

Central Community Schools Start Eighth Year

Central: Back to School

283 New Students Enrolled

CENTRAL - The Central Community School System launched its eighth school year on Thursday, Aug. 7 with 283 new students enrolled so far.

Central schools Supt. Mike Faulk said he expects the final enrollment numbers to reach 4,500 students K-12 and another 100 in pre-K.

The Central school system took over the four then existing public schools in Central from the East Baton Rouge school system on July 1, 2007. Since then, enrollment has nearly doubled, and an entirely new school, Central Intermediate, has been created.

Most of the growth has come from transfers from private schools, students moving to Central from Livingston Parish, and new families moving from other areas. The Central system has an 'A' rating from the State of Louisiana, making it one of the top-ranked systems in the state.

Hey Daddy! Why Are You in There?



CENTRAL ALUMNI BASEBALL GAME — Little Jack Lovelace reaches for his daddy Mike Lovelace and asks, "Why are you in there, Daddy?" Mike was getting ready to bat in the first Central High Alumni baseball game at The Yard at Central High. Wife Jennifer also provided encouragement.



LIGHTS ON! — The Central High varsity took the field Saturday for the first night baseball game at home in the 63-year history of Central High baseball, thanks to a bond issue sponsored by the school board.

Luc Alexander, Shake With Alexander Luc!

CENTRAL - At Central Middle School open house, Jolice Provost of *Central City News* had her son Luc Alexander Provost in tow when a Central High senior came in the door with her sixth grade brother and asked for instructions. The young lady looked at Luc's schedule.



Luc Alexander Provost and Alexander Luc Preneaux

Central Beefs Up Police Dept.

CENTRAL - Since approval by the Central City Council of funds to hire a new Assistant Police Chief and additional rent for a larger office, Central Police Chief James Salsbury has moved forward aggressively toward beefing up his department.

Using volunteer police officers and donated materials, Salsbury has nearly com-



Police chief Salsbury plotted the move to a new 2,200-square-foot

space next to the previous police station at 13421 Hooper Road. On Wednesday night, the volunteers were painting and cleaning up. The Denham Springs Police Department and the City of Baton Rouge supplied surplus desks and furniture to help out. Otherwise, the only real expense has been the cost of moving utility.

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\$55 Million Central School Complex; District Rated 'A'

Report Card on School Board 2010-2014

CENTRAL — Dr. Jim Gardner, who played on Central High's first baseball team in 1951, was on hand last Saturday to inaugurate the new lighting system at The Rock, the Central High baseball field. The event was the first Central High Alumni game, and it represented the first time in the 63-year history of Central High baseball that the Wildcats had played a home game under the lights.

For Dr. Gardner, who is president of the Central Community School Board, it was a gratifying moment. The new baseball lights are only one of a host of capital im-

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STADIUM LIGHTING — School board members Dr. David Walker, Dr. Jim Gardner and Roxanne Atkinson were on hand to help inaugurate the first night baseball game in the history of Central High School.

Central Community School Board Accomplishments • 2010-2014

- Central school system is an A-rated school system
- Central High reached No. 2 in state in ACT scores
- Completed construction of \$55 million Central Community School Complex
- Life Safety improvements at all schools
- Won voter approval of new 9th Grade Academy
- Improvements to school facilities, including new parking lots and baseball lights
- Cleaning up old Central Middle School site
- Acquired Greenwell Springs Hospital for future use
- No increase in sales or property taxes in four years
- Healthy surplus on hand in case of emergencies and to hold down costs of bonds

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1963-1964 ISTROUMA HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM held its 50th Reunion on July 12 at the KC Hall on Greenwell Springs Rd. The Indians were AAA District and City Champs and made two trips to the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Top 20 Tourney in Shreveport. Shown (left to right) manager Charles Johnson, Larry Aucoin, Don Hutchinson, Vincent Guercio, Wayne Messina, Coach John Hutchison, Sam Raney, Irwin Felps, Leon Dement, Ken Wall, Ellis Boyd, Melvin Jones, Charles Parker, and Doug Verbois. Not in attendance were Sam Kirkley, Johnny Dugas, Jim Magee, Fred Nance, and Ronnie Johnson. Deceased are Tommy Arbour, manager Billy Thigpen, and Coach Bob Carter.

Country Living in the City

Can Elected Officials Violate Law with Impunity?

Yes They Can, If No One Can Sue To Stop Their Illegal Activities!

Woody Jenkins
Editor

We have the U.S. Constitution, the Louisiana Constitution, the Louisiana Revised Statutes, and our own East Baton Rouge Parish Plan of Government. All of those laws grant to federal, state, and local governments a vast array of powers, but those documents also contain numerous safeguards that are designed to protect our rights. But what if the safeguards written into law were just words that had no meaning, no operative effect? What if they were high sounding and glorious but actually counted for absolutely nothing? A government of laws takes the law seriously and lives by the law. A government of men considers the law nothing more than a joke, used when useful to bolster the power of those in office and twisted or ignored when the law is inconvenient. The Rule of Law is about holding the government — which means the people in power — to abide by the laws that they and their predecessors have enacted. But the Rule of Law is in danger

in East Baton Rouge Parish, as we hurdle toward becoming another New Orleans or Detroit. In May, the Metro Council passed an ordinance purporting to annex portions of the Mall of Louisiana. This was illegal in many ways. For one thing, the Plan of Government requires that all annexations be “compact” — not filled with holes as this annexation is, leaving out ma-



