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2008 Elections At a glance

Unofficial ■ Winner ✓Runoff Oct. 7

Decatur mayor

100% of precincts		
□ Don Kyle (I)	4,908	48.4%
■ Don Stanford	5,225	51.6%

Decatur council, District 2

100% of precincts		
✓ Roger Anders	730	39.9%
✓ David C. Bolding (I)	770	42.1%
□ Jack Gressman	159	8.7%
□ C.H. Jordan	68	3.7%
□ James Tardy	102	5.6%

Decatur council, District 3

100% of precincts		
□ Howard E. Battles	420	14.3%
✓ Joel T. Gilliam	880	30.0%
✓ Gary Hammon (I)	1,258	42.8%
□ Thomas T. Willis	379	12.9%

Decatur council, District 4

100% of precincts		
□ Charles M. Kirby	811	49.9%
■ Ronny Russell (I)	813	50.1%

Decatur council, District 5

100% of precincts		
■ Greg Reeves	2,071	80.5%
□ Ted Whittington	501	19.5%

Decatur Board of Education

DISTRICT 1 — 100% of precincts

✓ Doris A. Baker	292	28.0%
□ Rex Lane Jarman Sr.	208	20.0%
✓ Michele Gray King	503	48.3%
□ Lena M. Warrior	39	3.7%

DISTRICT 2 — 100% of precincts

✓ Gil Aldrich	449	25.0%
□ Paige Holmes-Bibbee	342	19.1%
□ Yolanda Paige	124	6.9%
✓ Joe Propst	879	49.0%

DISTRICT 3 — 100% of precincts

□ Jill Cook	1,300	44.3%
■ Karen Duke (I)	1,577	53.7%
□ Ivori P. Patterson	58	2.0%

DISTRICT 5 — 100% of precincts

■ Donnie Lane	1,954	79.6%
□ Johnnie Marshall	502	20.4%

Athens mayor

100% of precincts		
□ Charlie Baucorn	182	5.2%
□ Ralph Richardson	42	1.2%
■ Dan Williams (I)	2,187	62.0%
□ Eric Wise	24	0.7%
□ Chuck Yancura	1,093	31.0%

Athens City Council

DISTRICT 2 — 100% of precincts

□ James L. Putman	31	3.0%
■ Harold G. Wales (I)	616	59.3%
□ Danny J. Whitfield	392	37.7%

DISTRICT 5 — 100% of precincts

□ Milly Caudle (I)	221	56.8%
□ Charles Sample	168	43.2%

Hartselle mayor

100% of precincts		
□ Mike Dowdy	223	9.3%
□ Terry F. Miller	640	26.8%
■ Dwight Tankersley (I)	1,528	63.9%

Hartselle City Council

PLACE 2 — 100% of precincts

□ A.D. Hargrove	712	30.5%
■ Bill Smelser (I)	1,619	69.5%

PLACE 3 — 100% of precincts

□ Ron Hammon	420	18.4%
■ Mark Mizell Jr. (I)	1,229	53.7%
□ Bill Partridge	638	27.9%

