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CENTRAL - As recently as the 1940's, home births were quite common in Central. Today, they are a rarity. When they do occur, it is usually as a result of a couple's conscious decision, and they often have a mid-wife present to help. But last Saturday, Polly Prestridge Cottano found herself thrust into the position of having to deliver her daughter's baby when the baby came earlier than expected. Her daughter Kelee Fussell had been to the hospital earlier in the day but was sent home to wait for her contractions to come faster. They came faster than expected. To find out what happened, go to Page 6.

HAPPY NANA — Polly Cottano (right) grandmother of 14, unexpectedly delivered a new grandchild herself, when when her daughter started having contractions faster than expected.



PASTOR TONY SPELL and wife Shaye prepare for candy drop from helicopter during Super Sunday at Life Tabernacle Church, corner Hooper and Blackwater roads.

Life Tabernacle Draws 1,246 People To Hooper Road for Sunday Service

CENTRAL — More than 1,200 people gathered at Life Tabernacle Church on Hooper Road during Super Sunday services. The church has grown by leaps and bounds since it began its bus ministry

to young people in the inner city of Baton Rouge. A three-month Bible course provides youngsters the fundamentals of Christ's message and hope for the future.

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3,500 Pack Central Graduation Ceremony



VALEDICTORIAN COLE RANKIN and salutatorian Rachel Siedel at Central High graduation May 15.

BAKER - The 103rd graduating class of Central High School walked across the stage at Bethany Church May 15 and received their diplomas.

More than 3,500 family and friends were in attendance. The program included:

- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Colby Novo, Senior Class vice president

- Welcome by Senior Class president James Schopp

- Salutatorian Rachel Seidel

- Principal David Prescott

- Commencement Address by Central schools Supt. Mike Faulk.

- Presentation of class gift by Tobi Baudry, class treasurer

- Valedictorian Cole Rankin

- Presentation of diplomas by David Prescott and assistant principals Nathan Corley, Gwen Theriot, and Beth Miller

- Alma Mater by the Central High Concert Choir.

- Benediction by Senior Class secretary Anna Walker

The class motto was

“Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.” — 1 Timothy 4:12

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Meet the Pursifull Family

Pastor, Wife Cared For 42 Foster Kids Plus 8 of Their Own

The Son of Missionaries, James Pursifull and Wife Jessica Live by Faith

Woody Jenkins
Editor

CENTRAL - James Pursifull was born to a missionary family in Mexico. He was raised on faith and commitment. Today, he and his wife Jessica have plenty of both, as they raise their eight children, and as many as three foster children at any one time. Their older children have been role models at Central High. In a few weeks, they leave on another mission trip to Nicaragua. Like their mom and dad, the kids are learning to be missionaries too.

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JAMES PURSIFULL and son Noah, 3

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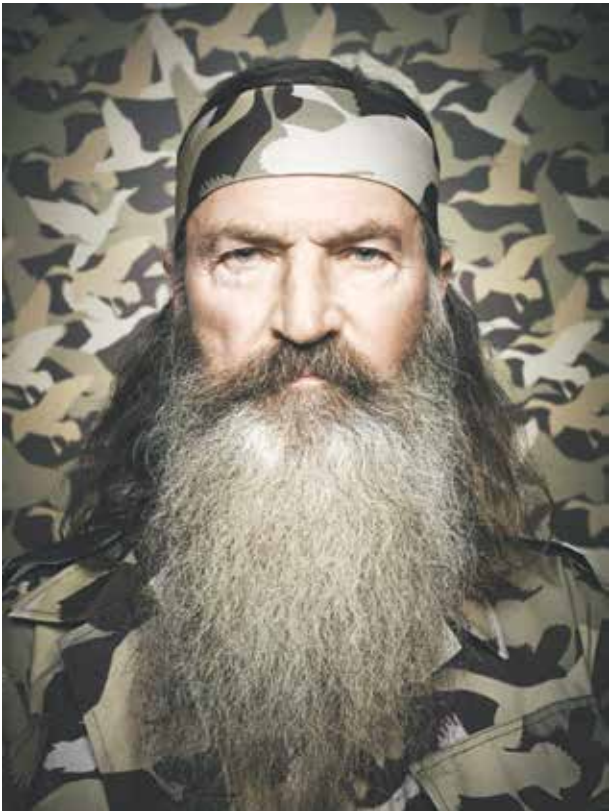
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DUCK DYNASTY'S Phil Robertson is coming to Bethany Church in Baton Rouge for Father's Day. He will speak at 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday and 11 a.m. Sunday. The broadcast can be seen at all three campuses of Bethany Church — Baker, South Baton Rouge, and Walker High in Livingston. The first and second broadcasts will emanate from the SBR campus, and the third from Baker.