Woody Jenkins

in East Baton Rouge Parish, as we hurdle toward becoming another New Orleans or Detroit. The petition failed to include the signature of all property owners or to include the valuations of all of the property. The Metro Council failed to properly advertise the ordinance and failed to allow it to lay over until the next meeting as required by the Plan of Government. On June 12, I filed suit to stop this illegal annexation. The Plan of Government specifically provides in Section 1.09 that “any citizen of the city” can file suit to block an illegal annexation. Yet, the City of Baton Rouge, unwilling to simply defend its annexation in court, filed an exception of no

right of action, alleging that I did not have an actual “interest” in filing suit. On Monday, Aug. 4, District Judge Janice Clark agreed and threw our case out of court. Now my attorney Alex St. Amant is preparing to file an appeal. But here’s what is very troubling: The position of the City of Baton Rouge and Judge Clark is really that **no citizen of Baton Rouge has standing to file suit to challenge the annexation!** Think of that! **Of what value are the Constitution and laws, if no one can file suit to require that the government obey the laws which it has made?**

Gay Rights Ordinance Would Have Created Cause of Action in Violation of La. Constitution

The Metro Council considered but did not vote on a proposed Gay Rights Ordinance at its meeting of Wednesday, July 23. The proposed is likely to return to the Council’s agenda on Wednesday, Aug. 14. The ordinance purports to codify a new kind of obligation among persons — namely, the obligation not to discriminate based on sexual orientation — and to have that obligation enforceable in the District Court. There’s a serious constitutional problem with that. The Louisiana constitution contemplates that laws will be uniform statewide when it comes to private and civil relation-

ships. The constitution reads as follows: **Louisiana Constitution.** Article VI §9. Limitations of Local Governmental Subdivisions — No local governmental subdivision shall (1) define and provide for the punishment of a felony; or (2) except as provided by law, enact an ordinance **governing private or civil relationships.** Note that local ordinances cannot govern “private or civil relationships.” A city council cannot enact such an ordinance, much less have it enforced through the District Courts. Under Louisiana law, such laws are handled uniformly statewide in the Civil Code and the Louisiana Revised Statutes. However, the proposed ordinance

purports to change citizens’ private and civil relationships and create a cause of action in District Court: §9:1303 Violations; remedies; and definitions. (A) Any violation of the provisions of this chapter shall give rise to a **civil cause of action**, which shall be brought in the district court of East Baton Rouge Parish, seeking damages, reasonable attorney’s fees, and court costs. Under the Louisiana Constitution, the legislature has authority over private and civil relationships, and the Metro Council has no power to enact an ordinance governing them. But, once again, we see some on the Metro Council lawlessly doing what they choose without regard to the state constitution or state law.



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EBR Voters Face Long Ballot on Nov. 4

Candidates Face Qualifying Period From Aug. 20-22

BATON ROUGE - Voters in East Baton Rouge Parish will face a ballot full of candidates for everything from Justice of the Peace to United States Senate in the Nov. 4 primary and the Dec. 6 runoff. The process begins with qualifying, which will be held Aug. 20-22.

Qualifying forms will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20 to Friday, Aug. 22 at the Clerk of Court's office at Baton Rouge City Hall, 222 St. Louis St., Room 179 and at the Clerk of Court's branch office at 10500 Coursey Blvd. in Baton Rouge. In addition, the Clerk will receive qualifying forms at Zachary City Hall from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Thursday, as a convenience for candidates from Baker, Zachary, and Central.

On the ballot will be one seat on the Court of Appeal, all 19th Judicial District Judges, all East Baton Rouge Parish Family Court and Juvenile Court Judges, East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney, all justices of the peace and constables, and all school board seats for the East Baton Rouge, Baker, Central, and Zachary school boards.

Clerk of Court Doug Welborn who hosts the candidates and news media at qualifying, said he is looking forward to meeting the candidates and their families once



LSU TIGER STADIUM EXPANDED TO 102,000 SEATS — This aerial photograph by Charles Breard was commissioned by Community Press, LLC, publishers of *Capital City News* and *Central City News*, to show the expansion of LSU Tiger Stadium. In the background, you'll see the new and old Mississippi River bridges (upper left), Exxon and other chemical plants (center), and Plank Road and the Metro Airport (upper right). The red roofs of LSU classrooms and other buildings are at lower right.

again. He said he is happy to offer a special day of qualifying in Zachary for candidates from the northern part of the parish.

Virtually all of the incumbent officials up for reelection are expected to run with the exception of District Judge Kay Bates, who an-

nounced she is stepping down.

District Judge Mike Erwin has drawn opposition from Metro Councilman Trae Welch, while

District Judge Mike Caldwell is being opposed by attorney Randy Piedrahita. All are Republicans except Erwin, a Democrat.



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EBR School Board Adopts New Districts

9-Member Plan Will Replace 11-Member Plan For Fall Election

BATON ROUGE - By a vote of 6-5, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board has voted to reapportion itself into nine single-member districts for the Nov. 4 primary election. Qualifying will be held Aug. 20-22.

