

**Istrouma High School to Re-Open August 9**

# First 'Values-Based' School

Photos by Woody Jenkins



**EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH** school administrators Shalonda Simoneaux, Ben Necaie, and Adam Smith at Istrouma Advisory Committee meeting. They have played a major role in planning the new school.

A Community-Centered School That Welcomes People of Faith, While Emphasizing Its Magnet And Petro-Chemical Programs

**BATON ROUGE** - Istrouma High School will re-open August 9 on the 100th anniversary of the historic school with a new mission: It will be the first "values-based" public school in the state, which means it will emphasize character and core values, while welcoming people of faith.

## Interviews for 7 Candidates For Principal Set March 15

**BATON ROUGE** - The Istrouma Advisory Committee, appointed by Supt. Warren Drake to advise him on the reopening of Istrouma High, has begun reviewing applicants who are seeking to be the school's new principal.

The school will sponsor a student "roundup" from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 25 at Winbourne Elementary School. Parents and prospective students will get to learn more about course offerings, the new physical facilities, and the history of Istrouma, which is currently in the midst of a \$22 million renovation project.

Out of 20 applicants, the staff selected seven for review by the committee. The process will continue with a meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 15 at the school board office at 1050 South Foster Dr. The meeting is open to the public.

The Istrouma Advisory Committee, comprised of Istrouma alumni, is advising Supt. Warren Drake on all aspects of the redesign and reopening of the school.

Business owners and others interested in supporting the school are invited to the Stakeholder Breakfast at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 21 at the Goodwood Library.

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## Career Paths at New Istrouma High

**Dr. Jackie Mims**  
Chair, Istrouma Advisory Committee

**BATON ROUGE** - The new Istrouma High School will afford students from across East Baton Rouge Parish the knowledge and skills for successful transition into the 21st Century workforce. With a host of career options, students will

receive the education and training necessary to secure a college degree, technical certification, or an apprenticeship.

• **Manufacturing, Construction, Logistics Pathway** will prepare students for high demand jobs such as heating, air conditioning and refrigeration mechanic; refinery or chemical plant

operator; electricians; construction managers; pipefitter, millwright, or mechanical drafters.

• **Digital Media and Entertainment Technology Pathway** will prepare students for high demand jobs such as television and multimedia production; broadcasting; graphic designers;

See **COURSE** on Page 16



## Greatest Backfield: Istrouma's 1955 Champions

**ISTROUMA'S GREATEST BACKFIELD** from 1955 State Championship team included quarterback B.L. Fairchild (center) and All-State running backs George Guidry (left) and Billy Cannon.

## Rally for President Trump



Supporters of President Trump at State Capitol. See Page 8

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**MARCH MADNESS 10U CHAMPS** — (1st row, left to right) Jonathan Wilkins, Kyle Veal, Garrett Graves, Blaysen Stokan, and Alex Giles. (2nd row) Ethan Johnson, Karson Perrin, Grayden Harris, Kaiser Petit, Jackson Firmin, Jacob LeBlanc, and John Ganske. (3rd row) Coach Brad Firmin, Coach Chase Richard, and Coach Joey Giles.

# Why Istrouma Is So Important to Parish

## We're Only as Strong As Our Weakest Link, And Istrouma Is Key To Revitalizing NBR

**Woody Jenkins**  
 Editor

**BATON ROUGE** — East Baton Rouge Parish is hurting right now. More than 50,000 people have lost their homes and are struggling to rebuild.

Nowhere are the problems more severe than in North Baton Rouge in the area bounded on the south by Florida Boulevard, on the west by Scenic Highway, and on the north and east by the Airline Highway. The flooding hit parts of this area hard, and it was already suffering from massive blight and a severe crime problem.

At its core, North Baton Rouge lacks the sense of community that is essential to developing pride, standards, and a vision for the future.

There is one proven way to develop a sense of community — a feeling that everyone belongs and that we are all in this together. That is to have a great public school that everyone takes pride in and feels a part of.

Once there was a great public school in North Baton Rouge — Istrouma High School, which was the largest public school in Louisiana and a model of academic and athletic success.

But, over the years, Istrouma was allowed to decline and with it the community around it. Istrouma had become a failure, and the State of Louisiana took it over. Yet, state operation of the school was a failure too. Then nearly three years ago, the state closed Istrouma's doors and the hallowed halls went quiet and dark, most thought forever.

For the past three years, there has been no public high school between Scotlandville on the north and Baton Rouge High on the south. The once-proud Istrouma area, long filled with modest but well-kept homes, declined even further. Today drug dealers ply their trade. Prostitutes walk Plank Road. North Baton Rouge is in the news again — not for championship football teams as in years past — but for murder and decay. Then the flood came.



Woody Jenkins

Now, six months later, the cleanup has not come.

Something has to happen.

Now, something *is* happening!

Istrouma High School is undergoing a \$22 million renovation. It will open again on August 9 — just in time for the school's 100th anniversary.

