

House District 66 in Southeast Baton Rouge

Special Election Feb. 21

Republican Party Backs Amoroso for House Seat

BATON ROUGE - The Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish has endorsed Buddy Amoroso in a special election set for Feb. 21 for House District 66 in Southeast Baton Rouge. Amoroso, a Baton Rouge businessman, currently serves on the Metro Council. He has also been endorsed by Louisiana Association of Business and Industry.

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Photo by Woody Jenkins

GOP CANDIDATES seeking election from House District 66 in a special election Feb. 21 in Southeast Baton Rouge. Shown are Darrell Ourso, Rick Bond, and Buddy Amoroso.

Four Candidates Seek Seat Held by Hunter Green, Who Was Elected to Family Court

Woody Jenkins
Editor

BATON ROUGE - Four candidates are seeking to be elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives in a special election planned in House District 66 Saturday, Feb. 21.

Seeking the post are Republicans Buddy Amoroso, Rick Bond, and Darrell, and No Party candidate Susan Nelson.

The election is to fill a vacancy left by the res-

ignation of Rep. Hunter Greene who was elected Family Judge.

A runoff if necessary will be held on March 28. The person elected by the voters will serve during the upcoming legislative session and for the remainder of the year. The election for a full four-year term will be held this fall with elections on Oct. 24 and Nov. 21.

For information on the Republican candidates, see Pages 10-11.

Three GOP Councilmen Join Dems In Effort to Kill City of St. George

BATON ROUGE - Three Republican Metro Councilmen joined all five Democrats on the Council in an effort to kill the proposed City of St. George, even before voters have the chance to go to the polls on whether to incorporate.

John Delgado, Trae Welch, and Scott Wilson voted to hire local attorney Mary Olive



John Delgado Trae Welch Scott Wilson

Pierson to challenge the legality of efforts to incorporate. St. George leader Norman Brown-

ing said it is unfair to use taxpayers' dollars to challenge an incorporation effort. If the

Councilmen don't like St. George's effort, they should use their own money to challenge it, not the taxpayers', he said.

Welch and Wilson represent the City of Central. Central Mayor Jr. Shelton last week said residents of St. George should have the right to vote on incorporation.

For more on the issue, see Page 2.

Istrouma Alumni Trying to Protect Historic Trophies, Statue of Chief Nawaganti

BATON ROUGE - The majestic and historic Istrouma High School on Winbourne is shuttered and empty. The once bustling campus, the largest school in the state with 1,900 students from the 10th to the 12th grade and nine State Football Championships, is quiet.

It closed in May 2014, because of decisions made by the State Recovery District, Supt. John White, and BESE chairman Chas Romer, who have so far not responded to proposals by Istrouma alumni to turn the school into a petro-chemical charter high school that would help train youth for the reported 40,000 jobs local industry will need over the next five years. Now Istrouma alumni have focused on saving historic state championship trophies and the statue of Nawaganti before vandals steal or destroy them. See Story on Page 9

Baton Rougeans March for Life at LSU Rally

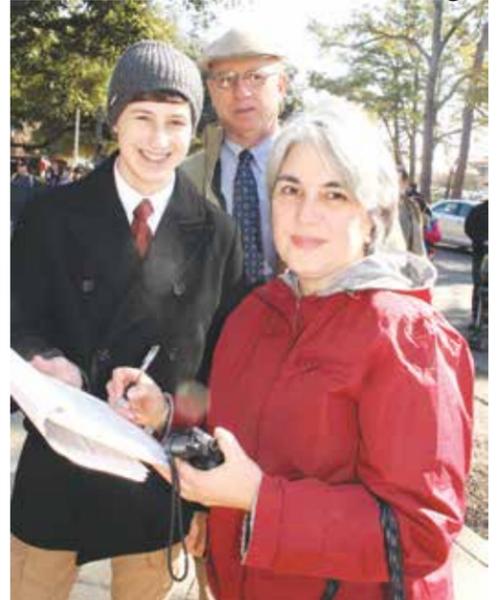
BATON ROUGE - On Saturday, Jan. 24, more than 2,500 pro-life supporters rallied for the unborn at the Greek Theater on the LSU campus. Then they marched to the LSU Assembly Center where they joined 2,500 other Christians who were involved in an all-day prayer rally sponsored by Gov. Jindal.

On the way, pro-life marchers were confronted by about 200 demonstrators, mostly LSU students and professors who held signs challenging the existence of God and the right to life.

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CENTRAL MARCHES FOR LIFE - Pro-life marchers from the Baton Rouge area gathered on the LSU campus for the annual March for Life. This year, they marched to the LSU Assembly Center where a Day of Prayer was in progress. Altogether, 5,000 Christians were on the campus.

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CENTRAL MAYOR SUPPORTS ST. GEORGE — During his first State of the City of Central address, Central Mayor Jr. Shelton said the people of the proposed City of St. George in Southeast Baton Rouge should have the right to vote on whether to incorporate, but two Metro Council from Central and Zachary voted to kill St. George last Wednesday.

Country Living in the City

Metro Council Tries to Kill City of St. George

Councilmen from Central, Zachary Are at Odds with Mayor Jr. Shelton

Woody Jenkins
 Editor

Conservatives and Republicans have been working hard to help create the new City of St. George. For many of them, it is the best hope we have to bring high quality neighborhood schools to more than 109,000 people in the southeast part of East Baton Rouge Parish.

It is the best hope we have to establish a low crime city that includes one-fourth of the people of this parish.

It is the best hope we have to bring people back to this parish who have fled to Livingston and Ascension parishes.

It is the best hope and perhaps the last hope, in view of the changing dynamics of this parish, which voted for Obama by 10,000 votes and for Mary Landrieu by 6,000 votes.

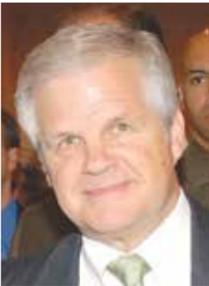
What will happen when Sid Gautreaux retires as Sheriff? What will happen when Brian Wilson retires as Assessor? What will happen when Doug Welborn retires as Clerk of Court?

Will radical leftists in the mold of Obama begin to take over parish offices from Sheriff on down?

What will that mean for crime? What will it mean for taxes?

Will it lead to further flight out of the parish, leaving us another New Orleans or even Detroit?

St. George is more than just a movement to incorporate a new city. It is our hope to save East Ba-



Woody Jenkins

ton Rouge Parish.

That's why it seemed so strange to see three Republican Metro Council members vote to kill the proposed City of St. George last week.

It was no surprise to see Councilmen John Delgado voting that way, but to see Councilman Trae Welch of Zachary and Scott Wilson of Central vote against the very principles that their own communities are founded on was amazing.

As one Metro Councilman said, "If we can't count on Zachary and Central to stand for what's right on this Council, then we are definitely doomed."

Councilman Trae Welch said he was against St. George because it would hurt the other unincorporated areas of the parish. We don't understand that reasoning at all. At present, tax revenues from the unincorporated go to benefit the City of Baton Rouge, and very little is spent on the unincorporated area. We need to change the current budgeting system and distribute funds from the unincorporated areas fairly. But the creation of St. George has nothing to do with that one way or the other.

In an interview this week, Councilman Scott Wilson said the creation of St. George would create too much competition and be bad for Central. He also said he strongly supports the right of citizens to vote, and "I hope they do get to vote!"

But Delgado, Welch, and Wilson all voted to deny the citizens of St. George their right to vote!

State law is very clear. If 25 percent of the registered voters in an



Heather Doss of NFIB

unincorporated area sign a petition for incorporation, they get to vote on whether to incorporate.

But three Republicans voted to allow attorney Mary Olive Pierson to use our tax dollars to file suit, harass the organizers of St. George, and try to find an excuse to delay and derail these citizens' legitimate right to vote on incorporation.

It was a sad day in the Metro Council Chamber.

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Central Mayor Says Future Looks Bright

Central's Low Crime, Great Schools Make City Prime Area for Future Development

BATON ROUGE - Central Mayor Jr. Shelton gave his first annual State of the City address last week, and all of the major news media in Baton Rouge were there to cover the story including the *Advocate*, *Times-Picayune*, *Business Report*, WAFB-TV, and WBRZ-TV.

Here are some of the major points Mayor Shelton made:

- Central is a land of opportunity! We have 28,000 people, and we need almost everything you can think of. The big box stores will come, but what we want are the mom-and-pop businesses that really define a community.