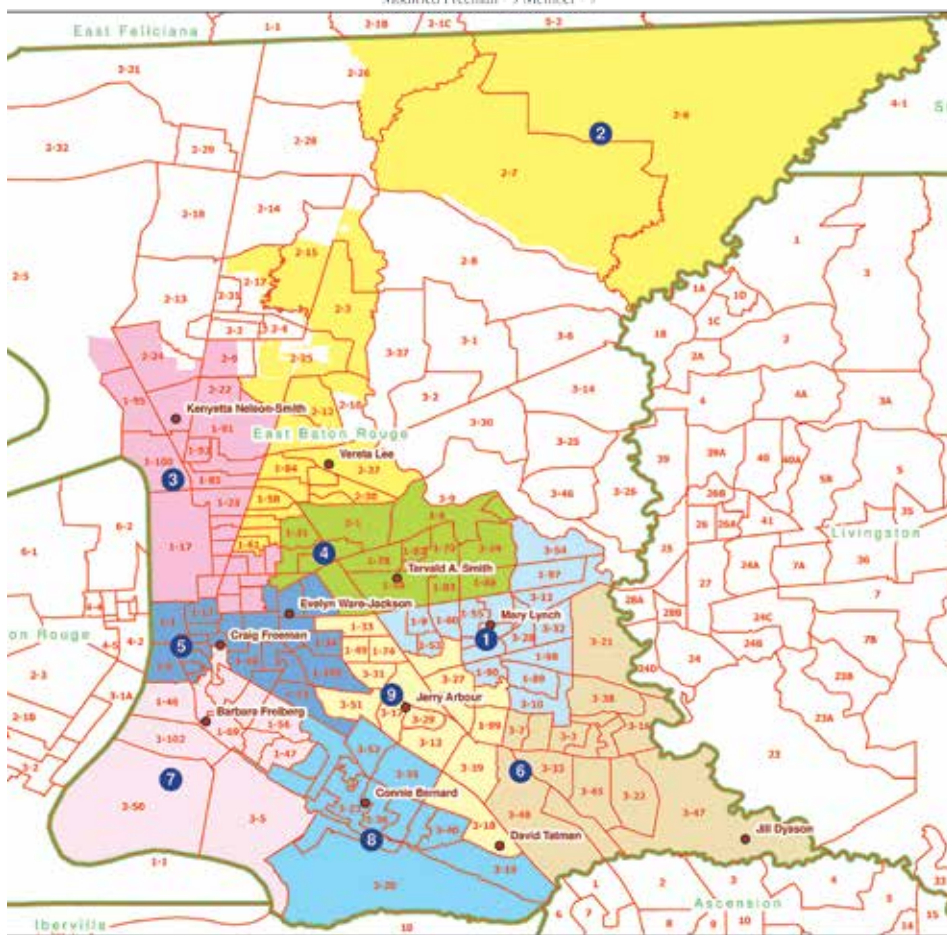
Under the plan, there are five majority white districts south of Florida Boulevard, three majority black districts north of Florida Blvd. and

Josh Walker Named As Doc Broussard Student of the Year

BATON ROUGE - Josh Walker has been named the Doc Broussard Athletic Training Student of the Year. The award is given to a student who shows exemplary performance in the classroom and in the Athletic Training Room. The award contains a full scholarship for 2014-2015. He has worked with the LSU Track and Field and baseball teams and this year, will return home to work at Central High School for his final clinical rotation.



Josh Walker of Central High



NEW EBR SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS adopted for Nov. 4 primary

a fourth majority black seat in the Mid-City area.

The plan was opposed by an unusual group of opponents — the East Baton Rouge Republican Party, the EBR Democratic Party, and the NAACP. The GOP said the plan was unnecessary and was designed to create larger districts that BRAC, the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, will attempt to control by spending large sums of money in new districts that are too large for ordinary citizens to reach in the short time available to campaign.

Under the plan, incumbents will be placed together in two of the districts. The new districts are:

District 1 — Mary Lynch

District 2 — Vereta Lee

District 3 — Kenyetta Nelson-Smith

District 4 — Tarvald A. Smith

District 5 — Evelyn Ware-Jackson and Craig Freeman, who is not running for reelection

District 6 — Jill Dyason

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Istrouma High Class of 1964 Holds

BATON ROUGE - More than 200 surviving members of the Istrouma High School Class of 1964 gathered for their 50-year reunion July 11-12 at Holiday Inn South in Baton Rouge. Activities began with an informal reception Friday night and ended



ed with a formal banquet on Saturday. During the banquet, the group lit candles honoring 72 of their classmates who have passed away, including two who were killed in the Vietnam War — Joe Catoir and Deryl Kirkwood. The group mourned the loss of well known journalist and professor Dr. Bob Dardenne who died of a heart attack last November. Dardenne was president of the Istrouma student body. The group, which includes many prominent Baton Rougeans, enjoyed the presence of retired Istrouma coach Leon McGraw. The basketball team held a reunion Saturday,



Istrouma All-State and LSU All-SEC Jim Dousay (1964) and wife Lynda



Frankie and Elaine Lamb, EBR registrar of voters



Organizing committee members included Sharyn Miller Sides, Carol Jones Edwards, Carolyn Ponder Ellerbe, Lydia Raborn Cook, JoAnn Spiller Jensen, Darlene Frank Shilling, Ginger Carlisle Ognibene, and Frankie Lamb. At right, John R. and Annette Contine LaNasa, and Randy Corbett.



Istrouma High Class of 1964
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Photos by Woody Jenkins



Lonnie Bonacorso, Philip Bonacorso, Mickey Langlois, and Jim Losee



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The Istrouma High Class of 1964 takes a seat!



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2014 CENTRAL HIGH FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF — (Left to right) David Simoneaux, offensive coordinator; Brandon LaGroue, special teams and defensive backs; Aaron Cl Morris, wide receivers; Steve Johnson, freshman head coach; Brandon O’Neal, middle school defensive coordinator; Ken Hilton, defensive coordinator; Clay Polk, assistant coach; Frank Fre assistant wide receivers and academic coach; David Dykes, offensive line; Stuart Sink, defensive ends; Josh Johns, running backs; and Bryan Hutson, athletic trainer. Not shown is Matt E

Inexperienced Wildcats Must Rise to Occasion

CENTRAL - The 2014 football season will test the strength of the Central High program, since the team lacks experience. As defending district champions, Central will face a daunting task as every team in District 4-5A will have beating Central as its No. 1 goal.

Offensive coordinator David Simoneaux said the team’s annual summer camp, which was held July

29-Aug. 1 at the Woodmen of the World camp in Abbeville, was an outstanding team-building experience.

