

North Carolina Room  
 Forsyth County Public Library  
 660 West Fifth Street  
 Winston-Salem, NC 27101  
 75 cents  
 27101  
 Community Journal

**Carver JV finishes season undefeated**  
 -See Page B1

**Hutchins named city's top employee**  
 -See Page A3

**Evacuees treated to dinner at church**  
 -See Page B16

38 110005 \*\*\*\*\*RT-LOTWAC022  
 NORTH CAROLINA ROOM  
 FORSYTH CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
 660 W 5TH ST  
 WINSTON SALEM NC 27101-2705

# THE CHRONICLE

Vol. XXXII No. 11

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2005



Photo by Kevin Walker  
**Joycelyn Johnson smiles at the Forsyth County Board of Elections after learning of her victory Tuesday.**

## Women will rule Council

*Election alters demographics in many ways*

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
 THE CHRONICLE

Women will have a majority on City Council when members are sworn-in later this year. The victories of Molly Leight in the South Ward and Evelyn Terry in the Southeast Ward will mean that there will be five female council members. They will join incumbents' Joycelyn Johnson of the East Ward, the Northwest Ward's Wanda Merschel, and Vivian

Burke, the mayor pro tempore and the Northeast Ward's representative.

All three incumbents had no trouble keeping their seats in Tuesday's election. Burke - the longest serving member of the council with 30 years of tenure - ran unopposed; Johnson beat Republican Mac Weatherman by nearly 500 votes; Merschel defeated

See Council on A7

## Lawrence says he is proud of legacy

*HAWS to search for new leader*

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
 THE CHRONICLE

Reid Lawrence said this week that it took a lot of time and energy to run what he considers the best housing authority in the region. Since he resigned as executive director of the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem nearly two weeks ago, he said he has had time to do things that his work schedule made impossible.

"I am visiting friends. I have had time to visit my kids. I am riding my motorcycle. I am getting a chance to do a lot of things I could not before," he said.

Lawrence probably needed the

R&R. He left the agency after several weeks of criticism and scrutiny by members of the HAWS Board of Commissioners. Members became especially critical after one of Lawrence's top staffers was charged by the federal government with laundering HAWS funds, a charge the staffer denies. The feds are now in the midst of putting other aspects of the agency under the magnifying glass.

Rumors that commissioners were going to fire Lawrence floated about for weeks before he accepted a settlement equaling more than \$100,000. The settlement



Jefferson



See HAWS on A8 Reid Lawrence is seen here in his HAWS office in August.

## BROTHERS IN SOUL



Photo by Kevin Walker

**Wake Forest University students Eric Polk, left, and Joshua Bennett perform the Stevie Wonder classic "As" recently during the school's annual Project Pumpkin. The event provided Halloween fun for more than 1,000 local young people. Polk and Bennett were just two of the students who took to the outdoor stage to perform during the event.**

## Calendar girls share survival tales

*Breast cancer survivors hope to inspire women to get screened*

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
 THE CHRONICLE

Mary Gregg doesn't suit-up in combat fatigues each day. She carries no assault rifles or grenades. But Gregg is in battle against an enemy that she knows all too well.

"My two daughters were diagnosed with breast cancer. One of them died from it... She was 38," said Gregg, who turned 71 in July.

Her daughters' diagnoses promoted Gregg to get herself checked. She was told that she also had breast cancer. The news came not long after her daughter's death in 2003. Gregg has been fighting the disease for about a year and a

See Calendar on A13



Photo by Kevin Walker  
**Mary Gregg (from left), Betty Meadows and Patricia Hough pose with the Sister, Speak! logo.**

## Parks ceremony slated for Sunday

*Event will feature songs, reflections*

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
 THE CHRONICLE

Organizers are hoping for a heavy turnout for a program Sunday that will memorialize Rosa Parks. The program - which will also emphasize the importance of the rights for which Parks fought - will symbolically take place at the Winston-Salem Transit Authority hub on Fifth Street.

Parks, of course, sparked the Civil Rights Movement in 1955 when she refused to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Ala., city bus. A bus from that era will be on display at the transit center for the program and serve as

the backdrop for the program. The program will end with a candlelight vigil during which program participants and guests will circle the vintage bus.

It will mark the city's first program of substance in honor of Parks since her death late last month at age 92. State Rep. Larry Womble, the event's main organizer, said Winston-Salem needed to do something to honor the trailblazer just as other cities have already done.

"Winston-Salem really needs to start recognizing people," he said. "(Parks) was the catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement."

Womble has made recogniz-



Womble



*In Grateful Memory of Our Founders,  
 Florrie S. Russell and  
 Carl H. Russell, Sr.*

*"Growing and Still Dedicated to Serve You Better"*  
**Russell Funeral Home**  
*Wishes to Thank Everyone For Their Support*

822 Carl Russel  
 (at Martin Luther K  
 Winston-Salem, NC  
 (336) 722-34  
 Fax (336) 631-  
 russhome@bellsou

**For Reference**  
 Not to be taken from this library