Country Living in the City

10th Anniversary of City of Central July 11

Central City News Also Celebrating 10th Anniversary

Woody Jenkins
Editor

BATON ROUGE - The City of Central will celebrate its 10th anniversary on Saturday, July 11. Central Mayor Jr. Shelton has planned a great day of family activities. Things will kick off at 11 a.m. at BREC's Lovett Road Park, where there will be food, entertainment, inflatables, face painting, and fire trucks. At 6 p.m., everyone will move to Wildcat Stadium at the corner of Hooper and Sullivan roads for entertainment from the Burnhouse Band and a fireworks show at 8 p.m. On Sunday, July 12, Central churches will commem-



Central City News business manager Candi Lee and editor Woody Jenkins

orate the 10th anniversary, and many will show a video from Mayor Shelton asking for prayers for the city. The City of Central is a great success story — the state's only completely privatized city and a model of fiscal responsibility and good planning. Everyone in Central and Central's friends throughout the Capital area are invited. **Central City News' 10th Anniversary.** Founded in April 2005, the *Central City*

News is just a bit older than the City of Central itself, and CCN is also celebrating our 10th anniversary. The July 2015 issue of the *Central City News* will be a Special 10th Anniversary Edition, and we are already working hard to make it a wonderful keepsake. It will recount many of the important events of the past 10 years. To advertise, call Jolice Provost at 405-8894 or Kim Powers at 921-8784. **Candi Lee: A Job Well Done.** It is with sadness that I announce the departure of Candi Lee, our business manager, who has served us so well and faithfully at Community Press for the past 10 years. She has been my sidekick, friend, advisor, and undicted co-conspirator from the founding of the newspaper through all the joys, triumphs, and ups and downs of running an aggressive,

award-winning community newspaper. Candi's husband Byron is a successful contractor, and he has been trying for years to steal her away to help run his operation. He finally succeeded. She is a wonderful person, and she will be greatly missed. Our thanks to Candi Lee for a job well done! **Moon Griffon to Join the Mighty WSGX 95.1 FM.** Legendary Louisiana talk show host Moon Griffon will join the lineup of the new radio station being launched by the Chamber of Commerce of East Baton Rouge. Moon broadcasts from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday-Friday from studios in Lafayette. He will air live on WSGX. It will be a breakthrough for Griffon who is on in every market in the state except Baton Rouge. The station will sign-on July 10. Moon will address the Chamber EBR on Tuesday,



Talk show host Moon Griffon coming to WSGX FM 95.1
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Buddy Caldwell at Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon

AG Emphasizes Conservative Record

Caldwell Fought Against Abortion, Gay Marriage, And Obamacare

BATON ROUGE - Attorney General Buddy Caldwell, who is expecting a spirited challenge this fall from fellow Republican Jeff Landry, made no apologies in defending his conservative credentials at the Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon May 12 at Café Américain in Baton Rouge.

Caldwell outlined his work in defense of traditional marriage, the right to life, and the 2nd Amendment and his opposition to Obamacare.

Even prior to switching from Democrat to Republican in 2011, when he was unopposed for reelection, Caldwell reminded his audience that he was the only Democratic attorney general to file suit to block the implementation of Obamacare. He and a host of other attorneys general pursued that case all the way to the Supreme Court. But it was Obama's moratorium on drilling for oil and gas in the Gulf of Mexico, a position he considered unconstitutional and contrary to Louisiana's interests, that tipped the scales and made him realize he had no place in the Democratic Party, Caldwell said.

The attorney general said he has worked closely with pro-life organizations to defend the state's pro-life



ATTORNEY GENERAL Buddy Caldwell with Women GOP leaders Peggy Vidrine and Jeannene Kogler. Caldwell defended his conservative record at the Reagan luncheon.



Kurt Wall (left) of the Criminal Division, and **Richard McGimsey** of the civil division.

laws in federal court. But he said he is especially proud of the work of his special counsel Kyle Duncan, a renowned conservative attorney,

who has defended Louisiana's law that limits marriage to one man and one woman. "There were 134 decisions handed down before Louisiana's and they were all negative, but Louisiana won on our case and kept the issue alive," he said. A major decision is expected this month from the Supreme Court on whether to strike down laws like those in Louisiana, which prohibit gay marriage.

Caldwell was joined by several of the top officials in his office, including Assistant Attorney General Kurt Wall, the director of the Criminal Division, and Richard McGimsey, director of the Civil Division.

Wall described his unit as similar to a local district attorney's office with 30 prosecutors and 65 investigators. He said his unit is assigned politically sensitive cases where the local district attorney has recused himself. He cited his office's work fighting cyber crime, especially the arrest and prosecution of child predators. His office had the largest pornography bust in world history. He also explained his formation of a Fugitive Unit in the Attorney General's office, which has resulted in the arrest of 1174 individuals who were wanted for serious offenses.

McGimsey spoke on the importance of Attorney General's opinions. Caldwell has issued more than 1,500 opinions, and only one has been reversed, he said. McGimsey said he and Caldwell sit down and review every opinion before it is issued.

