



Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish

GOP Backs Landry for Gov

Life Tabernacle Plans Appeal to Supreme Court

CENTRAL — Life Tabernacle and Rev. Tony Spell are headed to the United States Supreme Court in their quest to get justice as a result of violation of their constitutional rights by Gov. John Bel Edwards during the pandemic.

The Louisiana Supreme Court has already ruled that Edwards' efforts to close the church and that the arrest of the pastor by Central police chief Roger Corcoran were "illegal and unconstitutional" — in the words of the court. Now the issue in federal court is whether they are entitled to compensa-

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Photo by Jolice Provost

Atty. Gen. Jeff Landry during his meeting with the Republican Executive Committee

Crime No. 1 Issue For AG Jeff Landry As Governor's Race Kicks into Full Gear

BATON ROUGE — Crime is the No. 1 issue facing East Baton Rouge Parish followed closely by transportation, and those two issues were pivotal in helping the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish decide to endorse Attorney General Jeff Landry for Governor, according to parish Republican chairman and former Rep. Woody Jenkins. The election is Oct. 14.

Observers believe the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish is the most influential local Republican Party in the state and that its endorsement is second only to the Louisiana Republican Party in its impact. This endorsement effectively closes the door on other Republican candidates who may choose to challenge Landry, Jenkins said.

Jenkins issued the following statement on behalf of the Republican Party: "Jeff Landry grew up in St. Martinville in the heart of Cajun country. His roots in our state go back nearly 300 years. He is truly a man of the people. He began by working in the sugar cane fields and joined the Army National Guard while still in high school. His 11 years in our military included service as a decorated veteran of Desert Storm."

"Jeff Landry began in law enforcement as a St. Martin Parish sheriff's deputy, which gave him first-hand experience fighting crime on the streets. Along the way, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the Univer-

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Mayor Wade Evans Says City to Earn \$5,480 a Day by Money Management

\$45 Million Moved From Checking to Interest Accounts

CENTRAL — Mayor Wade Evans announced this week that Central has moved \$45 million in city funds from a low-earning checking account to a higher-earning money market account, which will result in earnings of more than \$2 million a year for the city. This is new revenue for the City of Central and amounts

to about \$5,480 a day, he said.

The mayor said he is holding weekly or biweekly meetings with his team of advisors and money managers to insure that the taxpayers get the best possible return on money that is being held for future use. City funds continue to be held at Hancock Bank but in different accounts and under different terms.

As a result, earnings on city funds will increase from \$150,000 a year to more than \$2 million.

Evans said these additional revenues will help the City of Central embark on a Pavement Manage-

ment Plan approved by the City Council Feb. 7 that will allow continuous repair of city streets more aggressively than ever before. Improvements will be based on data from a Capital Region Planning Commission study, safety data, traffic counts, and geographical data.

At its meeting Tuesday, March 14, the City Council voted 5-2 to raise the Mayor's annual salary from \$55,000 to \$85,000. The mayor said it is based on inflation from incorporation in 2005 to present. The mayor says he hopes citizens already see he is earning his keep.

Central Schools Honor Students of the Year



2023 Central High School Student of the Year
 Kaiden Lang and
 Principal Brandon LaGroue



2023 Central Middle School Student of the Year
 Anna Bordelon and
 Principal Kaleb Shows



2023 Central Intermediate Student of the Year
 Eliana Mansur and
 Principal Julie Stevens



2023 Tanglewood Elementary Student of the Year
 Brady Pinegar and
 Principal Maegan Brown



2023 Bellingrath Elementary Student of the Year
 Maisyn Young and
 Principal Erin Bonaventure