The team will start working out in pads on Monday, Aug. 11, and coach Simoneaux said he wants to see them work out before assessing their strengths and weaknesses.

“We know we have a lot of work to do, but I am optimistic,” he said.

The first test will come Aug. 22 when Central scrimmages East Ascension.

The Jamboree will be held on Aug. 29 at Bronco Stadium in Zachary this year, and Central is scheduled to play the Baker Buffaloes. Central coach Frank Fresina said a few details are yet to be worked out including game time and parking arrangements. Monitor *Central*

City News on Facebook for details. Central’s first regular season foe will be Kipp Renaissance, a New Orleans charter school, Sept. 6.

Distant Relatives: Luc Alexander, Alexander Luc?

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ule and asked, “Is that his name?” Jolice replied, “Yes it is. Luc Alexander Provost! He’s named after his grandfather.”

To that, the young lady replied, “Well, this is my brother. His name is Alexander Luc Preneaux. He’s named after someone in the family too but I don’t know who.”

Jolice and the high school student laughed at the similarity in the names and soon learned that both Luc Alexander and Alexander Luc are in the sixth grade and will be the band together!

Now they are trying to find out if young Mister Provost and young Mister Preneaux perhaps share a common ancestor.



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pose during Photo Day at Wildcat Stadium — Photos by Woody Jenkins



ark, tight ends; Justin Hutchinson, middle school head coach; Zack Esina, defensive tackles; Sid Edwards, head coach; Brian Hargroder, linebackers coach.



COACHES TALK IT OVER — Central High School head football coach and athletic trainer Sid Edwards (third from left) talks it over with (left to right) coach Ken Hilton, defensive coordinator; Stuart Sink, defensive ends, and Brandon O'Neal, middle school defensive coordinator. The Wildcats are seeking their 7th straight district championship.

Central Police Force Beefing Up Service

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ties, Chief Salsbury said. The chief will propose the hiring of Steve Wallace as full-time assistant police chief at the Aug. 12 meeting of the Central City Council. Wallace is retiring after 30 years with the Sheriff's office to accept the position. The hiring is subject to Council approval. Salsbury said there will be an office for the chief, assistant chief, and internal affairs, as well as a secure evidence room and two bathrooms. He is working to put LA Crash in place, which is a statewide computer system that will allow the Central police force to handle traffic accidents, taking a load off the Sheriff's office and State Police. The Central Police Department has 10 volunteer police officers and seven police vehicles. Salsbury has said his goal is to create a police department similar to volunteer fire departments across the country. However, his volunteers are primarily retired law enforcement officers. Chief Salsbury said he is very grateful to his volunteer officers and to the others who have given of themselves to make the new police station a reality. He said it should

be functional by Monday, August 11 and will be operating full-time starting Sept. 1 when he hopes the new assistant chief will be on board. The chief said he hopes to have an Open House when the new station is completely set up, so that the public will be able to see how the facilities will function.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Jessica Morris and Travis Aslin to wed October 11, 2014

WEDDINGS

Melinda Kelly-Powers and Joseph Kyzar wed July 12

Jessica Morris, Travis Aslin To Marry in St. Francisville



Jessica Morris and Travis Aslin

ST. FRANCISVILLE — Jessica Ann Morris of Pride and Travis John Aslin of Zachary will marry in a 4 p.m. ceremony on Saturday, October 11 at The Chapel at the Bluffs Golf Resort in St. Francisville.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Russell and Kathy Morris of Pride. She is the granddaughter of Alvin and Betty Morris of Denham Springs, and the late William and Alice Powers. She is a graduate of Northeast High School in Pride,

Southeastern Louisiana University, and Louisiana State University. She is a counselor at LSU.

Her fiancé is the son of Joe and Connie Aslin of Zachary. He is the grandson of Rayburn and Mildred Aslin of Ethel and the late Roy and Gladys Hadden.

He is a graduate of Zachary High School, Louisiana Technical College-Baton Rouge Campus, and Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC). He is a millwright planner with Turner Industries.

Sarah Milton, Brent Herring To Marry on September 19



Sarah Milton and Brent Herring

BATON ROUGE — Sarah Elizabeth Milton, of Central and Brent Douglas Herring, of Zachary will exchange vows on Friday, September 19 at 7 in the evening at St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Milton, of Central. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Milton, of Baker and the late Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cassano. The bride-elect is a graduate of Redemptorist High School and Louisiana State University.

Her fiancé is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Herring, of Zachary. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brethorst of Jackson, MS and the late Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Herring, of Jackson, MS. He is a graduate of Zachary High School and Louisiana State University.

Melinda Kelly-Powers Wed Joseph Kyzar in St. Lucia



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kyzar

WALKER — Melinda Raye Kelly-Powers and Joseph Alton Kyzar both of Central, were married in a 2 p.m. ceremony July 12 at St. James Club Morgan Bay in Saint Lucia.

The bride is the daughter of Patricia Bonaventure Coppola and Keith P. Kelly with Janet Huff Kelly. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred “Brother” Bonaventure.

The groom is the son of Beverly Kyzar and the late Larce Kyzar. He is the grandson of Mrs. Mary Roy and the late Mr. Joseph Roy. The late Mrs. Maggie Kyzar and the late Mr. Larce “Mack” Kyzar. A small reception will be given by close friends, Rosemari and Jason Estave, and the couple will reside in Walker.

Ashley Peairs, Devin Owens Wedding Set for February

CENTRAL — Mr. Larry Lynn Peairs and Dr. Patricia T. Peairs of Pride are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Danielle, to William Devin Owens of Homer, LA.

Ashley is the granddaughter of Mr. Larry Joe and Mrs. Geraldine Stubbs Peairs and the late Mrs. Mercedes Mier Treloar, all of Zachary. She graduated with honors from Central Private School. She played basketball for Louisiana College and completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree there. In May 2015, Ashley will complete her medical degree at LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, LA.

