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## No more 'stacking and packing' for '18

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Once again the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that North Carolina's Republican-led General Assembly has illegally employed race to ensure partisan, yet unconstitutional outcomes. In the 2011 redistricting, it was nine state Senate districts and 19 N.C. House districts of the state's 170 legislative districts that the three-judge panel ruled were racially gerrymandered in absence of any compelling state interests.

"We appreciate the unconstitutional ruling

by the District that the North Carolina trict maps designed silence voters and deprive African-Americans of their right to fair and equal protection under the law," Sen. Paul Lowe (D-Forsyth) told *The Chronicle*. "It is imperative that we work together in a bipartisan approach to protect the people's rights to fair representation." Legally it's called "stacking and packing,"



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where Democratic black voters were drawn into majority-minority districts for the sole purpose of removing them from swing districts so that white Republicans could easily defeat white Democrats.

Those legislative maps have already been used in two prior elections, and will be used again for the upcoming Nov. 8 general election because there isn't time to redraw them, the federal appellate court said. But when the N.C. General Assembly goes back into session next January, the court has ordered it to redraw those voting districts so that the maps comply consti-



Sen. Paul Lowe

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President of the local NAACP branch and student at 14th Street School Isaac "Ike" Howard (L) greets an old classmate and teammate during the all-class reunion on Saturday, Aug. 13. Howard, who played professional football for the Dallas Cowboys, said 14th Street School made a major impact on the lives of many African-Americans in East Winston.

## 14th Street School holds all-class reunion

Alumni of segregated school look back during their first homecoming

BY TEVIN STINSON  
THE CHRONICLE

After years of discussions and months of planning and preparing, more than 200 former students, teachers and others with ties to 14th Street School got together last weekend for their first all-class reunion.

The school that once stood on the corner of E. 14th Street and Cameron Avenue educated African-American students in Forsyth County before forced integration in the early 1970s.

Since earlier this year, alumni have held monthly and at times, weekly meetings to prepare for the reunion. President of the East Winston Neighborhood Association and 14th Street alumnus Marva Reid said she was happy to be able to connect with people she hasn't seen in years. According to Reid, since May, alumni have been meeting at 14th Street Recreation Center planning the weekend of festivities.

She said every week more people showed up for the meeting, asking how they could help.

"It began as just a small group of us, but once word got out about what we were trying to do, the group began to grow," continued Reid. "It feels good to see all the hard work come to

life." During the reunion held on Saturday, Aug. 13, at the site where the school once stood, Lester Davis was armed with his camera to document the special moment.

"It feels good to see people you haven't seen in years," continued Davis. "Just being here today brings back a lot of memories."

While catching up with his former classmates, president of the local NAACP branch Isaac "Ike" Howard said 14th Street School was where his infatuation with the game of football first began. Howard, who played at Carver High School, went on to play at Colorado University. In 1969, Howard signed a contract to play for

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## Despite rain, over 100 attend Winston Lake Family Day

Expectations of Aquatic Park uplift spirits in East Winston

BY TEVIN STINSON  
THE CHRONICLE

Just before Winston Lake Family Day was scheduled to start at Ray Agnew Field on Sunday, Aug. 14, the sweltering sun gave way to an unexpected summer shower that drenched the entire eastern portion of the city.

While the rain soaked much of the area that was set up for games, live entertainment and other activities for children and their families, volunteers from the Winston-Salem Department of Recreation and Parks, SciTech and the Josh Howard Foundation put on their thinking caps and made arrangements for the event to go on as planned, despite the weather.

As the parking lot of the football complex began to fill with families, volunteers moved the merriment out of the rain and under several brightly colored tents. While waiting for her son to pick his prize after winning one of several games offered during the event, Whitney Simms-Moore said she was impressed by the effort of the sponsors.

"They could have easily cancelled the event because of rain, but seeing what they did to move everything in such a short period of time showed a lot of dedication," she said. "For them to do that, really shows how they are trying to make a difference in this community."

14th Street Recreation Center supervisor Louis Lowery said it felt



A young boy attempts to win a prize by competing in one of several games offered during Winston Lake Family Day on Sunday, Aug. 14.

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## City OKs Goler hydroponics facility at Kimberley Park

BY TODD LUCK  
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During its Monday, Aug. 15, meeting, the Winston-Salem City Council approved a new facility that will deliver fresh produce to the Kimberley Park community, which is a food desert, meaning that there's not a grocery store within one mile.

Goler Community Development Corporation's hydroponics and aquaponics facility at Kimberley Park was approved.

Hydroponics involves growing produce with water instead of soil and aquaponics involves farming fish, whose waste will provide nutrients for the plants to grow.

The city is leasing nearly three acres for 25 years to Goler CDC with up to three 25-year

extensions. The city also authorized up to \$962,000 to help with the project. There are expected to be five jobs created at the facility.

Helping Our People Eat (HOPE), which prepares and delivers meals to food insecure communities, will be subleasing part of the land for a new facility it will construct there.

During last week's finance committee meet-

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