even if there are last minute defections.

Getting Your Committed Votes to the Voting Place. As the day of voting neared, a candidate had to keep reminding each Congressman how important his vote is and how much he is counting on the member being there and voting. A given Congressman may have scheduling problems or a family crisis or a transportation issue. The candidate has to make sure the problem is solved and must not leave things to chance. Every one of your votes has to be present!

You Win! When the roll is called, if you have set correct vote goals, identified those who have committed their support, and made sure they are physically at the voting place, you win!

The only way you won't win is if your opponent is doing the same thing and has done a better job of it.

This is what politics is all about:

Identifying your voters and getting them to the polls.

It's not rocket science.

And the principles apply whether it is an election for Minority Leader or dogcatcher, City Council, or President of the United States.

What happened Tuesday, Nov. 3 has been building a long time.

In 1963, when I was 16 years old, Morton Blackwell of Baton Rouge was chairman of the College Republicans. There were very few Republicans in Louisiana in 1963

Morton appointed me to be state Teenage Republican chairman. We met at Alessi's Drive-Inn, which was on the corner of Florida Boulevard and North Foster. Morton gave me three books to read. One of them was ***How to Win an Election*** by the AFL-CIO.

Morton said, "Don't be put off by the name of the book. This is not about unions. This is about political technology. It's about how to win an election and it applies to business, labor, Democrats, Republicans, liberals, conservatives, blacks or whites. It's ideologically neutral. It works for anyone."

How to Win an Election applies the same principles used to elect the House Minority Leader to any election. **The essence is grassroots campaigning, direct personal contact with every targeted voter, knocking on every door, identifying your favorables by name, and getting those specific voters to the polls on election day.**

Republican candidates in Louisiana used that approach from the 1960's through the 1990's and turned a one-party state into a competitive two-party system

For example, when I ran for U.S. Senate in 1996, we identified more than 500,000 voters by name who were committed to our campaign, and we got them to the polls on election day. That resulted in my receiving 847,000 votes for U.S. Senate, one of the largest vote totals in Louisiana history to that date and large even today.

The Blame Game. Today, party officials, candidates, and political consultants are blaming the war in Iran, the economy, and things such as President Trump's personality for the defeat. The truth is, those are the very groups who are to blame, especially the consultants, who have been engaged in political malpractice.

The Rise of Consultants. Political consultants have been around a very long time, but sometime around the late 1990's their influence seemed to rise exponentially on the Republican side. Their word became gospel, and candidates did what they said.

Most political consultants advised

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*The **DNC** focused on direct face-to-face conversations. The **DSCC** spent $550 million to flip seven GOP Senate seats. The militant group **No Kings** held 3,000 rallies in late October 2026 and turned out 9 million voters. They joined with **Indivisible** and other 'progressive' groups to organize volunteer grassroots canvassing on a massive scale. This included **MoveOn, Public Citizen, AFT, ACLU and 50501**. The **Progressive Turnout Group** spent $35 million on door-to-door canvassing and sent out 18.8 million handwritten postcards. The MacArthur Foundation spent $100 million on civic engagement. The League of Women Voters knocked on 8.5 million doors. And there was much more!*

Massive Grassroots Effort by Far Left

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their candidates to spend money on paid advertising, which often resulted in significant commissions for the consultants. Another favorite of consultants was oversized postcards.

In the year 2000, the oversized post cards were new for most people, very colorful, and something different. Voters liked them. However, there were overused and by 2004 they had become rather passé. By 2008, they were considered junk mail and hit the trash.

Ever since then, the political consultants have advised a torrent of oversized postcards. They insisted it was essential to mail to this group or that group.

What is the profit margin for consultants on oversized postcards? These numbers are not publicly reported. However, we know that the per piece charge runs from around 45 cents to $1 per card. The profit to the consultant per postcard is likely 8 cents to 25 cents each.

When many hundreds of millions of mail pieces are sent out by Republican candidates nationwide, it adds up to big money. It is mostly wasted. More important, it deprives the campaign of money desperately needed for grassroots organizing — identifying your voters and getting them to the polls.

Perhaps even worse is the cost of TV advertising. TV viewing is way, way down, yet 30-second spot advertising costs are through the roof. The cost of a single 30-second spot in the Baton Rouge market ranges from $500 to $4,000 each. But political consultants won't back down, because each spot on TV, cable, or online represents a sizable commission for those placing the ad.

Imagine the cost of spot advertising in the recent race for Congress from the 6th Congressional District this fall! One spot followed another almost continuously!

Political consultants continue to recommend this type of spending because that's where the money is – for them!

