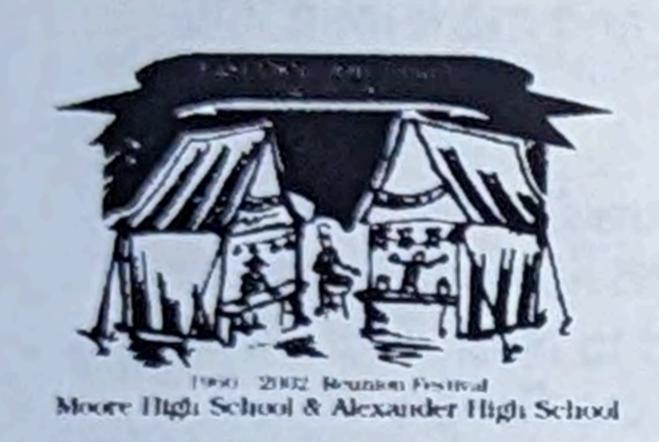
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#### • Event Schedule

9 a. m.	Set up Village
ll a.m.	Playground & Conte
12 Noon	Small Town Center
1:00 p.m.	Landscape Ground- breaking
1:30 p.m.	Entertainment
2:00 p.m.	Talent Search
4:00 p.m.	Alumni /Student Games
6:00 p.m	Closing session

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# EAST OKTIBBEHA COUNTY HOST ALUMNI v. s. STUDENTS

## Alumni group sponsors "a village of fun"

For the first time in the history of Oktibbeha County, a group of alumni from the former Moor High and Alexander High Schools join together to commend the students of East Oktibbeha Middle and High Schools for their achievements during the school year. Former students local and across the country have provided their service and financial support to make this event possible.



The events are scheduled on the front lawn and the surrounding campus grounds.

Various tents will be stationed for contest, special functions, and performances by students and alumni. Numerous prizes will be awarded, which were provided by various sponsors from the Oktibbeha County business community.

EAEOCS, was enacted to serve as a motivational tool and enhancement in the educational process of students. The organization was organized on September 28, 2003.

EAEOCS consist of former students of Moor High and Alexander High Schools and any concerned citizens desiring to give aid to the administration and students.

The group believes
"when students are given
praise, reinforcement,
motivation, and the
proper tools, they will
advance beyond expectations. The membership
and community partners

'bond together to invest in America's future, by identifying our roles, and duties as citizens. The organization is built on principles of volunteerism and seeks to devise methods of making students' dreams become reality.

EAOECS adopted the African proverb "it takes a village" -meaning it takes everyone to raise a happy, healthy, and hopeful child.

The EAEOCS was prompted to act as a result of the fire, and moved to develop an organizational approach to show the students love, and concern, for their endurance as a result of the fire.

The public is invited.

## EAEOCS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP

The funds generated from the banquet at Ramada Inn on March 22, 2003 made possible a scholarship to a qualifying student.

Qualification requirements were proof of admission and the start date to an institution of higher learning. Each contestant was asked to write an essay of 150-200 words. The subject "Ingredient for Success" was the title for the essay.



The recipient of the award is Shaqualar Hart for \$300. She will attend the Itta-

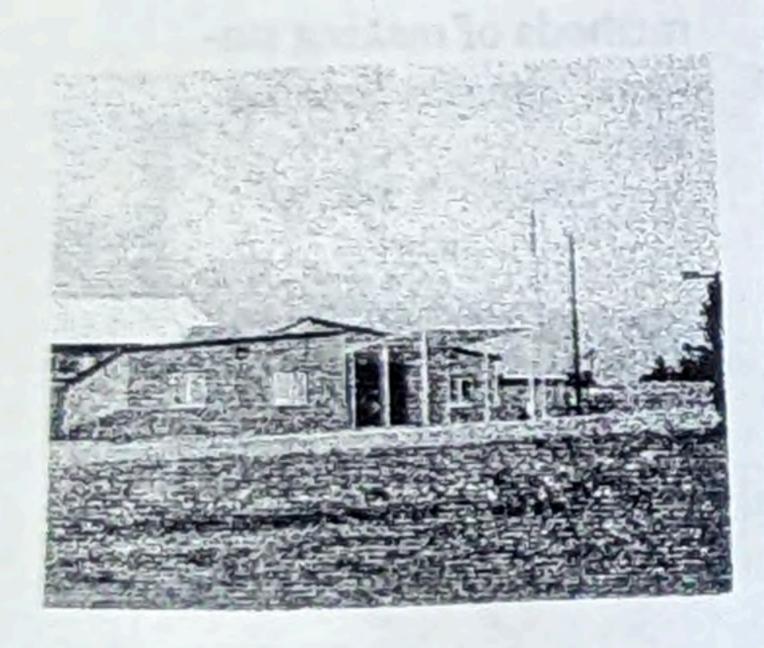
wamba Community College in Fulton, MS. She is the

daughter of Betty Grayer of Crawford, MS. Shaqualar stated in her essay "with a mixture of patience, dedication, and faith comes the successful life of an achiever."

Join us in commending her for her efforts and achievement.



East Oktibbeha County High School
Formerly Moor High School



"...community can get involved to give the students a better education."



East Oktibbeha Middle School
Formerly Alexander High
School

## Landscape Project Developing

The upcoming project at East Oktibbeha County School is a landscaped amphitheater and picnic area on the school campus. Although in the planning stages, the project at the high school would include 30-40 picnic benches, class roster walls for alumni and an amphitheater, complete with lighting, sidewalks and more than 300 ornamental trees and shrubs.

The Small Town Center within the Architecture School at Mississippi State University was contacted for advice and the award winning research and design center has agreed to help. The Small Town Center is a non-profit organization within the School of Architecture at Mississippi State University. The organization responds to its geographical position within a rural landscape and to the school's focus on the American Small Town. The mission of the Small town vary and is applicable to this project to: provide towns and communities with current and active resource center for design issues, to show communities the ability of the design process to discover underlying assets and obstacles to growth and development, etc.

Kimberly Brown, director of the Small Town Center, spoke at an EAEOCS recent fundraiser 'that students at the non-profit center are planning to devote their time to the landscaping project in August 2003. Thus, in the meantime, alumni with special skills that range from bricklaying to grant writing were critically needed."

According to Brown, "The beauty of this project at East Oktibbeha is the way the community can get involved to give the students a better education," and " in a sense, it is a way to tell the high school students to reach higher, to show them the love that is there but at the same time, to tell them to excel as students."

### **Our Al Maters**

With consolidation of the schools and the names changed, the East Oktibbeha County Middle School has an enrollment of 328 students with grades K-6. The modemization completed last spring has an internal design that is absolutely beautiful. Presently, a project in underway to design and build a play ground, and outdoor classroom. This project is under the sponsorship of the Small Town Center, phase one.

East Oktibbeha County High located on the southeastern comer of the county has 275 students grades 9-12. Remodeling is underway this summer to repair the damages from the fire. According to the administration, the facility will be equally designed and just as attractive as the middle school.

Presently EAEOCS is developing an outdoor project at the high school to beautify the outside campus as a gift from the alumni and community. Numerous fundraising project are planned to assist with generating revenue to complete construction next summer.

We solicit the support of every person with a connection to these institutions because there are many things we as a community can do to assist in the educational process of our students. Thank you and please continue your support to this great cause.