

Central to Face Istrouma at 5:30 p.m. May 16

Central's Spring Game



Photo by Shane Evans

Old Rivalries to Be Renewed at Istrouma High's New Stadium

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BATON ROUGE - The Central Wildcats face the Istrouma Indians in this year's Spring Football Game at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16 at the Istrouma field on Winbourne Avenue.

Central High head coach Sid Edwards is hoping Wildcat fans will turn out in large numbers not only to support Central but to help Istrouma raise much needed funds for uniforms and equipment.

The game represents Istrouma's return to varsity football after a six-year hiatus. Istrouma High was taken over by the State of Louisiana in 2010. In 2013,

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CHS quarterback Sam Kenerson will start in Spring Game May 16.

Central Private to Build New Campus on Gurney

CENTRAL - Central Private School is embarking on a plan to build a new campus on Gurney between Joor and Sullivan roads in the City of Central. Phase I of the project will be put out for bid late this year, according to CPS board chairman Bren-

nan Easley. The new campus will be located east of the existing campus at 12801 Centerra Ct., which flooded in August 2016.

About \$12 million in FEMA funds are making Phase I possible. Construction should take about one year, Easley said, and classroom instruction could move to the new site in the middle of the 2020-2021 school year.

Athletic fields will be included in Phase II of the project, and the existing faci-

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Graduation
 Central Private School
 7 p.m.
 Monday, May 20
 Greenwell Springs Baptist Church

Graduation
 Central High School
 7 p.m.
 Tuesday, May 21
 SLU • Hammond University Center

Central Library Is Possible Voting Place

Scott Wilson Wants to Bring Early Voting to Central City

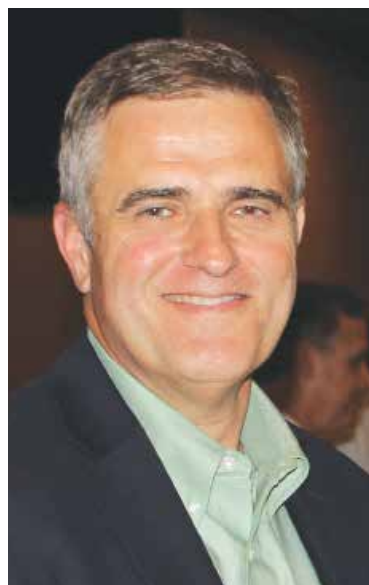
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CENTRAL - Metro Councilman and Mayor Pro-Tem Scott Wilson hopes to establish an early voting site in Central in time for the Oct. 12 statewide elections.

Early voting is growing in popularity but residents of Central are not participating in early voting like other areas of the parish.

"The closest places for early voting are Baker and the Secretary of State's office," Wilson said. "As a result, early voting is very light in Central."

Wilson has been meeting with East Baton Rouge Par-



Mayor Pro-Tem Scott Wilson
 Early voting for Central

ish Registrar of Voters Steve Raborn, and representatives of the Secretary of State, Mayor-President Broome, and the Parish Library to see what can be done. He said everyone sees the need and is onboard.

Wilson has introduced an appropriation of \$62,000 for consideration at the Metro Council's May 22 meeting. The money would be used for one-time costs to set up the Central Library on Joor Road for early voting.

"I believe voters in Central, Pride, and Chaneyville will participate, especially seniors." So far, no opposition to Wilson's plan has emerged, he said.

Central Wins Bi-District



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DALTON ASPHOLM HOMERS for the Central High Wildcats during Senior Day at The Yard. Central won the State 5A Bi-District Championship in the playoffs but lost in the regionals. See Page 16.

Valedictorian, Salutatorian Have Big Dreams for Future

CENTRAL - Central High School's valedictorian Luke Miles and salutatorian Connor Delaune have a lot in common. Neither made any-

thing but an A in his high school career, and each has clearly mapped out his future after college.

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CENTRAL HIGH valedictorian Luke Miles (right) and salutatorian Connor Delaune will be honored at graduation Tuesday at Southeastern.