There's No Money for Consultants in Grassroots Organizing. What most political consultants on the Republican side strongly recommend ***against*** is spending any money on grassroots organizing! A waste of money, they will tell you. Could it be that they make nothing on that kind of spending?

In 2026, Democrats spent their money on Grassroots Campaigning. For them, the campaign is about getting their voters to the polls. Every conservative should watch the video linked on Page 5.

Too Big to Rig. The Democratic program for Nov. 3, 2026, was called Too Big to Rig. The introduction to the video said this: "Republicans have an institutional blindness. They believe getting voters is all about branding and messaging. They pay enormous sums to consultants and TV ads and have endless conferences on what the right 'message' is."

"Democrats, meanwhile, have built an entire and expensive institutional machinery around getting people physically to the polls. And they were more motivated in 2026 than any other year."

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The **Democratic National Committee (DNC)** focused on direct face-to-face conversations with voters**.** The **Democratic Senatorial Committee** spent $550 million to flip seven GOP Senate seats.

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Old fashioned door knocking is what works! The Democrats have always understood that. Make a list. Visit the voters, record if they support your candidate, and focus on getting your favorables to the polls.

If the Republican Party and Republican candidates are too hardheaded to hear this and implement it, they will continue losing, and the Republic will be lost.

The Bible spells it all out:

"***Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."***
— Matthew 7:7.





