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59,000 Homes in East Baton Rouge Parish Inundated

Parish's 1,000-Year Flood

4:30 p.m. Saturday, August 13, 2016
Greenwell Springs Road in front of Heck Farms



Photo by Ken Pastorick

Central residents from the Morgan Road area were rescued by volunteers in boats. Many arrived with only the clothes on their backs.

The Devastation



Submitted by Candi Lee

Few houses that flooded to the ceiling can be saved.

BATON ROUGE — The people of East Baton Rouge Parish (pop. 440,000) experienced the greatest natural disaster in its history Aug. 12-14 when the parish received in some areas a record 30 inches of rain, followed by record flooding of the Comite and Amite rivers. More than 59,000 residences and 3,501 commercial buildings received damage, causing more than \$6 billion in losses, most of which was uninsured. Parishwide about 227-square miles were inundated. This issue of the *Capital City News* is devoted to this tragedy with a focus on the City of Central and what happened there.

The Sorrow



Photo by Ken Pastorick

The heartbreak of losing a lifetime of work



The Cleanup

Photo by Brandi Payne of her son

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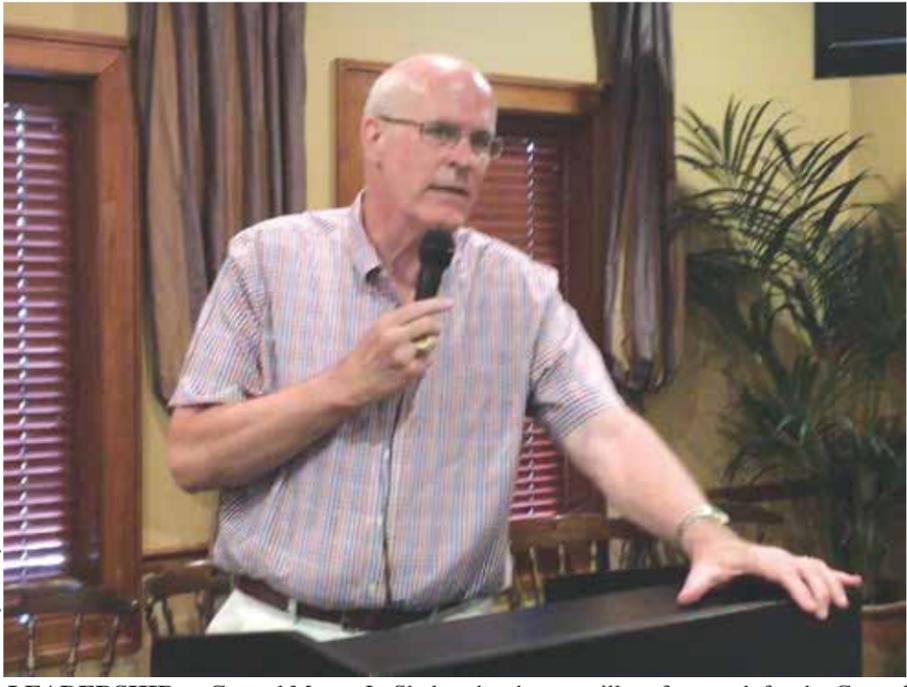


Photo by Woody Jenkins

LEADERSHIP — Central Mayor Jr. Shelton has been a pillar of strength for the Central community, working 18-hour days and coordinating assistance and recovery efforts.

City of Central Has Never Shined More Brightly

Woody Jenkins
 Editor

Despite the greatest tragedy in the history of Central, the people of this community have survived. Many thousands have lost their homes and even now are without a permanent dwelling. Most of the losses were uninsured and will not be reimbursed by anyone.



Photo by Kim Powers

Central: Still the best place to live in USA

Yet, the people of this community have demonstrated an indomitable spirit. They sprung into action to save one another without being ordered or directed to do so. After the water receded, they immediately gutted and cleaned their houses. Working together using mostly volunteer labor, they have preserved their homes. Many with great losses have rallied to help neighbors who are in even worse shape. Now people are repairing and rebuilding their homes.

The Central school system reopened on Tuesday with 4,478 student. Amazingly, this is almost identical to the number who started school last year.

Throughout this crisis, Central Mayor Jr. Shelton has been a rock for this community. Working tirelessly, he has coordinated the delivery of food, supplies, and information to the people of Central, who have been in desperate need. Like the Mayor, the Central City Council and the staff of the city and of IBTS have been magnificent.

Congressman Garret Graves, the Central Police Department, Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, Clerk Doug Welborn, Assessor Brian Wilson, Coroner Beau Clark, Councilman Scott

Wilson, Sen. Bodi White, and Reps. Valarie Hodges and Barry Ivey have done a great job! Despite having lost his own home, Supt. Mike Faulk pulled off another of his miracles by getting school open again.

Central has helped those ravaged by 9/11 and Hurricanes Katrina and Gustav. But that help has been more than repaid by generous aid from people all over America. Billy Graham's Samaritan's Purse has been at the forefront of providing help. Republican Presidential nominee Donald Trump came almost immediately to bring aid and attention to our plight.

Most of all, our churches have been a beacon of hope for Central!

There is great love and great resilience here, and it is certainly needed even now because the crisis is far from over. Many thousands of our people remain in great need.



