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Annual Glow Run returns to help children in need



ALEDO ADVOCATS

The annual Aledo Children's AdvoCats Glow Run returns to Bearcat Stadium on Saturday, March 26.

The Aledo Children's AdvoCats will host their 16th Annual Run, Walk, or Crawl Glow Run on Saturday, March 26, with proceeds benefiting Aledo ISD children in need and their families.

This family-friendly fun run offers racegoers the choice of a 1K or 5K race that begins and ends at Bearcat Stadium in Aledo. Light up gear will be provided on the night of the race to allow runners to cross the finish line glowing, not sweating. A virtual runner option is offered for those who just want to support the cause.

Since its inception in 2006, the Run, Walk or Crawl has become the flagship annual fundraising event for AdvoCats. Money raised from the

RACE DETAILS

Saturday, March 26, 2022
 Bearcat Stadium, 1000 Bailey Ranch Rd., Aledo, TX 76008
 7 p.m. Gates Open
 7:45 p.m. Opening Ceremony
 8 p.m. 1K Glow Run
 8:30 p.m. 5K Glow Run

com. Additional updates will be shared on the Aledo Children's AdvoCats Facebook and Instagram pages leading up to the event.

The Aledo Children's AdvoCats is a women-led 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization of volunteers serving families in the communities of Aledo ISD. An estimated 12.6% (or one in every eight students) of the Aledo ISD population is economically disadvantaged. School counselors at each of the 11 Aledo ISD campuses identify students in need of assistance and refer them to the AdvoCats organization.

race provides vital services to children with the greatest needs in the communities of Aledo ISD. The organization is dedicated more than ever to continue its mission of improving lives and making a lasting impact.

For more race information or to register, visit www.aledoadvocats.com.

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2022 ELECTION

POLITICS

Runoffs in store for some local races

Deen, Authier retain positions

By Randy Keck
 The Community News

Voters across Texas went to the polls on Tuesday to select standard-bearers for the Republican and Democratic Parties in primary voting.

Republican U.S. Representative District 12 Kay Granger handily defeated two challengers to receive her party's nomination. She received 75% of the vote district-wide and 77.8% in Parker County. Granger will face Democrat Trey J Hunt in the November general election.

In the Governor's race, Republican incumbent Greg Abbott was also a clear victor in his race, fending off strong opposition from Don Huffines and Allen West to garner 66.5% of the vote with almost all precincts reporting. Abbott collected 61% of the Parker County vote in the Republican Primary.

Abbott's opponent in November will be Democrat Beto O'Roark, who received 91% of the statewide Democratic vote, and 90% of the Parker County Democratic vote.

A bit closer to home, State Rep. Phil King dominated opponent Warren Norred in the race to see who will represent Republicans in State Senate District 10. King

received 75.5% of the vote district-wide and an identical share in Parker County. King will face incumbent Democrat Beverly Powell in November.

In the State Representative District 60 race, incumbent Glenn Rogers and Mike Olcott are headed for a runoff in May. Rogers received 43.7% of the vote district-wide to Olcott's 36%. Aledo Mayor Kit Marshall received 11.6% and Lucas Turner gained 8.6%.

In Parker County, Olcott received 40% of the vote compared to Rogers' 36.5%. Marshall received 13.68% and Turner received 9.49%.

The winner of the District 60 runoff will not have a Democrat to face on the November ballot.

"I'm so grateful that so many Republican voters rallied around our conservative message," Olcott said. "Four months ago I was at single digits in the polls and on election day we garnered overwhelming support. I was so appreciative of all the grassroots conservatives who stepped up to volunteer when I was in the hospital and recovering from COVID Pneumonia during the most crucial weeks of the election. We are looking forward to taking this momentum into the runoff and earning a strong victory in May."

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An estimated 200 people gathered on the Aledo overpass to show support for truckers in the American Freedom Convoy that passed through Aledo on Tuesday, March 1.

PARKER COUNTY

County Judge looks at key issues

By Randy Keck
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Although he still technically has almost a year remaining in office before being sworn in again as County Judge in 2023, Pat Deen said he is continuing to work on key issues in the county.

"We have a transportation meeting that's going to be public coming up in the next month and a half," Deen said, "And that is dealing with two things. One, the congestion that we face right now, and the growth that is coming to Parker County, which is dramatic."



Pat Deen

Deen pointed out that Parker County lies in the third-fastest-growing region of the country.

"We have a responsibility to make sure our roads are safe," Deen said. "And so we have prioritized that and made transportation a key issue." He stressed that not only future roads need to be addressed, the roads that exist today.

Deen said public safety also resonated with voters. With about 60% of the growth happening in areas outside of city limits, it will fall on the county to provide services to those new residents.

"That puts a burden on us from a public safety standpoint, response times," Deen said. "I think we've done a good job — we've increased our officers pay by over 10% in the last year, and we've increased pay to retain our officers and keep good talent."

Taxes are also an issue that came up in the campaign.

"When you're the third fastest growing region in the nation, and your taxes are still lower than 85% of the counties in the state, we're doing something right. And so we need to continue to do that," Deen said.

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“My family and I are incredibly honored by the support of my campaign,” Rogers said. “Despite vicious attacks by special interest groups and PACs, so many took to the polls to allow me the privilege to continue serving House District 60. It is more important than ever for us to keep the momentum heading into the runoff. I look forward to continuing the fight to improve transportation infrastructure, strengthen public education, secure the border, and continue upon the gains made during my first term in office.”

Parker County

Incumbents ruled the day in county-wide offices. As there are no Democrats on the November ballot, any clear winner of the Republican Primary will most likely take office in January of 2023.

County Judge Pat Deen retained his seat, outpolling challenger Thomas Moorman 61-39%.