Sign Waving on Election Day











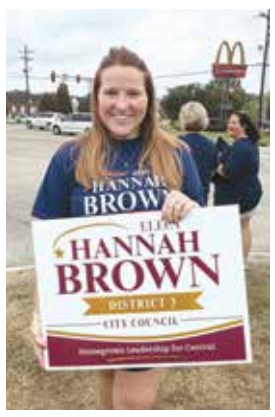











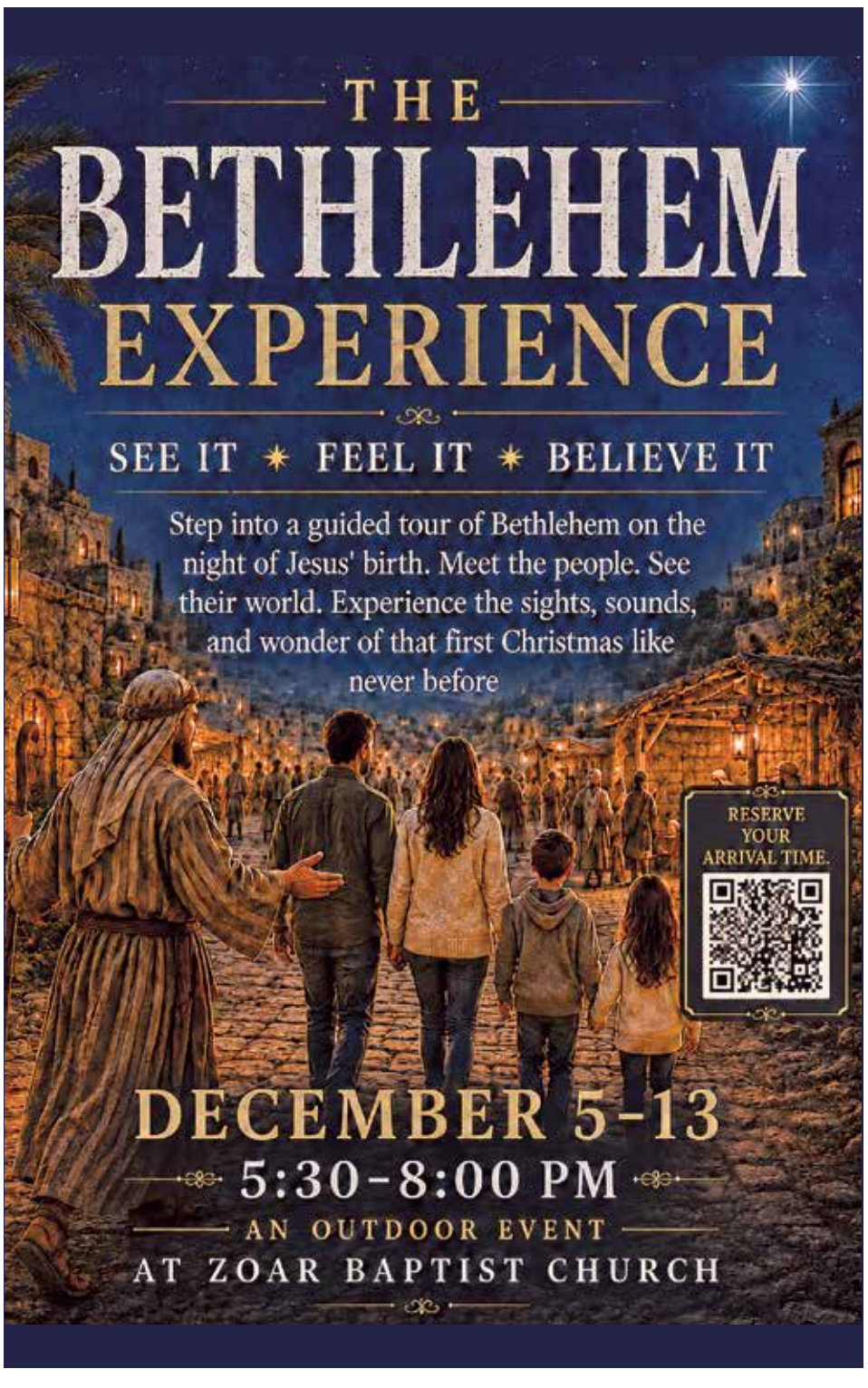

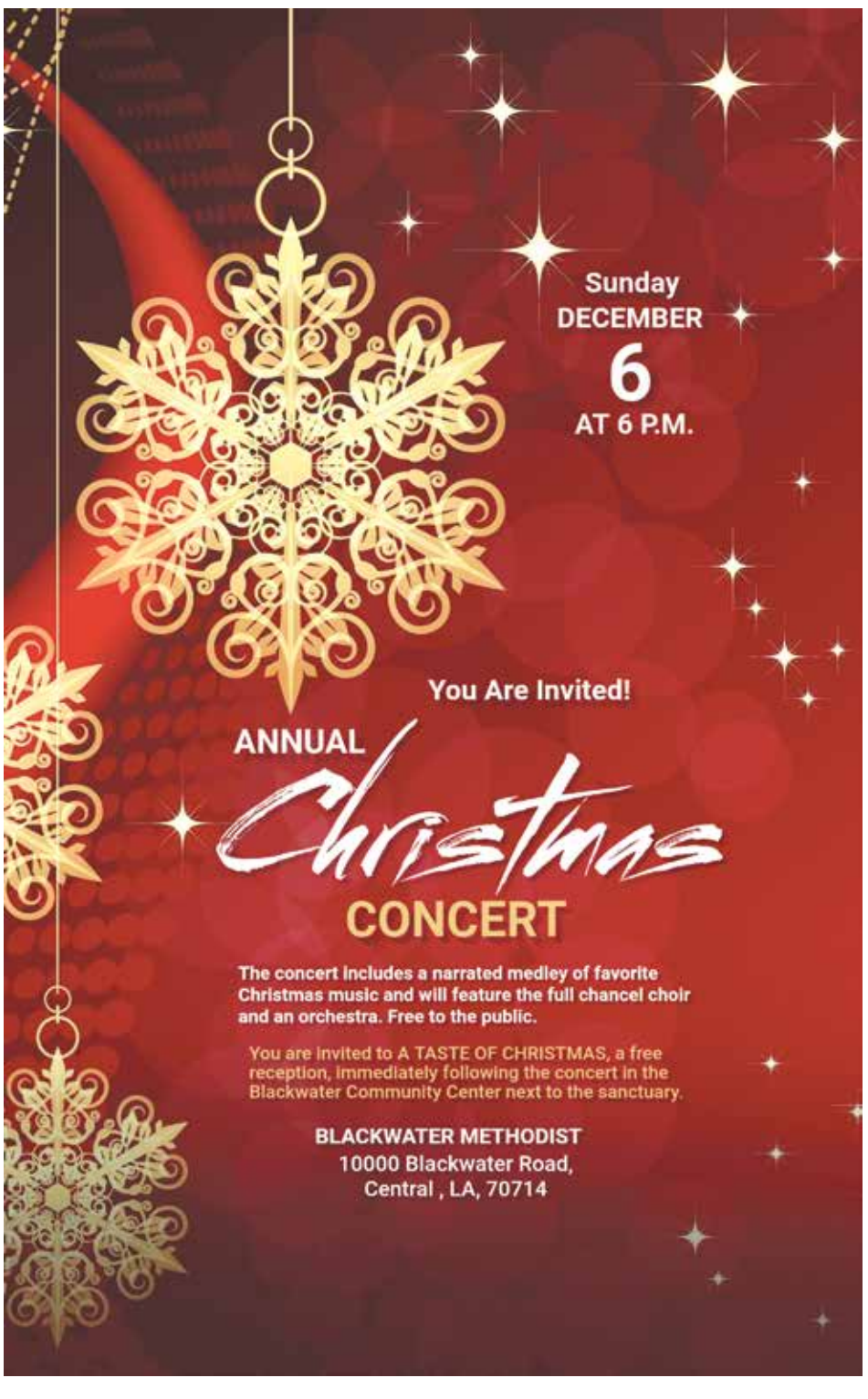

Central High School JROTC Take 4th Place

In Army Division at 2026 LA State Raider JROTC Championships









BOGALUSA - The Central High School JROTC Raider Team took 4th overall in the Army Division at the 2026 Louisiana State Raider JROTC Championships meet held on Saturday, Nov. 7 2026, at Cassidy Park in Bogalusa.

The 14 cadets overcame a grueling course and stiff competition from 17 other Louisiana high schools to bring home their 4th place finish.

The Central Raiders also took 3rd place in both the one-rope bridge and physical team test events, a 4th place in Cross-Country Rescue, and a 7th place finish in both the 5km team run and Obstacle Course.

Members of the team are Savannah Huber, Sydney King, Tobias Bennett, Malcolm Holmes, Dylan Barnes, Novalee Kieren, Jonah Donahoe, Declan Rivers, Maddox Wagner, Anthony Gomez-Cabrera, Kodi Anderson, Layla Kieren, Juliann Bostwick, and Russell Freeman.

The Raider Challenge competition is a Junior ROTC extracurricular outdoor sporting competition, made up of five events involving teamwork, obstacle courses, and other technical skills.

The Bogalusa High School Lumberjack Raiders won the overall Army Division State Championship.

ELECT
LARRY "LEW" WALTERS
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A CAREER OF SERVICE

1995 • WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE
I began my law enforcement career at the age of 20, on August 1, 1995, serving as a Deputy Sheriff with the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office. Early in my tenure, I was promoted to Corporal and appointed as the Operations Manager of the Work Release Center.

1995-2000 • PATROL & SWAT
After turning 21, I was transferred to Uniformed Patrol and completed the LSU Basic Training Academy. Over the next four years, I served in patrol operations and as a member of the Crisis Response (SWAT) Team, gaining valuable experience in tactical response and community protection.

2000-2005 • BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