Now there is a plan, a plan that if successful can completely turn around the fate of North Baton Rouge! The plan is for Istrouma High to be the hub of the North Baton Rouge community — a place of learning and the center of activity for the entire community.

Istrouma will be a state-of-the-art facility where each classroom and every student is armed with the latest technology. The academic program will be outstanding. The technology institute will be spectacular!

Students — white and black — will come to Istrouma from across the parish for the technology institute, because graduates will be almost assured of a high-paying job.

But technology and even education itself are dangerous without wisdom. Indeed, there is nothing worse than an educated fool!

That's where the new Istrouma will have an edge. It will be a "values-based" school that emphasizes character and core values. A place where people of faith are welcome. A place where thugs and gangs are not!

Today, there is no one place where the people of North Baton Rouge send their children. With no public high school in the area, students are shipped to Belaire and Broadmoor, even Woodlawn. Others go to a variety of charter schools or magnet or gifted and talented programs. But starting this fall, most 9th and 10th graders in North Baton Rouge will attend Istrouma High School. Over the next two years most students in the 6th through 12th grades will go there.

On every street in North Baton Rouge, there will be a growing number of parents who know each other because their children go to school together. They will go to the same PTA meetings and school plays. They will attend the same football games and root for the Indians. Day by day, the people of North Baton Rouge will become a community.

Mark my word. As North Baton Rouge becomes a community, you will begin to see positive changes. People will work together better. They will look out for their neighbors' kids. They will keep up their lawns. New businesses will open. Pride and a vision for the future will emerge. Blight will be erased. Crime will be reduced. Gangs will become a thing of the past.

If we want to save our parish, we must save North Baton Rouge, and that begins with Istrouma High!

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# Congressman Holds Townhall Meeting At Central Library Despite Protestors

## After Protesters Disrupted Cassidy Event in Metairie, Central Prepared

**CENTRAL** — After protesters disrupted a town hall meeting in Metairie, Congressman Garret Graves (R-Baton Rouge) was urged to cancel his town hall meeting planned for the Central Library in Central.

But Graves was determined not to allow protesters to alter his plan to reach out to the public and get their views. In Central, Mayor Jr. Shelton and Police Chief James Salsbury were just as determined to make sure the event went off without a hitch.

Knowing protesters were coming, Central residents turned out strongly to support Graves. When protesters attempted to shout out questions and provoke an incident, Central residents repeatedly told protesters to lower their volume. When necessary, they spoke up loudly. Through it all, Graves was unfazed and patiently answered every question for more than three hours.



**TOWN HALL IN CENTRAL** — Congressman Garret Graves speaking to town hall. At right, some of the audience in attendance.



At left, Central residents speak. In center photo, protesters comment. At right, Sen. Bodi White listens to discussion.

## Central Mayor Shelton at LMA



**LMA MID-WINTER CONFERENCE** — City of Central Mayor Jr. Shelton (center) was among speakers at the annual Mid-Winter Conference of the Louisiana Municipal Association. The LMA's Mid-Size City Conference is March 16 in Covington, and the LMA's Annual Day at the Legislature is May 3 at the State Capitol.



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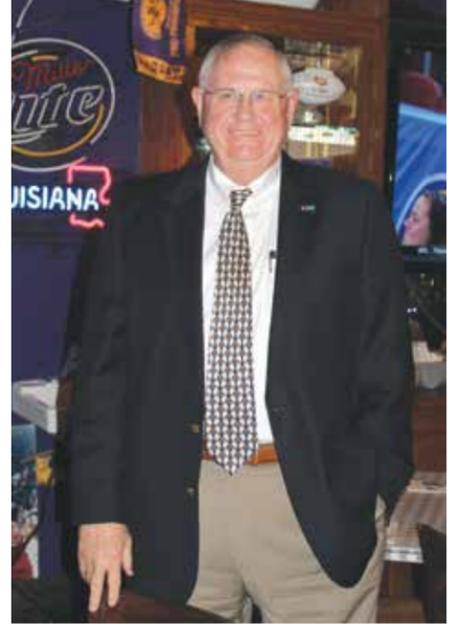
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# GOP Begins Race for State Chairman



THREE CANDIDATES for state Republican chairman spoke to parish party leaders — businessman Scott Wilfong, Rep. Barry Ivey, and party finance chairman Charlie Buckles.

**BATON ROUGE** — Veteran State Republican Party chairman Roger Villere will step down at the end of the year after 12 years at the helm of the party. So far, four candidates are running to replace Villere, and three spoke on behalf of their candidacies to members of the East Baton Rouge Republican Parish Executive Committee last Friday at Doe's Eat Place.

State party Rules committee chairman Scott Wilfong of Baton

Rouge, Rep. Barry Ivey (R-Central), and state party finance chairman Charlie Buckles of Lafayette addressed PEC members. State party secretary Louis Gurvich of New Orleans was unable to attend.