I want to thank some dear friends who did so much to help save my wife's office, which was under four feet of water: James and Candi Lee and their crew, the Central High football team and coaches, and our own family. Your kindness will never be forgotten!



Photo by Kim Powers

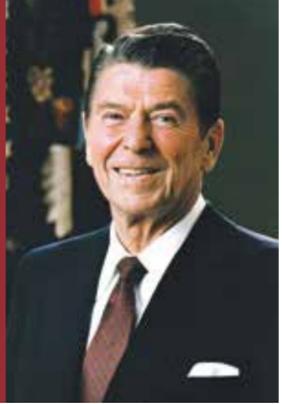
LEGAL EAGLE — Central City Attorney Jennifer Sims took off her lawyer hat and did whatever was needed during the flood and recovery. Here she holds a sign on Hooper Road inviting flood victims to come eat lunch at Central City Hall. Thousands relied on the feeding program, organized by the City of Central and made possible by donations from people from around Louisiana and across the nation. Ms. Sims, who is expecting at any time, is a member of the law firm of Breazeale Sache in Baton Rouge.

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Rain water begins to get serious in Jackson Park subdivision at 1 p.m. Friday afternoon.



Luc and Emile Provost evacuated home on Glenn Watts Friday.



National Guard and Central Fire Department vehicles were stationing resources Friday afternoon.

With More Rain Than Anyone Ever Saw, Central's Low-Lying Areas Began to Flood



Parish inmates helped bag sand.



Ladies picked up sand to protect home.



Coach Mike Gardner at Fire Station



Three generations of Easley family set up automated sandbag program for Central community at Trade Construction on Joor.



Loading sand to try to stop the water.

Citizens Began Filling Sandbags at Central Fire Stations But Water Was Rising Far Too Fast



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Amite and Comite Rivers Rose Far Above



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House flooded at corner of Frenchtown Road and Central Thruway



Photo by Tonya Ayers

Intersection of Greenwell Springs and Magnolia Bridge roads



Photo by Brandy Payne

Roads became waterways



Photo by Bruce Medicine

Boat at home off Central Thruway



Photo by Annie Borill

Jerry Lee's, Mary Lee Donuts, and other landmarks underwater on GS Rd.



Photo by Mary Neames Eastman

Rescue on Chanove Avenue



Photo by Rebecca Netterville

Cars underwater



Photo by Karen Dafoc

Arleen Avenue in Central Saturday afternoon, August 13



Photo by Larry Fontenot

Moonlight Inn in French Settlement



2016 {FALL} PROGRAMS

From fitness and outdoor adventure to dance and music, BREC has something for children and adults of all interests this fall.



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Photo by Mike Gardner

Keith's Pro Paint & Shop on Hooper Road was inundated.



Photo by Kim Powers

City of Central Municipal Services Center (right) took water.



Photo by Jolice Provost

Home on Glenn Watts Road



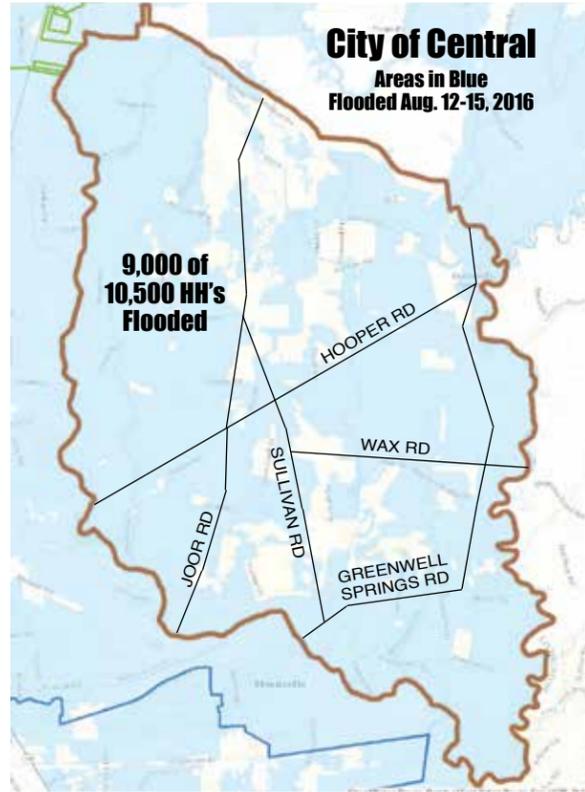
Photo by Sally Guardado

With electricity, a camper, and a vehicle high and dry, this family dodged a bullet.

Their Banks, Causing Great Flood of 2016



Triple B Road at Chaparral Place



Flood Inundation Map of the City of Central



Tanglewood Elementary sign on Hooper Road



Frenchtown at Frenchtown Acres



The flood waters rose to the rafters in some homes.



Fairwood Estates

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BATON ROUGE — The City of Baton Rouge has released maps defining the full breadth of the recent flooding in East Baton Rouge Parish. In the parish, the Estimated Flood Inundation Area was 227.53 square miles, or 48.5 percent, of the 469.5 square miles in East Baton Rouge Parish.

In the City of Central, the Estimated Flood Inundation Area was 51.1 square miles, or 81.7 percent, of the total of 62.5 square miles in City of Central.

