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New Forsyth sheriff takes reins

BY TEVIN STINSON
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The biggest courtroom in the Forsyth County Hall of Justice wasn't big enough on Monday afternoon as more than 500 people filled the seats and stood along the walls, eager to see Bobby Kimbrough Jr. officially sworn in as sheriff of Forsyth County.

Kimbrough is part of a historic sweep across North Carolina. On Nov. 6, voters elected African-American candidates for sheriff in the state's seven largest counties, including Forsyth, and smaller Pitt County.

A native of the Twin City, Kimbrough began his career in law enforcement with the Winston-Salem Police Department (WSPD). He then went on to serve as an arson investigator with the Winston-Salem Fire Department (WSFD). After a stint with the North Carolina Department of Probation and Parole, from 1995 until his retirement in 2016 Kimbrough served the United States Department of Justice as a special agent in the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

As he addressed the hundreds of supporters in the courtroom on Monday, Dec. 3, Kimbrough thanked the citizens of Forsyth County for their vote and ongoing support.

"I'll never forget the people on this campaign trail who



Photo by Tevin Stinson

City native Bobby Kimbrough Jr. is sworn in as sheriff of Forsyth County on Monday, Dec. 3, at the Forsyth County Hall of Justice.

shaped me, that molded me. I'll never forget none of you," he said. "And what I'll promise you is that I'll give you the best of me."

In his role of "Lord High Sheriff," Kimbrough has vowed to put more emphasis on the opioid epidemic, other drug use, and gang violence. He said he plans to spend the first few days on the job meeting with law

enforcement leaders across the county to build a working relationship.

Kimbrough says he plans to enhance what incumbent Bill Schatzman has already done. He also mentioned that there won't be any immediate personnel changes. Kimbrough said, "As I said on the campaign trail still

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By Tevin Stinson

County Commissioner Tonya McDaniel is sworn in while her daughter Crayola McDaniel and granddaughter hold the Bible. McDaniel is only the third black woman to serve as County Commissioner.

McDaniel ushers in new era

BY TEVIN STINSON
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Monday, Dec. 3, marked a new era for the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners as Tonya McDaniel was sworn in as the new representative for District A and only the third African-American woman to serve on the board.

A native of Winston-Salem and Human Resources director of United Health Centers, McDaniel was the top vote getter in the 2018 primary election that put her up against incumbent candidates Everette Witherspoon and Fleming El-Amin. She and El-Amin advanced to run in the midterm election, unopposed.

McDaniel is also the second vice president of the local NAACP branch, third vice chairwoman of the Forsyth County Democratic Women, and chairwoman of the Winston-Salem chapter of the National Association of University Women.

As a member of the Board of

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"I'm the new commissioner that's elected for the people to provide equity in terms of funding for this county."

-Tonya McDaniel, County Commissioner

Ex-Chronicle paper boy sponsors literary contest

BY JUDIE HOLCOMB-PACK
FOR THE CHRONICLE

Cedric Brown has lived for decades in northern California where he is a program executive for the Kapor Center, but he still considers North Carolina "home." Growing up in Winston-Salem, he recalls his mother and grandfather reading The Chronicle, and he was once a Chronicle paper boy.

"I remember going to The Chronicle and picking up a stack of papers with a list of where they needed to be delivered," he said during an interview on Nov. 30 at Bookmarks, a Winston-Salem bookstore. Brown graduated from R. J. Reynolds High School and received his undergraduate degree from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1989. He then moved to California and attended graduate school at Stanford.

Coming home to vacation with family at Kure Beach, he enjoyed browsing in bookstores and noticed the lack of books by African-American writers, in particular local authors. He was frustrated by being unable to find much fiction or nonfiction that "conveyed the rich and



Photo by Judie Holcomb-Pack

Cedric Brown visits Bookmarks during his recent trip to Winston-Salem from his home in California.

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Outgoing county officials bid farewell

BY TEVIN STINSON
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Last week several county elected officials, including longtime Sheriff Bill Schatzman, County Commissioner Everette Witherspoon, and school board members Robert Barr, Marilyn Parker, David Singletary, Deanna Taylor and Victor Johnson, bid farewell to their posts.

During their final meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 27, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools Board Chairwoman Dana Caudill Jones recognized the outgoing school board members for their years of dedicated service to the board and the students across the district before each board member said their goodbyes during the public meeting.

Board vice chairman and chairman of the

finance committee, Robert Barr, who has been a member of the board since 2014, said he enjoyed his time serving on the board. He said, "The four years I've been on the board have been a great experience."

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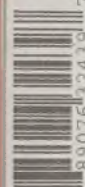
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