Ivey, who spoke first, said his main issues are transparency and accountability. "We have to acknowledge the success of those who brought us here. At the same time, we must stick to the rules and not attempt to change the rules in

midstream," he said. "We have to focus on recruiting and funding good candidates." "At the legislature, we leave too much on the table. The Democrats are engaged at the legislature and we as a party are not as engaged as we should be." "We have 60 Republicans in the House but not all are conservatives." "We should reform our endorsement process, notify candidates when we are going to endorse, send them questionnaires,



East Baton Rouge Parish Republican leaders Gene Guffey, Sen. Dan Claitor, and Jerry Arbour questioned the candidates.

and hear them out."

Scott Wilfong said, "Vision is the key. It's not about age or gender. I know this is something I can do. We have to be the backbone for elected officials. The missing piece today is the governor's office. That has to be our No. 1 goal." "We will have a scorecard for legislative votes and a lobbyist at the Capitol." "Statewide officials and members of Congress can help with the fundraising." "Sustaining members are another part of fundraising."

Charlie Buckles said, "The first job of the chairman is raising the money. We have to make the party more relevant and organize around eight or nine key issues. One of the big issues is closed primaries."

Buckles said he favors voters being able to switch parties on election day, which brought some objections from PEC members. He also said the party should be able to deny some candidates the right to use the Republican label, which also drew objections.

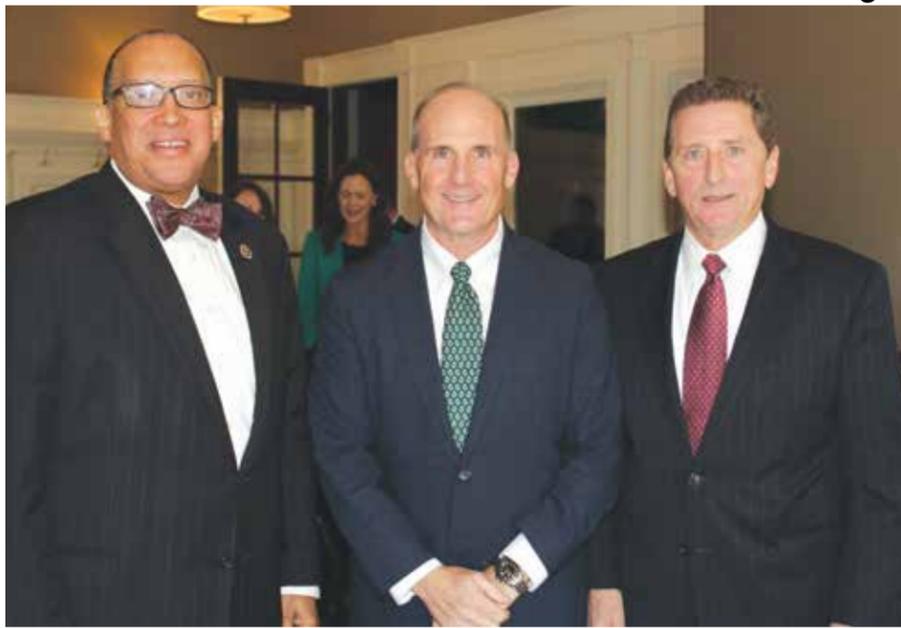
The election will be in December.

# Judges Address Federalist Society

## Judges Ponder How To Avoid Ivory Tower

**BATON ROUGE** — Speaking to the Federalist Society, a group of conservative attorneys, three well-known jurists discussed how the courts operate and spoke introspectively on how judges can avoid living in an ivory tower devoid of normal human contact.

Meeting at Galatoire's, U.S. District Judge Brian Jackson, Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Greg Guidry, and Appeals Court Judge Will Crain agreed isolation is a big problem. Judge Jackson had perhaps the most interesting answer. He said, "Have friends who don't call you Judge — people for whom you are just another guy, people who speak honestly with you."



JURISPRUDENTIALLY SPEAKING — Federal Judge Brian Jackson, Supreme Court Justice Greg Guidry, and Appeals Court Judge Will Crain spoke to the Federalists.

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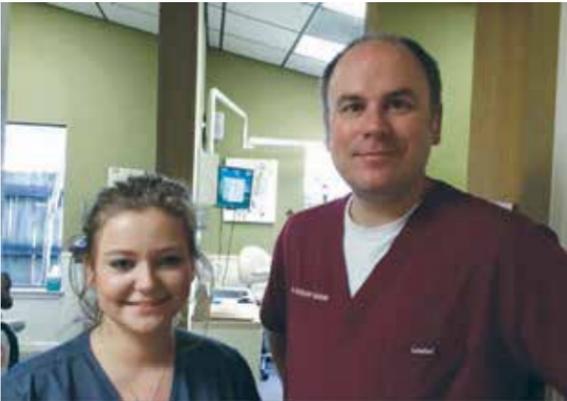
# Central High's Dental Assistant Class



**LOCAL DENTISTS** participating in Central High School's dental assistant program included Dr. Kevin Hester, Dr. Benjamin Record, and Dr. Walter Vaughn.



