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Candidates say they are judge material

Voters will pick judge in primary's only nonpartisan contest

BY LAYLA GARMS
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Allred

Five contenders are hoping to win the trust and support of voters as they vie for a seat on the 21st District Court bench. All are running for the seat currently occupied by Judge Chester Davis, who is not seeking reelection.

The competitors in the nonpartisan race list experience among the most important characteristics a district court judge should have in order to be effective, and each believes his or her unique background makes them the best candidate for the job.

For city native Amy Allred, the lone woman in the race, that experience is her more than a decade in private practice, where she primarily focuses on family law. Allred also ran for the seat in 2008, and says she garnered more than 54,000 votes against incumbent Davis. She is hopeful the scales will tip in her favor this time around.

"I've served the people of Forsyth County from Kernersville to Tobaccoville ... and I've handled thousands of domestic cases for folks," stated the 39 year-old Tulsa University College of Law alumna. "I hope they remember that and come out and support me on May 8."

Maryland native Robert Ewing says his time working closely with the community through volunteer affiliations with various groups such as the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds Commission and his varied courtroom experience - including trying several cases before the N.C. Supreme Court - set him apart from the crowd. As a defense attorney, Ewing says he has gone before judges who are more concerned with clearing their dockets than hearing the cases. If elected, Ewing says he will make the people who come before him his top priority.

"I think it's important to get to the truth of the matter and make sure that justice is done and everybody gets a fair shake," said the Campbell University alumnus. "People should vote for me because they know I'm going to listen to their case and apply the law and do it right."

A first generation college graduate

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Ewing



Jordan



Ramsey



Sipprell



Like Grandfather, Like Grandson

Entrepreneur followed familiar blueprint for success

BY LAYLA GARMS
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At age seven, Victor Clark Jr. sold watermelons on the side of New Walkertown Road with his maternal grandfather, AJ Brown. It was his first foray into the world of business and from that day forward, he says he wanted to become an entrepreneur.



Veteran entrepreneur AJ Brown.

operates a fish market, produce stand and a car wash on

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"I always wanted to have my own business," remarked Clark, the owner of Absolute Enterprises. "It started from my roots of my granddad."

Brown, 80, owns and



Photos by Layla Garms

Victor Clark Jr. stands beside an Absolute Enterprises van, part of his mobile services fleet.

WFU begins series of racial integration events

BY LAYLA GARMS
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Wake Forest University student Sonia Kuguru, a native of Nairobi, Kenya, is a diehard Demon Deacon. Like countless other students from across the nation and the world who have called Wake Forest home, Kuguru says she has been nurtured and embraced by the WFU family.

"I have traveled across the world ... to experience the excellence of an American liberal arts education," said Kuguru, whose older brother is a WFU alumnus. "Here, I am free to be myself. Despite the long hours in the Z. Smith Reynolds Library, I can tell you without hesitation that Wake Forest is a school that I truly love."

Kuguru knows that her experience would not have been possible had the school's Board of Trustees not made the controversial decision 50 years ago to admit



Eure

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Photos by Layla Garms

Dr. Barbee Oakes and Dr. Nathan Hatch applaud WFU's integration pioneers.

THURSDAY NIGHT FEVER



Photo by Todd Luck

Mayor Allen Joines dances with Jenny Clark last week as part of a fundraising event for Communities in Schools of Forsyth County. Read more about the event on page B1.

Reception celebrates poetry and other forms of arts

BY TODD LUCK
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The "Word Up!" poetry poster that now adorns local city buses made its debut last Thursday at the Delta Arts Center.

April was National Poetry Month. The poster - which has been placed inside all Winston-Salem Transit Authority buses to mark the occasion - celebrates African-American poets throughout history.

Last week's awards reception for the SilverArts Visual, Heritage and Literary Exhibit also served as a coming out



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The City's Denise Scott-Johnson (left) presents a medal to Margaret Graham.

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