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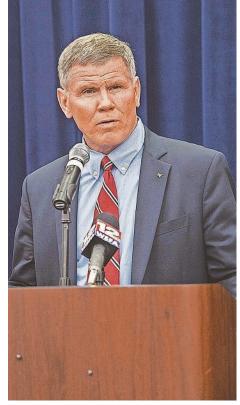
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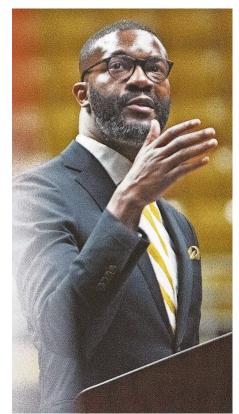
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ELECTIONS 2025







FROM LEFT: Wetumpka Mayor Jerry Willis, Pike Road Mayor Gordon Stone and Birmingham Mayor Randall Woodfin all appear to have won re-election, according to unofficial results.

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Trio of Central AL mayors appear to win re-election

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A trio of prominent Central Alabama mayors appeared to have won re-election Tuesday, including one who appeared to have been re-elected by a few dozen votes.

Autauga, Elmore and Montgomery counties had several cities with seats up for election, with the exception of the City of Montgomery. Polls were open between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Aug. 26. Below are the complete but unofficial results of 2025's municipal elections in

Pike Road, Wetumpka and Birmingham.

Pike Road

Pike Road's incumbent mayor Gordon Stone, who has served as mayor since 2004, faced one challenger, Mark Spur-

The town appeared to have re-elected Stone, with the incumbent winning by

54 votes, according to unofficial results provided by the Town of Pike Road.

City council winners according to unofficial results as reported by the

- Council Member, Place No. 1: Mim Whatley
- Council Member, Place No. 2:
- Rob Steindorff
 Council Member, Place No. 3:
 Marcus Robinson

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Gillespie wins 4th term as Prattville mayor

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PRATTVILLE – Mayor Bill Gillespie Jr appeared to have been re-elected easily to his fourth term as Prattville's leader Tuesday without the need for a runoff, gathering about 61 percent of the votes in a five-man race.

The other big news of the night was the apparent defeat of Prattville District 7 Councilwoman Lora Lee Boone, who also serves as council president, to challenger Thea Langley.

In the mayor's race Gillespie took 3,863 votes in the complete but unofficial results. Challenger Dennis Mullins came in second with 2,062 votes or about 33 percent, The field rounded out was by Reuben Gardener at 277 votes, David Melling at 84 votes and Devin Moore with 49 votes.

"I appreciate the trust the voters

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Prattville Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr., speaks during the announcement ceremony introducing "The Pratt," an education and entertainment facility telling the history of Daniel Pratt and Prattville, held at The Mill in Prattville on Aug. 11.

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Food Network names AL's top fair food

Jennifer Lindahl

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Funnel cakes, deep-fried everything and smoked meats make up the smorgasbord of American comfort foods that come straight from your local state fair.

Now, Food Network has named the best fair food in every state, and Alabama's pick is the perfect combination of deep-fried goodness and smoky Southern flavor.

What is Alabama's favorite fair food?

At the Greater Gulf State Fair, you'll find a long line waiting for Alabama's Conecuh Corn Dog. Made with Conecuh County's beloved sausage brand, Conecuh sausage, this corn dog offers a smoky, savory bite wrapped in a crispy, homemade golden batter that is deep-fried to perfection.

What is Conecuh Sausage?

Since 1947, this family-owned business in Evergreen has been making its

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List names Alabama's most popular dog breeds

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It's National Dog Month, and across Alabama, tails are wagging in celebration.

Whether it's a loyal pup riding shotgun down a country road or one patiently waiting by the porch swing, dogs are woven into the everyday rhythm of life.

But when it comes to which breeds win the most hearts across the state, the numbers don't lie. Reader's Digest recently released a list of the most popular dog breeds by state, and Alabama's top three reflect both tradition and personality.

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