On August 14, 2000, I joined the Baton Rouge Police Department, completing the department's academy and serving in the 3rd, 2nd, and 4th Districts during my Field Training Officer period. From 2001 to 2005, I worked in Uniformed Patrol at the 4th District, rotating through various shifts—from evening shift to dog shift—where I developed a strong foundation in patrol work and community engagement.

2005-2010 • ARMED ROBBERY DIVISION
In 2005, I was assigned to the Armed Robbery Division as a Detective, investigating a wide range of cases, including bank robberies, personal robberies, and other major theft-related crimes. This role allowed me to sharpen my investigative skills and play a vital part in solving serious offenses affecting our community.

2010-2014 • U.S. MARSHALS FUGITIVE TASK FORCE
In 2010, I was honored to join the United States Marshals Fugitive Task Force as a Task Force Officer, where I was responsible for locating and apprehending dangerous fugitives. I served in that capacity until 2014, when I returned to Uniformed Patrol and was promoted to Sergeant at the 4th District. After several years of leadership in that role, I was promoted to Lieutenant and transferred to Uniformed Patrol at the 1st District, where I continued serving with dedication and professionalism.

2023 • RETIREMENT & NEXT CHAPTER
After 28 years of service, I retired on September 22, 2023, to focus on my next chapter—continuing the pursuit of my business, Lew's Firearms, and spending more time with my family while embracing new opportunities and future adventures.

PROVEN EXPERIENCE. ★ DEDICATED SERVICE. ★ A SAFER CENTRAL.

Senior Night at Wildcat Stadium



First Year **JROTC Cadet Dylan Barnes**
and parents Holly and Jeremy Barnes



JROTC Cadet 1st Lt. Tobias Bennett with friends
Three Years JROTC • Color Guard



JROTC Major Malcolm Holmes with mom Donna Fabre
Four Years JROTC and Cross Country Team • Color Guard



Cadet Lt. Col. Savannah Huber with
parents Amy and Kenny Huber
Battalion Commander • Color Guard
National Merit Semifinalist



Novalee Kieren with parents
Katrina and Chris Kieren
Three-years JROTC



Cadet Comm. Sgt. Major Sydney King
with parents Kimberly and John King
Color Guard



Cadet Captain Liam May
with aunt Frankie Bozeman
Four Years JROTC
Color Guard



Major Teresa Russell with Lani Pier
Four-year member JROTC
Color Guard



Central High School's Katz Krew senior student section leaders who take the gameday experience to the next level and bring energy and excitement to Wildcat Stadium!