The number of structures inundated by flood waters by Zip Code in the Central area was

70714: 4,025 (includes parts of Baker)
 70739: 5,884 (Greenwell Springs)
 70770: 1,214 (includes Pride)
 70791: 3,250 (includes parts of Zachary)
 70818: 4,016 (includes parts of Baton Rouge)

Central Mayor Jr. Shelton said 9,000 homes in Central received flood waters out of 10,500 residences in the city.

Metro Councilman Scott Wilson's Council District 4 received the greatest damage of the parish's 12 Council districts.

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Glad to be in a boat with waters rising.

Looking for residents to evacuate in Caramel Acres on August 14.

Rescue boat on Oak Cluster Dr.



Photo by Bruce Medine



Photo by Ken Pastorick

Mr. & Mrs. Medine, both 94, rescued on Prescott Road

Just happy to be alive!



Photo by Roxanne Atkinson

Home of Earl and Roxanne Atkinson



Photo by Ken Pastorick

Central residents often were able to escape with only what they could carry. In many cases, it was a pet!



Photo by Roxanne Atkinson

Rescuer Shane Grimmet saved many including the Atkinson Family.



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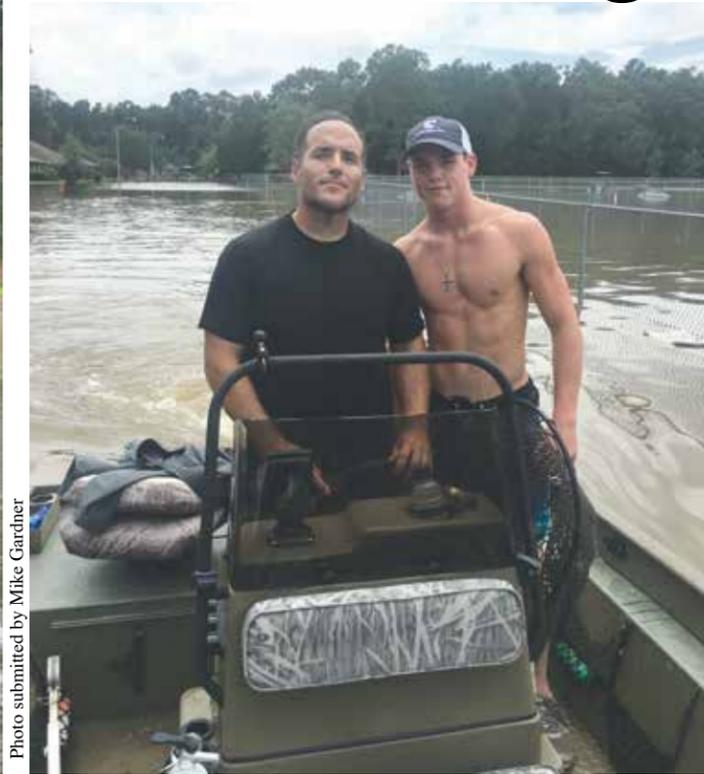


CLEAN UP CREW — Earl and Roxanne Atkinson return to their home to beginning cleaning up with their children Meredith, Joel, and Kyle, also grandchildren Matthew, Isaac, and Kaden

Thousands without Waiting for Government



2016 flood victims rescued.



Mike Gardner and Austin Slater of the Central Cajun Navy



Central residents being brought to high ground.



John Folse hitching a ride to help sisters move to White Oak Plantation



Central residents being brought to safety on Greenwell Springs Road near Heck Farms. People arrived with only a backpack of belongings.



A nun being rescued by Cajun Navy.



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Flooded car after the waters receded.



Photo by Jennifer Madsen

Debris piles were a common site as people began to clean up of thier homes.



Photo by Woody Jenkins

Aftermath inside a home.



Photo by Woody Jenkins

Monhegan Street after the flood.



Photo by Kristina Murphy

Joys of a lifetime in the trash



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Indoor devastation after the storm.



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Rental property off Blackwater Rd.



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Chaumont Avenue home.



8/14/16



Some things floated around homes.



Photo by Kenny Kwan

Bridlewood home with storm water.



8/19/16

Top picture taken during the storm and bottom photo is after water receded.



Many home appliances were damaged.



Photo by Kim Powers

Faith Baptist Church in Baker, LA



Photo by Joice Provost

Shady Grove Baptist Church and Cemetery in Baker, LA



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Plank Road in Baker on August 15.



Bellingrath Subdivision after storm.



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Trying to salvage important documents.

Great Flood of 2016
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Central Cleans Up and Starts to Rebuild



CLEANUP — Mike Karaty loads up debris; Joni Savoye cleans a building; Darren Savoye removes sheetrock, and flood-damaged photos dry out.



REMOVING SHEETROCK and insulation has been one of Central's residents biggest projects since the flood, followed by drying wood and spraying for mold.



Wildcat players and coaches volunteered to help, as did Catherine McKay, Joni Savoye, Liz Jenkins, Catherine Newsome, and Margaret Savoye.

Clean Up and Rebuilding of Central Is Well Underway Thanks to Hard Work of Citizens and Thousands of Volunteers Who Have Generously Given of Themselves to Help Out.

