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Photos by Layla Garms  
District Court Judge Camille Banks-Payne's two young sons hold the Bible as she is sworn in by fellow District Court Judge Denise Hartsfield.

## The Lincoln Way

At annual emancipation ceremony, elected officials vow to work with those across the aisle for greater good

LAYLA GARMS  
THE CHRONICLE

Community leaders paid homage to the past and looked to the future Tuesday, during a spirited celebration at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church.

Four politicians were sworn into office and 11 high school students were awarded college scholarships during the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Emancipation Association's annual celebration of President Abraham Lincoln's signing of the Emancipation Proclamation.



Gov. L. Dwight Hash Sr. addresses the audience.

"This celebration is such a good way to start the new year," said Mayor Allen Joines, who has not missed the observance since he was elected in 2001. "... Today, we celebrate the Emancipation Proclamation and its promise of freedom ... it was a strong step, a very strong step."

The nearly two-hour long service took on special meaning this year, as it marked the 150th anniversary of the Jan. 1, 1863 signing of the historic document. It was a fact that was lost on newly-elected State Rep. Evelyn Terry, who headed to Raleigh to represent the 71st District. The former City Council member opted to hold her swearing-in ceremony during the celebration, and State Sen. Melvin Parmon, State Rep. Ed Hanes Jr. and District Court Judge Camille Banks-Payne followed suit.

"This is a momentous occasion, and I am humbled to be able to bring greetings today," said Terry, who succeeds Larry Womble in the NC House. "One hundred fifty years after the Emancipation Proclamation signature, there are African Americans who sit in places where we can legislate, execute and bring the law for our people."

A member of the Democratic minority in the General Assembly, Terry said she recognized that her position would not be without its challenges.

"We're not going to Raleigh in the best of circumstances," she said. "But we can be instruments of peace, and with your help - all of you who made it possible for (to serve) - we will do that to the best of our ability."

Joines also spoke about the importance of bipartisanship in his remarks. Lincoln had to gain support from both sides of the aisle to make his Emancipation

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## Kin of murder victims wish for different sort of resolution

BY LAYLA GARMS  
THE CHRONICLE

It's been nearly seven years since 13-year-old Isaiah Brooks left his home in the LaDeara Crest community to go to the candy store and never returned.



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The body of the boy, who was known for his playful nature and infectious smile, was found in the driveway of a house on Machine Street, not far from where he lived. He had been shot. Though he was killed in the early evening hours in a populated area, no leads have led to an arrest, a fact that torments his mother, Barbara Stephenson and her seven other children.

"The last couple years, it's been hard on me because I have flashbacks of him. Just looking up and praying to God, I haven't gotten any answers," Stephenson said.

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Photo by Layla Garms

Tawanda Fulwood holds a school photo of her little brother Isaiah, who was killed in 2006.

## Pardoned!



Photo courtesy of the Office of the Governor

Outgoing Gov. Bev Perdue signs a Pardon of Innocence for the Wilmington 10 on Monday in Raleigh. The 10 - one white woman and nine black men (including former National NAACP and Nation of Islam leader Ben Chavis) - were convicted using questionable evidence and witnesses of firebombing a white-owned grocery store in a black community. Their convictions were overturned in 1980. Perdue's pardon now completely rights what many believe was a great wrong. "I have decided to grant these pardons because the more facts I have learned about the Wilmington Ten, the more appalled I have become about the manner in which their convictions were obtained," Perdue said.

## Most of Council seeking reelection this year

BY LAYLA GARMS  
THE CHRONICLE

Another election season will soon be upon us.

In municipal elections later this year, voters will make their picks for the Winston-Salem City Council and two spots on the City-County School Board this year.

Mayor Allen Joines has sat at the helm of the City Council for more than a decade, and says he will be asking for the support of local voters once again this year as he seeks a fourth term.

"I feel like we've made good progress moving the City of Winston-Salem forward, but there are a number of other initiatives I'd like to see finished up, such as our Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness, finishing up the Research Park downtown and carrying out some housing initiatives in certain targeted neighborhoods and working with small businesses in our community," Joines said. "I hope voters will agree that I've done a good job for them and lived up to what I've said I would try to do and be the mayor for all of the city, and I'm going to try to do that one more time."

Many believe Joines, a Democrat, has the potential to hold his own at the state or even the national level. He has been pushed to challenge U.S. Rep.



Joines



Photo by Todd Luck

Council Member Derwin Montgomery speaks at a Kwanzaa event on Dec. 26.

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## Local businesses pleased with holiday sales

BY TODD LUCK  
THE CHRONICLE

Business owners say they've reaped the benefits of a strengthening economy and a push to get local residents to support businesses in their own backyard.

The Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce has been one of the organizations pushing consumers to patronize local businesses with its decade-old "Buy Local" campaign, which has been touted in advertisements, via social media and at Chamber

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Photos by Todd Luck

Popcorn Fanatic co-owner Sharon Debnam says her shop experienced a holiday boom, as did Nike Roach (pictured far left), owner of 6th Sense Health and Wellness.

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