Devin is the son of Dr. and Mrs. William “Bill” Owens, of Homer. He is the grandson of Mrs. Mary Lasyone Simmons and the late Mr. Kenneth Henderson Simmons, of Deville, LA, and the late Mr. William Claude Owens and Mrs. Edna McClung Owens of Homer. He graduated as class salutatorian from Homer High School.

He attended Northwestern University graduating *Magna Cum Laude* with a B.S. in Biology. He received a Master’s of Biomedical Science degree from LSU Health



Ashley Peairs and Devin Owens

Sciences Center in Shreveport. Devin is also pursuing his medical degree at LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport.

The couple was honored at an engagement party at Bennett House in Zachary hosted by the Peairs family. Ashley and Devin are planning a February wedding.

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BIRTHS

Huey Russell Cobb

Michael and Ashley (Wallace) Cobb are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Huey Russell Cobb. He was born on June 12, 2014 at Womans Hospital. He weighed 9 pounds 3 ounces and was 22 inches long. Grandparents are Rusty and Debbie Bennett of Zachary and Donnie and Brenda Wallace of Central. Great grandparents are Lorraine Simoneaux of Baker and Percy Bonaventure of New Roads. Baby Huey was welcomed home by big sister, Cheyenne Lorraine Cobb, age 2.



Ally Shea Johnson

Eric and Courtney Johnson of Central are excited to announce the birth of their daughter Ally Shea. She was born on June 19, 2014 at 12:27 p.m and was 19.5 inches long. She was welcomed home by big brothers Drew Skyler and Gabe Riley. Proud grandparents are Andy and Ginny Bryan of Central, Chris and Beverly Broussard, also of Central, and Rodney and Suzanne Johnson of Innis, La. Special thanks to Dr. Elizabeth Buchert and the staff at Woman's Hospital and Paul Hollis Photography.



DEATHS

Susan Soileau Jacobs

Susan Jacobs died Wednesday, June 25, 2014, after a courageous battle with ALS. Susan remained a deeply spiritual woman throughout this journey and her faith served her well. Her testimony was also a Christian witness to everyone around her. Susan was an Earthly picture of the woman described in I Peter 3:4 - "a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God." Susan was born August 17, 1950, in Baton Rouge. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Rusty Jacobs, her three sons and their families; Wes and Carlie Jacobs and their children Reagan, Sydney and Wes Jr.; Jason and Amy Jacobs and their children Levi, Aubin Rose and Josiah; and Gabe and

Kristen Jacobs and their son, Samuel and her mother, Maisie Raymond. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Amy Lynn Jacobs, and her father, Leonard Soileau. Visitation was held at Comite Baptist Church on Thursday, June 26, from 5 to 8 p.m. and continued on Friday, June 27, 2014, at Comite Baptist Church from 10 a.m. until service time at 11 a.m. conducted by Rev. John Green and Rev. Bill Parsons. Susan's nephews, Todd, Kevin and Darren Browning; and Chuck, Craig and Chris Pourciau served as her pallbearers. The family is grateful for the support and services of St. Joseph Hospice and Louisiana/Mississippi Chapter of the ALS Association.

Jewel Clifton Robertson

Jewel Clifton Robertson, 86, of Central passed away on Monday, July 14, 2014 at the Lane Regional Center. He served and defended his country in the United States Air Force. He was an avid fisherman, gardener, and LSU fan. Jewel enjoyed time with his family and friends and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. A memorial visitation was held at Seale Funeral Home in Central on July 20, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Jewel is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Millicent "Kitty" Robertson; sons and daughters-in-law, Stanley "Gene" and Rhonda Robertson, Kevin and Liz Robertson and Mark Robertson; eight grandchild; 10

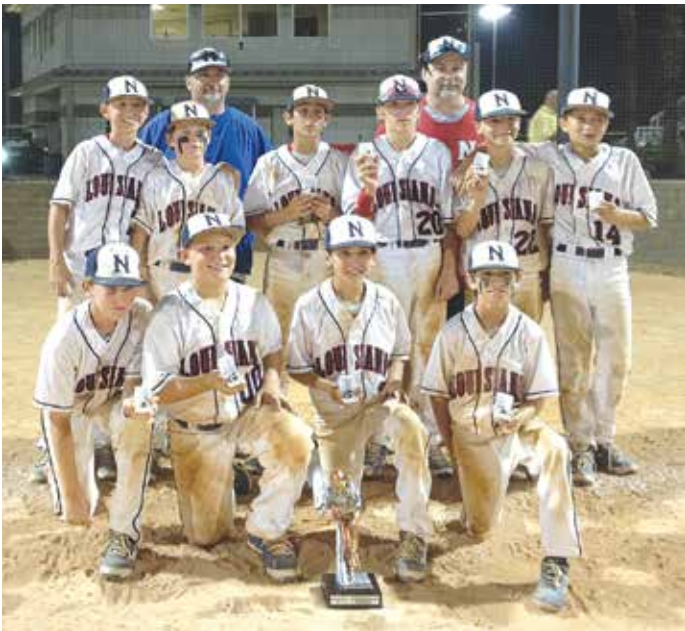
great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Don Robertson; parents, John and Martha Shelton Robertson; and siblings, Romey, Tomey, Houston and Ralph Robertson, Margie Daigre, and Libby Higginbottom. A very special thank you to his dear friends and neighbors Greg and Nita Cambre for their love and care for Jewel and his family during this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in memory of Jewel C. Robertson to one or both of the following; Zoar Baptist Church of Central or St. Vincent de Paul of Baton Rouge. Please sign the online guestbook at www.sealefuneral.com.