- So we want to encourage successful Baton Rouge businesses to consider putting their second location in Central, so they can grow with us.

- The people in Southeast Baton Rouge have the right to form their own city if they desire. "I believe it is every citizen's right to vote on his own future. Look what Central has done in 10 years. We have the No. 3 school system in the state. But there is something even more important going on here: Our community is flourishing because our citizens have been able to make a contribution and use their expertise to improve our city. As part of a large parish, you have few such opportunities. But in Central, we can still play a role and make a difference."

- There was an ugly divide in Central, and I realized my first job was to heal the divide. My transi-



Central Mayor Jr. Shelton gives his first annual State of the City address at the Chamber of Commerce of East Baton Rouge.



Chamber EBR members look on (right) New Chamber members Jody and Cathy Robert (center). Ted McCulley asks a question

tion team include seven people who had supported me and seven who did not. We found we had common goals. So we put personalities aside and worked together. Today I feel no pressure about a divide in Central.

- Now we're working on clearly defined goals and a plan for the next 25 years — a plan that will provide for the sustainability of the community. We want to be sure we create a place where our children and grand-

children will want to live and build their businesses and their futures.

- The new Infrastructure Committee includes four engineers, a CPA, a banker, and two Council members. We want to utilize their expertise. We want to know who we are and where we're going.

- One of my top priorities is making sure that the City of Central works closely with the Central Community School System. So we

meet regularly. We're friends. We don't always agree but we learned how to work through out disagreements so that we get to our common goals.

- Schools are why people come to Central.

- The previous Mayor and City Council left Central with a tremendous legacy. "First, we have \$20 million in the bank to do infra-

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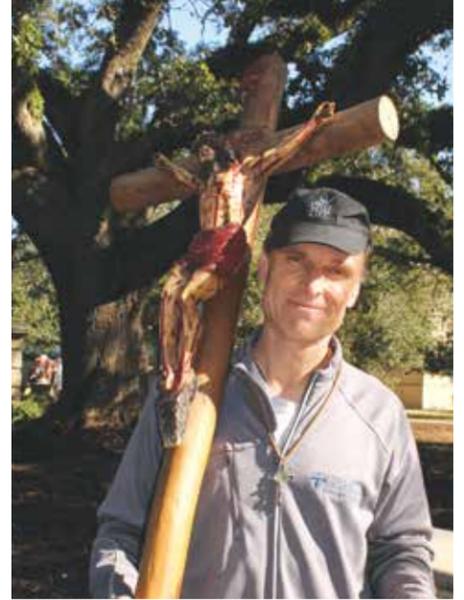


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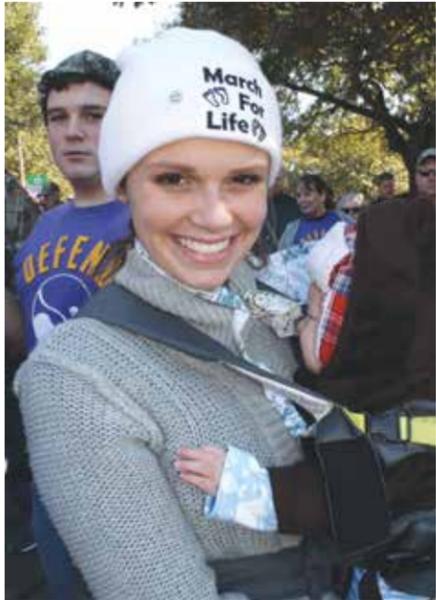
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March for Life Began at LSU Greek Theater

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GOV. BOBBY JINDAL spoke at the annual March for Life at LSU (left) Marchers urged America to Defend Life



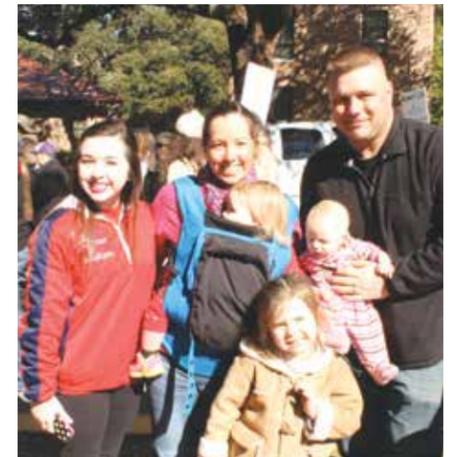
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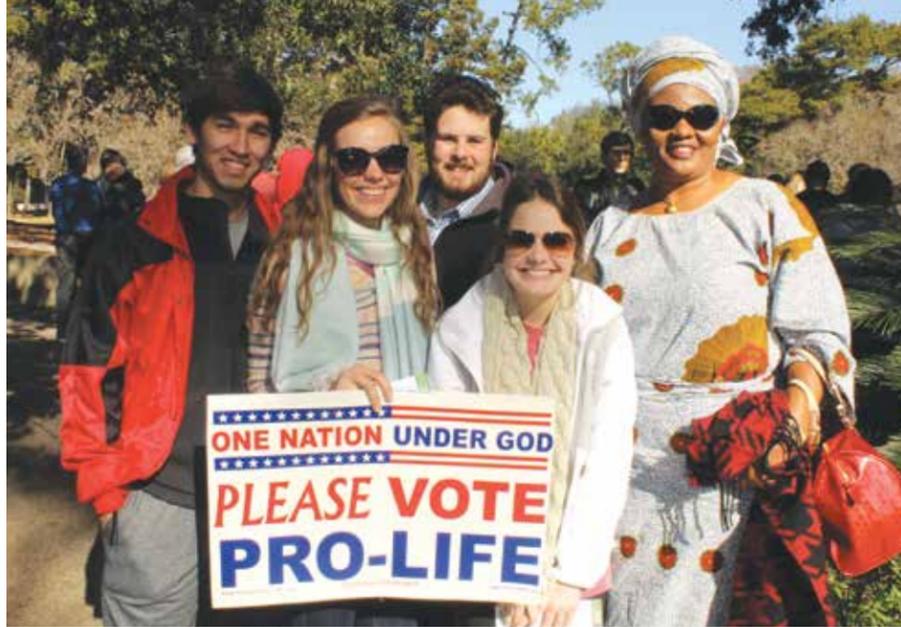
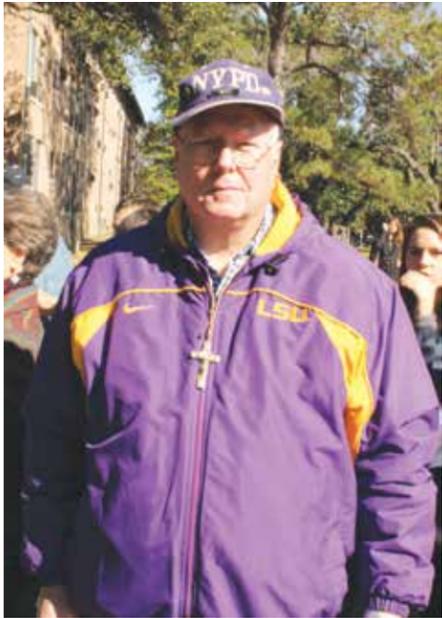
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Then 2,500 Walked to LSU Assembly Center



LONG-TIME PRO-LIFE SUPPORTERS such as Charles Barbarie (left) came to renew their commitment, as did young people who had never attended a march.



PAST TIGER STADIUM — Pro-life marchers left LSU's Greek Theater, walked along Dalrymple and turned west of N. Stadium Drive to the Assembly Center.



Moms and dads like Caesar Garcia came to voice support for the unborn.



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5,000 Gathered for Day of Prayer at LSU



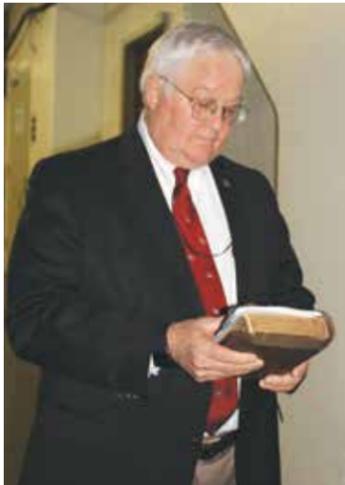
The LSU Assembly Center was packed for Day of Prayer.



