

For Memories – And The Future

Two hundred fifty people from three generations gathered the last weekend of June at M.M. Tate School for three days of reunion and recollections.

M.M. Tate, which was the school for black children before integration and then a middle school before it closed in 1995, is a symbol of Marvell for those generations. But it is becoming a symbol of hope as much as memories and an investment in the future, not the past.



Mrs. Verlene McCall at M.M. Tate School: A place and time for investment

The old campus, which served Marvell children for much of the 20th century, is the center of a 12-block area targeted for redevelopment. A number of community groups, including the M.M. Tate Community Development Corp., Boys Girls Adults Community Development Center and Masonic brothers and sisters, hope to convert the campus into a multipurpose community center.

Mrs. Verlene McCall, chairman of M.M. Tate CDC, envisions the campus, once it is fully restored, being the center of a beehive of community services, including a variety of classes for literacy, job and life skills.

Alumni have placed a new roof on the main building and fund-raising is underway to clean up the campus, repair the buildings and refinish classrooms.

You can send donations to the M.M. Tate CDC at P.O. Box 221, Marvell, AR 72366.



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