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*Doug Welborn
Clerk of Court
East Baton Rouge Parish*

Hundreds of Evacuees Came to Shelters



CIS Photos by Kim Powers

Photo by Woody Jenkins

HUNDREDS of evacuees were housed at Central Intermediate School. At right, Lee Ann and Jephtha Wall deliver school supplies donated from Iowa, LA.



David's and CIS Photos by Kim Powers

Photo by Kay Walock

Ben Wilson, Ron Kelmel, and Aaron McGuffee outside David's after delivering supplies from Calvary Baptist in Slidell. Evacuees at CIS. Kay Walock's daughter rests.

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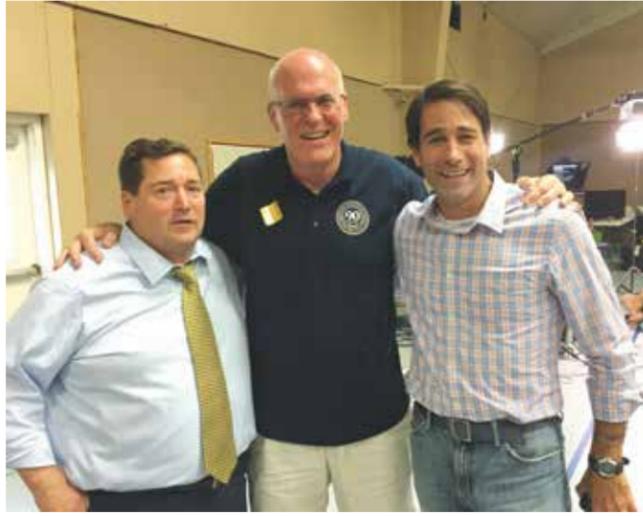
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Trump, Hannity Visits Brings Hope to Central



FRIENDS TO RESCUE — Among those helping were Sean Hannity, Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser, Mayor Jr. Shelton, Cong. Garret Graves, Trump girls, and Donald Trump.

CENTRAL — Republican Presidential candidate Donald J. Trump came to Central shortly after the Great Flood of 2016 to bring national attention to the suffering of the community, to offer hope for the people, and a large financial donation.

He was followed by Sean Hannity of Fox News who broadcast live from Greenwell Springs Baptist Church. Trump and Hannity both spoke to volunteers from Billy Graham's Samaritan's Purse who came from around the nation to help out.



Central Wins in Opener by 67-6, Dutchtown Next

CENTRAL — The Central Wildcats (1-0) opened their season with a 67-6 victory over Mentorship Academy last Friday at Wildcat Stadium.

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Many members of the Wildcat football team lost everything in the flood but still serve the community through Men for Others.

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This article appeared in the Aug. 11, 2016 edition which was destroyed in the flood...

The Jeffirs to Celebrate 70th Anniversary

Goody Jeffirs Married Bobbie Lee Black On August 31, 1946

CENTRAL — John Goodman Jeffirs, or Goody as everyone calls him, is a very lucky man! He married the girl of his dreams, and they are still married after 70 years!

It was all pretty amazing especially since “that girl” can’t really remember what she saw in him. When asked what she liked about Goody, Miss Bobbie Lee says, “Not much!” But her mama liked Goody, and that apparently did the trick! “She had everything,” Goody says. “She was a good Christian girl, pretty as could be, and she didn’t drink or smoke!”

“Then when I got to know her, I realized she could do anything — cook, sew, or anything she put her mind to. She even made me a suit, which I wore on a buying trip to Chicago,” Goody, now 95, says.

Goody was a master salesman — still is — which may explain how he captured Bobbie Lee, 87.

He was sales manager at Joy’s Furniture downtown for many years and got to know just about everybody in Baton Rouge.

As is often the case, a twist of fate brought Goody and Bobbie Lee together. Goody grew up in Kentucky where his best friend was John Murray. One day, the Murray family up and left Kentucky and moved to Baton Rouge.



Photo by Woody Jenkins

John Goodman “Goody” Jeffirs and Bobbie Lee Black when they were married August 31, 1946 and today.

Goody followed him in 1939.

The late John Murray is known in Central as the owner of Murray Pharmacy. During World War II, Goody served in the U.S. Army. He came home in 1945 and met Bobbie through her cousin Juanita who was dating John Murray.

For Goody, it was love at first sight. Bobbie Lee had a boyfriend

who served in Vietnam where he was badly wounded. They had another young man who was like a son to them although he was never formally adopted. He was Oscar Loolara who is now deceased.

Central Mayor Jr. Shelton came by Monday to wish the couple well. The Jeffirs will celebrate their anniversary on August 27.

They have three children — Stephanie Aaron who is married to her husband James; Pamela Allmond who is married to her husband Monroe, and son Michael,

who served in Vietnam where he was badly wounded. They had another young man who was like a son to them although he was never formally adopted. He was Oscar Loolara who is now deceased.

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Here’s What Happened to Goody and Bobbie Lee Jeffirs in the Great Flood



CENTRAL — Just before the Aug. 11, 2016 issue of the Central City News, editor Woody Jenkins received a call from Stephanie Aaron telling about the upcoming 70th wedding anniversary of her parents Goody Jeffirs, 95, and Bobbie Lee Black Jeffirs, 87. The anniversary party was scheduled for Aug. 27.