Caldwell said he supports the principles of President Ronald Reagan and will continue to do so as Attorney General.

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Meet the Pursifulls: Touching Lives,



Jessica, Nathaniel, Violette, Brookney, and Victoria Purcifull relax before dinner.



Sarah, Stephen, Noah, and James Purcifull discuss upcoming mission trip to Nicaragua.

BATON ROUGE - Stephen Pursifull is one of the most popular and talented members of the Central High School Class of 2015. In fact, he was named “Most Talented” in the senior class and “Most Courteous,” just as his older sister Brookney

was in the Class of 2012. Stephen played the trombone in the Jazz Band, which was much acclaimed. He also won the Piano Award this year. One of Stephen’s younger sisters, Sarah, a junior at Central High, won

the DEMCO essay contest and was named “An Advanced Placement” Superstar. But who are these Pursifulls who keep winning awards and getting recognition year after year? Well, there are a lot of them, and

their numbers keep growing! James and Jessica Pursifull, who live in Central, have four biological children of their own and four adopted children. According to James, they may just add more!

They have a passion for children whose moms and dads may not be able to take care of them. So far, they have been foster parents to 42 children. “Fortunately, most of the children ultimately go back to their parents or grandparents. But our attitude about every child is that if they need a permanent home, we are willing to take them.”

The Pursifull’s four oldest children are biologically theirs. The four younger children were all adopted — children who were first the Pursifull’s foster children, and for whom there was no solution in their own families.

James Pursifull said 80 to 85 percent of the foster children he and Jessica have hosted come from parents who are incapacitated by drug abuse. Sometimes their parents are in jail for long sentences, and there simply is no family member to take care of them.

James Pursifull’s story begins in Guadalajara, Mexico, where he was born to American parents who were serving as missionaries. His father was from Alabama, and his mother from Tennessee. He attended bilingual schools and for six years was home-schooled. He became fluent in both English and Spanish.

When he was 16, James came to Baton Rouge to finish high school at Family Christian Academy. Then he enrolled at the Ministry Training Institute on the campus of Bethany





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VIOLETTE serves herself while Brookney, Sarah, and Noah watch

Church in Baker. In his first year of college he met Jessica, a Cajun girl from Crowley. He asked her to marry him on Valentine's Day 1991. They were married in November that same year. He was 20, and she was 18. A year later, their first child, Brandon, was born.

After graduating from college, the Pursifulls headed back to Mexico to begin their own careers as pastors and missionaries. In the State of Michoacan, they planted a church, the Center of Faith, and built it for three and a half years.

By 1999, they moved to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, to plant a new



FAMILY DINNER — (Left to right) Jessica, Sarah, Brookney, Nathaniel, James, Noah, Stephen, Violettte, and Victoria Pursifull. Brandon was away at college.

church for Bethany. It was the first church in Honduras for SURGE, Bethany's church planting initiative. By 2005, the Pursifulls were back in Louisiana, and began working with pastor Larry Stockstill's church planting initiative for Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean.

In Baton Rouge, the Pursifulls got serious about building a business income, in order to help support their commitment to missions. James worked with an RV dealership that grew rapidly after Hurricane Katrina. He and Jessica managed several companies — golf courses, real estate brokerage, importing granite, running a campground, and investing in real estate. At one point, they managed 14 companies. Now they have three businesses of their own.

In 2008, the Pursifulls were ready to go back to their ministry, and they started the Spanish campus at Bethany as volunteers. In 2014, James accepted a full-time position

with Bethany as head of the Influence Department, which represents all of Bethany's contact with the world outside the church. This includes the Publications Division, music labels, marketing of Bethany, and many other responsibilities.

James is one of six department heads at the church, which has campuses in Baker, South Baton Rouge, and Livingston Parish. In September, Bethany will launch a new church, which will operate on weekends on the campus of Baton Rouge Community College.

When the Pursifulls returned from



LOVE AFFAIR that's been going on 24 years — James and Jessica Pursifull.

Honduras, they had four biological children. Then in 2006 they began fostering. Over the years, they have taken in a total of 42 children. The maximum number of kids they have had at one time is 11, including their biological and adopted children.

"Most foster children have stayed with us two to three months," James said. "We love to foster, and we've gotten a lot of our friends to become foster parents. People don't realize how easy it is. One of our rules is we never accept a child who is older than our youngest child." Today their youngest is three. So they are only accepting toddlers or infants.

Here's what the Pursifulls' eight kids say about each other:

• Brandon, 22, a student at SLU who is an outstanding sculptor. He makes pottery, and ceramics. He is the scholar in the family and had a 31 on the ACT. He's very detail oriented. He built his own com-

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Happy Nana Was Emergency Mid-Wife

Home Births Were Common in Central Even 70 Years Ago But a Rarity Today

Kim Powers
City News

CENTRAL - Polly Prestridge Cottano is a very happy 'Nana'. On Sunday, the Central native called 911 and then delivered her 14th grandchild moments before EMS and firefighters arrived at her daughter's house with lights and sirens blazing. A proud Nana smiled as she recalled the exciting occasion and said she has been on "Cloud Nine" since the birth.

