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ANNISTON RUNOFF ELECTIONS 2020

DRAPER PREVAILS IN MAYORAL RACE

Incumbent defeats Reddick by 200-plus votes; Smith ousts Little; Jenkins retains seat; Roberts joins council

BY TIM LOCKETTE AND BILL WILSON

Star Staff Writers

Incumbent Anniston Mayor Jack Draper won re-election in a close city runoff Tuesday, defeating challenger David Reddick, Ward 2's city councilman, with 54 percent of the vote.

In the city's most closely watched race for a ward-based council seat, political newcomer Ciara Smith ousted longtime Ward 3 incumbent Councilman Ben Little.

Draper, arriving at City Hall after the votes were counted, said he hoped to keep up economic development in town, including the hotel that city council members hope to see developed on Noble Street.

"We need to finish the trail, the Ladiga Trail, for sure," he said. "We need to finish the hotel development. And there are other developments in the city that we need to ultimately bring to fruition."

The Tuesday vote means the council picks up two newcomers, Demetric Roberts in Ward 2 and Ciara Smith in Ward 3, and it loses Reddick and Little. Remaining on the council are Draper, Ward 1 Councilman Jay Jenkins and Ward 4 Councilwoman Millie Harris, who won without a runoff in August. New members will be sworn in Nov. 3.

Draper, first elected to the mayor's seat in 2016, campaigned largely on the decline in crime in the city over the past four years. For years, Anniston was among the cities in

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Bill Wilson/The Anniston Star

Anniston Mayor Jack Draper, right, speaks with Anniston Parks and Recreation director Frazier Burroughs at City Hall after winning re-election Tuesday night.

ELECTION RESULTS

ANNISTON

MAYOR

Jack Draper (i), 54%, 1,873 votes
David Reddick, 46%, 1,590 votes

COUNCIL WARD 1

Jay Jenkins (i), 53%, 395 votes
Angela Fears, 47%, 347 votes

COUNCIL WARD 2

Demetric Roberts, 67%, 499 votes
Dann Douglas Huguley, 33%, 243 votes

COUNCIL WARD 3

Ciara Smith, 68%, 471 votes
Ben Little (i), 32%, 221 votes

JACKSONVILLE

COUNCIL PLACE 4

Sherry Laster, 58%, 607 votes
Adam Allen, 42%, 432 votes

PIEDMONT

COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

John Lawrence, 68%, 39 votes
Steve Maddox, 32%, 18 votes

(i) — incumbent

COMMENTARY ON NASCAR / SEE MORE COVERAGE IN SPORTS, PAGE 1B

Viewers scramble, just like drivers at Talladega

President Donald Trump's hospitalization after testing positive for the coronavirus made me think twice about watching Sunday's Talladega race in person.



James Bennett

Editor's Notes

The prospect of mixing smoke, airborne particles, noise from high-powered engines and the smell of Jack Daniels was an unappetizing cocktail for me.

I got a hangover just thinking about it.

About 15,000 other fans made it to Talladega Superspeedway under strict coronavirus protocols, proving "The Fastest Show on Earth" is a powerful lure even during a pandemic.



Bob Crisp/The Daily Home

Denny Hamlin scored his seventh win of the season Sunday in the YellaWood 500 at Talladega Superspeedway.

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PIEDMONT

3 suspects in assault case banned from school property

BY MIA KORTRIGHT

Star Staff Writer

Two Piedmont High School football players and one former player have been banned from campus after they were charged last week with assaulting a teammate.

Piedmont police said Friday in a Facebook post a 19-year-old man and two juveniles, who have each been charged with one count of third-degree assault, were barred from entering any Piedmont City Schools property or attending school events.

Piedmont police Chief Freddie Norton said the suspects are forbidden to set foot on school property until the case is adjudicated.

The three were charged Sept. 28 after they allegedly held a teammate down in the boys' locker room and forced a key into his anal region in November 2019.

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