The editor called Mr. Jeffirs and set up an interview on Aug. 9. As a surprise, Central Mayor Jr. Shelton came by to wish the couple well.

The Jeffirs had lived in their comfortable home on Shady Bluff Drive right off Hooper Road for nearly 40 years. It was a beautiful home, filled with mementos of a lifetime.

The editor took lots of notes and a photo of the couple for the writeup above. Unfortunately, the Aug. 11 issue of the newspaper was destroyed by the Great Flood of 2016.

Unfortunately, so was the Jeffirs’ home. The water went to the ceiling

and it was a total loss. Just as bad, Stephanie Aaron and her husband also lost everything. The families were fortunate to survive and lived in a shelter briefly.

Now the Jeffirs are in assisted living, and there is not enough money to keep them there. They’d like to return home.

If you’d like to help, please send your check to “Stephanie Aaron” in care of Central City News, 910 North Foster Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70806

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Lost Edition

The print versions of the Capital City News and Central City News for August 2016 were printed by Baton Rouge Press on Thursday night, August 11. But the next morning the Great Flood of 2016 destroyed not only the printing company but all except one copy of the newspapers. Only the print version was "lost" — a record 50,000 people read it online! This 8-page pull-out section commemorates that Lost Edition.

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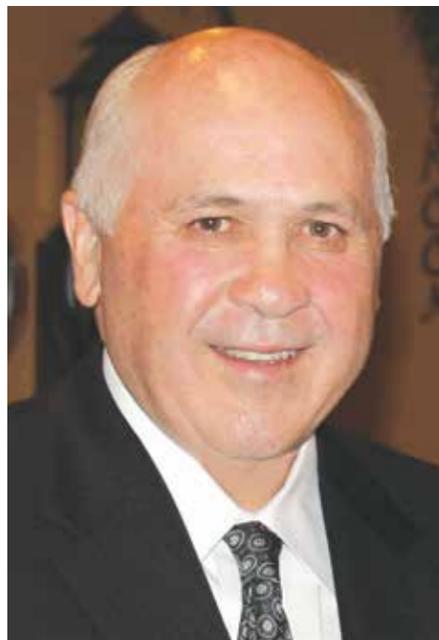
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SEN. BODI WHITE (left) and Metro Councilman Scott Wilson have been endorsed by the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish for Mayor-President and Metro Council.

Republican Party Endorses Sen. White For Mayor-President, Wilson for Council

BATON ROUGE — The Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish has endorsed Sen. Bodi White for Mayor-President and Metro Councilman Scott Wilson for reelection Nov. 8.

Both White and Wilson have spoken at the party's Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon, answered an extensive questionnaire, and submitted to a 45-minute interview by the 17-member Republican Party Executive Committee.

In a statement, Republican parish chairman Woody Jenkins said, "The Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish believes Scott Wilson has done a fine job on the Metro Council and is deserving of reelection. For Mayor-President, the best choice is Sen. Bodi White, because of his solid record of accomplishment in the legislature, his ability to work with people, and his vision for the future."

"Sen. White is a solid conservative who stands against high taxes and overregulation. He supports traditional family values, the Second Amendment, and quality education. In addition, his experience in law enforcement makes him the ideal leader to deal with our crime problem and to work with the community."

"He has raised more money and put together a better organization than any other candidate. The Republican Party is very pleased that we have someone of Bodi White's stature running for Mayor-President."

Sidewalks Installed in Front Of Schools on Sullivan Road

Sidewalks have been installed in front of the Central School Complex on Sullivan Road, which is just part of a plan that will ultimately connect the complex with Central High on Wax Road, according to Mayor Jr. Shelton.

Shelton credited his predecessor,



New sidewalks on Sullivan Road

Mac Watts, and state legislators for making the sidewalks possible because of a contract signed eight years ago.

The sidewalk on Sullivan from Hooper to Wax will be part of the four-laning of that stretch of highway. No date for that construction has been set.

Convocation Kicks Off School Year



LSU BASEBALL COACH Paul Mainieri (3rd from left) addressed 400 teachers and staff of the Central Community School System Monday at the annual school convocation. Shown are school board member Dr. David Walker, Mayor Jr. Shelton, and Dr. Jim Gardner.

LSU Coach Challenges 400 Central Teachers To Pursue Excellence

CENTRAL — The Central Community School System launched its 10th year with its annual convocation for teachers and staff Monday at Greenwell Springs Baptist Church. Supt. Mike Faulk announced the theme for the school year will be "Better Together." He recognized former school board president Russell Starns and former Central High principal Ronnie Devall. LSU baseball coach Paul Mainieri told of growing up in Miami as the son of two teachers and how he couldn't have chosen another profession. Mainieri said being No. 1 is not most important but striving to be No. 1 is. He challenged Central to continue to pursue excellence.

