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Democrats hail Cooper budget veto

GOP Civil War center funding questioned

BY CASH MICHAELS FOR THE CHRONICLE

On Tuesday, Gov. Roy Cooper, calling it "small-minded" vetoed the compromise \$23 billion budget the Republican-led NC General Assembly passed last week. The N.C. Senate immediately voted to override Cooper's veto, followed by the N.C. House Wednesday morning. The budget is now law, but Cooper threatens to file suit to stop it.

One striking item in the budget is the appropriation of \$5 million for a new Civil War museum in Fayetteville. Democrats say GOP budget writers took out \$200,000 one-time funding for an African-American heritage monument on state Capitol grounds that was in Cooper's budget.

In touting their budget plan, Republicans have pointed toward pay rais-



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es and more tax cuts as to why they feel it's what's best for North Carolina. "I was one of the House budget writers, and [I believe] the compromised budget [between Republican conferees of the House and Senate] meets many of the needs of the people across our state," says Rep. Donny Lambeth [R-Forsyth]. "It provides teachers with an average approximate 10 per-

cent increase over the budget period. It provides a cost of living increase for retired state workers, it gives state workers a \$1,000 increase, it invests in our pre-K programs and reduces the wait list, it provides disaster funding, adds to our savings reserve, adds more funds for school construction and helps allow families to keep more of their hard earned money."

"So I believe this is a solid plan for allocating state funds to important programs in North Carolina that provides so many services," Rep. Lambeth concluded.

Naturally, Democrats got behind Gov. Cooper's reasoning as to why the Republican budget is a big mistake.

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More than 50 people gathered inside the Piedmont Room in downtown Winston-Salem for the local Urban League's annual meeting on Thursday, June 22.

Despite deficit, Urban League reports gains in community

BY TEVIN STINSON THE CHRONICLE

More than 50 stakeholders and supporters of the Winston-Salem Urban League (WSUL), came together last week to look at the impact the organization had on the community last year, and take a glimpse into the future during its annual meeting held on Thursday, June 22.

During the meeting at The Piedmont Room on 1 W. Fourth St., WSUL board Chairwoman Alison Ashe-Card said despite facing deficit of more than \$12,000 the local nonprofit designed to promote social and

economic progress through education, training, and civic engagement still managed to go above and beyond the normal call of duty.

According to Ashe-Card, in 2016 the WSUL helped 4,420 people with employment assistance, helped over 200 people with mental illness and hosted two job career expos that connected more than 1,000 people with potential employees.

WSUL also helped 92 seniors with job placement opportunities and assisted more than 400 with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) vouchers.

"We're excited about our progress

and success," Ashe-Card said.

During the financial report, Treasurer Kyle Haney discussed the deficit the organization faces. He said despite the loss last year, the WSUL made significant progress. He said the Urban League adopted an entirely new accounting system. Haney said the accounting team adopted a "state-of-the-art" accounting software designed specifically for high performing, efficient, nonprofit management.

"That investment certainly paid off," continued Haney. "When the dollars came in, and we looked at our

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Urban farming coming to local neighborhood

BY TEVIN STINSON THE CHRONICLE

Hundreds of people, both young and old came together last weekend to celebrate one of the city's most historic neighborhoods, the Boston-Thurmond Community.

Since the inaugural celebration in 1992, residents from the past and present have come together to celebrate the rich heritage of the neighborhood located near Cherry Street and University Parkway that operates more like a family than anything else.

This year's celebration, held in the parking lot of St.



Assistant City Manager Derwick Paige, left, and Goler CDC President Michael Suggs look over plans for the Hydroponics Aquaponics Urban Farming Center on Saturday, June 24.

Johns C.M.E. Church, included free food, live entertainment, vendors and free health checks provided by the Winston-Salem State University "Rams Know H.O.W." mobile clinic.

City Council member Denise Adams, and other city officials kick-started the celebration by breaking ground on the \$1.1 million Hydroponics Aquaponics Urban Farming Center located near Kimberly Park, and the Martin Luther King Recreation Center. According to Adams, who represents the North Ward, the center will provide fresh food for a community in dire need.

Last August, the Winston-Salem City Council approved the 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.

According to statistics from the Food Atlas Research Atlas, Winston-Salem has 21 food deserts, many located in the inner city. Adams said the urban farming center will

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Bowman Gray sale could be completed this year

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

The City of Winston-Salem may finally close its sale of Bowman Gray Stadium to Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) by year's end.

The City Council initially voted in May 2013 on its intent to sell the stadium for \$7.1 million to WSSU, which uses it for football games. The sta-

dium is also home of NASCAR's first and longest running weekly race track.

The vote happened at the same time as the sale of the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum to Wake Forest University (WFU). That sale was closed relatively quickly because WFU is a private university. WSSU is a public university, so it needed state approval, which has taken four years so far.

Assistant City Manager Ben Rowe told City Council members in a meeting earlier this month that currently a brownfield agreement, denoting pollution on the site, is under state review. After that, their will be a monthlong public comment period and then a purchase agreement can move forward. It'll go to the Council of State, which consists of the governor and other state elected

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