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## 24/7 Monitoring of Each Citizen's Movements

# City to Track Every Vehicle

### Bobby Dale Callender Plans Run for Central Police Chief This Fall

**CENTRAL** — Bobby Dale Callender has told the *Central City News* he plans to run for Police Chief of the City of Central in the Nov. 8 municipal elections.

Callender, a native and lifelong resident of Central, spent 45 years in law enforcement. He served under five sheriffs and rose from deputy to colonel. He also served for four years as commander of the Central substation. Callender said, "I'm a street cop, and I want to work in our neighborhoods to fight crime in Central." Callender said he is all about commu-



Bobby Callender

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### Cooking in Central Aids Terrebonne



Photo by Jolice Provost

Holy Family of Dulac Fr. Antonio Maria Speedy and project manager Mike Balog

**CENTRAL** — Cooking in Central, the Official Festival for the City of Central, was held March 25-26, to help the hurricane-ravaged people of south Terrebonne Parish. Cooking founder Louis DeJohn said, "Thanks to the Central community for making this 15th annual event a great success." See COOKING on Page 10

### Police Chief Corcoran Wins Approval of Plan To Record Movement Of Central Residents

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Editor

**CENTRAL** — In a move that raises constitutional issues, Central Police Chief Roger Corcoran proposed and the Central City Council has approved the purchase of seven cameras designed to record the license plate of every vehicle entering the City of Central or moving along certain roads in the city.

The travels of all vehicles would be recorded and accessible, but names of anyone the police chief or his officers place on a 'hot list' would automatically be sent to the police department and all officers on duty. This kind of mass surveillance has been condemned by legal scholars as violating the 4th Amendment to the Constitution.

In *Carpenter v. the U.S.*, the Supreme Court ruled the use of ping technology requires a warrant. See POLICE on Page 3

# School Board Okays Boys Wearing Earrings at CHS

### 6-1 Vote Eliminates Another Difference Between Boys, Girls

**CENTRAL** — Should there be differences between boys and girls in the Student Dress Code for Central schools? That was the issue Central school board grappled with at two recent meetings. Some members

of the board are afraid the board will be sued if there are any differences. So should boys be allowed to wear dresses and earrings?

It all began with a recommendation by the Central Community School System's Disciplinary Committee, an obscure committee created by the state legislature. The committee recommended that a number of differences between the sexes in the Central student dress code be changed. At a meet-

ing of the school board's Committee on Curriculum, Accountability, Instruction, and Student Services, most of the Disciplinary Committee's recommendations were rejected. However, one significant change was approved. The committee voted to allow boys to wear earrings to school and school-sponsored events for the first time in the history of Central. A majority of the committee agreed boys

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 29-May 1 • St. Alphonsus Festival of Two Rivers
- May 5-6 • Pro Rodeo Greenwell Springs Youth Riders
- May 17 • Central High School Graduation
- May 20 • Central Private Graduation

# Bill Would Unify City, School District Lines

### Senate Approves Bill To Insure City Controls Developments Built in Central School District

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Editor

**CENTRAL** — Senate Bill 189 by Sen. Bodi White (R-Central) to change the boundaries of the Central Community School System is moving through the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.



Sen. Bodi White (R-Central)

It passed the Senate Education Committee and then the full Louisiana Senate by a vote of 32-1. It is now awaiting a hearing in the House Education Committee.

SB189 would change the boundaries of the Central school system to conform to the city limits of the City of Central. At present, a portion of the Central school system is located outside the City of Central in a two-square-mile area just west of the Comite River.

The fact that the boundaries of the two political subdivisions are different has created a problem in that development in this area can greatly affect the Central school

system. Yet, decisions regarding development there are made by the East Baton Rouge Parish Planning & Zoning Commission, which has no members from Central, and the Metro Council. Decisions on development in any other part of the Central school system are made by the Central Planning & Zoning Commission and the Central City Council.

If it becomes law, Sen. White's bill will be effective on July 1, 2022. Students from the area who are already enrolled in Central schools could remain there until graduation. All new students would attend schools in the EBR system.