



William Griffin and Ernestine Lane look at old photos during the 14th Street School all-class reunion held on Saturday, Aug. 13. More than 200 people battled blazing heat to attend the reunion held on the corner of East 14th Street and Cameron Ave.

Photos by Tevin Stinson



On Saturday, Aug. 13, more than 200 former students, teachers and others with ties to 14th Street School came together for an all-class reunion held where the school stood from 1926 until the late 1970s. The school educated African-American students in Forsyth County before schools were integrated.

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the Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League (NFL).

Howard said the school's contributions to the community were just as important as historic black high schools Atkins and Carver.

"Just as Carver and Atkins had a major impact on East Winston community, 14th Street had the same type of impact," he said. "At those schools students learned how to do things the right way and not to take shortcuts."

A number of city and state officials

were also on hand to mark the occasion. Sen. Paul Lowe, Councilman Derwin Montgomery, Board of Education members Robert Barr, Deanna Taylor, and David Singletary, attended the event as well.

Just before spotting an old friend, Charles Miller said next year he thinks even more alumni will attend the reunion.

"Now that the word is out, this will continue to grow every year," he continued. "14th Street was like a family. That's why it gives me a special feeling to be here today."

On Monday afternoon, president of the 14th Street Reunion Committee Al Harvey said he was thankful he was able to help.

During a phone interview with *The Chronicle*, Harvey mentioned he and other alumni were still talking about the reunion. He said they are already planning for next year.

"It was truly a great day for East Winston and a tremendous day for the city of Winston-Salem," he said. "It's good to see so many people come together to celebrate the heritage of this community."

Although they are planning for future reunions, Harvey said the committee is also looking at ways they can change the narrative of schools in the inner city. Harvey, a lifelong educator who recently retired from Atkins Academic & Technology High School located on Old

Greensboro Road, said, "The 14th Street Reunion Committee is looking to help bring change to schools in this area when it comes to educating students of color."

"For communities like East Winston, we need more schools like 14th Street, where the teachers care about the overall wellbeing of their students," said Harvey. "We are working to bring these types of schools back to the area."

"Our schools are failing and we want to play a part in changing that narrative. If we still had community schools like 14th Street School, we wouldn't be having nearly as many issues with our schools," he continued. "It's time we go back to the old way of doing things."

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good to do something positive in the community at a point in time that most of the news reports on the East Winston community are negative.

According to representatives with recreation and parks department, more

than 100 bags filled with school supplies and other items were distributed during the event. The annual event which marks the end of summer and the start of a new school year is usually held at Winston Lake. However, this year the event was moved to the home of the Tiny Indians, a youth football organization, because of the construction of the Winston Lake Aquatic Park. Earlier this month city council mem-

bers and other officials held a groundbreaking ceremony to start construction on the pool, diving area, and spray grounds that will be located on the corner of Waterworks and Winston Lake Roads.

When asked about the coming attraction, longtime East Winston resident Samuel Downey said he could be excited to see the finished product. He mentioned the aquatic park will add value to a side of

town that is often overlooked.

"It finally seems like city officials are starting to pay attention to the needs of residents in East Winston," continued Downey. "With events like family day and the construction of the water park, East Winston seems to be headed in the right direction."



Volunteers from the Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks Department distribute school supplies during Winston Lake Family Day held on Sunday, Aug. 14. The annual event was sponsored by Recreation and Parks, SciTech, and the Josh Howard Foundation.

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A student looks through an assortment of books during the Winston Lake Family Day on Sunday, Aug. 14. Along with free school supplies, students enjoyed free food, entertainment and other surprises.

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