CAYL SUBZERO T-BALL TEAM — Won 1st place in the CAYL Post Season Tournament that was held June 7-8. The team went undefeated all weekend. Pictured top row (l to r) : coaches Glenn Harris, Michael Jeansonne, Kelly Walls and Wyatt Graves. Middle row, Jesse Lord, Evan Dauzat, Colton Gates, Brody Richard, Parker Nettles and Caden Gates. Bottom row, Nico Love, Camden Potts, Owen Jeansonne, Baylor Graves, Lane Blanchard, Peyton Walls and Graham Harris. (Not shown: Lane Billings)



CENTRAL JACK HAMMERS — U-14 team won the USSSA Global World Series in Gulf Shores, AL. The Hammers won four straight games to come through the losers bracket to win the championship. The team was coached by Travis Rose and Mike Kimbrell. Players included Will Brooks, Troy Creppel, Cade Kimbrell, Chapman Lowrance, Brennen Major, Justin Rivere, Dustin Roberts, Paker Simoneaux, Russell St. Romain, Mason Tillman, Dylan Wootan, Todd Lesseign, and Elijah Ramos.



WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS Louisiana Naturals 11 Major won the World Series in Orange Beach, AL on June 28. Head Coach Ronnie Rosevear and Coach Trevor Dupont led the team of 11-year-olds. Following the win, the players formed a pile-up, celebrating their achievement. Players are (first row) James A. Flotte, III (Trip), Nicky Maus, Bryce Stansbury, and Kade Dupont, and (second row) Kamson Saltzman, Dylan Williams, Rhett Rosevear, Braden Varnado, Tristan Frederick, Hayden Staley. Not shown: Miles Biggs.



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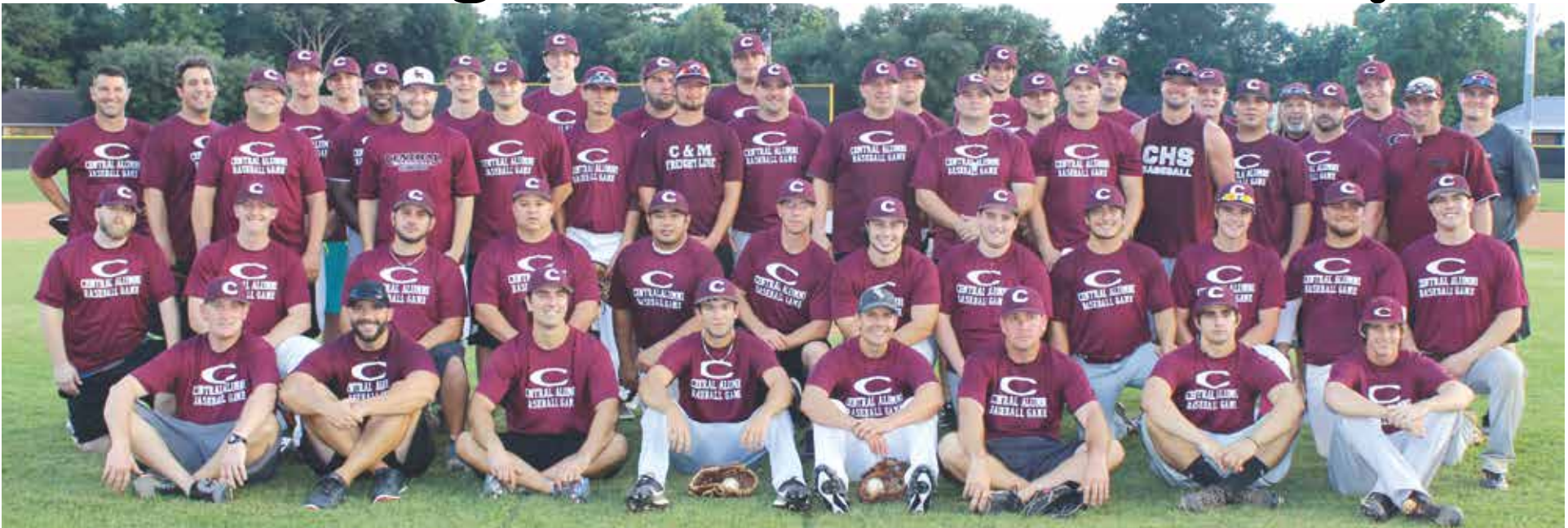
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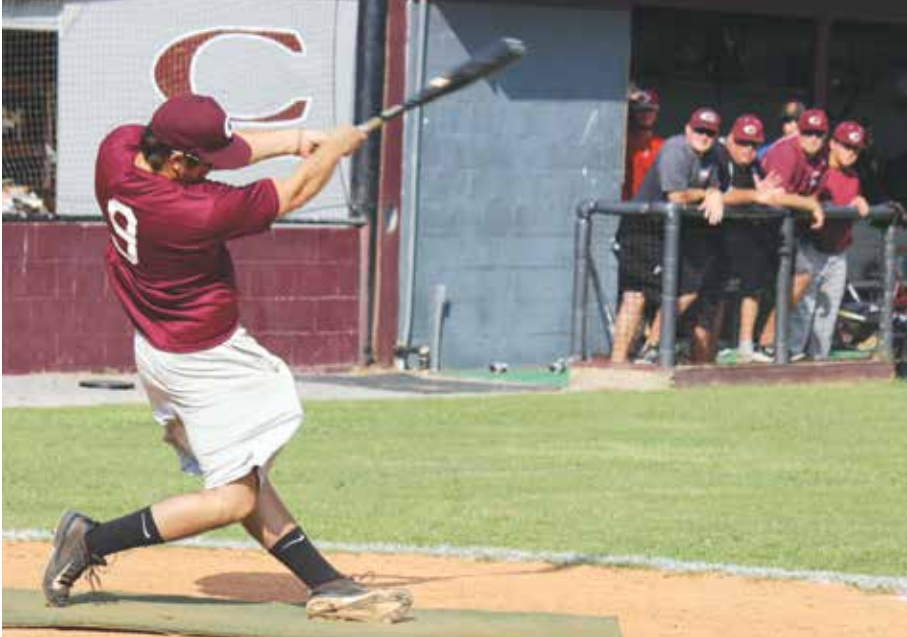
Central High Alumni Beat Varsity 4-0



Central High School alumni players returned to play the varsity last Saturday and won 4-0.