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 Sep 16 Tara (Homecoming) H
 Sep 23 St. Charles H
 Sep 30 McKinley H
 Oct 7 Walker H
 Oct 14 Scotlandville H
 Oct 21 Denham Springs A
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 Nov 4 Live Oak A

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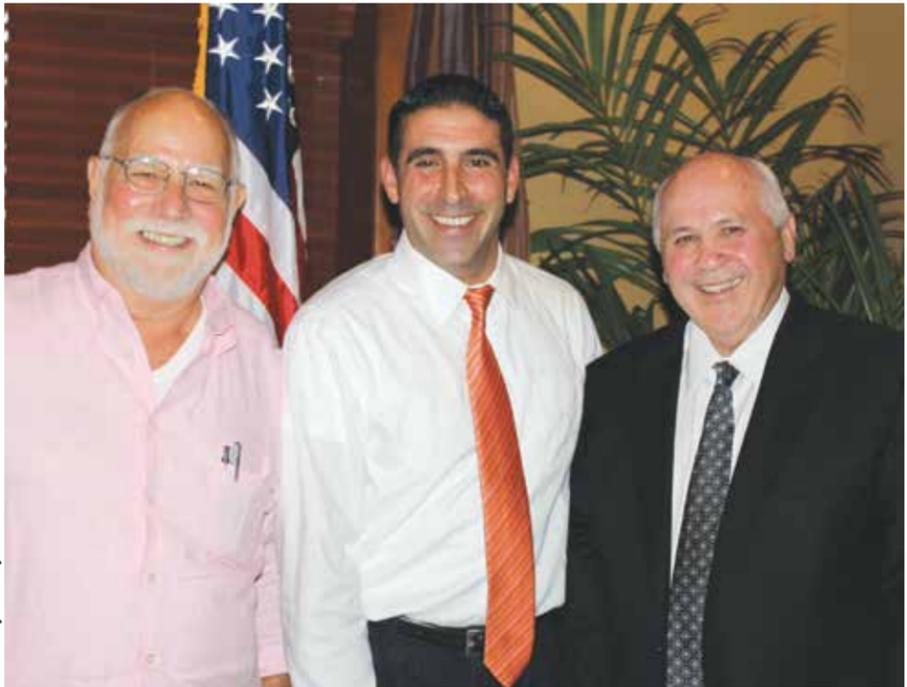


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REPUBLICANS running for Mayor-President spoke at the Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon Tuesday. Shown are Smokie Bourgeois, John Delgado, and Bodi White.

The Day I Met Mother — Now Saint — Teresa

Woody Jenkins
Editor

Mother Teresa is about to be declared a Saint, which makes me remember the day I met her... It was the spring of 1988. I was then a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives. A story appeared in the Advocate that Mother Teresa was coming to Baton Rouge to establish a mission of her Sisters of Charity. A small group of nuns would be coming with her to live here on a permanent basis.

A few days after the story appeared, I was sitting in the House Chamber, debating and voting on legislation. I had thought little about Mother Teresa's coming to Baton Rouge. Then suddenly the Speaker announced, "In a few minutes, Mother Teresa will be here to address the House." I was stunned by this announcement and realized that this was my one chance in life to meet her.

I walked rapidly across the House floor and stationed myself near the north wall of the Chamber, where most visitors enter.



Suddenly, she was there before me! She was alone with some of her sisters far behind. I too was alone with no crowd of legislators around. That in itself was amazing because there is usually a throng of legislators to meet visiting dignitaries but not today! This experience was to be mine alone!

She was dressed as I had seen her in photographs. She wore a simple white habit decorated with blue lines. I was very surprised at how tiny she was. She stood no more than 4'9".

It was a moment I will never forget as long as I live. I reached out my hand and said, "Welcome to Louisiana, Mother."

She looked into my eyes with the most beautiful smile. There was a warmth and a power in her that I had never seen before. It was not only that she was a Godly person. More than that — I could actually feel God's presence. It was as though God had completely wrapped Himself around her! When I looked at her, it was as though I was getting a glimpse into heaven.

I could feel in that moment the love, the peace, and the perfection of it. I imagined the thousands of the sick and dying whom she had held in her arms. What a comfort and a joy they must have felt as they passed over to the other side!

Her face was dark from the sun and wrinkled but she had a childlike smile that bespoke a mischievous sense of humor. Her hand too was wrinkled but warm and strong. I embraced her, and she said to me, "God bless you!"

She made her way to the Speaker's podium. Everyone in the Chamber was standing and applauding endlessly and cheering. Believe me, you didn't have to be Catholic to feel what she brought to us.

Some of her sisters stood in a group on the left side of the podium. The Chamber was suddenly packed. Senators, lobbyists, and staff members had surged in.

Mother spoke very briefly but every word had meaning. She brought greetings to the people of Louisiana and expressions of love. She said her sisters were beginning a work in Baton Rouge.

Then she spoke the words I will never forget: "If there are any children who are without love or a home in Louisiana — any children that you don't want — just send them to me, and I will care for them!"

Her brief words left us breathless. As she made her way down from the podium, the House members cheered and applauded. All of us were weeping as we clapped.

We wept to be in the presence of such an extraordinary person. We wept in joy that she cared enough to come here and help our state. And we wept in shame because we knew that there were children in Louisiana who did not live in a loving home, and we knew that we had done so little for such children.

Mother Teresa left that day but she made a lasting impression on everyone who was there. It was only a year or two later that the Louisiana Legislature passed the strongest pro-life legislation in the United States.