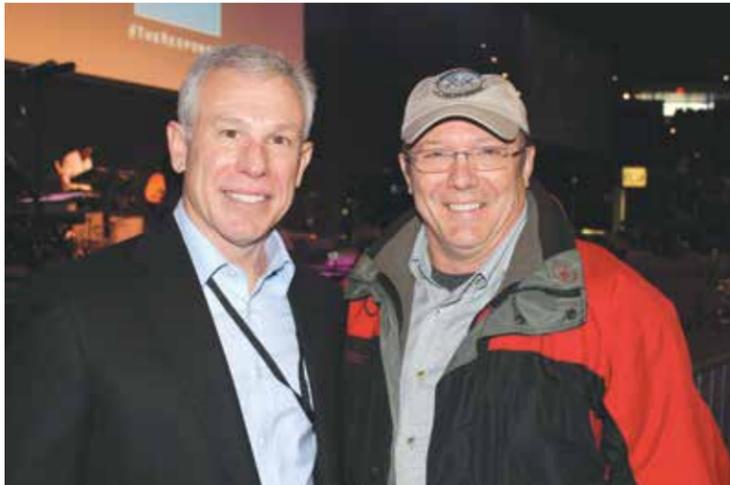
More than 5,000 Christians prayed and sang.



Some poured out their hearts



Judge Daryl White waiting to pray



Gene Mills and Col. Rob Maness before praying at Assembly Center



Many at the Day of Prayer were younger or minorities.

Woody Jenkins
Editor

BATON ROUGE - More than 5,000 Christians brought a message of faith, hope, love, and reconciliation to the LSU campus on Saturday, Jan. 24. Two different events took place simultaneously. But before noon, the two merged to become one of the largest Christian gatherings in the history of LSU. The peaceable event contrasted with the threats being made against Christians by radical Moslems around the world. The annual March for Life,

which normally begins at the Old State Capitol and continues to the new State Capitol could not follow its traditional route this year because of construction work. Instead, more than 2,500 pro-lifers met at the Greek Theatre on the LSU campus for speeches, prayer, and music. Then the group, which represented churches from across South Louisiana, marched from the Greek Theatre to LSU's Pete Maravich Assembly Center.

At the Assembly Center, more than 2,500 Louisianians were already participating in a Day of

Prayer. This gathering, which was sponsored by Gov. Bobby Jindal, swelled to more than 5,000 as the pro-lifers arrived.

As the pro-life group turned from North Stadium Drive to enter the Assembly Center, they were met by about 200 jeering and chanting pro-abortion demonstrators, mostly LSU professors and students, including a large contingent from gay and lesbian groups.

The signs of the 2,500 pro-lifers were in stark contrast to those of the pro-abortion protestors. Some of the pro-life signs read:

- "Respect All Life — from the Womb to Natural Death"
- "I Resolve to Defend Life Because Life is Precious"
- "Defend the Defenseless"
- "Marching for an Abortion-Free Louisiana" "Stop Abortion Now"
- "We Vote Pro-Life! One Nation Under God"

Inside the Assembly Center, there were few real speeches. Rather, pastors and lay people went to mike to pray. A variety of Christian musicians played and sang. The prayer meeting was called The Response and was part of a program that began in Houston. Gov. Bobby Jindal was

one of the few public officials present. When called upon, he went to the mike and prayed for the nation but made no political comments.

The pro-life crowd seemed to be older and included many mothers, fathers, and grandparents. But the prayer group in the Assembly Center seemed to be younger and included a lot of students, minorities, and people from other countries.

In the prayer meeting, team of 20 or more prayer warriors were chosen to pray on a particular topic. Once selected, they sat together in the audience and then were led to wait in a holding room together. There they were asked to collect their thoughts and pray for a particular group, such as our national leaders, the President, and members of Congress. No one was instructed on what to say. But they were asked to carry a Bible and nothing else onto the stage. Once on the stage, those asked to pray had a designated time, usually 15 or 30 seconds.

One person in the audience said it was the first time he had ever attended an event that was almost entirely devoted to prayer and that he found it to be a powerful time of fellowship that brought him closer to God.

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The other replied, "Why, of course! There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later."

"Nonsense" said the first. "There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?"

The second said, "I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouths. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now."

The first replied, "That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded."

The second insisted, "Well I think there is something and maybe it's different than it is here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore."

The first replied, "Nonsense. And moreover if there is life, then why has no one ever come back from

there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes us nowhere."

"Well, I don't know," said the second, "but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us."

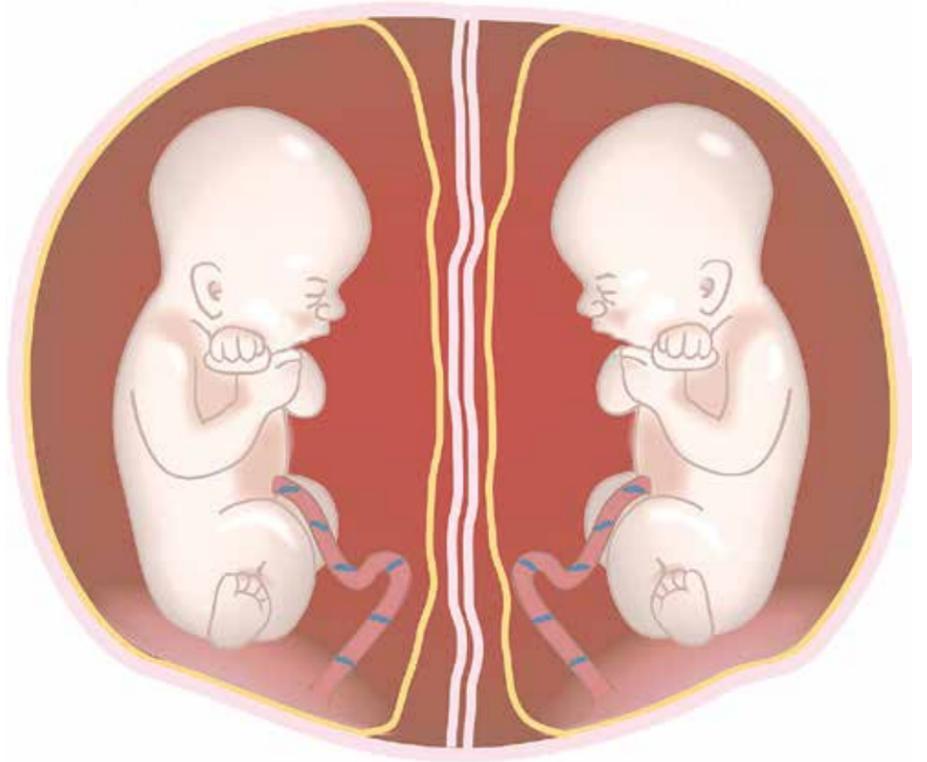
The first replied "Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable! If Mother exists then where is She now?"

The second said, "She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her, this world would not and could not exist."

Said the first: "Well I don't see Her, so it is only logical that She doesn't exist."

To which the second replied, "Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and you really listen, you can perceive Her presence, and you can hear Her loving voice, calling down from above."

— From Davaun T. Kurcz



LSU Leftists Protest God, Prayer, Life

BATON ROUGE — As participants in the annual March for Life turned off N. Stadium Drive and into the LSU Assembly Center on Saturday, Jan. 24, they were taunted by 200 pro-abortion demonstrators chanting and screaming. Some of the chants and signs urged people not to hate, as though the Christians there to defend the unborn and peaceably pray were somehow haters. Signs of the protests included these quotes:

- "Open Minds Are Better Than Folded Hands"
- "Faith Means NOT Wanting to Know What Is TRUE"
- "I Had Sex with Bobby Jindal"
- "Hypocrisy and Hate Are Not My Family Values"
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10 Years Ago

Central Rallies for Incorporation (Feb. 3, 2005). Pro-incorporation signs are appearing on Greenwell Springs, Hooper, and Joor roads. Justice of the Peace Cliff Richardson said more control over growth would be one of the benefits of incorporation. Russell Starns said there will be no extra cost to taxpayers and the current tax base is adequate to fund the proposed City of Central with a budget projected at \$5.6 million. Organizers hope for a public referendum on incorporation on April 23, 2005.

Holden Addresses CABA, Has No Objection to Incorporation (Feb. 17, 2005). Mayor-President addressed the Central Area Business Association and discussed the need for a new thruway to Central. As to incorporation of Central, Holden said, "If they want to incorporate, let them incorporate!"