Central High Wildcat football team members



Central High School Cheer Big Brothers. They help Central High cheerleaders, run flags on the field, and keep Wildcat spirit alive all night long! Their energy and support make gameday special at Wildcat Stadium!



Anna Bordelon • Drum Major
2026 Central High Student of the Year









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Charlee Jackson (left) with her parents Justin and Carey Jackson and siblings Culynn and Camille. Four-year member of cheer team and this year's Captain.
At right, **#5 Marcus Watson** with mom Lincoln, stepdad Isa Holland, brothers Mekhi and Zyon. Though his father Marcus, Sr. is no longer with us, his love, memory, and presence remains part of Marcus' journey • Committed to University of Houston in 2027.



Madison Hatcher with dad Chris Hedglin
Four-years Willie the Wildcat



Laila Altazan with parents Erika Altazan and Calvin Goza • Four-year member of cheer team and this year's Co-Captain



Autumn Warner with parents Latasha and Brandon Levatino • Four-year member of cheer team and this year's Co-Captian



Lucille Davis with parents LeAnn and Reggie Davis • Three-year student photographer
2026 Homecoming Queen



Central High School Kittens



#0 Tyree Green with mom Holly, uncle Hollis, and sister. He carries with him the love and memories of his late father, Rayfel Matta, Jr. Commited to Minnesota State University



#1 Davonte Sanders with parents Terry Goodman and Leandre Sanders Four-year member of Central High football team.



#2 Tristan Rose with parents Trinice and Jonathan Rose and brothers Chance and Jayden Rose • Four-year member of Central High football team with collegiate football offers.



#4 Brody Diel with parents Adam and Kalyn Diel • Two-year member of Central High football team • Committed to play football at the University of Miami next fall.



Central High School Kittens



#6 Dylan Thompson with parents Melissa and Keith Thompson, and brother Levi • Four-year member of Central High football team.



#7 Max Gassiott with parents Katheryn and Sam Gassiot; siblings Duke, Quin, and Wesley
Two-year member of Central High football team • Committed to Nicholls State University.

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#9 Lane Billings with parents Aimee and Moe Billings and sister Lana and brother Landry
Two-year member of Central team • Collegiate football offers.



#11 Jaydon Garnett with parents London and Jesse Garnett • Four-year member of Central team Committed to Northwestern State University.



#8 Mason Moore with parents Marlon and Candy and sister Marie • Four-year member of Central team • Committed to Ole Miss



#12 Darnell Jackson with his parents Catasha and Darrel Jackson, Jr.
Three-year member of Central High football team.



#21 Marvin Joseph with mom Alicia Haynes, uncle Jermaine Spears, and sisters Kiara Veals, Mariah Joseph, and Sy'era Haynes • Four-year member of Central High football team • Committed to University of Houston.



CHS Band Flutes



#24 Emil Rufini with parents Amanda and Trey Rufini
Four-year member of Cental High football team.





#26 Camden Rankin with parents Taylor and TJ, step-parents Heather and Chance, and siblings Jack, Miles, Benton, and Maggie • Four-year member of Central team • Collegiate football offers.



#32 Dwight Danburg with parents Holly and Dan Danburg
Two-year member of the football team



#34 Pedro De Sousa Costa with parents, Simone and Aristonildo
Two-year member of the football team



#90 Ja'Mareon Jackson



#41 Nathan Hunter with parents Barrett and Stephanie Hunter
Two-year member of Central High football team





#54 Kaeden Shows with parents Kaleb and Melissa Shows and siblings, Kinsley and Koen
Four-year member of Central High team • Collegiate football offers.



Austin Adams with parents Fran and Ronnie Adams
Four-year member of Central High football team.



#59 Lanson Crochet with parents Corey and Samantha Crochet, and sisters Isabella and Baylee • Four year member of Central High football team.

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#62 Kaleb LeBourgeois with parents Leah and Tommy LeBourgeois and his siblings, Jude, Josiah, and Kenzie • Four-year member of Central High football team.



#64 Mitchell O'Shee with parents Jeremy O'Shee and Nicole Juneau and stepfather Luke Juneau • Four-year member of Central High football team.



#65 Brandon Nixon with parents Brandy Matthews and Brian Nixon, and sister Caitlin • Four-year member of Central High football team.