**PARTICIPATING DENTISTS** include Dr. Jacob Henderson, Dr. Kenny Oswald, Dr. Jack Owens, and Dr. Scott Browning



Dr. Gregory Nassef, Dr. Robert Delarosa, and Dr. David Prudhome. The Central High School dental assisting class is completing its first year. Students in the class spend the Fall semester in the classroom learning dental terminology, chairside assisting, and hands-on procedures. Students also earn their dental x-ray certification. During the Spring semester, students intern at local dental offices. Students and faculty at Central High School expressed their appreciation to Central's participating dentists.

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# Central Wrestlers Score Big at State Meet



**STATE WRESTLING CHAMPION** — Central High School's Austin Gouedy (left) won his third straight Louisiana High Athletic Association State Championship in wrestling at the state meet in Bossier City February 11-12. Central's Tyler Fontenot (right) was state runnerup. Two other Wildcats also distinguished themselves. Nick Jones placed 3rd and Brayden Wilson won 6th place. Overall, Central High School placed 8th out of 27 teams at the state championship meet. Herbert Juneau is the Wildcats' head coach.

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**KRISTIE CROSS** being sworn by Scott Wilfong as a new member of the East Baton Rouge Republican Parish Executive Committee. Cross, an attorney, is president of the Republican Women of Central.

### Lt. Gov. Nungesser to Address Republican Women of Central

**CENTRAL** - The Republican Women of Central will host Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser on Monday, March 20 at Sammy's Restaurant on Wax Road in Central.

The event will begin with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30.

Nungesser is Louisiana's 54th lieutenant governor. He also serves as Commissioner of the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

Nungesser will speak on Louisiana's economic growth and other hot topics. The meeting is open to Republicans and guests.

### Cole Wilkinson Shoots First Hog



**COLE WILKINSON** of Pride shot his first hog on December 21 in Grandville, LA, while hunting with his Paw-Paw Richard Love. The hog weighed 205#. Cole is 9 years old and attends Sullivan Institute.

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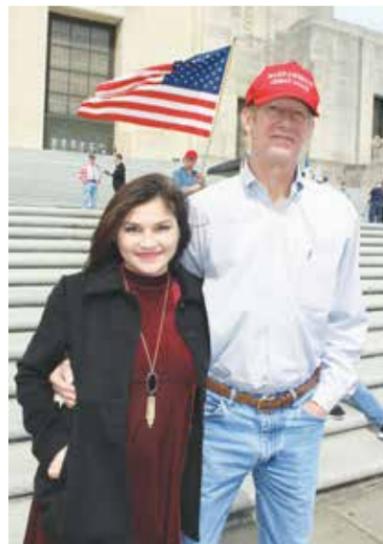
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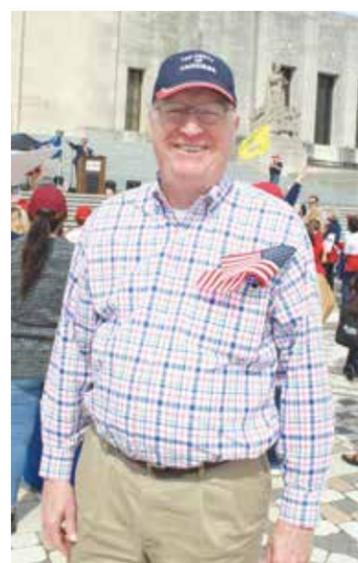
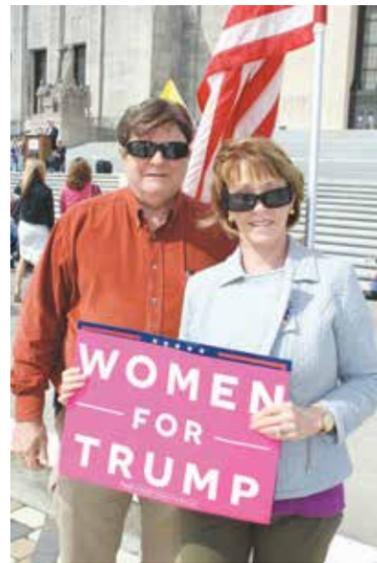
# Louisianians Rally to Support Presi



**PRO-TRUMP RALLY AT STATE CAPITOL** — Supporters of President Donald J. Trump rallied on the steps of the State Capitol Saturday to show their support for the President's p



**COL. ROB MANESS** (left) organized the rally. Among those in attendance were Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Jeff Hughes wh



**ADDRESSING THE CROWD** was New Orleans radio host and columnist Jeff Crouere (left). Third from left is Chamber of Commerce of East Baton Rouge Parish

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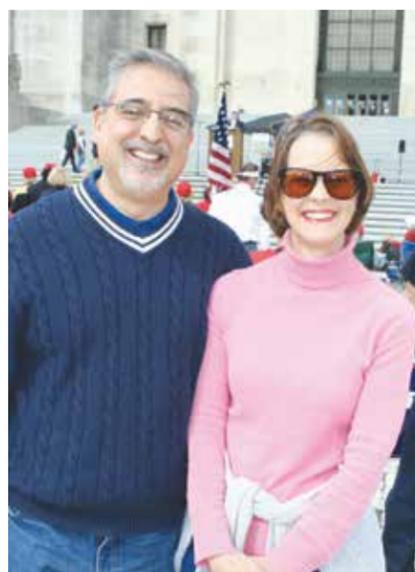
# President Donald Trump at State Capitol



...policies and agenda. Rally speakers are shown in center photo. The event was organized by Col. Rob Maness and Gator PAC. It was broadcast live on Facebook by Capital City News.