I have often thought that it was Mother Teresa's visit to the legisla-



FIFTY YEARS AGO today on Aug. 11, 1966, my wife Diane and I launched the first edition of the *North Baton Rouge Journal*. We were both 19 years old. Today we continue our love for the newspaper business and this community.

ture that gave us the inspiration and courage to stand up for the unborn child

I think of all the mothers, starting with my own dear sweet Mother, who have loved us, cared for us, forgiven us, and given us everything that is humanly possible to give. Some of our Mothers bore their children the natural way. Some of our Mothers have adopted children. Still other Mothers are raising the children of family members. And some Mothers, like Mother Teresa, have no children of their own to hold and to keep. Yet, they serve, and they light the world with their love!

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Honoring BRPD Officer Montrell Jackson

Killed by Terrorist, Gentle Giant Loved BR But Wondered If City Loved Him

Montrell Jackson, one of the Baton Rouge Police officers killed by a terrorist on July 17 posted this message on his Facebook page on July 8. It is a heart wrenching message that tells how difficult it is to be a black police officer today. "I swear to God I love this city, but I wonder if this city loves me. In uniform, I get nasty hateful looks and out of uniform some people consider me a threat."

BATON ROUGE — Baton Rouge Police officer Montrell Jackson, 32, was killed by a terrorist on Sunday, July 17, along with fellow BRPD officer Matthew Gerald and Sheriff's deputy Brad Garafola.

Jackson, known by many as a gentle giant, was the father of a newborn. He was known as kind and thoughtful.

Not long before his death, officer Jackson posted a Facebook message that gained national attention after his death.

It expressed the difficulty he faced as a black police officer. He



Photo by Kim Powers

FUNERAL PROCESSION on Winbourne Avenue honored Baton Rouge Police officer Montrell Jackson. Thousands of people lined Winbourne, Airline Highway, and Florida Boulevard to grieve his death and honor his memory.

Montrell Jackson Left a Legacy of Love and Hope For Baton Rouge

"Please don't let hate infect your heart. This city **MUST** and **WILL** get better. I'm working in these streets so any protesters, officers, friends, family, or whoever, if you see me and need a hug or want to say a prayer I got you."
— Montrell Jackson
BRPD

said that when he was in uniform, he felt hated by many people, apparently referring to some in the black community. He added that when out of uniform, he felt feared, apparently referring to some in the white community.

His words caused many in Baton Rouge to reevaluate how they treat black police officers and black men in general.

More than 1,500 people attended Montrell Jackson's funeral, and police officers from all 50 states participated in services and the funeral procession honoring him.

Thank you!



Thank you!



Thank you!



A PEACEMAKER WITH A HUG FOR EVERYONE — Baton Rouge Police officer Montrell Jackson with his baby boy. Jackson was killed by a terrorist Sunday, July 17.

Thank you!



Thank you!



Massive Funeral Procession for Sheriff D



FUNERAL PROCESSION for East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's deputy Brad Garafola who was murdered by a terrorist. Garafola was killed when he went to rescue Baton Rouge Pol



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Deputy Brad Garafola on Airline Highway



Deputy Brad Garafola was already down. At right, deputy Garafola's body is moved from the carriage to the hearse. At right, Sheriff Sid Gautreaux prays for deputy Garafola.

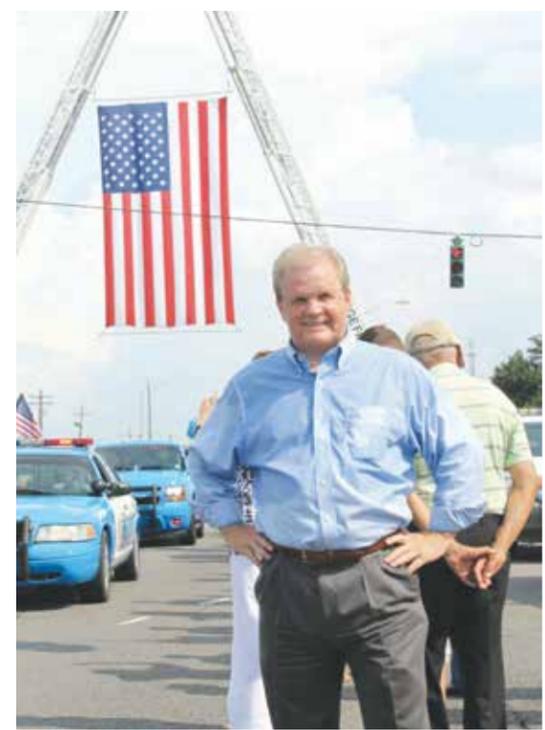


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Procession for BR Officer Matthew Gerald

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Officers salute a fallen hero.



Motorcyclists joined the procession.



FUNERAL PROCESSION for Baton Rouge Police officer Matthew Gerald on Highway 61 at Mt. Pleasant Road. Enormous crowds lined the roads along the way.

BATON ROUGE — An estimated 10,000 mourners lined the route between Healing Place Church in southeast Baton Rouge and the National Cemetery near Zachary, as the remains of Baton Rouge Police officer Matthew Gerald were transported to his final resting place.

People waved flags, held signs, saluted, and cried along city streets, Interstate highways, and rural roads. His death touched countless

lives in Baton Rouge and across the country. Police officers came from all 50 states, along with a delegation of Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Gerald, the father of two, was a rookie cop, despite his age — 41.