Central High varsity players



Landon Thibodeaux won the Home Run Derby with six homers



Landon Thibodeaux (CHS 2010)



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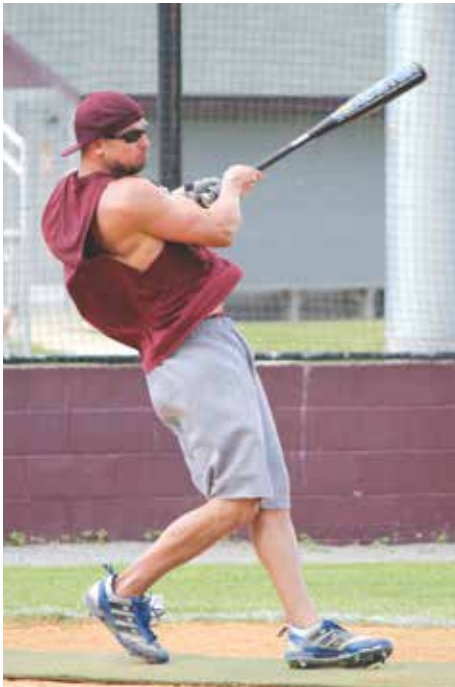
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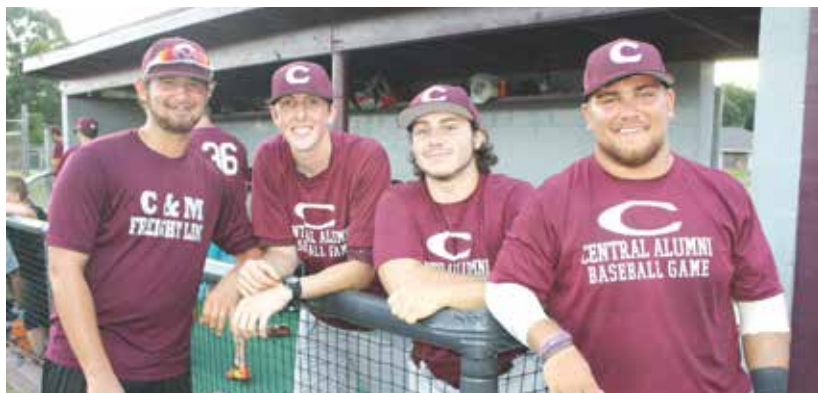
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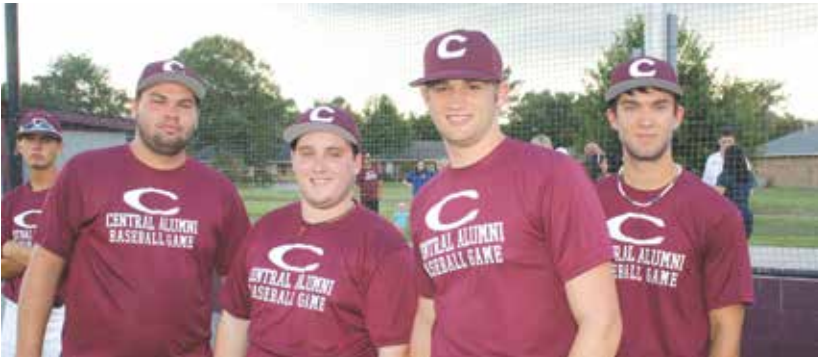
Home Run Derby: Thibodeaux Hits Six



Todd Bossier and family



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Future Wildcat



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Imagining Old Central Middle School Site

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Old Central Middle School as it appeared in May 2014



Old Central Middle School as it could look after current demolition is complete.

CENTRAL — Long before there was a Central community, there was the Central School at the intersection of Sullivan and Canal (now Hooper) roads. Central High was named “Central” because it was centrally located among the various one-room schoolhouses spread across the area. Gradually, the surrounding community came to be called “Central” — after the school. First came the school, then the community! Central High School held its first graduating class on the site in 1913. A new high school was built there and then another. Finally, that school became Central Middle School. But with age, it wore out and in 2012 it was replaced by the new Central School Complex at another location. Now the old Central Middle School is being torn down, and the Central Community School Board is in the process of deciding what to do with the site. Meanwhile, the City of Central has been discussing whether to develop a City Center for the City of Central and where it would be located. Central’s new mayor, Jr. Shelton, said he wants to wait until Central Middle School has been demolished in order to allow the public to see more clearly how



Old Central Middle School as it would appear if Wildcat Stadium were relocated to another site.

much land is there and be able to visualize potential uses. One obstacle to development of a City Center on the site is Wildcat Stadium. If it were moved to another location, almost 27 acres would be available for use. The Central City News commis-

sioned Charles Breard to take photos of the site. They are reprinted above and photoshopped to show what the site might look like.