The whirlwind of events began the evening of Saturday, May 30. Central resident Kelee Fussell was at home when she began having contractions that were intense but sporadic. At nine months pregnant with her fourth child, she knew she needed to call her OB/GYN for advice. She was instructed to go to the hospital to see if she was in active labor.

Sister Aimee Graves was called for a ride to the hospital. After several hours at the hospital, it was de-



GRANDMOTHER OF 14 — Polly Prestridge Cottano delivered her new grandbaby at home Sunday. Mama Kelee Fussell and baby Ace Michael Fussell are now home from the hospital and doing well.

"I put him in my arms and prayed to God to please just let him breathe and cry. He began to cry, and his lungs were clear!"

— Polly Cottano on her new grandson

termined that Fussell was dilated 3 cm., but her contractions were not regular enough for her to be admitted. With instructions to come back when contractions were regularly three to four minutes apart, they were sent home.

Back at home, Fussell

found that it was impossible to get comfortable. As noon approached, she was crying and in pain. Naturally, she called her Mom. The two agreed that a hot bath shower might provide some relief. Instead of relief, the exact opposite happened! For almost an hour,

contractions were hard and increasingly regular. When the contractions quickly became two to five minutes apart, Mom was called again. Baby Ace was on his way!

Unfortunately, Mom was not in Central anymore, but was running last minute errands near the Interstate and Siegen Lane.

Recalling the events, Cottano laughed and said, "Needless to say, I put the pedal to the metal. I was just praying I wouldn't get caught speeding!"

Upon arriving back in Central, it was obvious that there was no time to get back into the car and drive to the hospital with her daughter. As they called 911 for assistance, the urge to push became intense.

Cottano took control of the situation and told her daughter, "We're having a baby right NOW!" Fussell recalled, "It was one push for the head, and then one push for the body. It was so easy! It didn't hurt. The contractions hurt more than the actual pushing."

At 12:22 p.m. on Sunday May 31, 8-pound 1-ounce Ace Michael Fussell was delivered by his Nana! The umbilical cord was partially wrapped around his arm and his neck, but not tightly. Cottano said, "I put him

in my arms and prayed to God to please just let him breathe and cry. He began to cry, and his lungs were clear!"

Central Firefighters and EMS paramedics arrived less than five minutes after the initial call. EMS paramedics Shane Landry and Aimee Mayeaux made sure mother and baby were stable, and then transported them to Woman's Hospital.

Cottano said they were very pleased with the help they received. "The EMS paramedics were so sweet. God was orchestrating all of this. They were in the vicinity. So that's why it didn't even take them five minutes to get there. We want to brag on our EMS paramedics and firefighters in Central. They were great!"

A healthy and napping baby Ace was discharged from the hospital on Tuesday afternoon. Ace has two big brothers, Avery and Able. He also has a sister named Adrienne, who witnessed the birth.

Nana Polly described the experience through happy tears. "I'm on Cloud Nine. I think we're going to have a very special bond because I got to deliver him. I got to hold him first, and watch him take his first breath. I think this is just going to be a very dear connection."

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Central High School Class of 2015 Graduation Ceremonies

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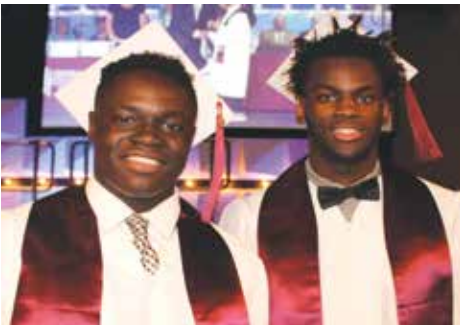
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BATON ROUGE - Newly-elected Sixth District Congressman Garret Graves reported on his first 100 days in office at the Chamber of Commerce of East Baton Rouge meeting last Tuesday at Café Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy.

Here are some of his remarks:

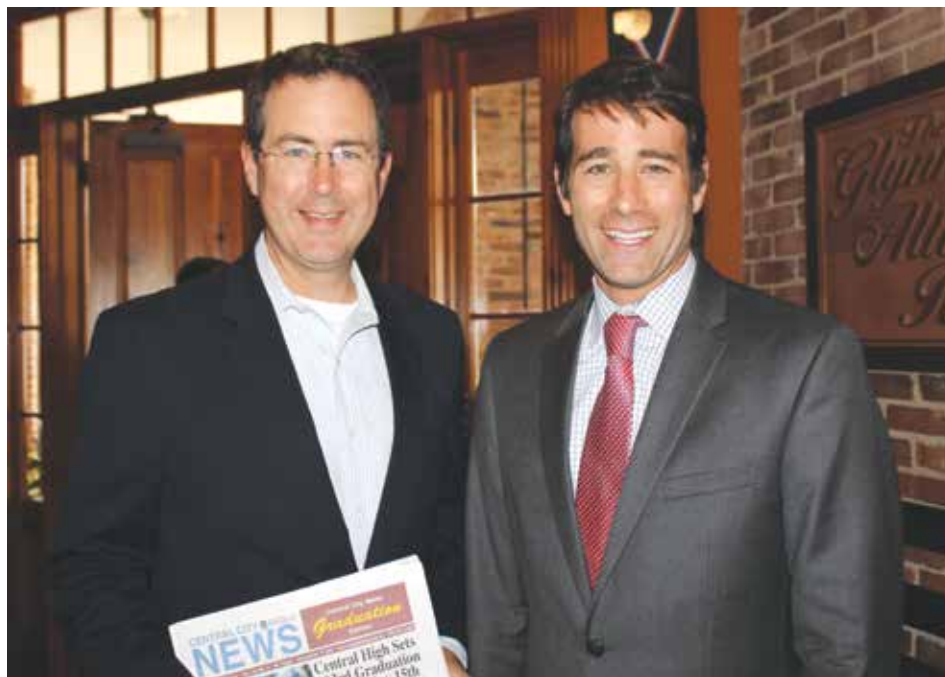
- Congress is making some limited progress on the budget. The Obama administration budget was \$500 billion out of balance and provided no hope to balance the budget over the next 10 years, even though he proposed \$2 trillion in additional taxes. Graves favored a budget, which would set spending at a level that would balance the budget within five years. Instead, the House passed a budget with spending levels that would balance the budget in the next nine years. This was not what was needed but was an improvement over the Obama proposal.

- Congress passed a Taxpayers Bill of Rights, making it easier to comply with the Tax Code.

- The House passed legislation to prohibit abortion after 20 weeks, or when the unborn child is believed to be capable of feeling pain. This was the 2nd pro-life bill passed so far this year.

- The Obama administration has been very aggressive in promulgating harsh, anti-business regulations this year, and more can be expected over the next 18 months. Congress has responded by passing legislation requiring the administration to consider not only direct costs of regulation on small business but also the indirect costs.

- The House tried to pull back



CONGRESSMAN GARRET GRAVES with his chief of staff, Paul Sawyer, at the Chamber of Commerce of East Baton Rouge meeting on Tuesday, May 26.



Congressman Garret Graves and Secretary of State Tom Schedler enjoy a light moment during Chamber EBR meeting. At right, Bill Simon and Jim Hogg compare notes.



Obama's amnesty plans but the Senate hasn't gone along. We must pull back on amnesty and reform the legal immigration system.

- We should allow the five states on the Gulf to regulate red snapper fishing. The administration is only

allowing 10 days of fishing for red snapper a year. The science on this is flawed. It is another example of their reliance on bad science.

- The House has passed the Junk Science Act which would require the administration to justify their

science. At present, they make statements about science but they refuse to publish the scientific basis for their decisions.

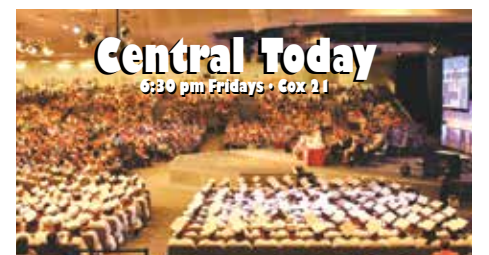
- The Obama administration is violating the Constitution by trying to take citizens' property without just compensation. One way is by trying to prohibit construction within the so-called 500-year flood plain. In other words, if they think it might flood on a piece of property at some time over the next 500 years, you can't build there. This is a taking of property without compensation.

- Free trade isn't really free trade. So-called free trade agreements around the world are working to our disadvantage. Importing energy is responsible for half our trade imbalance. This benefits Iran and ISIS. For trade to be free, it must be fair.

- We should amend the Constitution to require a balanced federal budget.

- The Obama administration is trying to vastly expand its power by claiming that any puddle of water is part of the "Waters of the United States."

- Obama warps the interpretation of laws. This is what a dictatorship looks like. We are having to include language in bills that not only explains what they mean but what they don't mean.



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What's Happening?

June 1-18 • 11-11:30 a.m.
Summer Food Service Program
Central High School

The Central Community School District is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge. Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at Central High School located at 10200 E. Brookside Baton Rouge, LA 70818, Monday-Thursday, June 1-18.

Donors Needed For Academic Letter Jackets At Central High

CENTRAL — Central High School continues to reward students for their academic achievement through its Academic Letter Jacket program each year. Letter jackets and patches are awarded to deserving juniors and seniors. In order to qualify, students have to demonstrate a commitment to academic excellence.

This year, 51 students will be awarded Academic Jackets and patches. They have earned this achievement by demonstrating their academic excellence by: maintaining a high GPA; challenging themselves in honors courses at Central High; and passing all of their coursework.