...o is up for reelection next year, Louisiana Republican state chairman Roger Villere, and Republican political consultant Rhett Davis.



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# Central Intermediate School Students

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**MARDI GRAS PARADE** — Third graders at Central Intermediate School held their own Mardi Gras parade, showing off miniature parade floats they built for the event.



**LEARNING MADE FUN** — Students at Central Intermediate learned about Louisiana's rich culture by studying the many festivals throughout this state. Who knew learning could be so much fun! Central High Schools award-winning Jazz Band showed up to help the students get into the Mardi Gras spirit. Students paraded through the halls showing off the floats they had created. No doubt the Jazz Band members remembered the floats they made in the 3rd grade, since this learning activity is a tradition for 3rd graders in the Central Community School System.

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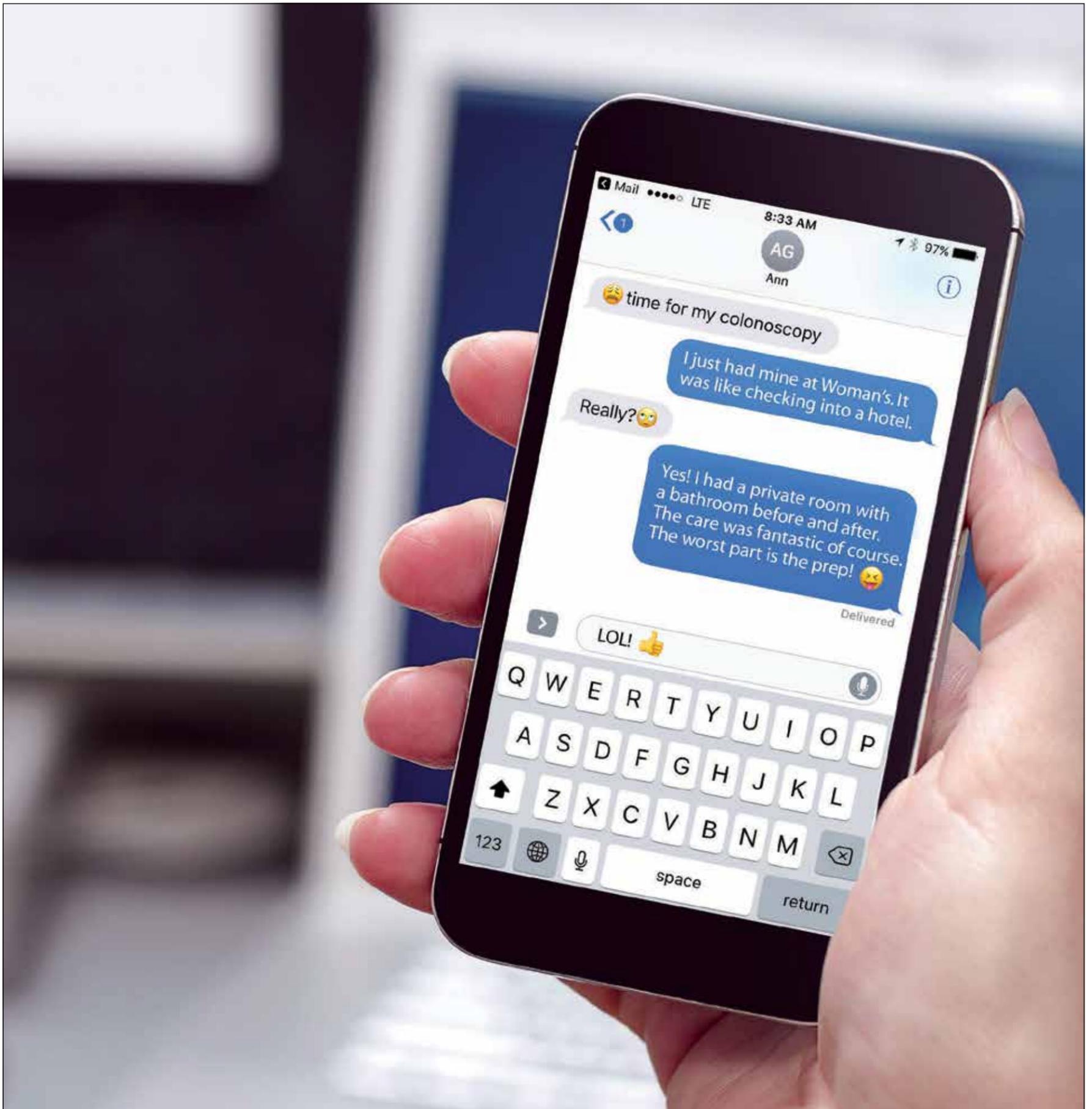
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### Full of Grace Movie St. Alphonsus Church 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. March 12

This evening will inspire and transform your life. Outside da Box's Eric Groth will join us to facilitate. Invite a friend, bring your family and enjoy the fellowship. A nursery will be available. Please R.S.V.P. if you need this service. St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, 14040 Greenwell Springs Rd, 225-261-4644.