Dr. Tony LoBue was elected new president of CABA.

9 Years Ago

Bamboo Forest on Amite River (Feb. 2, 2006). Several acres of rare Moso cane are growing along the Amite. Moso grows 60 feet high in 60 days.



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'From Files of Central City News' Reviews City's First 10 Years

A feature on Mr. Greenwell's Springs and the origin of the Greenwell Springs resort in the 1850's.

Central City Elections April 1 (Feb. 9, 2006). Qualifying for Central's first-ever municipal elections were for Mayor — Mike Kelly and Mac Watts, for Police Chief — Doug Browning and Wayne Ryland, and for five seats on the City Council — Louis DeJohn, Tim Falke, Pete Humble, Rusty Jacobs, Joan Lansing, Mike LeClerq, Aaron Moak, Carolyn Patterson, Lucky Ross, Al Schaffer, and Bob Struppeck.

8 Years Ago

Land Acquisition and Clearing for Central Thruway (Feb. 1, 2007). The preliminary stages of

building the Central Thruway are now underway.

Central icon Johnny Carpenter, known for his Pickin' & Grinnin' dinners, passed away.

The new Central Community School System is advertising for teachers for the 2007-2008 school year, the first year of its existence.

Construction Has Resumed on Joor Road (Feb. 8, 2007). A 3.138-mile-long stretch of Joor Road is being four-laned at a cost of \$28.8 million. Clif Richardson announced his candidacy for the Louisiana House of Representatives, to replace Rep. Donald Ray Kennard, who is retiring.

EBR School Board Negotiating Central Pull-Out (Feb. 15, 2007).

Central will takeover the public schools in Central on July 1, 2007, and now EBR has finally agreed to sit down and work out details of the transfer. The Central City News has launched its e-edition at www.CentralCityNews.net.

7 Years Ago

Starkey Academy to Close in May (Feb. 7, 2008). Founder David Starkey has announced that Starkey will close after 25 years.

Louisiana College to Begin Dual Enrollment Program at Central High School (Feb. 14, 2008)

Agnes and Chester Guidry celebrated their 69th anniversary.

Promoters of BR Loop Refuse to Hold Public Hearing in Central (Feb. 21, 2008) However, Central residents flooded into an open house on the Loop held at BREC headquarters on Florida Blvd. Loop officials announced three routes, including one across the middle of Central.

Groundbreaking will be held next week for Village at Magnolia Square.

6 Years Ago

New City Hall Opens on Hooper Road. Prior to opening the new City Hall, Ken Montgomery donated his property on Sullivan Road for use as City Hall for three years.

John Vranic was named CEO of DEMCO.

Central Middle School Site Could Be Future Home of City Center (Feb. 12, 2009).

Central School Board said the school system needs \$130 to 150 million in infrastructure improvements.

What We Want (Feb. 19, 2009). A survey of Central residents by the Central City News show they think there is a need for a barbecue restaurant (39 percent), diner (37 percent), Italian restaurant (35 percent), senior center (37 percent), assisted living facility (37 percent), nursing home (28 percent), funeral home (24 percent), more physicians (31 percent), produce market (32 percent), Christian bookstore (28 percent), UPS store (28 percent), and office supply store (25 percent).

Half-Cent Sales Tax Increase (Feb. 26, 2009) — The school board is proposing to raise sales taxes by one-half cent to fund a new middle school.

5 Years Ago

Mac Watts and Jr. Shelton Launch Their Campaigns for Mayor of Central. Candidates also qualified for police chief and five seats on the City Council.

The school board voted to purchase 83 acres on Sullivan Road to build a new school complex.

In Livingston Parish, residents demonstrated against the proposed Loop, chanting "No loop, no loop!"

Deep Drilling in Central (Feb. 18, 2010). BP is drilling for natural gas 3.6 miles under Central.

Central High Gets A+ Rating from SACS Team (Feb. 11, 2010). The accrediting agency gave CHS a top rating.

Central's legislative delegation to the State Capitol pledged no new funds to study the Loop.

A roundabout will be built at the intersection of Sullivan and Gurney roads.

Trevor Sansone Is State's Fastest Man (Feb. 25, 2010). Central High school speedster set an all-time state record at the Division I State Indoor High School Track Meet with a time of 6.35 seconds in the 55-meter dash, the 5th fastest time in the nation this year.

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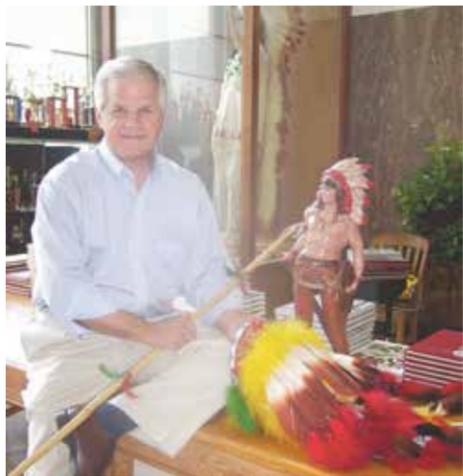
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Istrouma Grads Trying to Save Nawaganti

BATON ROUGE — Istrouma High grads led by Central City Councilman Wayne Messina are trying to raise \$3,500 to help save the statue of Istrouma's mascot, the legendary Nawaganti.

The Class of 1964 presented the statue to the school 50 years ago, and it held a place of honor in the lobby at the school's entrance for all those years. But the State School Recovery District closed the majestic school in May 2014, and it now sits in a deteriorating condition. Alumni became concerned about the safety of Nawaganti, the school's countless trophies, and other memorabilia.



City News editor Woody Jenkins in front of Nawaganti display case. At right, Nawaganti Indian dancers, who performed at Macy's Thanksgiving Parade.

Messina, a former coach at Istrouma and principal at Baker who served until recently as Director of Security for East Baton Rouge schools, received permission to remove Na-

waganti and a few other items from the school. Five championship trophies are now stored at the EBR school warehouse on N. Ardenwood, and Nawaganti is on permanent dis-

play at the entrance to the EBR Food Service office on North Sherwood. The problem is, Nawaganti's leather clothing has disintegrated over 50 years and needs to be re-

placed. In addition, the display case at Istrouma would be costly to move and is too large for the new space. So alumni are trying to raise \$3,500, with \$600 for a new leather cos-

tume and the remainder to build a new case. Contributions should be payable to Class of 1964 and sent to Restoration of Nawaganti, 1017 Daventry Dr., Baton Rouge 70808.

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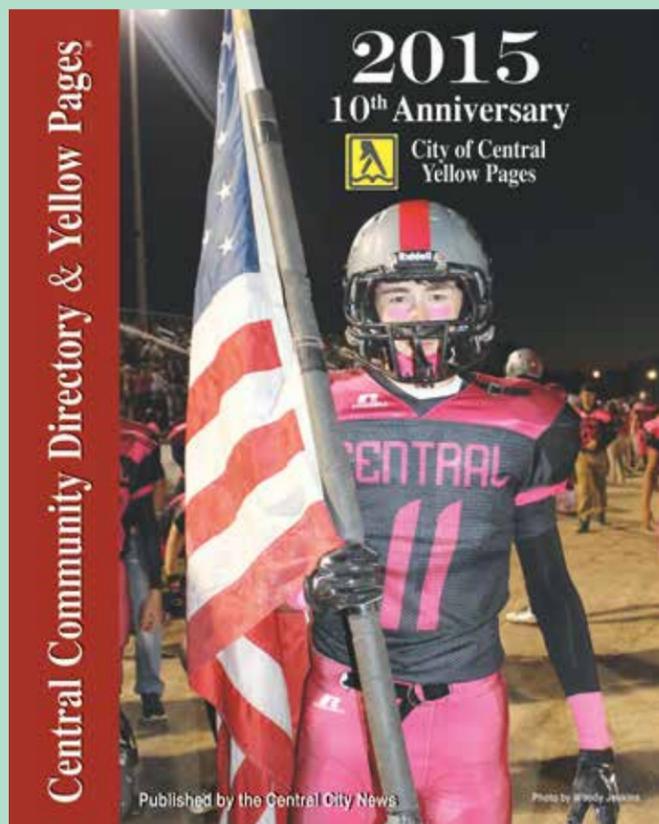
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Republican Candidates Vie in HD66



Candidate Darrell Ourso with Reagan sticker from college days



Candidate Rick Bond



Councilman Buddy Amoroso.



