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grandkids that are going to be the future of our community.”

All told, Union Countians cast 11,912 ballots in the 2018 General Election. With 17,800 registered voters in the county, that's a local voter turnout of 66.9 percent, which beat the

statewide voter turnout of 61.21 percent.

In other General Election news, the race to elect the next Georgia governor had yet to be officially decided by press time Monday, with Republican Brian Kemp still leading Democratic

Unofficial Union County Election Results • SPLOST Continuation

Votes By Precinct

	Blairsville	Coosa	Choestoe	Jones Creek	Owltown	Ivy Log	Suches	Trackrock	Dooley	Gumlog	Pat Colwell	Absentee and Advance Voting included in Precinct Totals	TOTALS	Percentage	
YES	303	270	215	326	207	288	143	169	243	271	252	299	4166	7152	63.20%
NO	141	201	158	212	146	171	110	128	184	168	198	164	2185	4166	36.80%
Total Voters														11318	

challenger Stacey Abrams.

Hoping to initiate a Dec. 4 runoff, Abrams' campaign has been holding out for a number of provisional and/or absentee ballots that had yet to be counted at press time, while Kemp declared victory last week and subsequently resigned his post as Secretary of State.

On Nov. 8, Gov. Nathan Deal appointed Robyn Crittenden to serve out the remainder of Kemp's term as Secretary of State. Previously, Crittenden served as commissioner of the

Georgia Department of Human Services.

Kemp won big here in Union County, receiving 9,899 votes for 83.43 percent of the vote to Abrams' 1,852 votes and 15.61 percent. Libertarian Ted Metz received 114 votes locally.

Republican Geoff Duncan won his Nov. 6 contest, and he will be Georgia's next lieutenant governor. He received 51.74 percent of the vote statewide to Democrat Sarah Riggs Amico's 48.26 percent.

Locally, Duncan earned 9,521 votes (83.09 percent) to Amico's 1,938 votes (16.91 percent).

The race for Secretary of State is headed to a Dec. 4 runoff election between Republican Brad Raffensperger and Democrat John Barrow.

Raffensperger received 49.2 percent of the statewide vote to Barrow's 48.58 percent, while Libertarian Smythe Duval received 2.23 percent of the vote.

Locally, Raffensperger earned 9,453 votes (80.95 percent) to Barrow's 2,056 votes (17.61 percent) and Duval's 168 votes (1.44 percent).

Republican Incumbent Chris Carr will remain the state's Attorney General, having earned 51.41 percent of the statewide vote to Democrat Charlie Bailey's 48.59 percent of the vote.

Republican Incumbent Gary Black will also remain in office as Commissioner of Agriculture, having defeated Democrat Fred Swann by earning 53.51 percent of the vote.

Republican Jim Beck will be the state's next Commissioner of Insurance, having earned 50.47 percent of the vote against Democrat Janice Laws and Libertarian Donnie Foster.

For State School Superintendent, Republican Incumbent Richard Woods defeated Otha E. Thornton Jr. with 53.13 percent of the vote.

For Commissioner of Labor, Republican Incumbent Mark Butler won against Democrat Richard Keatley with 52.56 percent of the vote.

The race for Public Service Commissioner District 3 is also headed for a runoff between Republican Incumbent Chuck Eaton (49.8 percent of the vote) and Democrat Lindy Miller (47.53 percent of the vote).

For Public Service Commissioner District 5, Republican Incumbent Tricia Pridemore will retain her seat, having defeated Democrat Dawn A. Randolph and Libertarian John Turpish with 50.36 percent of the vote.

Republican Incumbent Doug Collins will go on to serve another term as U.S. Representative in the 116th Congress from the 9th Congressional District of Georgia. Collins handily defeated Democratic challenger Josh McCall, earning 79.51 percent of the vote to McCall's 20.49 percent.

Locally, Collins received 9,802 votes (83.73 percent) to McCall's 1,904 votes (16.27 percent).

For State Senator from the 51st District, Republican Incumbent Steve Gooch ran unopposed and was re-elected.

For State Representative in the General Assembly from the 8th District, Republican Incumbent Matt Gurtler ran unopposed and was re-elected.

For District Attorney of the Enotah Judicial Circuit, Republican Incumbent Jeff Langley ran unopposed and was re-elected.

For County Board of Education District 2, Republican Incumbent Tony Hunter ran unopposed and was re-elected.

For County Board of Education District 4, Republican Incumbent Keith Potts ran unopposed and was re-elected.

For County Board of Education District 5, Republican Incumbent Patrick White ran unopposed and was re-elected.

For Blue Ridge Mountain Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor, Jennifer Logan ran unopposed and was elected.

Also up for approval in the Nov. 6 election were five Proposed Constitutional Amendments.

Amendment 1 passed statewide. The amendment will result in "the creation of the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund to protect water quality, wildlife habitats and parks."

Locally, the amendment received 8,803 YES votes (77.01 percent) and 2,628 NO votes (22.99 percent).

Amendment 2 passed statewide. This amendment will result in "the creation of a statewide business court to lower costs, enhance efficiency and promote predictable judicial outcomes."

Locally, the amendment received 6,932 YES votes (63.31 percent) and 4,018 NO votes (36.69 percent).

Amendment 3 passed statewide. This amendment will result in "the encouragement of the conservation, sustainability and longevity of Georgia's working forests through tax sub-classification and grants."

Locally, the amendment received 6,501 YES votes (59.72 percent) and 4,384 NO votes (40.28 percent).

Amendment 4 passed statewide. This amendment

will result in "the provision of rights for victims of crime in the judicial process."

Locally, the amendment received 9,037 YES votes (79.33 percent) and 2,354 NO votes (20.67 percent).

Amendment 5 passed statewide. This amendment will result in "the authorization of fair allocation of sales tax proceeds to county and city school districts."

Locally, the amendment received 7,082 YES votes (64.2 percent) and 3,949 NO votes (35.8 percent).

The 2018 General Election Ballot also featured two Proposed Statewide Referenda.

The first referendum passed statewide. This referendum will provide for "a homestead exemption for residents of certain municipal corporations."

Locally, the referendum received 5,377 YES votes (50.45 percent) and 5,281 NO votes (49.55 percent).

The second referendum passed statewide. This referendum will provide "a tax exemption for certain homes for the mentally disabled."

Locally, the referendum received 7,731 YES votes (70.36 percent) and 3,257 NO votes (29.64 percent).

For full local election results by precinct, check out nganews.com.

Retired Educators November meeting

The next meeting of the Union County Retired Educators Association will be on Friday, November 16th at Union County High School at 11:30. Drive thru the main gate, ask the gate attendee to direct you to the new addition behind the gym, and there will be someone to tell you where to park. Please be there a few minutes early so that we can start at 11:30 sharp. Lunch will be provided in honor of Georgia Retired Educators Day. School Superintendent Dr. John Hill

will be addressing the group.

All members are encouraged to come see the new facility, have lunch, and enjoy a good time! Remember to bring Nursing Home gifts – the list of suggested items is in the handbook.

The Union County Retired Educators Association is an affiliate of the Georgia Retired Educators Association and all retired educators, affiliates, and their family members are invited to join this local unit.