“I’m excited about the outcome of the election. I think that the voters saw the progression of the direction this county is going, and a lot of the accomplishments we’ve made both in transportation and economic development,” Deen said. “We have challenges ahead that we’re continuing to work on. I think elections are great — I had an opportunity to knock hundreds and hundreds of doors and get what’s important to the voters, and then take that back. It makes us better public servants. And it tells us what’s important to that to the community.”

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In the race to replace Jerry Buckner as the Parker County Court at Law No. 1 Judge, Kirk Martin fended off two opponents to garner 55% of the vote.

Incumbent Sheriff Russ Authier outpolled challenger Marc Povero 54.4% to 45.6%.

“I just want to thank the citizens of Parker County for putting their trust in me to protect their families, property and constitutional rights,” Authier said.

In the race for County Commissioner Pct. 4, Eric Contreras and Make Hale appear to be headed to a runoff after finishing 1-2 among a field of four that included Michael Chandler and Fred Hammons.

At press time Contreras had 2,794 votes, about 110 votes shy of a majority to avoid a runoff. Mail in ballots were not scheduled to be counted until Friday, so that situation could change.

“It appears that I’m in a runoff, which I think is a good thing,” Hale said. “I appreciate all of the people that came out and voted for me and the support, and also the other candidates. I thank those guys for running. It was a clean campaign. It wasn’t dirty. They’re good guys.”

“We are extremely happy with the election results so far and we’re looking forward to seeing final counts after the mail-in ballots are tallied,” Contreras said. “If there is a runoff needed we will run the same pro-freedom, pro-business, pro-life campaign and continue to talk about the issues that effect Parker County.”

Likewise, the Justice of the Peace race for Pct. 4 will also have a runoff between Allison Bedore and Tim Mendolia. Bernard Suchocki and Michael K. Morris were also in the race.

“Thank you to my family and friends for your support,” Bedore said. “To those who voted for me at the polls, earning your votes is a great honor. I look forward to the runoff in May and would appreciate everyone’s continued prayers and support.”

DEMOCRATS	Parker County		State or District	
	Votes	Pct	Votes	Pct
Governor				
Michael Cooper	76	3.65	32,266	3.05
Joy Diaz	75	3.60	33,536	3.17
Inocencio (Inno) Barrientez	14	0.67	13,019	1.23
Rich Wakeland	27	1.30	13,120	1.24
Beto O'Rourke	1,891	90.78	965,723	91.31
Lieutenant Governor				
Michelle Beckley	602	30.16	300,797	30.24
Carla Brailey	523	26.20	280,999	28.25
Mike Collier	871	43.64	412,960	41.51
Attorney General				
S. "TBone" Raynor	149	7.47	55,354	5.53
Rochelle Mercedes Garza	877	43.98	432,367	43.16
Joe Jaworski	369	18.51	196,242	19.43
Mike Fields	266	13.34	123,176	12.30
Lee Merritt	333	16.70	194,672	19.43
REPUBLICANS				
	Parker County		State or District	
	Votes	Pct	Votes	Pct
US Representative, Dist. 12				
Kay Granger	13,884	77.32	46,248	75.15
Ryan J. Catala	2,358	13.13	8,685	14.11
Alysia Rieg	1,715	9.55	6,612	10.74
Governor				
Rick Perry	963	4.02	62,032	3.21
Paul Belew	105	0.44	11,212	0.58
Allen B. West	3,225	13.46	237,652	12.28
Kandy Kaye Horn	161	0.67	23,310	1.20
Greg Abbott	14,625	61.03	1,284,983	66.40
Chad Prather	1,392	5.81	73,835	3.82
Don Huffines	3,412	14.24	231,603	11.97
Danny Harrison	82	0.34	10,694	0.55
Lieutenant Governor				
Daniel Miller	1,768	7.68	125,994	6.84
Dan Patrick	16,702	72.55	1,409,827	76.55
Trayce Bradford	2,789	12.12	119,643	6.50
Zach Vance	816	3.54	71,013	3.86

Todd M. Bullis	237	1.03	42,735	2.32
Aaron Sorrells	709	3.08	72,460	3.93
Attorney General				
Ken Paxton	10,595	44.67	815,052	42.73
George P. Bush	5,944	25.06	434,755	22.79
Louie Gohmert	3,186	13.43	324,703	17.02
Eva Guzman	3,995	16.84	332,993	17.46
State Senator, District No. 10				
Warren V. Norred	2,588	24.54	16,601	24.48
Phil King	7,956	75.46	51,204	75.52
State Representative, District No. 60				
Lucas Turner	2,126	9.49	2,393	8.60
Glenn Rogers	8,188	36.53	12,160	43.69
Kit Marshall	3,067	13.68	3,236	11.63
Mike Olcott	9,032	40.30	10,045	36.09
County Judge				
Thomas Moorman	8,727	38.97		
Pat Deen	13,667	61.03		
Judge, County Court-at-Law No. 1				
Zach Pettigrew	6,284	29.36		
Kirk D. Martin	11,780	55.03		
Kitty Wise	3,341	15.61		
Sheriff Unexpired Term				
Russ Authier	12,439	54.40		
Marc Povero	10,426	45.60		
County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4				
Michael Chandler	772	13.29		
Mike Hale	1,764	30.38		
Fred Hammons	477	8.21		
Eric Contreras	2,794	48.11		
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 4				
Michael K. Morris	1,051	18.92		
Bernard R. Suchocki	824	14.83		
Allison Bedore	1,658	29.85		
Tim Mendolia	2,022	36.40		
County Chairman				
Rachael M. Watson	8,996	43.62		
J Scott Utley	11,628	56.38		