Deeply patriotic, Gerald served four years as a Marine but after September 11, 2001, he decided to return to the fight, and he joined the U.S. Army, serving three tours of duty in Iraq where he was a heli-

copter mechanic.

Reportedly, his nickname on the force was Benjamin Buttons, after the hero of a 2008 film where the hero gets younger as he ages.

The Baton Rouge and St. George Fire Department erected ladders along the route and displayed giant American flags.

Hundreds of police officers rode squad cars or motorcycles in the funeral procession.

American flags were everywhere along with a blue version of the flag intended to honor law enforcement officers.

The vast crowd, spread out over nearly 20 miles, was racially diverse, and the people mingled freely. Many hugged and prayed with utter strangers of another race and some cried unashamedly.

There has rarely been anything like it in Baton Rouge.

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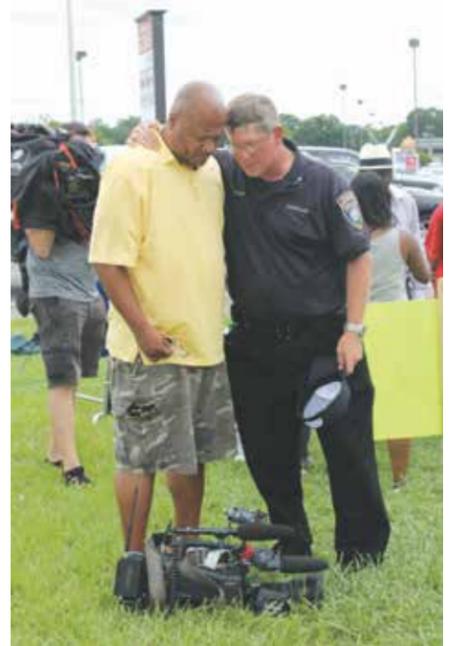
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Thousands Pay Tribute to Murdered Officers Memorial to Slain Officers at Crime Scene

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MEMORIAL for Baton Rouge Police officers and Sheriff's deputy killed in the line of duty. Thousands of police officers and citizens visited the site and prayed for the officers.



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— Catch the Falling Flag —



WHEN RAIN AND HIGH WINDS broke a grommet and brought down a giant American flag, civilians joined with police and fire to raise another flag in time for funeral procession.



Photo by Jolice Provost

RECORD TIME — The second flag was raised by the citizens in record time, causing a fire chief to point to the sight and another to raise his hands to praise the Lord.

When High Winds and Rain Tore a Grommet, Firefighters Braved Lightning to Take Flag Down; Then without Being Asked, Civilians Joined in To Hoist Another Flag to Honor Deputy Garafola

Dialogue Between Police, Community

Woody Jenkins
Editor

BATON ROUGE — On the day of Deputy Brad Garafola’s funeral, the Baton Rouge and St. George Fire Departments hoisted a giant American flag to honor him. However, just before the funeral procession for Deputy Garafola was about to begin, it started to rain and a wire holding the giant American flag broke. The flag had to be removed during a lightning storm.

Spontaneously, police and firefighters, men and women, and boys and girls rushed to grab the new flag, keep it from touching the ground, and raised it back into place. One man said, “It was one of the most inspirational things I have ever been part of!”

St. George District Fire Chief John Jack Jones described the events this way: “The first flag was hung without issue. When the weather changed and the down-pour started, a strong (and I mean strong) gust of wind caused the flag to tear one of the grommets and give way.”

“Fortunately, a backup plan was in place. The flag was taken to the gas pumps where with the help of the civilians present, it was properly folded and stored. The backup flag was retrieved and once again with the help of the civilians present, it was unfolded and hung with-

out incident.”

“If I may add, in perfect conditions, that flag takes approximately 45 minutes to hang. It is 30’ X 20’ and with enough wind, it can pick a person completely off the ground. The main flag was retrieved, folded and stowed, and the backup hung in under 35 minutes. This could not have been accomplished without the civilians present. I can not thank them enough. That is the Baton Rouge I have come to know and love.”

“Now let me speak about our firefighters. When the main flag tore, we were in a torrential down-pour with high winds and lightning. To retrieve the flag, I had to have firefighters climb both ladders. That was nearly 50’, the height of a five-story building! I had firefighters grabbing ropes, pulleys and metal poles, all during heavy rain, high winds, and lightning.”

“Any one of the firefighters would have been justified in refusing to venture out and attempt such an operation. But every firefighter on Airline Highway ran to prevent that flag from touching the ground without hesitation. That is the same dedication they serve our community with every day. It truly is an honor to be associated with them!”

Once Deputy Garafola’s funeral procession began, the new flag was flying high for him as though nothing had happened!



Former Sheriff Greg Phares, Michael Mitchell, Todd Gaudin, and Phares



Cleve Dunn, Jr., Council member Chauna Banks, and Dr. Rani Whitfield



Former Baton Rouge Police chief Pat England and Cleve Dunn, Jr.

BATON ROUGE — The Chamber of Commerce of East Baton Rouge hosted a meeting between law enforcement leaders and local black leaders. Former Sheriff Greg

Phares and former Baton Rouge Police chief Pat England spoke and answered questions. Afterwards, participants said the meeting was productive and should be repeated.

Photo by Woody Jenkins