Mark Ballard of The Advocate questioned candidates.



Darrell Ourso, Rick Bond, and Buddy Amoroso defeated the issues.



Former Rep. now Judge Hunter Greene

BATON ROUGE - The three Republicans competing in a special election for House District 66 debated the issues before the Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at Café Américain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy.

Metro Councilman Buddy Amoroso, Baton Rouge attorney Rick Bond, and former Metro Councilman and banker Darrell Ourso outlined their platforms and answered questions from the audience, which included members of the news media, elected officials, and Republican activists.

In his opening statement, Amoroso said that he is a Christian, a conservative, and a Republican in that order. He discussed his strong support for the right to life and his slogan, "Actions Speak Louder Than Words." He said that he supports the right of citizens of St. George to vote on whether to incorporate as a

new city.

He said, "I'm a conservative on taxes" and a founder of Taxbusters, which fights higher taxes. "Overall, we must focus on making government smaller," he said.

He said he has fought successfully as a Metro Councilman to reform the CATS board and to put the Council on record against new EPA standards that could damage the Capital region.

Amoroso said his goals are a better business environment, better infrastructure, and better schools. "Baton Rouge is on the verge of an economic boom, but only if we achieve those goals," he said.

In his opening statement, Rick Bond said he has degrees in economics and law from LSU and owns several small businesses. He said he is familiar with government forms and bureaucrats, and he doesn't like either one. He said he

will fight for free market principles and low regulations.

In his opening statement, Darrell Ourso discussed his career, which includes 12 years at City National Bank, service on the Istrouma Area Council of Boy Scouts, and two terms on the Metro Council. As a Councilman, he was instrumental in getting Marathon Oil to build facilities here, and he passed the ordinance allowing voters to approve L'Auberge Casino opening here.

When asked what single bill they would like to pass in their first session, Bond said he would like to do away with hidden taxes. Ourso said his would provide for judicial transparency. Amoroso said he would limit the number of tax elections.

The special election, which is scheduled for Feb. 21, was caused by the resignation of Rep. Hunter Greene, who was elected Family Court Judge. Greene attended the

meeting to congratulate the candidates for running and to encourage their efforts. Sen. Dan Claitor, whose Senate district overlaps HD66, also commended the candidates for offering themselves. Claitor asked the candidates for their view on tax credits and exemptions. Amoroso said they should be offered only for true economic development. Bond said most should be eliminated and tax rates reduced. Ourso said exemptions should be tied to measurable results.



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EBR GOP Endorses Amoroso for House

BATON ROUGE - The Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish has endorsed Metro Councilman Buddy Amoroso in his bid to win a seat in the Louisiana House of Representatives in a special election in House District 66 on Feb. 21.

The election was called by House Speaker Chuck Kleckly to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Rep. Hunter Greene who was elected a Family Court judge.

Parish Republican chairman Woody Jenkins said the three Republicans in the race — Amoroso, attorney Rick Bond, and former Metro Councilman Darrell Ourso — all participated in the four-step Endorsement Process, which is conducted by the East Baton Rouge Republican Parish Executive Committee (EBR PEC) said. This includes

- Participating in a debate on the issues at the Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon, which occurred on Tuesday, Jan. 13.
- Demonstrating that they meet

the minimum requirements for endorsement, including residence in the district for the required period and registration as a Republican voter for at least six months.

- Responding to a detailed questionnaire covering more than 70 issues which may come before the legislature or which may demonstrate the candidate's philosophy and approach to issues.

- Submitting to an interview in front of the EBR PEC, which gives Republican officials the opportunity to discuss the issues with the candidates.

After the interviews, the EBR PEC votes by secret ballot.

Jenkins said members of the Executive Committee believe that Amoroso is well qualified to serve in the Legislature and that he will take a strong, principled, conservative approach to the major issues. "We have three fine candidates running, but the committee feels Amoroso is the best man for the job."

Three Candidates in HD 66 Agree on Majority of Issues

BATON ROUGE - The three Republican candidates running in the special election to fill the vacancy from House District 66 disagree on some key issues (see chart at right).

But they agree on the vast majority of issues.

An analysis of questionnaires filed by candidates Buddy Amoroso, Rick Bond, and Darrell Ourso with the East Baton Rouge Republican Parish Executive Committee shows that they agree on the following:

- The U.S. Constitution should be strictly followed as written.
- The death penalty should be continued.
- Louisiana's Public Records Law should be strengthened.
- No additional gun control measures should be adopted.
- Louisiana's open carry law should be continued.
- Neither the state nor federal government should have access to citizens' private communications without a warrant signed by the judge particularly describing the person, place, and lawful reason for the search or seizure.
- No further restrictions on the right to property should be adopted.
- Hate crime laws should be defeated.
- No legislation similar to the Baton Rouge "Fairness Ordinance" should be adopted by the legislature.
- Louisiana's right to work law should be retained.

- Louisiana should not comply with the federal Real I.D. law.

- Able-bodied citizens should be required to work as a prerequisite to receiving "entitlement" benefits.

- The state should not adopt a minimum wage law.

- Arbitrary restrictions on exploration for oil and gas should be repealed.

- Fracking should be allowed.

- Obamacare should be repealed.

- The state and federal governments should oppose a carbon tax and cap-and-trade legislation.

- State and local officials in Louisiana should enforce federal immigration laws within our borders.

- Since only U.S. citizens can vote, illegal aliens should not be counted for purposes of apportionment and redistricting.

- There is no legitimate constitutional right to an abortion.

- The federal role in local public education should be reduced or totally eliminated.

- Common Core should be funded and continued.

- The State of Louisiana should not participate in the collection of data from Louisiana schools and health care programs.

- Sex surveys should not be allowed in Louisiana's public schools.

No Party candidate Susan Nelson was not sent a questionnaire, because the party only surveys Republican candidates.



Republican Candidates in House District 66 Areas of Disagreement

Source: Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish Questionnaire



Buddy Amoroso



Rick Bond



Darrell Ourso

1. Do you support amending the U. S. Constitution to require a balanced federal budget?	Yes	No	Yes
2. Will you oppose any and all tax increases?	Yes	No	Yes
3. Should the Legislature address the projected revenue shortfall with increased taxes or cutting spending or both?	Cut spending	Both	Cut spending
4. Will you oppose expanding Medicaid in Louisiana?	Yes	No	Yes
5. Mayor-President Holden has twice traveled to China to get a Chinese government-owned bank to serve as the "private party" in a public-private partnership to build the proposed BR Loop with the Chinese government bank actually owning the highway. Will you oppose Chinese government entities from owning any of the infrastructure in the state?	Yes	No	Yes
6. The Port of New Orleans proposed legislation to allow the Chinese communist government to purchase the Port of New Orleans. Would you oppose this legislation?	Yes	No	Yes
7. Will you support the Human Life Amendment to prohibit abortion?	Yes	Abortion is not a constitutional right	Yes
8. Will you vote to prohibit research that involves killing human embryos?	Yes	Not in all cases	Yes
9. Will you vote to retain Louisiana law that marriage is between one man and one woman?	Yes	States have right to decide this issue	Yes
10. Will you support securing the border, while opposing allowing illegal immigrants to stay in this country or having a path to citizenship?	Yes, state also has duty to support our borders	Not a state issue	Yes
11. Do you favor returning to closed party primaries, instead of the current open primary system?	No	No	Yes

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Anna Marie Smunt and Joshua Hodges to marry on July 11, 2015

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Gaston and Lorraine Gerald celebrated 61st Anniversary

Gaston and Lorraine Gerald Celebrated 61 Years Together



Gaston and Lorraine Gerald

CENTRAL — Congratulations to Gaston and Lorraine Gerald who celebrated 61 years of marriage on Jan. 2, 2015. In January of 2014, the couple celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends at Zoar Baptist Church. The couple married on Jan. 2,

1954, and have shared many years of happiness at their residence in Greenwell Springs.

They are very blessed to have three children and their families, Darrell and Patti Gerald, Kendall Gerald, Lori and Tommy Linxwiler. Their family has grown to include 11 grandchildren and their families, Jeremy and Ava Gerald, Monique and Miah Wallace, Britney and Jeff Knight, Brett Gerald, Patrick and Sheree Gerald, Kellie and Ryan Fontenot, Kevin Gerald, Jordan Guarsico, Brian and Marcy Linxwiler, Blake and Jamie Linxwiler, and Ashtyn and Zack Morris.