#83 Damari Stewart with parents Aishia Cobb and Derrin Richardson and sister Maleyah • One-year member of team.



#62 Kaleb LeBourgeois and #18 Elijah Cutrer



#92 James Tezeno and parents
Committed to play at Culver-Stockton University in the fall of 2027



Gabrielle Summers with mother Pam Story, father Josh Summers, stepfather Brandon Story, grandmother Karen Summers and brother Owen Story • Four-year member of Kittens



Maggie Brumfield with parents Fallyn and Steven Brumfield • Four-year member of Kittens and this year's Captain.



#26 Camden Rankin, #8 Mason Moore, #15 Sullivan Hawthorne, #9 Lane Billings



Jade DeVaull with parents Courtney Hunt and James DeVaull and brother James • Three-year member of Kittens



Bently Harding with parents Andrea and Ty Harding • Three-year member Kittens



#4 Brody Diel



Matilyn Kelly with mom Melissa Impson stepfather Jason Impson, and siblings Gavin, Josh, and Emma
Four-year member of Kittens



Alaina McCauley with parents Alison and Frankie McCauley and sister Allie
Four-year member of Kittens



Adelaide McLin with mom Jenny McLin and sister Sara McLin. Her late father Ryan McLin in her heart • Four-Year Kitten



Presley Wheat with her parents Tara and Charlie Wheat, and sisters Abby and Mallory, and brothers-in-law Bryce and Reece • Four-Year Kitten



Kylie Wood with parents Brandon and Elisha Wood • Two-Year Kitten



#12 Darrell Jackson

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NovaLeigh Summers with mother Pam Story, father Josh Summers, stepfather Brandon Story, grandmother Karen Summers, and brother Owen Story • Four-Year Kitten



Anna Bordelon with parents Patrick and Katy Bordelon
Drum Major and Four-Year Band Member
2026 CHS Student of the Year



Hannah Fuselier with parents
Kristi Berry and Brad Fuselier
Four-Year Band Member



Hunter Besse with mom Kristen Beard, father Chris Besse, and stepmother Monica Besse • Four-Year Band Member and Four-Year Central High Football



Daniela Cigarroa-Blanco with mom Sandra Blanco and sister Julia Wolfe • Four -Year Band Member



Haneen Ebrahim with mom
Casie Nealy
Four Year Band Member



CHS Kittens



Elijah Fuller with his parents Angela Spurlin and Danny Fuller, and stepfather Jim Spurlin
Four-Year Band Member



Brooke Green with parents Melissa and Michael Green • Four-Year Band Member
JROTC Cadet 1st Lt. and Logistics Officer



Demetrius Guinn with grandmother
Emmeline Guinn
Four-Year Band Member



McKenzie Moore with parents Levilla and David Moore and sisters Maleah and Morgan • Three-Year Band Member



Phillip Nix with parents Ashley and Justin Nix • Four-Year Band Member



Allison Osborne with parents Scott and Hollee Osborne and sister Baylee • Four-Year Band Member



Nehemias Reyes-De-Leon with parents
Carlos Reyes and Elida De Leon
Four-Year Band Member



Brock Roberts with his father Heath Roberts
Four-Year Band Member



Darnell Sylve with mother
Ashley Charles
Two-Year Band Member



Lily Fuselier with parents
Kristi Berry and Brad Fuselier
Four-Year Band Member



Pyper Beavers with mother
Christina Wallis
Four-Year Film Crew Member





Kayden George with grandparents Joseph and Mae Perkins • One-Year Sports Media. At right, football player and cheerleaders on Senior Night

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Central Shuts Out Liberty 61-0



























Central High Defeats Barbe 38-28, Advances to Q-Finals vs. Hahnville







Photos courtesy Luci Davis of Central High School







LAKE CHARLES - Central High School earned a solid 38-28 victory over the No. 2-ranked Barbe Bucs Friday night, Nov. 20, in Lake Charles.

The victory left the 7-4 Wildcats with the Regional Championship and a spot in the State Division I Non-Select Quarterfinals.

Now Central will face the No. 7-ranked Hahnville Tigers. This means the Wildcats are one of eight remaining teams vying for a shot at the State Championship in the Superdome.

Central High head coach David Simoneaux has lots of experience making a run to the Dome, both as a player and as a coach. As a player, he led Parkview to the Class 3A State Championship in 2001. Then as a coach he led Catholic High and Central High to Division I State Championships in 2021 and 2024 respectively.

Central finished the regular season this year at 5-4 but has come on strong in the playoffs, defeating Airline High 55-28 in the first round before beating Barbe in the second round.

