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Cleveland County Welcomes Music Hall of Fame Group Working to Host First Induction Ceremony in 2020

A Cleveland County group has been working for the past several months on a Music Hall of Fame and looks to have its first induction ceremony in 2020. The committee composed of Phil Weathers, Ronnie Whisnant, Tommy Ellis, Angela Patterson Padgett, Mary Fox, Patti Weathers, Dwight Osborne, Ryan Fox, and Jackie Sibley-Newton, all have a love for music and for the past few years have envisioned a Music Hall of Fame for Cleveland County. Their dream now becoming a reality.

The plan is for the Hall of Fame to include all genres of music from rock, pop, soul, country, gospel, bluegrass, etc. The group plans to look at nationally known artists from the county, songwriters, disc jockeys and individuals who have promoted music. The committee wants to include a longtime band or artist each year as well. Eventually, the group plans to offer a scholarship(s) to a local senior in high school that plans to pursue a degree in music.

The group is working with King Law Offices to establish the Cleveland County Music Hall of Fame as a 501 c (3) and graphic artist Jimmy Carpenter to design the organization's logo. The group feels like Cleveland County is rich in music history and with the creation of this special organization, that history to live on.

The Hall of Fame Committee is planning a fundraiser in downtown Shelby on Friday, August 9, 2019. The event will be held at the City Pavilion from 12 noon to 6 p.m. It is being billed as a "Tribute to the Woodstock Music Festival", as this is the 50th anniversary of the Woodstock Festival in 1969. Three bands will be playing music from the 1969 festival, vendors, prizes, classic VWs, etc. will be on hand as well. Information concerning this fundraiser will be available soon.