Ten great-grandchildren, Kennedy, Reagan, and Carter Wallace, Addison and Bailey Knight, KP Gerald, Aspen and Sage Linxwiler, Cooper Morris and Presley Linxwiler with two more additions arriving.

The couple are a blessing to all and continue to bring joy and laughter into the lives of their family and friends.

Courtney Jones, Taylor Legier To Marry at Elegant Memories



Courtney Jones and Taylor Legier

CENTRAL — Courtney Amber Jones and Taylor Zane Legier of Denham Springs will marry in a ceremony on Feb. 7, 2015 at Elegant Memories in Central.

Courtney is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jones of Denham Springs and the granddaughter of Johnnie McCain. She is a graduate of Denham Springs High School and Southeastern Louisiana University.

Taylor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Godwin of Denham Springs and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Legier of Central.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Legier and Marie Maranto.

Taylor is a graduate of Denham Springs High School and works for Grass 1 Lawn Service.

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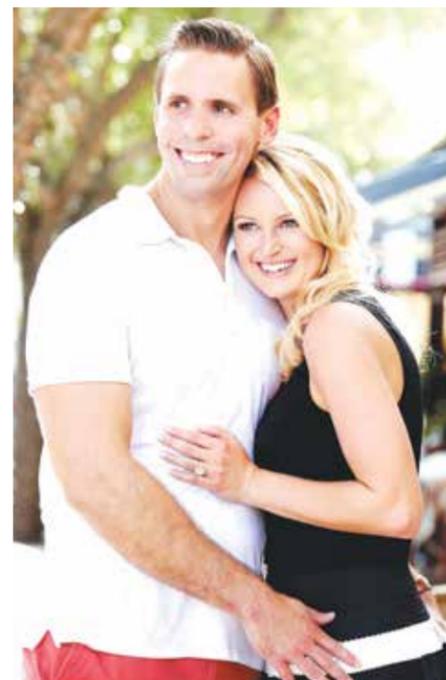
Brandy Granacki, Trey Abshier To Wed in Delray Beach, Florida

BATON ROUGE — Mr. and Mrs. Richard Granacki of La Porte, Indiana, announce the engagement of their daughter, Brandy Yvonne Granacki, to Trey Abshier, formerly of Baton Rouge. The ceremony will take place April 25, 2015, at St. Vincent Ferrer in Delray Beach, Florida.

The bride-elect is a graduate of New Prairie High School in New Carlisle, IN, and Indiana University in Bloomington. She graduated with a B.S. in Telecommunications and Criminal Justice with a minor in Creative Writing. She is Marketing Manager for GL Homes in Sunrise, Florida.

Her fiancé is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Skip Abshier of Baton Rouge. He is a graduate of Central High School and LSU with a B.S. in Human Resource Management and a Masters in Healthcare Administration from Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas.

He is the Chief Operating Officer at Delray Medical Center in



Trey Abshier and Brandy Granacki

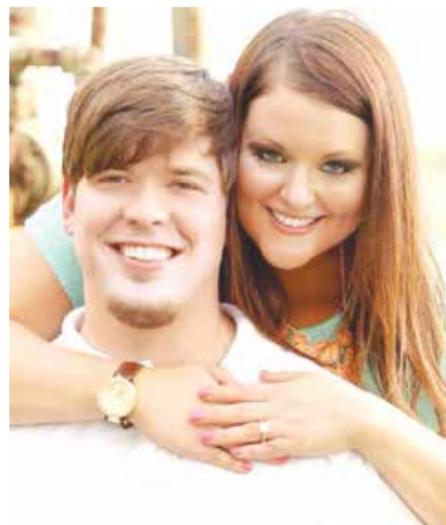
Delray Beach, Florida. Following a honeymoon to Tahiti, the couple will reside in Delray Beach.

Tina Rae Rose, James Head To Marry at Jefferson Baptist

CENTRAL — Tina Rae Rose of Greenwell Springs, and James David Head of Baton Rouge will marry in a 6 p.m. ceremony on April 11, 2015, at Jefferson United Methodist Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mark and Joni Rose of Greenwell Springs. She is the granddaughter of Betty Rose and the late James Rose of Baton Rouge, the late Eugene and Earline Westbrook of Baker and James and Sarah Nichols of Baton Rouge. The bride-elect is a graduate of Central Private School. She is employed as a manager at Monogram It.

Her fiancé is the son of Holly Gonzales of Baton Rouge, and Jimmy Head of Picayune, MS. He is the grandson of Hal and Patricia Ginn of Baton Rouge, Dempsey and Bonnie Head of Lumberton, MS, and Jerry and Peggy Bond of



Tina Rae Rose and James Head

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Jaime Guidry, Brandon Melancon To Marry on February 6 in Central



Jaime Guidry and Brandon Melancon

CENTRAL — Jaime Marie Guidry and Brandon Michael Melancon of Central will marry in a 7:00 p.m. ceremony on February 6, 2015 at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Greenwell Springs.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Waylan and Dana Guidry of Central and granddaughter of George and Verlaine D'Antoni of Baton Rouge and the late Alton and Adele Guidry of Breaux Bridge. She is a graduate of Redemptorist High School and Baton Rouge School of Court Reporting. Her fiancé is the son of Glenn Melancon of Baton Rouge and Lana Lauret of Baton Rouge. He is the grandson of Mrs. Mary LeGlue of Plaquemine, the late Jay LeGlue, Sr. of White Castle, and the late Doyle and Marjorie Melancon of Baton Rouge.

Brandon is a graduate of Central High and is employed with Southern Power Systems. The couple will reside in Central.

Anna Smunt, Joshua Hodges to Marry in Chicago, Illinois July 11

CENTRAL — Mr. and Mrs. Leland Hodges of Watson are proud to announce the engagement of their son, Joshua Sean Hodges, to Ms. Anna Marie Smunt. The couple will be married in Chicago on Saturday, July 11, 2015.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Steve and MaryAnn Smunt of St. Charles, IL. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Allison of Chicago. Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Vivian Smunt and the late Mr. Robert Smunt of Westchester, IL.

The bride-elect is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the National-Louis University in Chicago. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and Masters in Teaching.

Joshua is the son of Rev. Leland and State Rep. Valarie Hodges of Watson. His maternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Al Hope of Baton Rouge. Paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. John Hodges of Baton Rouge. He is a graduate of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Louisiana State University and the U.S.



Joshua Hodges and Anna Marie Smunt

Naval War College in Newport, RI. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Masters in National Security and Strategic Warfare. He works for the U.S. Senate in Washington, DC.

The couple plans to reside in Washington, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Carter Celebrate 50th Anniversary

CENTRAL — On Dec. 19, 2014 Gary and Joann Riles celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary at a party hosted by their four children. They were surrounded by family and friends as they renewed their vows with Priest and Friend Father Jamin David at The Lake House in Baton Rouge.

Gary and Joann are life long members of St. Isidore Catholic Church and long time Central residents.

Together they enjoy traveling. When asked what the secret to marriage longevity Gary says a lot of "laughter" and a little "yes dear".

They are the parents of Charmaine Randall of Gulf Port, MS., Garrett Riles of Watson, Jodi Baudry of Central and Bridgette Caruso of Central.



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structure projects and we have the revenue to make positive changes. Second, they adopted a Master Plan and a zoning ordinance that allows Central to now be 'Open for Business' and attract the things we need to Central.

• It would have been easy for the previous Mayor and Council to say come on in and then be overwhelmed. But the Council was very careful to pass the UDC, the Master Plan, and the Zoning Ordinance, so that everything would be ready and in place. The foundation for a successful city has been laid.

• Here's some good news: From July to November 2014, sales taxes in Central went up by 8.6 percent. I'd love to say we made that happen but the truth is, everything was in place, and that's why it happened. There was one additional thing, and that was a very successful Buy Central First project that helped us keep some of our dollars in Central.

• When most Mayors worry about how to raise revenue, the money is

already here in Central.

• It's our responsibility to continue to have surpluses, but we also have to determine how to best use the surplus we have on hand.

• Remember this: Essentially all of the City of Central's revenue comes from sales taxes. We have no property tax.

• Central is getting its second Traditional Neighborhood Development, the Shoe Creek TND on Sullivan Road across from Wal-Mart. This project is being brought to Central by the developers of River Ranch in Lafayette, one of the finest such developments in the country. This project could have gone anywhere, but they chose Central, and it will have a tremendous impact on this community. Shoe Creek will bring 700 new homes, along with retail and commercial over the next seven to eight years.

