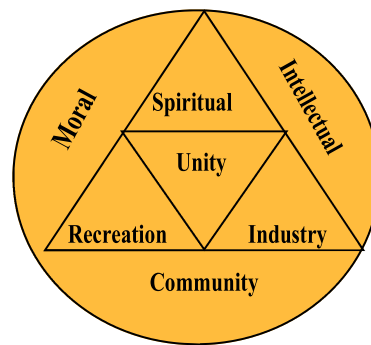


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Irene & David Rogers Memorial Scholarship Update

It has been 12 years since David's absent (2nd Corinthian 5:8) from our lives and five years for his wife Irene. They left a legacy resonating in a vision to help others. With that being said, the scholarship program was established in 2009 at Council of Community Organization (COCO) of Oktibbeha County, Inc's Center for the purposes of awarding scholarships to graduating high school students. The members and communities rallied around the idea and have successful supported the program. Each year a luncheon in their memory is given to show appreciation for the support of those who contributed to make scholarship awards possible. A total of twenty (20) scholarship have been given to graduating high school students who attends post-secondary schools in the quest to further their education. In additional two scholarship were given in memory of Valeria Cain, by her family, a lifelong support of the COCO Center.

2020/2021 the pandemic prevented gathering of crowds and indoor activities. Therefore, the appreciation luncheon was cancelled. However, our heartfelt gratitude is expressed to the supporter who continue to give financially. Your contributions enabled COCO to give two (2) scholarship for year 2020. It is our plan to give two (2) scholarships for year 2021. Your support is welcome and very much appreciated.



2020 scholarship winners were Kayla Williams, daughter of Kayla Williams-Evans & McKayla Smith daughter of Carol Smith. Both students are attending MSU

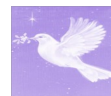
wishing you
Merry Christmas
& **Happy New Year**
in advance

Kroger Community Reward Program

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To the loving memory of our secretary Mrs. Emma A. Randle who lived her life dedicated to Council Of Community Organizations (COCO) of Oktibbeha County, Inc. She passed away on December 18, 2020. A resolution in her memories adopted by the Board of Directors.



Recent Events At COCO

October

- 01 - Oktibbeha County Wastewater meeting at 3:00 p.m.
- 27 - Oktibbeha County Wastewater meeting at 3:00 p.m.
- 24 - COCO Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
- 29 - Annexations Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 31 - A repast for the family of the late Rev. Dr. Ivory Lee McDaniel.

November

- 07 - Child contest was held and the crowning of Little Miss COCO Jordan McKenzie Gordon, 2 years old, the daughter of Christopher and Adrienne Gordan. Paternal grandparents of Harvey and Ruby Gordan of Starkville, MS and maternal; grandparents of Cleo and Alisia Robinson of Columbus, MS. Mrs. Emma Randle sponsored Jordan. Council of Community Organizations of Oktibbeha County Inc. (COCO) is a non profit organizations.
- 10 - Oktibbeha County Wastewater Committee meeting at 3:00 p.m. Baby shower for Darrius Grayer and wife at 2:00 p.m.. They are expecting a girl. Congratulations!!
- 15 - Worship and the Word Church Services with Rev Joseph Stone was held at 10:00 am.
- 21 - Wedding reception for Jerome and Lenora Neal with about 50 family and friends at the COCO Center. The green and black colors accented the groom's favorite team. Congratulations!!!
- 22 & 29 Worship and the Word Church Services with Rev Joseph Stone was postponed..



Little Miss COCO



Mr. & Mrs. Neal

COCO On Going Membership Drive—Join Today!!
Adult membership dues are \$24.00,
Organization dues are \$30.00,

continue

December

01 - Oktibbeha County Wastewater committee meeting at 3:00 p.m.

08 - Worship and Word Church Services with Rev Joseph Stone was Cancelled

12 - Graduation fellowship sponsored by Myrtle Mitchell for her daughter a graduate of University of Alabama.

15 - Oktibbeha County Wastewater Meeting 3:00 p.m.

19 - 10th annual Christmas Bike Drive with Rev. Joseph Stone and the members of Second Baptist Church. 60 brand new bikes were given to the children of Starkville/Oktibbeha County.



21 - Church Meeting with Rev Joseph Stone at 6:00 p.m.

The OCH Center for Breast Health & Imaging participates in the Mississippi Early Detection Program to offer free screening services for women who are between the ages of 40 and 64, have little or no income, and are medically uninsured or underinsured. Patients who don't qualify for the program can apply for the Center's patient assistance program that is supported by annual, local fundraisers. Now you can have peace of mind without worrying about the costs. Call 662-615-3800 to make your appointment

New and Renewed Members

Mrs. Nora Goliday, Mr. Jimmie and Mrs. Carlene Randle Jr., Sand Creek Chapel Church, Peggy J. Rogers

Calendar of Up Coming Events

January

24 - **COCO** monthly meeting at 3:00 p.m. For the quarter, each 4th Saturday at the Center

February

March

06 - Baby Shower planned

26 - COCO Meeting at 3:00 p.m.

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Do's →

Wash your hands before touching the mask

Inspect the mask for tears or holes

Find the top side, where the metal piece or stiff edge is

Ensure the colored-side faces outwards

Place the metal piece or stiff edge over your nose

Cover your mouth, nose, and chin

Adjust the mask to your face without leaving gaps on the sides

Avoid touching the mask

Remove the mask from behind the ears or head

Keep the mask away from you and surfaces while removing it

Discard the mask immediately after use preferably into a closed bin

Wash your hands after discarding the mask

Don'ts →

Do not use a ripped or damp mask

Do not wear the mask only over mouth or nose

Do not wear a loose mask

Do not touch the front of the mask

Do not remove the mask to talk to someone or do other things that would require touching the mask

Do not leave your used mask within the reach of others

Do not re-use the mask

Remember that masks alone cannot protect you from COVID-19. Maintain at least 1 metre distance from others and wash your hands frequently and thoroughly, even while wearing a mask.