CHS is accepting contributions in order to help recognize these young scholars. Donations in any amount will be well appreciated! Please call Gigi Starns at 225-261-3438 or email Scott Credeur at scredeur@centralcss.org for donation information.

June 8 -12 • 9 a.m. - Noon
Berean Ministries
Vacation Bible School

Berean Ministries invites children ages 4 years old to 5th grade to attend their vacation bible school June 8th - 12. This year's theme of Everest, Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power promise to be great fun for all. Berean Ministries is located at 6565 Morgan Road, Greenwell Springs, LA 70739. For more information, please call 225-261-1994

June 8-12 • 6-8:15 p.m.
Friendship Baptist Church

Friendship Baptist Church invites children ages K-6th grade to vacation bible school June 8-12 at their church located at 10011 Comite Dr. There will be a Kickoff on Sat. June 6 at 10:30 a.m.-12 noon where you can register, play games and win prizes! For more information or to sign up, call Gretchen Haney - Children's Minister 225-247-2374

June 9 • 7 p.m.
First Baptist Church Central
Youth Choir Concert

Youth Choir in Concert on Tuesday, June 9. A youth choir from Boaz, AL, will be in ministry at First Baptist Church Central. They will be helping with church projects during the day and presenting a concert to the public that evening, beginning at 7 p.m. It is their hope that they can be a blessing to the residents of Central. The church is located 1/4 mile south of Walmart at 9676 Sullivan Road. We'll be looking for you!

June 9 • 2-3 p.m.
Diabetes Support Group
Lane Regional Medical Center

Lane Regional Medical Center will hold a Diabetes Support Group meeting on Tuesday, June 9, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., in the Diabetes Education Office, located at 4801 McHugh Road, Suite C. We welcome all who have Diabetes, including family, friends and any others in a supporting role. Registration is not Required. For more information, contact Sherri Brady, RN, at (225) 658-4583.

June 14-18
First Baptist Church Central
Vacation Bible School

First Baptist Church Central will be having VBS for children K4 through 6th grade (last school year) Sunday, June 14 through Thursday, June 18, beginning at 6:30 p.m. each evening. Bro. Tim Horton and Crosswalk Ministries will be conducting the VBS this year under a tent. There will be singing, Bible study, games, activities, crafts and refreshments each night. Parents must register all children planning to attend. You may pre-register by either phoning the church office (261-3722) or coming by the office (9676 Sullivan Road); or register any night of VBS. Parents are always welcome to stay for VBS, too. If you or your children need a ride, please call the church office.

June 15 • 8:30 a.m.
2015 Wildcat Scramble
Copper Mill Golf Club

This year's Wildcat Football Scramble will host a two man scramble format. There will be poker holes, mulligans, longest drive hole, closest to the pin hole, and a hole in one competition. Lunch, ditty bags, and prizes will be offered. The Scramble will be held at Copper Mill in Zachary, with one flight time. Cost per team is \$250. Deadline to register is Monday, June 1, 2015.

Must include fee payment. For more info or questions, call Matthew Edwards at 225-281-6702 or matthewedwards@centralcss.org.

June 15-17 • 6-8 p.m.
Central Wildcat Football Camp
Central Middle School

NFL's Todd McClure and Coach Sid Edwards will host the 5th annual youth football camp. You must register at www.centralyouthfootball.net. Also register now for cheer league.

June 15-19 • 6-9 p.m.
Vacation Bible School
Galilee Baptist Church

This year's theme is Journey Off The Map. All children ages 4 - 6th grade are welcome. Come join the fun June 15-19 from 6 to 9 p.m. Galilee Baptist Church is located at 11050 G.S. - Port Hudson Rd., Hwy 64 Central, LA 70791

July 20-24 • 9 a.m.-Noon
Vacation Bible School
Greenwell Springs Baptist Church

Kids who have completed Kindergarten thru 6th grade can join us for a fun filled sports oriented VBS July 20-24. 9 a.m.-noon each day for different tracks like football, soccer, and arts and crafts. Thursday Night os family night and Team Impact will entertain us. Registration forms are available at www.greenwellsprings.com

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- wheelbarrow, boxes, misc., #236 Lucy Valter - totes, furniture, misc., #245 Heater Young - BBQ pit, vacuum, misc., #260 Gina Gable - furniture, boxes, misc., #262 Edward Johnson - items for a mechanic, burner, and pots., #353 Susan Bonano - wicker furniture, armoire, lamps, misc. All of the above units contain misc. items!

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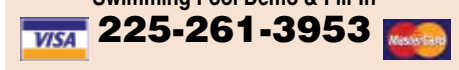
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PAGEANT WINNER — Eight-year-old Iva Faye Martel with her grandparents Gil and Michelle Matherne.