• We're getting a second filing on Jim Clark's development on Denham Road.

• The Village at Magnolia Square is adding 43 lots. They came to

Central, succeeded, and want to stay!

• Residential growth leads to retail and commercial growth.

• The most important thing is the least sexy: The sewer system! If you don't have infrastructure, you can't grow. Sewer is No. 1. Without sewer service, you cannot expand.

• The Master Plan has designated three areas of the city for future growth.

• Drainage is always a concern in Central. We will develop a comprehensive drainage plan for Central. Flooding cannot be permitted. So we are doing a lot of preventive maintenance right now.

• Major infrastructure improvements are underway and will continue, such as

• Widening of Sullivan Road. It was a two-lane country road. It is becoming a four-lane road with a raised median. That will connect O'Neal to Wax Road.

• The state will widen Hooper to Blackwater Road.

• Hopefully, we'll get funding to

build the bridge to Livingston Parish.

• Baton Rouge Community College
See **MAYOR** on Page 15

What's Happening?

February 7
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Central Area Youth League
Central High School Cafeteria**

Last day of registration to play baseball. Registration will be held at Central High School Cafeteria at 10200 E. Brookside cafeteria on the Wax Road side. \$60.00 registration fee and birth certificate required at registration. No exceptions!

February 24
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Zoar Baptist Church

Men's Wildlife Banquet will be held on Thursday, February 19th at 6:00 p.m. Guest Speaker is Stephen Kirkpatrick. Tickets are complimentary and can be picked up in the Church office

February 24
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Galilee Baptist Academy

Galilee Baptist Academy at 11050 Greenwell Springs-Port Hudson Rd. is having an Open House. For more information contact the school at 225-654-5633

February 28
5 p.m.

**Festival of Two Rivers Auction
St. Alphonsus Catholic Church**

The Seventh Annual St. Alphonsus Festival of Two Rivers Auction, A Taste of Central, and \$10,000 Raffle event are slated to take place on Saturday, Feb. 28. This community event will be held in the St. Alphonsus Family Center at 14040 Greenwell Springs Road. Patrons will be treated to culinary delights from more than 15 Central and area restaurants, a live and silent auction with gifts for everyone, and a chance to participate in and win the grand prize of \$10,000. Everyone is invited to come for this fun and exciting evening. If you are interested in either donating an item or monetary sponsorship gift towards the event, or if you would like to be involved as a volunteer, please call 261-4650.



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Mayor Says Central 'Open for Business'

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lege has its footprint in Central. We already have a helicopter training program at BRCC's facility on Hooper Road. Now they are planning to bring a workforce development program. The first classes in electrical begin in March. Then will come small engine repair. We don't have people working with their hand anymore, but those skills are essential. We've told BRCC that we want everything in Central that they have on Florida Boulevard. We would like it to be a regional education center that draws students from Southern Mississippi to South Baton Rouge.

- Central is the most accessible city in the parish. LA 64 brings us to Zachary. Joor Road brings us to Florida Boulevard. Hooper Road brings us to the airport and to I-110, and the Central Thruway brings us to O'Neal and I-12.

- We have great restaurants, such as Sammy's, Mike Anderson's, and Stab's.

- Central is a friendly place to live, work, and do business. Actually, you can't get any friendlier than Central.

- Light industry is coming to

Central, bringing good-paying jobs. Whatever businesses come, we want to be successful. Today, many businesses are leaving their communities, looking for a better environment. We want them to come to Central.

- The Baton Rouge Airport is only four miles from Central and about seven minutes. We will develop business parks in Central and

Central Seeking Two To Serve on Board

The City of Central is looking for two citizens to serve on the Board of Adjustments for 4-year terms. The Board of Adjustments is a five-member board that hears requests for waivers of the Zoning Code pertaining to building setbacks, manufactured home installations, accessory buildings, and other similar items. The Board meetings are on the 4th Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. Interested citizens should contact Mayor Jr. Shelton at 225-261-5255 or by email at jr.shelton@central-la.gov. Thank you.

regional hubs, where businesses have easy in and out.

- We're going to develop a team of people to work for Central. This will be a most important committee.

- This year, we will pick a site for City Hall. The previous mayor began the process of choosing a site. I asked the committee to continue and provide the pros and cons for the different sites. We'll decide where it will be built, and I pledge this: We will turn the first shovel before this year is over.

- On public records, at our first staff meeting, I told them: "If someone calls and asks for a public record and it's in this building, give it to them! And that's what we do!"

- Central is a low crime area. It's so low that when one thing happens, it seems like a crime wave. As we grow, crime can creep in, but we're going to work with the Sheriff and our Central Police Department to make sure that doesn't happen.

- Central will celebrate its 10th anniversary as a city on July 4th.

- The possibilities for Cen-

tral limitless. Where else can you start a business where you have the cell phone number of the Mayor and the Council? We will walk you through the process and try to help you find a way to success. We are available to you

Central High Class of 1974

Looking for classmates for our 40-year class reunion, which will be held 7-10 p.m. Feb. 28 at Elegant Memories, 14328 Frenchtown Road \$55 single & \$110 couple Includes dinner, dancing & fun for all.

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DEVAN DEFREITAS KILLS FIRST DEER — 11-year-old Devan DeFreitas killed his first deer, a 180-pound 8-point, with a 7mm-08 on January 18 in Woodville, MS while hunting with his dad, Joey.



ON FIRST HUNT CALE PETERSON KILLS FIRST DEER — 8-year-old Cale Peterson killed his first deer, a 180-pound 7 point, on December 29 in Issaquena County, MS. with his grandfather Lee Selby at Tri-County Hunting and Fishing Club. He was 50 yards away and used a 250 savage rifle. Cale goes to Central Intermediate School and is in the 3rd grade. His parents are David and Carolee Peterson.

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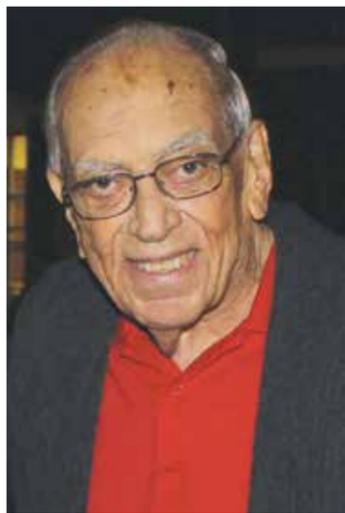
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Central Loses a Host of Prominent Citizens



Lawrence J. Alonzo

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His faithful servants." Psalm 116:15. Our beloved husband, daddy and granddaddy passed away Friday, January 9, 2015. He was born August 19, 1924, in Plaquemine, Louisiana, to Edward Mitchell Alonzo and Marie Gomez Alonzo, the youngest child of 10 children. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Theresa Lemoine Alonzo, daughter and son-in-law Roxanne and Earl Atkinson, three sons and daughters-in-law, Jay Dennis and Debra Alonzo, Robin and Lisa Alonzo and Kevin and Lee Ann Alonzo; 16 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. He was a retired production manager with Rhodia and a veteran of the WWII having served on the USS Ticonderoga aircraft carrier in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church and of St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus 2807. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brothers and sisters, Nellie Rivet, Ella Higginbotham, Pearl Sanchez, Eunah Patureau and Edward, Tony, Mack, Sidney, and Darron Alonzo. Visitation was held at Rabenhorst East, 11000 Florida Blvd., Sunday, Jan. 11, from 5-9 p.m. with a Rosary at 6:00 p.m. and St. Alphonsus Catholic Church on Monday, 9:30-11:00 a.m. with a mass of Christian burial at 11:00 a.m. conducted by Father Mike Moroney. Burial followed in Resthaven Mausoleum. Pallbearers were his 7 grandsons, Daniel, Evan, Joel and Kyle Atkinson and Nathan, Collin and Dustin Alonzo. In lieu of flow-

ers donations may be made to, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. "Well done, my good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:21.

