

Local man charged with robbery in Piedmont, AL

Richard Donnell Lane, 25, of Union Springs was arrested in Bullock County and transported to Calhoun County Jail on January 18, 2019.

Lane along with a Montgomery man, 22-year-old Trevon Tarique Fletcher, have been charged with robbery in the first degree

relating to an incident in Piedmont, AL.

During the incident on November 29, 2018, Chandler Gage Garcia was shot outside his home located on South Fifth Street in Piedmont.

Garcia was airlifted to Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga, TN.

Garcia, 20, died in the hospital the next day after being transported there.

Piedmont Police Chief Norton said, "The investigation is ongoing and Fletcher and Lane each had \$100,000 bond. He added that Lane's first court appearance is set for February 4, 2019 at 1:30 p.m."



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A day of service for students

By Felicia Farnsworth

This year's MLK Day of Service took place on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at Union Springs Elementary School, where Samaritan's Feet visited the school to wash the student's feet and fit them with new socks and shoes.

Union Springs Elementary School Principal Derrick Harris said, "On behalf of the faculty and staff, I'd like to thank Samaritan's Feet, Coach Willie Spears, the entire Athletic Department, and the volunteers for helping to make a difference in the children's lives."

Volunteers consisted of the Bullock County Football Team, Cheer Squad, Track Team, Chilly's Ice Cool Band - Mrs. Lucy Cooks, Mrs. O'Neal, Mrs. Ivey, and Jackie Jordan, as well as Commissioner Don Larkins, Virginia Banks, Patricia Young, and others.

"I was so happy to see the children's smiling faces as they received their free socks and shoes.

"We are truly living Dr. King's dream of giving to those in need and bringing HOPE for the future!" commented Principal Harris.

Phil Campbell is the Regional Director of Operations for Samaritan's Feet. The organization was founded in 2003 and Campbell has been with them for fourteen of those fifteen years.

The organization has given out over seven million pairs of socks and shoes to deserving students in 108 nations and 389 U.S. cities.

"The goal is to create a world with zero shoeless children and to bring a sense of HOPE to their lives. It's all about the kids! Dream BIG Dreams!" said Campbell.

Samaritan's Feet brings their message of HOPE through a four-year grant from the Corporation for National Service (CNCS) and an additional partnership with Sanford Health in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Bullock County Football Coach Willie Spears helped

to bring Samaritan's Feet to Union Springs after knowing about them giving out 500 pairs of socks and shoes to deserving elementary students that were bussed to Carver High School in Montgomery in 2018.

Coach Spears said, "We See STUDENTS Page 10



Jo Kyle Smith putting shoes on the feet of a child.

Comeback Award given

The Union Springs Community Outreach Committee Chairman and City Councilman Stan "Chilly" Cooks presented Michael Cooks an award for his outstanding rehabilitation efforts.

Cooks was injured in a fall and was paralyzed from chest down. He has been through

extensive rehabilitation and is continuing his rehabilitation by working out daily at the Union Springs Recreational Center.

Councilman Cooks stated, "I am so proud of Michael to come from laying flat on his back to walking to receive his award.



City Councilman Stan "Chilly" Cooks presented Michael Cooks the award for his outstanding rehabilitation efforts.



Mahaley Renfroe represented Bullock County at the Distinguished Young Women of Alabama program January 18 and 19 in Montgomery. Renfroe was one of three participants selected for a scholarship based on her essay concerning the Be Your Best Self program. The Be Your Best Self programs highlights five areas; be healthy, be involved, be studious, be ambitious and be responsible. She is a senior at Conecuh Springs Christian School and the daughter of Ken and Jenny Renfroe.

Myron Penn Shootout held

By Ron Smith

The annual Myron Penn Shootout was held at the Bullock County High School Friday night during halftime of the varsity girls game between Bullock County High School and Barbour County High

School.

The three participants from Barbour County were Cedrick Cole, Paul Williams, and Tony Petterson. The three participants from Bullock County High School were A.T. Harris, Keno King, and Caprice Dickerson. Out of the

participants five were men and one a lady.

Caprice Dickerson was the only one who made the three point shot. Myron Penn's legal assistance, Chequetta Green, gave each participant a conciliation gift.

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