### CHS Parent Meeting - Football School Cafeteria 6 p.m. March 16

There will be a mandatory parent meeting for all football players. For more information, call Coach Fresina 225-261-3169 or email him at ffresina@centralcss.org.

### Car Seat Installation Check Central Fire Dept. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 18

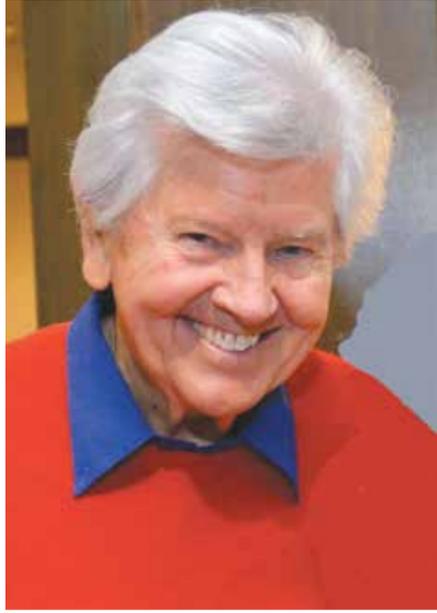
Join nationally-certified technicians to have your child's car seat installed correctly. This is a free service for the safety of your child. Stop by the Central Fire Dept., 11646 Sullivan Rd.

### Istrouma Roundup 12 noon to 4 p.m. March 25

Learn more about Istrouma High at Winbourne Elementary.

### The 4th Cup and Lamb of God St. Alphonsus Church 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 28

This presentation offers refreshing and thoroughly researched explanation and teaching on the Last Supper and Paschal Sacrifice. The presenter is Mike Fulmer of New Roads. Mike is a 1983 graduate of Southeastern and owner and operator of Berryland Motors, Berryland Campers and Berryland Campers Outlet. He is a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.



Four-time Gold Record artist Jimmy Clanton will perform last concert.

## Golden Record Artist Jimmy Clanton To Have Final One-Man Show May 20

**BATON ROUGE** - Jimmy Clanton, Baton Rouge's teen idol from the 1950's, will hold his final one-man show May 20 at Baton Rouge High School. Clanton, who earned four Gold Records in his career, will perform for the audience.

Clanton began his singing career while a 17-year-old student at Baton Rouge High when he formed his first band, the Rockets.

During his career, he has had four records that sold over one million copies each — *Just a Dream*, *A Letter to an Angel*, *Ship on a Stormy Sea*, and *Venus in Blue Jeans*. Clanton also starred in a movie called *Go Johnny Go*.

Clanton will perform with Blue Eyed Soul in the one-man show at the Baton Rouge High Auditorium. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available at Tix.com.

## CHS Football Parents Meeting Set March 16

**CENTRAL** - Parents of Central High School football players will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 16 at the school cafeteria. The meeting is required in order for the student to participate on the team.

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Despite Flood, No Practice Facility, and Troubled Homes

# Brooktown Middle: Amazing Champions

**Woody Jenkins**  
Editor

**BATON ROUGE** — Brookstown Middle School principal James Smith gets a little choked up when he talks about his basketball coach, Mario Williams, whose team just won the middle school district championship. “Let’s just put it this way. These kids were flood victims and their school flooded. They had nowhere to practice and no uniforms. Their coach flooded too. But he performs beyond all expectations. Not just as a coach but as a man. These kids come from tough situations at home. He picks them up at home and brings them to practice. Then he takes them home afterwards. When these kids don’t have anything for Christmas, he buys their Christmas with his own money, and he doesn’t even have it. Yes, there is a story here.” Mario Williams went to Glen Oaks. “I had a great coach, Harvey



**MIDDLE SCHOOL DISTRICT CHAMPIONS** — Coach Mario Williams (photo at right) with his team, the Brookstown Middle School Jaguars, which won the middle school district championship. Shown in team photo are (left to right) Coach Adrian McClendon, Jay Williams, Jacquise Kaigler, Marqui Cerda, Jaquail Keigler, Marquice Thomas, Lyriel Harris, Ty Armstrong, Kevin Quiet, Darren Moore, Kendrick Greenhouse, Dewayne Curtis, and Coach Mario Williams.

## Questions & Answers



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Adger, who is still there after 40 years.” After high school, Mario won a scholarship to Black Hills State University in Spearfish, SD, where he started for three years.