Terrel C. DeLaney

A long-time resident of Central and current resident of Watson passed away Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at the Baton Rouge General Medical Center, Bluebonnet. He was 76, and was an Instrumentation Designer with Barnard and Burk and Copolymer. Visitation was held on Thursday, January 8, 2015, at Greenwell Springs Baptist Church from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Visitation on Friday resumed at 10 a.m. followed by funeral services at 11 a.m. Sr. Adult Pastor, Bro. George Threeton conducted the service. Burial followed in the Greenwell Springs Baptist Church Cemetery. He is survived by his wife of almost



56 years, Kathryn Carroll DeLaney, two sons, Mark DeLaney and wife Beverly, and Keith DeLaney and wife Stacy, daughters, Lisa DeLaney O'Quinn and husband Richard O'Quinn, and Debbie DeLaney Dean and husband Dr. Kyle Dean, 10 grandchildren, Caitlin, Allie, and Devyn DeLaney, Justin, Mason, and Landon O'Quinn, Aubrey, Anna Grace, Amelia, and Reese Dean, brother, Carl Victor DeLaney, Jr. and wife Betty Mae, two sisters, Linda Sharpe and husband Bill, and Trisha Rogers and husband Eddie and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Carl Victor DeLaney, Sr. and Josephine Nicholas DeLaney, and daughter, Donna Lynn DeLaney. Pallbearers will be, Tim DeLaney, Scott Pittman, Mike Carroll, Paul Rogers, Chris St. Romain, and Todd Burdett. Honorary pallbearers will be grandsons, Justin, Mason, and Landon O'Quinn and Reese Dean. Memorial donations may be made to the Greenwell Springs Baptist Church Building Fund.

Vanessa Miller Prejean

Vanessa Miller Prejean, a native of Baton Rouge and resident of Pride, passed away January 2, 2015 at the age of 54. Van-



CLYDETTE GREMILLION RISPON, a popular Central, lost her battle with ALS. Shown with CMS principal Jason Fountain.

sa was a Human Resource Analyst with the Louisiana House of Representatives. Visitation was held at Rabenhorst Funeral East, 11000 Florida Blvd on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 with the recitation of Rosary. Visitation continued at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 until Mass of Christian Burial officiated by Rev. Mike Maroney. Burial followed at Roselawn Cemetery. Vanessa is survived by her mother, Dorothy L. Miller, son and daughter-in-law, Blake and Laura Beth Prejean, daughter Lindsey Prejean, two grandchildren, William and Camille Prejean; former spouse, Bradley Prejean along with numerous other family members. Preceded in death by her father, John E. Miller. She was a graduate of Redemptorist High School and Louisiana State University. She was a wonderful caring daughter, mother, grandmother, and friend and she we be greatly missed by all.

Clydette Gremillion Rispon

Clydette Gremillion Rispon born November 18, 1959, was called home by The Lord on Wednesday, January 28, 2015. She was a native and resident of Central and a member of Greenwell Springs Baptist Church. She taught 21 years in East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and retired from the Central Community School District in 2012 due to ALS. She is survived by her parents James Clyde and Ethel Marie Buhier Gremillion, husband of 38 years John Rispon, sons and daughter in laws Matthew and Danielle Mayeaux Rispon, Brandon and Megan Daniel Rispon, Chris and Amy Fabre Rispon. Seven grandchildren Ethan, Emma, Madi, Brock, Evan, Ayden and Grayson Rispon. Five sisters Becky and Larry Brown of Kodak, TN, Donna and Dickie Edwards, Patti and Greg Perkins, Gay and Roger McKnight all

of Central and Jami and Bobby Glaser of Grant, AL. Visitation was Friday, January 30, 2015, at Greenwell Springs Baptist Church. Visitation continued Saturday, January 31, 2015, with a service being conducted by Dr. Jeff Meyers. Burial followed at Greenwell Springs Baptist Church. Pallbearers were Russ Coupel, Lloyd Wells, Wayne Naquin, Mason Kent, Jason "Twinkie" Webb, and Mitch Aguilard. Special thanks to caregivers Carla Ennis, Joan Poston, Danielle Rispon, Donna Edwards, Missy Pugh, St. Joseph Hospice, and a very special thanks to Joe Cazes.

Linda Gail Robinson

With overwhelming sadness and grief, the family of Gail Robinson announce her death. Gail passed away January 15th, 2015 at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital. She was a long time member of Blackwater United Methodist Church, and resident of Central, LA. After many years in State Government, she retired from the La. Department of Agriculture & Forestry to travel with her husband, family and friends. Gail was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister. She loved her grandchildren with all her heart and enjoyed spoiling all of them. Gail is survived by her loving husband of 49 years, Charles R. Robinson, beloved children David Robinson and wife Tonya, Clay Robinson and wife Rebecca. Her much loved grandchildren are Landon Robinson, Ethan, Luke and Abigail Robinson. Gail is also survived by brother, Tommy Corley and wife Debbie, sisters and brothers-in-law, Shirley and Dwayne Digirolamo, and Chyrl and Rod Pahor. Visitation was held on Friday, January 16th from 2 PM to 4 PM at Blackwater United Methodist Church (10000 Blackwater Road) with funeral services immediately followed by burial at Blackwater Cemetery. Pallbearers were Justin Digirolamo, Brandon Corley, Troy Duplessis, Barry Nolen, Larry Hebert and Wayne Smith. Gail with forever be deeply missed by all that knew her as she was an exemplary lady in every way. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital, P. O. Box

Robert Crawford: Long-Time Central Family

Robert Crawford, Jr.

Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled: Ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." On Thursday, January 8, Bob Crawford passed away at his home in Central at the age of 89 and went to be with his Lord Jesus Christ. A loving and generous husband, father, grandfather and friend, Bob was born June 27, 1925 in Nattalany, Louisiana where his father was employed at the Nattalany Lumber Company. Before starting school his family moved to Baton Rouge and settled in the "Garden City" area of North Baton Rouge within walking distance of the Standard Oil Refinery where he enjoyed many happy years living near family and friends in that close knit community. Always a hard and diligent worker, he got his first job at twelve years of age delivering groceries on his bicycle



for Branum's Grocery and in high school worked loading milk and ice cream trucks at the old Louisiana Creamery on Choctaw. Bob graduated from Baton Rouge High School in 1942, after which he enrolled in LSU to study Mechanical

Engineering. He interrupted his college studies to proudly serve his country during World War II in the United States Army Air Forces as a bombardier pilot. After the war, he returned to LSU and completed his degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1950.

As a registered professional mechanical engineer, he was employed by several petrochemical businesses in the area, including Standard Oil, Solvay Process, and Uniroyal, before opening an industrial tool sales company of his own, CRC Incorporated of Louisiana. He was a member of Zoar Baptist Church and a former member of Istrouma and Trinity Baptist Churches. He belonged to the Central Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge. After retirement he enjoyed a full life of volunteerism doing what he loved most—helping others. He especially enjoyed being a part of the Zoar Baptist Church Men's "Tuesday Work Crew", donating many hours

to various construction projects in need. With this group he was part of the building program of the Judson Baptist Retreat Center in St. Francisville where the work crew completed a beautiful chapel for the retreat center. He also was able to travel some and spend time working on his family's old place he dearly loved in the piney woods of "Sweetwater Branch" Independence. Bob is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Jodie Mae Fridge Crawford; a daughter, Elva Jo Crawford; four sons, Robert B. "Benny" Crawford III and his wife Myra, Charlie Crawford, Barry Crawford and his wife Amy, and Larry Crawford and his wife Vickie; six grandchildren, Caleb Crawford and his wife Paige, Kirby Crawford, Casey Crawford and his wife Jackie, Tori Weatherly and her husband Chase, Kendal Crawford, and Caroline Crawford; and four great-grandchildren Camden, Jillian, Keagan, and Grayson

Crawford. Preceded in death by his parents Rob and Elva Crawford; two aunts, Cloile Fautleroy and Lula Mae Swinney; four uncles, Walter Crawford, Ruben Crawford, Monroe Williams, and Ernest Williams; and a special cousin and friend Robert C. Alford. Pallbearers were his four sons and two grandsons. Honorary pallbearers were L.W. Alexander, Clint Carraway, Toby Forshag, Maurice Herpin, Guy Jenkins, Howard Martin, Jimmy Spangler and Tom Wilbanks. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Judson Baptist Retreat Center's Renovation Fund at 10330 Peterson Road, St. Francisville, Louisiana 70775 or the charity of your choice. Special thanks to Rev. Dennis McAnnally, Dr. Stephen Speeg and his staff, the staff at Lane Hospital, the staff of Home Instead Senior Care Givers, and the staff of Hospice Compassus. Please share memories at the online guest book: www.churchfuneralservices.com