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Greg Turner ready to take on new duties

With two decades of experience under his belt, official is set to oversee public works

BY PAUL COLLINS
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Greg Turner, a 20-year employee of the city and currently the city's director of transportation, has been appointed assistant city manager for public works. City Manager Bill Stuart announced, Turner will assume his new role Dec. 1. He will succeed Tom Griffin, the outgoing assistant city manager for public works, who is retiring.



Turner

Turner began with the city when he did a summer internship with the city's traffic engineering division when he was finishing up his requirements for a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from N.C. State University. After he graduated from N.C. State, the city hired him in 1982 as a traffic systems engineer (responsible for traffic control computer room). Subsequently, he served as traffic operations engineer (responsible for the traffic maintenance shop

and computer room), assistant director of transportation (responsible for traffic plans, computer room and the shop) and, since September 2001, director of transportation (responsible for the four divisions of the transportation department: transportation planning, Winston-Salem Transit Authority, traffic operations or traffic management, and parking/safety).

Stuart said in a news release: "The selection of the new assistant city manager for public works could not have worked out better. Greg has distinguished himself as transportation director for the city. He is a very capable person, he comes from within our organization, and (he) grew up here in Winston-Salem. He can hit the ground running. We look forward to great things from Greg."

As assistant city manager for public works, Turner will be responsible for providing management leadership over a number of public works functions, including transportation, streets, solid waste collection and disposal, stormwater management, roadway appearance, cemeteries, engineering, building inspections, and water and sewer. He will be responsible for more than 900 city employees, compared

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Candidates for District Court judge: Denise Hartsfield (from left), Dean Rutledge, Lisa Menefee and James Davis.

Photo by Kevin Walker

You Be the Judge

Hartsfield asking voters to consider more than her race

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

Denise Hartsfield got a small taste of political mudslinging when she was elected president of her freshman class in college. Those days seem like a walk in the park now for Hartsfield, a candidate in one of two local nonpartisan races for District

Court judge.

Hartsfield has steadily been building momentum since she officially announced her candidacy earlier this year. Someone tried to stymie that momentum last week by sending a package of documents to local media organizations that the person hoped would be bombshells. The package, however, contained only minuscule details, such as a document showing Hartsfield paid her bar association dues late.

Hartsfield's opponent, Dean Rutledge, has denied sending the information, and Hartsfield says

she doesn't believe that Rutledge is behind the mailing either.

But Hartsfield believes that the fact that someone or people are trying to shoot her down so close to the election is evidence that she is doing something right and is on course to claim victory Nov. 5.

"When you are trying to give something back, when you are a believer, when you are a contributor, people will try to pick holes in you," she said. "But no weapon formed against me will prosper. It just is not going to work."

Hartsfield has worked as an assistant Forsyth County attorney for the last nine years. She handles child support and other family-related cases. Born and raised in Winston-Salem, Hartsfield graduated from Spelman College and Wake Forest University School of Law.

Hartsfield decided to go to law school late in life. Her opponent is campaigning on his more than 20 years as a family law attorney. Rutledge says he is the best candidate for the job because of his years in law.

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Airport, residents struggle to find common ground

Smith Reynolds officials say landfill is necessary to survival of struggling airport

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

Smith Reynolds Airport officials are now telling residents in communities that surround the airport that without a proposed runway safety area, jobs at the airport may be in jeopardy.

Smith Reynolds will go before the city's Zoning Board of Adjustment next month to push for a special-use permit so that an inert debris landfill can be established on airport property. Up to a million yards of debris from demolished buildings would be dumped in a hole at the end of the airport's main runway. After the hole is filled, which officials estimate could take up to five years, the debris would be covered with grass and serve as a safety area, which would give aircraft a cushion of sorts if they were to overrun the runway.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment was to decide on the special-use permit in early October, but the board tabled the matter because of concerns of people who live around the airport. Ed



Leon Kay asks a question at last week's meeting.

Cox, director of the airport, and Chris Veal, the deputy airport director who is leading the safety area project, met with concerned residents last Thursday at Solid

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Polite looking forward to making history

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

If all voters in Forsyth County would consider only experience when they go to the polls Nov. 5 to cast their ballots for sheriff, John Polite would have a worry-free Election Day.

Polite, the Democratic nominee, was born and raised here and has spent nearly 30 years in the Sheriff's Office. His Republican opponent, Bill Schatzman, has no ties with the department.

Polite is keeping his fingers crossed that voters will look at his experience and his plans for the Sheriff's Office, but he knows that politics has never been as simplistic as that. In this match-up, there is a factor of race to con-

sider.

Polite would be the county's first black sheriff. No other African-American has gotten as close as Polite, who received more votes than any candidate, Republican or Democrat, in the primary.

However, almost is not good enough for Polite, who believes Forsyth County has grown tremendously over the years and is ready to look beyond skin color.

"I think it is a test for Forsyth County, a test about whether or not they want a qualified sheriff," he said.

Polite, who was born and raised here, says that his experi-

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John Polite speaks as Bill Schatzman looks on.

Photo by Kevin Walker



Brad Braxton delivers a sermon at First Calvary Baptist Church last week as part of the church's revival events.

Photo by Kevin Walker

Unshackled?

Religion scholar says blacks still in ideological slavery

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
THE CHRONICLE

The Apostle Paul tells the Galatians that they are "no longer slaves" in the Bible, and Brad Braxton, author of the new book "No Longer Slaves: Galatians and African American Experience," wants the black community to hear and understand that very same message.

Braxton, assistant professor of homiletics and biblical studies at Wake Forest University's Divinity School, explores the New Testament message of Paul to the Galatians through the perspective of the African-American experience in his

new book published by The Liturgical Press.

Braxton has been a WFU biblical studies expert for the past three years.

While touring slave routes in Gambia 10 years ago, Braxton said, it became clear to him how necessary it was to communicate to blacks today what Paul's message to the Galatians was during biblical times.

"Even in 1992 it was so clear that African-Americans are bound to ideological slavery and tied to white ways of thinking and being," said Braxton, who feels that many fail to realize that Paul was dealing with

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