He and his wife lived with their four boys, aged 18, 16, 10, and 7, in Montecello before they were flooded out. Now they live in the Woodlawn area and are trying to recover from losing everything on the salaries of two teachers.

At Brookstown Middle, Mario is a counselor and in charge of truancy. That puts him as the only thing between the principal and a kid being expelled. But he is also “coach” to the boys on his team.

Coach Williams said, “These kids have an amazing story. In the 6th grade, the best players were kicked out of school. I tried to stay in touch. They came back in the 7th grade and got kicked out again. I can understand, because I was kicked out of Westdale Middle when I was in the

6th grade. Most of these young men have had a tough life. Sometimes there is no one at all to take care of them. Sometimes teachers don’t understand how hard they have it at home. We struggled together through the bad times. I wake up in the morning and take this job to heart. In December, I saw a sadness in some of the boys, because they had no Christmas. I’ve seen anger in some of these boys because of their circumstances, but they have turned their lives around! They know we care about them, and they will run through the wall for you!”

Do these kids have talent? Indeed they do. It started at the Baker tournament when they played without having real uniforms or ever having practiced. They won the tournament and never looked back all season!

Mario’s only regret this year: “All the places that turned us down for a place to practice. Our school had flooded, and there was no place to go.”

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All deposits will be held in an escrow account and returned in full in the event the financing cannot be completed. You may ask for a return of your deposit in full at any time prior to move-in. However, a return of your deposit cancels your apartment reservation and the next person on the waiting list will be offered your place.

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Thank you for your interest in our Assisted Living.

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## Everything Is Gearing Up for August 9 Opening

# Istrouma Student Roundup March 25

## Istrouma Will Be Three Schools On One Campus

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The 14-member body unanimously endorsed the decision to make Istrouma a “values-based” school.

The committee envisions Istrouma as being the center of the North Baton Rouge community and recommends that it be open for a wide range of use by the community.

Istrouma, which was closed by the State Department of Education nearly three years ago, will actually consist of three schools: A traditional academic high school for North Baton Rouge, a technology institute that will emphasize petro-chemical and other high-demand careers, and a magnet middle school.

Students at the middle school will generally be kept separate from high school students.

The student “roundup” on March 25 will be held on the grounds of Winbourne Elementary School. It will include tents on:

- Istrouma History and Tradition Tent
- Istrouma’s Future Tent, including architectural design, academic and technology offerings, student enrollment applications, and counseling for students
- Alumni and Friends Tent
- Donors Tent
- Marketing Tent
- Entertainment Tent
- Concessions Tent



**ISTRouMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE** members Carnell Washington, Dr. Jackie Mims, and Tamera Homer-Cyprian reviewing qualifications of the candidates for principal of the new Istrouma High School, which will re-open August 9 after being closed nearly three years. Dr. Mims serves as chair of the 14-member body appointed by East Baton Rouge Parish schools Supt. Warren Drake to advise on issues related to the re-opening of Istrouma, which was founded in 1917 and will celebrate its 100th anniversary at the time of the re-opening.



**ATTENDANCE ZONE** for the traditional neighborhood high school at Istrouma. However, students across the parish will be able to enroll in the technology and magnet programs.

## Course Offerings At Istrouma High

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digital photography; multimedia productions; artists and animators; advertising and promotions managers, or theatre design and technology.

• **Information Technology Pathway** will prepare students for high demand jobs such as computer systems manager; computer programmer; computer systems analyst; network systems administrator; network support specialist; software developer, or database administrator.

• **Hospitality, Tourism, Culinary and Retail Pathway** will prepare students for high demand jobs such as general and operations manager; food service manager; lodging manager; or travel agent.

• **College & Career Institute** will afford students an opportunity to earn college credit in high school via Advance Placement Courses and dual enrollment through local technical, community and four-year colleges. Students are also afforded an opportunity to obtain industry certifications through secondary and postsecondary career and technical education programs and courses.

For further information, contact Ben Necaise at the school board office at 225-922-5400.

# Istrouma High Technology & Magnet: Who Can Attend

**BATON ROUGE** — When it opens August 9, Istrouma High School will be three schools on one campus — the traditional academic high school for students from the 70805 zip code, a technology and career institute for students who plan to be ready to enter the workplace upon graduation, and a magnet middle school.

Based on the recommendations of the Istrouma Advisory Committee, the following students will be eligible to attend the three schools:

• **Traditional Academic High School.** The school will emphasize high standards of character and adherence to core values. The school will have selective admission. Ninth and tenth graders who reside in the area bounded on the south by Choctaw, on the west by Scenic, and on the north and east by Airline will be eligible to be considered for admission. Many of these students are now attending Belaire or Broadmoor high schools. Students now in private

schools or charters may apply for admission. The school intends to exclude students of poor character, gang members, and others who would distract from a sound educational environment. If space is available, the school will consider students from outside the attendance area.