PLACE 4 — 100% of precincts

■ Tom Chappell	1,179	50.8%
□ Billy J. Drake (I)	1,144	49.2%

PLACE 5 — 100% of precincts

■ Don Hall	1,205	51.1%
□ Samie A. Wiley (I)	1,152	48.9%

Moulton City Council

DISTRICT 3 — 100% of precincts

□ Billy Lovett	81	52.3%
□ Farrell Saint (I)	74	47.7%

DISTRICT 5 — 100% of precincts

□ Randy McLemore	30	19.5%
■ Brent White (I)	124	80.5%

Priceville mayor and council

MAYOR — 100% of precincts

■ Melvin Duran (I)	492	66.9%
□ Pat Little	243	33.1%

PLACE 1 — 100% of precincts

□ Tim Crow (I)	307	42.5%
■ Larry H. Waddell	415	57.5%

PLACE 2 — 100% of precincts

■ Charles Black	402	55.9%
□ John Oakley (I)	317	44.1%

PLACE 3 — 100% of precincts

■ Sam Heffin (I)	412	57.3%
□ Jerry Welch	307	42.7%

PLACE 4 — 100% of precincts

□ Tom Little	338	47.1%
■ Tommy Perry (I)	379	52.9%

PLACE 5 — 100% of precincts

■ Wayne Dunkin (I)	329	45.5%
■ Duck Livingston	394	54.5%

Trinity Town Council

PLACE 2 — 100% of precincts

■ Gordon Burden	136	88.9%
□ James Whitt	17	11.1%

Somerville Town Council

PLACE 1 — 100% of precincts

■ Sheena C. Dugger	127	60.8%
□ Opal Mooneyham (I)	82	39.2%

PLACE 2 — 100% of precincts

■ Tammie W. Frye	135	64.0%
□ Bobbie Jackson (I)	76	36.0%

PLACE 5 — 100% of precincts

□ Regina Bailey	82	39.0%
■ Jackie Teague (I)	128	61.0%

Courtland mayor and council

MAYOR — 100% of precincts

□ Franklin Beck	79	27.5%
■ Ted Letson (I)	208	72.5%

DISTRICT 1 — 100% of precincts

■ Edna Redd	17	51.5%
□ Bobby Smith	16	48.5%

DISTRICT 2 — 100% of precincts

□ Lamar Terry (I)	20	29.4%
■ Laura Terry	48	70.6%

DISTRICT 3 — 100% of precincts

□ Dan Claborn (I)	20	29.0%
✓ Stacy Hughes	23	33.3%
✓ Gill Jaggers	26	37.7%

DISTRICT 4 — 100% of precincts

□ Karen Hitt (I)	17	31.5%
■ Jimmy Williams	37	68.5%

Stanford new mayor



Daily photo by Jonathan Palmer

Don Stanford, right, the unofficial winner of Decatur's mayoral race, joshes with his sons Patrick, left, and Chris at an election night party at a Decatur hotel.

Incumbent Kyle falls by 3-point margin; winner vows unity

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He says his first order of business in November will be to bring unity to the City Council, which has long worked against itself.

Don Stanford, a retired postmaster and well-known local sports official, defeated incumbent Mayor Don Kyle on Tuesday by a margin of 3 percentage points.



Kyle

Unofficial tallies showed Stanford taking 51.6 percent of the vote to Kyle's 48.4 percent, or 5,225 votes to 4,908 votes.

The win clinches a four-year term for Stanford, with an annual mayoral salary of \$100,480 and guaranteed 2 percent yearly raises.

Stanford credited his win to "hard work" and "good supporters" after receiving the news Tuesday night.

"I've got a very good high on right

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Gilliam vs. Hammon in District 3

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The race for Decatur's District 3 City Council seat will be decided between two formidable political figures.

Tuesday's municipal election produced a runoff between single-term incumbent Gary Hammon and former Decatur Police Chief Joel Gilliam.

According to unofficial election results, Hammon claimed 42.8 percent of the vote to Gilliam's 30 percent, or 1,258 votes to 880.

District 3 candidates Howard E. Battles, who took 420 votes, and Thomas Willis, who took 379, failed to make the runoff.



Daily photo by John Godbey

Gary Hammon and his wife, Diann, at home following Tuesday's election results.



Daily photo by Brennen Smith

Former Police Chief Joel Gilliam and his wife, Loretta, celebrate at home Tuesday.

As political rivals, the two remaining candidates present each other with a formidable opponent in the Oct. 7 runoff election.

Hammon, an electrical contractor with his own business in Decatur, already has four years experience on the council. Gilliam, a retiree, has 35 years experience on the council. Please see **District 3**, page A4

Russell takes 2-vote win; Reeves grabs Dist. 5 seat

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Old and new leaders emerged victorious in the battles for District 4 and 5 City Council seats.

Victory comes in many sizes, however, from a wide 1,570-vote margin to a meager two votes.

While incumbents battled for their seats in Districts 2, 3 and 4, a new candidate, Greg Reeves, waltzed into Decatur's political arena.



Russell

In the District 5 race, the only City Council race uncontested by an incumbent, Reeves, the first candidate to formally announce his candidacy, secured the district seat.

While Reeves' first year of council service awaits, Ronny Russell's ninth year as a City Council representative will begin in November, if no provisional votes exist.



Reeves

On Tuesday, District 4 voters re-elected the experienced Russell to a third consecutive term by two votes. Russell bested political newcomer and council critic Charles Kirby 813 to 811, or by 50.1 percent of the vote.

Kirby, 55, a local activist who ran on a ticket to manage the city's budget in a more responsible and conservative manner, would not concede the election Tuesday night.

Reeves, 41, an attorney and owner of Reeves Law Firm, will replace single-term representative Ray Metzger, who resigned Aug. 15.

"I'm honored and humbled that

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Bolding, Anders in District 2 runoff



Daily photo by John Godbey

The Bolding family, from left, Carol, Caki, David and Elizabeth, with dog Spike, celebrate at home Tuesday night.

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After months of election hype, voters in District 2 will be asked to travel to the polls again Oct. 7.

With 1,829 ballots cast, according to unofficial election results, the race for the District 2 City Council seat has produced a runoff between single-term incumbent David Bolding and private property investor Roger

Anders.

Tallies showed Bolding taking 42.1 percent of the vote to Anders' 39.9 percent — 770 votes to 730 votes.

The election ousted District 2 candidates Jack Gressman, who won 159 votes; James Tardy, 102 votes; and C.H. Jordan, 68 votes.

Both remaining candidates said they are looking forward to the runoff race.

Bolding said he was pleased

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Daily photo by Brennen Smith

Roger Anders and his wife, Cindy, after Tuesday's vote.



TODAY'S WEATHER, A2
High: 91 Low: 62

Partly cloudy with west winds around 10 mph. A slight chance of rain.



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