Local Girl Wins State Our Little Miss Crown

CENTRAL — Iva Faye Martel, age 8 and a 3rd grader at Central Private School, competed in the Our Little Miss Scholarship pageant at the preliminary level on March 28 and was crowned queen of the Our Little Miss (7-9) age division. She traveled to Jennings in early May and was named Most Photogenic and also crowned Louisiana State Queen of the Our Little Miss (7-9) age division. She leaves June 30 to compete for the world title in Minneapolis. Many of Central residents have helped to support Iva, and the family wishes to say thank you! Iva will compete in Minneapolis June 30-July 7.



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More Pursifulls Are Coming Our Way

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puter. Fluent in Spanish. Has been on many mission trips. He lives in Hammond while going to school.

- Brookney, 21, graduated from Central High in 2012. She's at SLU, starting nursing school. Currently works at OLOL as a nurse's aide. She enjoys going to Honduras and participating in medical brigades.
- Stephen, 19, just graduated from Central High. He loves music and music technology. He plays in the church band. Coaches gymnastics at CG Gymnastics. Plans to attend the LSU School of Business. At Central's senior prom, he organized an interesting diversion. Students were given the option to attend his program which teaches students to swing dance and teaches them to teach swing dance. More than 150 students participated, and the school administration invited him to come back next year and do the same thing at the next senior prom.
- Sarah, 17, is "the middle child," she says. She is a junior at Central High, where she has won many honors (mentioned earlier). This summer she will be working at Dr. Tony



Sarah and Brookney Pursifull serve themselves during family dinner Tuesday night.

Lobue's animal hospital. She loves movies, especially Disney movies, and was awarded the title "Film Fantic" at Central High. She plans

to go to SLU and wants to travel but hasn't decided exactly what she wants to do after college.

- Victoria, 12, is going into the 7th grade. She's a Star Student and is very dedicated. She does her homework before play. She loves English and history, loves summer trips, and plays the saxophone. She is a writer and an athlete.
- Violette, 10, is going into the 5th grade. She loves swimming and wants to be a masseuse. When asked how much she charges, her response is, "It depends on whether you are a member." Her siblings add "And how much she needs!" Violette is athletic and plays softball and soccer. She likes roller skating, history, and mission trips to Mexico or Honduras.
- Nathaniel, 8, is going into the 2nd grade. He loves legos and cats.

He likes projects and is very entrepreneurial. When asked about it, he produced a design for his store, the Pursifull Sandwich Shoppe. He plays the piano and wants to teach his cat to play.

- Noah, 3, likes Mickey Mouse. He likes to eat Mickey Mouse nuggets, and he likes to play with Mickey Mouse toys. When asked whether he is mama's boy or daddy's boy, it quickly says "Daddy's boy!" [Daddy was holding him at the time.]

Here's what Jessica said about James: "He can do anything, anything he decides to do. If it's being a pastor or designing advertising or selling real estate or raising honey bees or raising a foster family. He's always the best, and he's my best friend!"

Here's what James said about Jessica: "She's who makes this a home. Few could hold so much together. It's amazing how she gets everyone in the house into a routine. She makes this a strong family. Very organized. She's so young and lively with the kids. She's a businesswoman, a broker, a pastor. She pastored the Spanish campus eight years. But she devotes herself to the kids. She's a Cajun girl. She likes to walk around barefooted. If it's hot and she wants to make gumbo, she has to turn on the air conditioner real cold to get in the mood. She's my reality check. She's kept me from making a lot of mistakes. They say behind every good man there's a better woman. That's true."

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Life Tabernacle Draws 1,246 on Sunday



Pastor Tony Spell and wife Shaye



CANDY DROP — Pastor Spell in helicopter dropping candy on hundreds of youth.



Children had great time at Super Sunday.

Unique Ministry Reaches Out to Five-Parish Area

CENTRAL - Last Sunday was Super Sunday at Life Tabernacle, 9323 Hooper Road, and another chance to reach more lost souls. The church, which had never before topped 1,000 at Sunday services, counted 1,246 in attendance. It was a tribute to a growing outreach by the independent Pentecostal church led by pastor Tony Spell and his wife Shaye. The church's phenomenal growth has been fueled by its bus ministry, which has focused on reaching children who do not attend church in predominantly black areas such as Scotlandville, Zion City, Mall City, and Belaire. However, the 15 buses in the church's fleet go far beyond those confines and bring children from as far away as Hammond. The church offers a three-month educational program, which culminates in Super Sunday. Children who participate in the course and pass it successfully get to attend the

festivities after church on Sunday. The course offers a basic overview of the Bible and stories such as Jonah and the whale. On Super Sunday, there is a candy drop, games, food, and entertainment. "In the inner city today, the neighborhood churches are full, but they are full of gray-haired senior citizens while the children are on the streets without exposure to the Bible and the teachings of Christ," pastor Spell said. "Look at what's happening. Louisiana Family Forum is a great organization that works down at the Capitol, but by the time the problem gets to the Capitol, it's too late. Our public schools in many districts are in disarray and are part of the problem. Law enforcement has to react to an out-of-control culture. It's so obvious that the church has not been doing its job, and that the church holds the key to turning out

country around," he said. Life Tabernacle has a Christian school with 85 students, and graduates earn the TOPS scholarship. At 10 a.m. on Monday, June 10, the church will break ground on a new \$1 million, 12,000 square foot educational facility that will include 10 classrooms, gym, locker room, and kitchen. That will supplement the nearly new 60,000 square foot church and offices, and the 7,200 square foot parsonage. Life Tabernacle is revolutionizing race relations too. The church has gone from being 100 percent



15 buses for church's bus ministry

white to 40 percent white, 40 percent black, and 20 percent Latin. Life Tabernacle was founded by pastor Bervick Spell, now 86 and in good health. Tony is his grandson.