• **Technology Institute.** Ninth and tenth grade students from throughout East Baton Rouge Parish (excluding the Baker, Central, and Zachary school districts) are

eligible to apply, subject to the same standards of character and a showing of interest in the career opportunities available.

Exxon has agreed to play a major role in the school, and the school will place particular emphasis on training for careers in the petro-chemical industry because of the anticipated job openings in that area.

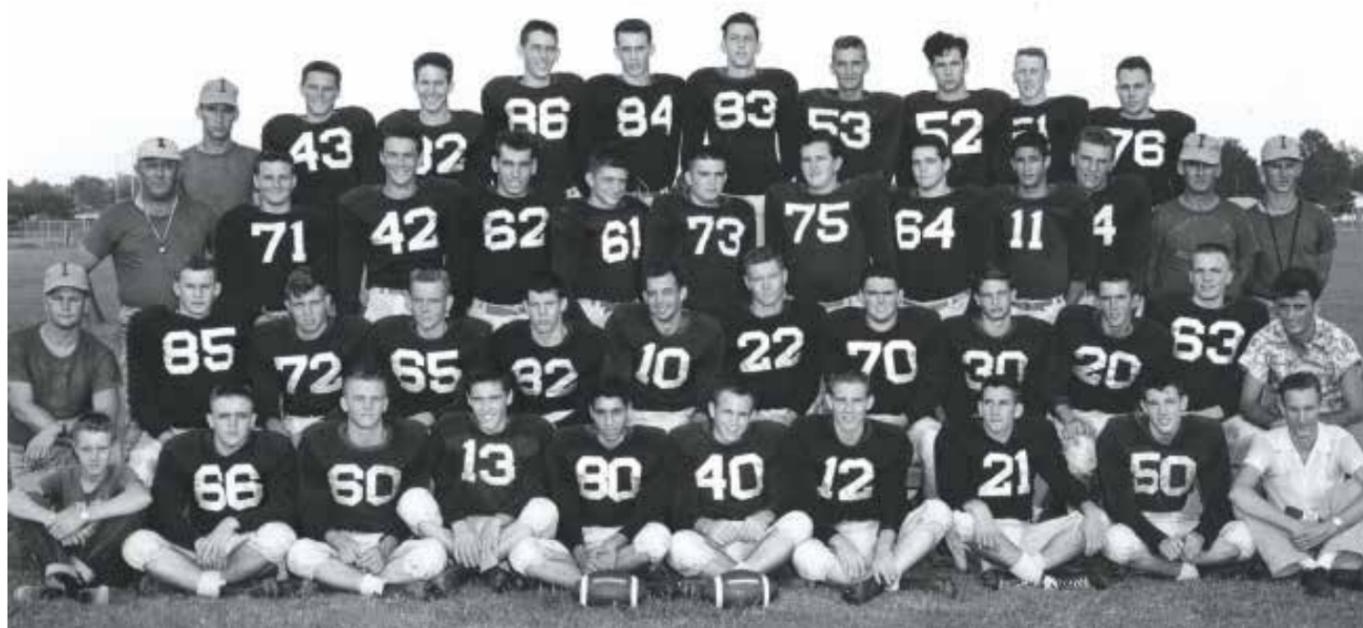
• **Istrouma Middle Magnet.** Middle school students from across East Baton Rouge Parish (excluding the Baker, Central, and Zachary school districts) will be eligible to apply for admission to Istrouma Middle Magnet School. Students currently attending Brookstown Middle Magnet will automatically be admitted.

Istrouma Middle Magnet will open in January 2018. Upon completion of the middle magnet program, students may continue at Istrouma High School or the Technology Institute.

For further information, contact Ben Necaise at the school board office at 225-922-5400.

## Istrouma High to Offer Full Range of Athletics

**BATON ROUGE** - When Istrouma High School re-opens August 9, it will offer a full range of athletics including football and basketball, in keeping with the school’s tradition of athletic success, which includes nine State Championships in football. The high school football field and gym are being renovating, and an eight-lane track is being built.



**ISTRouMA’S GREATEST TEAM: STATE CHAMPIONS OF 1955** — The team some people believe to be the greatest Istrouma team ever and perhaps the greatest team in the history of Louisiana high school football. It included (1st row, left to right) Larry Simoneaux, Don Vickers, Don Hughes, Vincent Baiamonte, George Guidry, Cecil Wesley, Leo Valentine, and Thomas Morgan. (2nd row) A. J. Millet, Sam Pruet, Richard Brownfield, Houston Chenevert, B. L. Fairchild, Rodney White, C. M. Chenevert, Mike Batchelder, James Teague, and Will Butler. (3rd row) Roy Winston, Billy Cannon, Gordon Foreman, Norbert Roy, Robert Boudinot, Luther Fortenberry, Billy Bueto, Albert Hill, and Beverly Escue. (4th row) Don Smith, Pete Gremillion, Osburn Thornhill, Oscar Lofton, Billy Castilaw, Lonnie Vaughn, Duanne Leopard, Roy Moran, and Tom Fleming.