

What ExxonMobil Means to People of Central

ExxonMobil and Central

Central Softball Head-Slam Awakens Safety Concerns



CENTRAL HIGH PITCHER Mary Fralick was cut down by a line drive that hit her in the face during a game against French Settlement Friday. Miss Fralick, who was not wearing the optional face mask, survived without serious injury. However, the remarkable video of the injury has been viewed nearly 100,000 times and raised concerns as to whether the masks should be required.

CENTRAL - The Central High softball team has a perfect 8-0 record and looks a lot like the Lady Wildcat team that won the State 5A Softball Championship in 2017. However, this week, talk about the team has centered on a spectacular injury suffered by star junior pitcher Mary Fralick. Mary pitched to a batter for French Settlement, who hit a line drive right at Mary's head. In

video taken by Mary's mother Dr. Kim Fralick, the ball is shown knocking Mary to the ground. She was not wearing a pitcher's mask, which is voluntary. Fortunately, Miss Fralick suffered no serious injury.

Watch Video
 Mary Fralick
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Exxon to Invest More Despite Latest Attacks By Together BR

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 Editor

CENTRAL - Since the Standard Oil refinery began operations in Baton Rouge in 1909, residents of the Central community have played a major role in the work of the refinery.

Some Central families, such as the Langlois, Nelson, and Bauer families, have been at the refinery from the beginning!

— **Langlois Family** —

Central's Jason Langlois, 41, works in instrumentation at the refinery, now called ExxonMobil. He's the 4th generation of his family to work for the company. In fact, when the Baton Rouge refinery opened in 1909, his great-grandfather, Lucian Langlois, was working as a "fireman," keeping the fires in the stills at the required temperature.

Jason's grandfather, Elmo "Doc" Langlois, was a boxing champion and All-State football player at Catholic High, before going to work at the refinery in the 1930's. He took time out to join the Army during World War II and fought in France, where



BATON ROUGE EXXON WORKERS — Elmo "Doc" Langlois (2nd row, left) joined Standard Oil in the 1930's, fought in World War II in France, and then returned to Standard Oil after the war.

he was wounded. After the war, he returned to the refinery as a pipe fitter.

Jason's father, Donald Langlois, started at the refinery in 1981 and retired in 2009. Jason and his brother Joshua went to work for Exxon in 2006. Jason is a mechanical first line supervisor. Joshua is a mechanical planner.

"It was a smart decision for us," Jason Langlois said.

"We adopted the culture of the company. Exxon has been very good to us and given our family great opportunities."

Recent attacks against ExxonMobil by the far-left organization Together Baton Rouge resulted in the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board rejecting a proposed Industrial Tax Exemption (ITEP) for Exxon.

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Are You a Night Owl? Here Are Your Choices in Central

What's Open in Central After 10 p.m.

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CENTRAL - Years ago when Johnny Carson hosted the *Tonight Show* on NBC-TV, the show was promoted as "The Late Night Place to Be!"

It may be quite awhile before the City of Central earns such a title but there is much more to do late night in Central now than ever in the past.

Restaurants

The opening of the Waffle House on Greenwell Springs Road near the Central Thruway gave people here a place to sit down and eat 24 hours a day. For those working shift work, first respond-



Waffle House is the only sit-down restaurant open late night in Central

ers, and insomniacs, Waffle House is like an exotic tropical island in a vast deserted ocean. Finally, there is a place to sit down, eat, and relax after midnight.

The other good choice late night is Jack-in-the-Box at the corner of Sullivan and Wax roads. Inside dining is closed late night, but the drive-thru offers a nice menu of burgers and other dishes. The chicken sandwich is competitive with Chick Fil a, and the "original" tacos are crispy and good.

The only other choice is Domino's Pizza on Sullivan, but they close at 12 midnight.

If you're willing to leave town,

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