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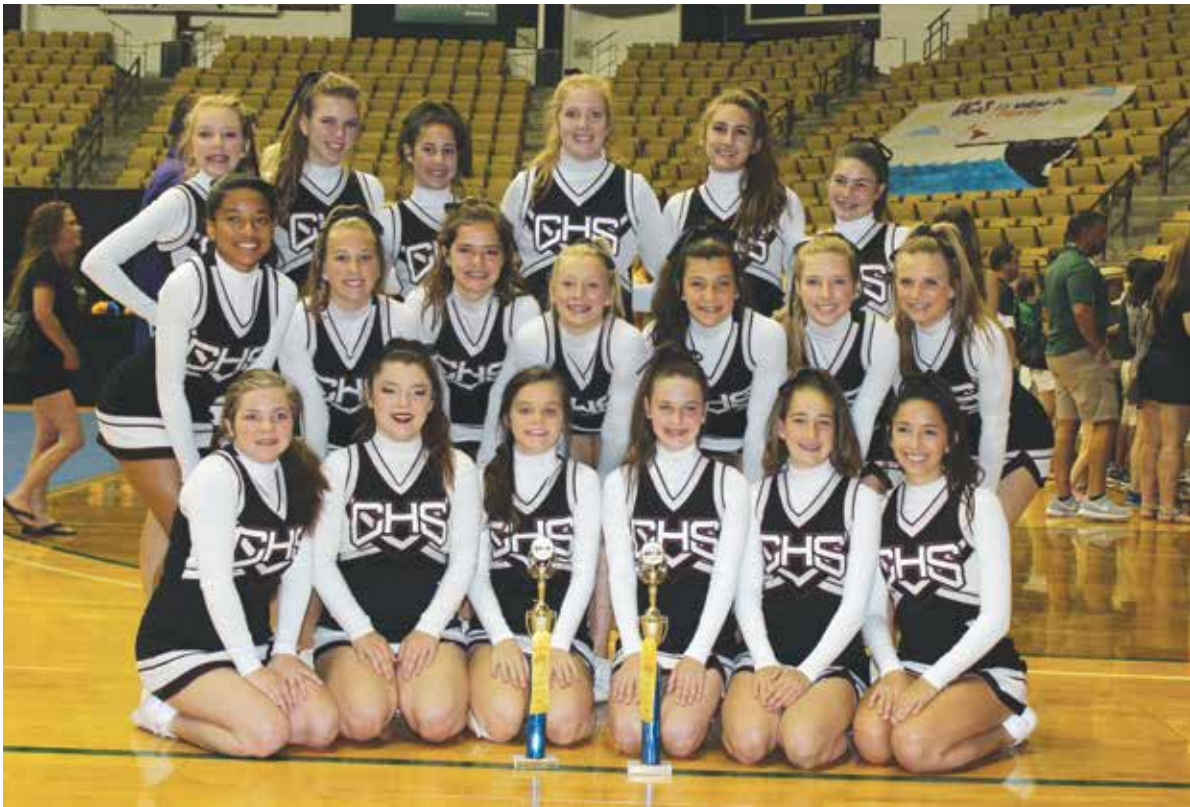
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BIRTHS



Jade Lynn Hamilton

Jade Lynn Hamilton Born On March 17 at Woman's

CENTRAL — Jermaine and Karen Hamilton of Central are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Jade Lynn Hamilton. She arrived at 9:54 a.m. on March 17, 2015, at Woman's Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19 inches long. Jade was welcomed home by her big brothers, Jayce and Eric. Proud grandparents are Jimmie and Janelle Hamilton of Central and George and Janice Newman of Baton Rouge.

Maison James Andrews Born on May 13 in BR

CENTRAL — Dennis and Laranda Andrews are proud to announce the birth of their son, Maison James Andrews, on May 13, 2015 at Woman's Hospital, weighing 6 pounds and 1 ounce. He was 20 inches long. Mason was welcomed home



Masion James Andrews by his big brothers and big sisters, Dawson, Bryson and Aleece Andrews and Ashlyn Wilson. Proud grandparents are Danny and Dixie Andrews of Central, Joseph and Amanda Gilland of Dequincy, and Sherrie Miers of Zachary.

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