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New School Complex Among School Board's Achievements



\$55 million Central School Complex

CENTRAL — During the current 2010-2014 term, the Central Community School Board completed construction of the new \$55 million school complete on Sullivan Road. The school complex, which opened in 2012, includes Central Middle School with a capacity of 1,200 students from the 6th through the 8th grades and Central Intermediate School, with capacity for another 1,200 students from the 3rd through the 5th grades. Ordinary classrooms have 750 square feet of space, and other classrooms have 1,000 or more. The classrooms are state of the art and include presentation table with

computer for teachers, pull down screens, and wi-fi. The cafeteria can seat 1,200 to 1,300 for lunch and 700 for banquets. There are two gyms — a practice gym and a competition gym. The competition gym, which is better than many small colleges, includes additional goals and volleyball. Each school has its own library. Teachers have many amenities including convenient restrooms, work rooms, shared prep rooms for science labs, and much more. There are practice fields for football, baseball, and softball. The central courtyard has a clock tower and learning displays.

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School Board Accomplishments 2010-2014

Central School Board Has Seven Members Who Govern System

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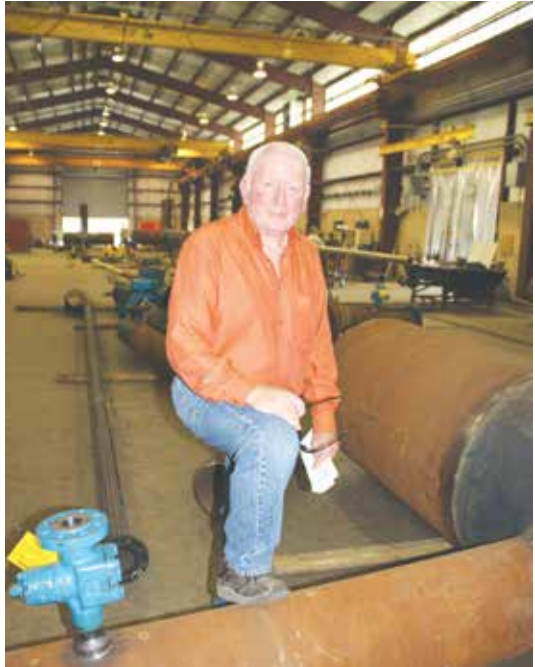
provements completed under the current school board. Members of the Central Community School Board are nearing completion of their four-year term and taking stock of the board's ac-



Board president Dr. Jim Gardner, former coach and teacher, first Central High graduate to play for the LSU Tiger football team



Board member Roxanne Atkinson, owner of Aerobics by Roxanne



Board vice president Will Easley, founder and retired chairman, Trade Construction Company

complishments. One of the most significant was the \$55 million Central School Complex on Sullivan Road. Even more important is the fact that the Central school district now has an A rating from the Louisiana Department of Education.

Last year, Central High students ranked No. 2 in the state in ACT scores.

The board proposed and voters approved construction of a Ninth Grade Academy on the grounds of Central High School.

The board also acquired the old Greenwell Springs Hospital, which could be used as the site for a new high school at some point in the future.

The board authorized demolition of the old Central Middle School at Hooper and Sullivan roads and it is now underway. Central schools have been extensively renovated to comply with Life Safety requirements.

Here is a more detailed look at the school board's activities since 2010:

- A General Fund balance of \$10 million to \$11 million has been maintained.
- Spring 2011 saw new bleachers for baseball and softball fields at Central High.
- Summer 2012 saw comprehensive drainage improvements at Wildcat Stadium.
- August 2012, a new Middle School facility and new Intermediate Elementary School facility completed for students and staff with a capacity of 2,400 students.
- In January 2013, all Central Office operations were relocated to the former Starkey Academy site on Joor Road.
- Spring 2013 construction of new staging area for parent drop-off at Central Intermediate School.
- November 2013 voters approved an additional \$13.1 million in bonds for capital improvement projects, without increasing taxes, by of a margin of 59 percent in favor to 41 percent opposed.
- Spring 2014 all elementary schools had new playground equipment installed. The equipment was paid for by school fundraisers, Cooking in Central proceeds, and school board general fund monies.
- In the Spring of 2014, lighting at the baseball and softball fields was contracted out for Central High School. That project was completed in early June.
- Through legislative action, the school system was able to acquire the 160 acres on which the Greenwell Springs Hospital was situated.
- Student enrollment has increased from 4,100 students to an estimated 4,500+ students for the 2014-2015 School Year.
- Transportation upgrades have included air conditioning all elementary buses and video camera on all buses.
- All schools have attained either an "A" or "B" letter grade since 2012.
- The district has continued to receive an "A" rating despite changes in the state's scoring system that lowered scores overall for districts.
- Asbestos abatement began late spring 2014 at the former Central Middle site.
- Construction began in June 2014 on the Ninth Grade Academy Building at Central High School



Dr. David Walker
School Board

Central Community School System

School District Rating: A

Founded: July 1, 2007

Schools (5): Central High, Central Middle, Central Intermediate, Tanglewood Elementary, and Bellingrath Hills Elementary schools

Enrollment: 4,500 students + 100 pre-K

Faculty: 410 teachers and administrators

Annual Budget: \$38 million

Surplus on Hand: \$11.1 million

School Board: Dr. Jim Gardner, president; Will Easley, vice president; Roxanne Atkinson; former president Sharon Browning; Ruby Foil; Jim Lloyd, and Dr. David Walker

Superintendent: Mike Faulk

- Front Driveway improvements at Central High School began in late May 2014.
- The school system will incorporate a One-to-One Laptop Program into the schools for students in Grades 6-12. This will provide access to technology resources for all students in these grades to prepare them for an ever-changing workforce.



Board member Jim Lloyd, owner of Cornerstone Commercial Flooring and chairman of the board's Facilities and Planning Committee



Board member Ruby Foil, retired principal and school teacher, with her grandson, Jack



Board member and former board president Sharon Browning, a former English teacher at Central High, teaching her Sunday School class

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Grades 1-12

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