Hahnville is 9-3 after defeating Thibodaux 49-14 in the second round.

Based on LHSAA rules, the Quarterfinals should be Friday night, Nov. 27 in Hahnville, but that could be changed by agreement of the coaches. Hahnville is coached by Greg Boyne.

In other Division I Non-Select action, Zachary defeated Dutchtown 49-7 and travels to No. 1-ranked Mandeville Nov. 27 in the Q-Finals.

Central High Downs Woodlawn 67-18















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Central High School's 1966 State Champs Made History with Wildcats' 1st State Title



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL'S 1966 FOOTBALL TEAM won the District 8-AA Championship and the Class AA State Championship. On October 10, 2026 the team got together to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Central's first State Championship in football. First row (left to right) Reggie Williams, Reggie Alford, Jon Price, Francis Hutchinson, Hank Wicker, Coach Mac Watts, Gaynell Whittington, Kenneth Browning, Mack Bullock. Second row Cindy Oubre Heck, Cheerleader, Joe Blais, Linda Stilley Aaron, Cheerleader, Larry Prather, Sherwood Nowlin, Paul Potts, Andy LeSage, Bob Croxton, David Lindsey, Gordon Craig, Warren Potts, Donald Dawson, Gary Sides, James Verbois, Mary Abadie Odom, Cheerleader, Helen Spillman Taylor, Cheerleader.







CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL'S 1966 FOOTBALL TEAM in from of the goal post at Central Field in 1966. Bottom Row: Gary Williams (sophomore), Randy Devall (sophomore), Lindsey Bullock (sophomore), Don "Buck" Furr (senior), Loren Williams (senior), Reggie Alford (junior), Kenneth Browning (junior), Marshall Bernard (junior), Jess Newsom (sophomore), Gene Robertson (junior). Second Row: Tim Hooker (senior), Angelo Deniakos (sophomore), Bob Croxton (sophomore), Francis Hutchinson (senior), Richard Hobbs (senior), Reggie Williams (senior), Jon Price (senior), Gaynell Whittington (junior), James Verbois (sophomore, Mack Bullock (junior), Edwin "Tex" Chester (junior), and Coach Louis Peterson.Third Row: Coach O.R. Smith, Gerald Morrow (senior), Larry Prather (senior), Richard Anderson (senior), Darryl O'Neal (sophomore), Hank Wicker (senior), Bobby Sutton (sophomore), Bobby Bliss (senior), Dwight Edwards (sophomore, Paul Potts (junior), Darryl Deval (senior), and Coach Mac Watts. Top row: Joe Blais (junior), Alex Verbois (junior), Sherwood Nowlin (sophomore), Dana Dupuy (sophomore), Billy Potts (senior), Gordon Craig (senior), Warren Potts (sophomore), Conrad Starns (junior), Donald Dawson (senior), Gary Sides (senior), and Clem Kaiser (senior). Not shown: Dwight Andrews, Ronnie Creel (sophomore), Steve Davis, Nick Deniakos (senior), Barry Devall (sophomore), Jerry Devall, Houston Fairchild (junior), Alonzo Goldman, Lee Harvey (sophomore), Al Kelley (sophomore), Andy LeSage (junior), David Lindsey (junior), Ken Soday (sophomore), Gary Thibodeux (sophomore), and Coaches Larry Glover and William "Billy" K. Alford; Statisticians: John "Bubba" Stockwell and Mike Jackson; Photographers: John Henderson and Keith Peevy; Trainer: Jack Kaiser; and Managers: Lea Newsom, Leslie Craig, Mark Buhler, and Billy Almond. At left, ribbon for the game asks Santa for a Championship for Christmas. At right, the 1966 Championship program cover.

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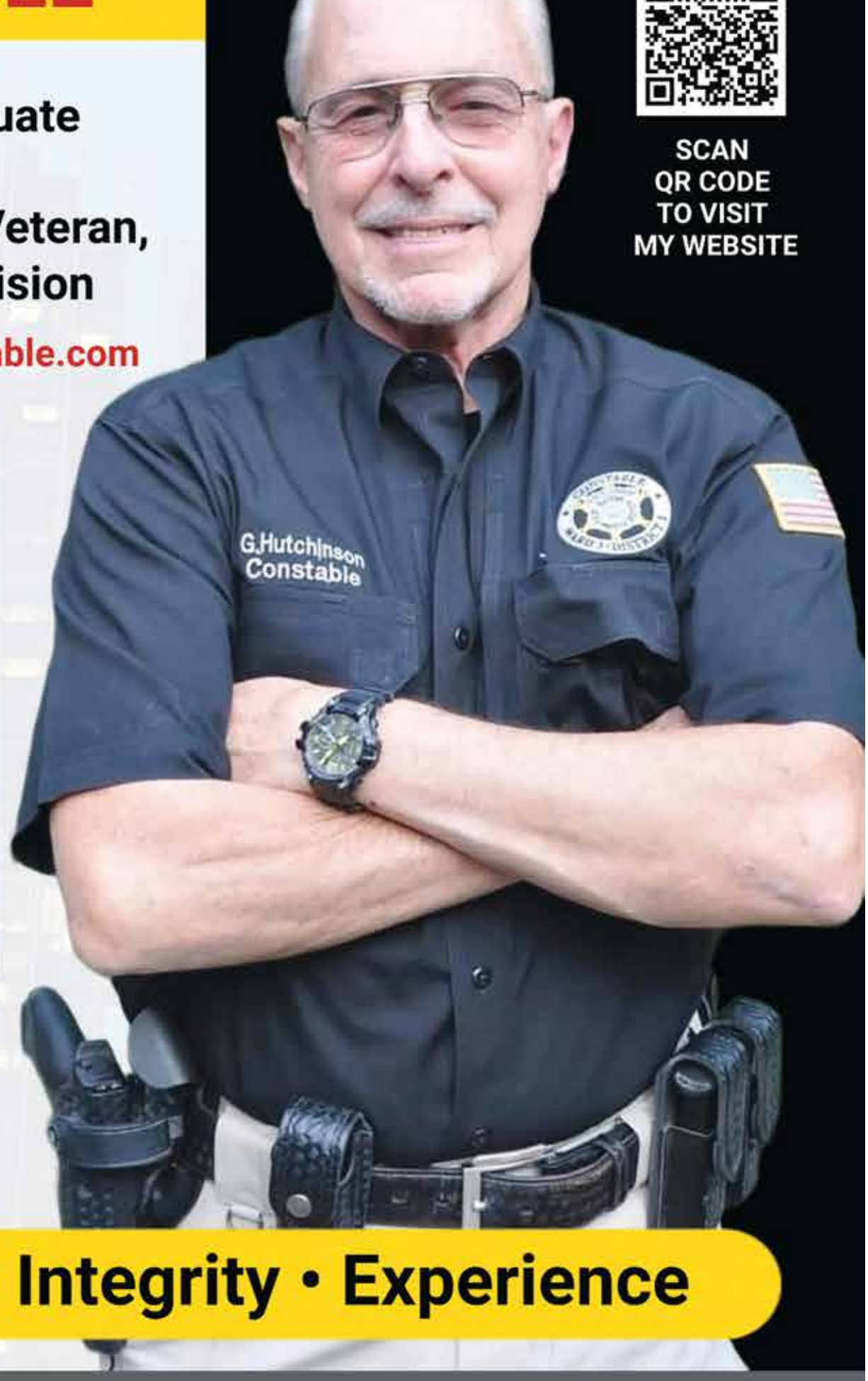

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Election Night at Lon Vicknair's Party



MAYORAL CANDIDATE LON VICKNAIR election night with Central Mayor Wade Evans. Vicknair is in a runoff Dec. 12.



NOT ALL VICKNAIR CHILDREN — At election night victory party, Lon and Rebecca Vicknair pose with their children and friends while the candidate is interviewed by a reporter from WBRZ-TV News.









FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS GATHERED — At left, WBRZ-TV reporter Madison Smith helps put the children in place for an interview with Mayoral candidate Lon Vicknair. At center, supporters Shirley D'Gerolamo, Tami Anglin, Gil and Michelle Matherne, Randy Anglin, Christy Sloan, Emile Provost, and Dwayne D'Gerolamo. At right, Republican state chairman Derek Babcock and Lon Vicknair. The election party was at The Nest, an historic home in Indian Mound. Chef John Reason of JP Outdoors did the cooking.

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Mayor President Sid Edwards Says

Central deserves a mayor who can bring people together while still having the courage to make tough decisions. Lon Vicknair is that leader. When I look at the experience, character, leadership, and ability required to move Central forward, the choice is clear. I am not simply supporting Lon Vicknair, I'm asking you to do the same!



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Dustin Yates
City of St. George

Lon Vicknair is a 20-year veteran of the Navy, where he was a commissioned officer, a business leader, and a Central Reserve Police Officer. He is a husband, father, and 30-year resident of the City of Central. He will be a great Mayor for Central!



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