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He’s in semifinals on America’s Got Talent

Hoke High graduate Tavis Cunningham and musical group laChord have advanced to the semifinals on the performance competition television show America’s Got Talent.

Cunningham, Christoff Hairston and Julian Kennedy make up the male vocal trio laChord. The three college students went from sitting at the same table in the college cafeteria, to singing together. They recorded a cover of The Clark Sisters’ “Name A Chain” that went viral on America’s Got Talent, page 3)

Congressman visits

Rep. Colin Bonham, above left, who represents Hoke County as part of the Ninth Congressional District, speaks with One Stop Barber Shop business owner Michael T. Swinney during a visit to Hoke County August 19. The Congressman raised many local business to ask how they’re doing as part of his tour through the county. His visit also included a stop in Rockfish, right, meeting with Sheriff Dr. Hubert Peterkin and Raeford Police Chief Marc Godwin to discuss public safety and speaking at the Hoke County GOP meeting (Catharin Shepard, contributed photos)

Chamber music

A crowd enjoyed the music of the Sand Band in the early evening last Thursday at a free concert sponsored by the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber hosted the event as an end-of-summer get-together for the community. The concert was held at the Old Armory park on East Central Avenue in Raeford.

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Since the end of World War II Americans keep being struggled in conflict after conflict. And no one is even getting this, at this, we don’t even need our advantages to be counted. We can get into a prolonged, military conflict with almost any country. The success of our politics, the success of our country, the success of our economy, the success of our lives are all threatened by the military. We have had bad to have our own small-scale war in the last thirty years and that means we have to continue to maintain the threat of a nuclear war. The threat of a nuclear war is a constant. We can build up the ground versus the bad, we would probably have been better off to ride horses and stay out of other people’s land. To write this, the withdrawal from Afghanistan is certainly a sign that we have to learn many unmaturing, if not dead, after the dust settles. I am in favor of getting out and having been I realized that there is no such country that has stood up against a prolonged, military conflict, so many diverse tribes and nations throughout our country under one government. What is the truth behind why we brought this human alienation into the world, why the writing on the wall. The problem with the ownership of human beings, there is a history of millions of people who have been mistreated. This cannot happen again. We cannot permit to perpetuate these conflicts. The money from the army will help us to keep the flag, the commissary will also help to improve communities across the board.

Part of that program is the National Flag of Honor project with the national W11 Project. It’s a non-profit organization that was formed in the Olde Door Stop Kitchen in Hoke County. September 11th falls on a Sat.

The National Flag of Honor Across America Memorial in Hoke County, North Carolina, by Hoke County Toon Court. It is a joint venture and funded by that agency and the Hoke County Corps National Day of Service. We will be at 8:30 a.m. September 11th and will be held at Freedom Park in downtown Raeford, at the corner of Main Street and East Central Avenue. For more information, call (910) 270-9931.

Got talent? (Continued from page 1)

Tal/Ark not long after they were first introduced to the Family Talent celebrity judges Sonia Vera, the producer and host, and Humorist Joni and the group a standing ovation for their first show, the show has been a tremendous success! The show and the arrangement of Coldplay’s song, "Yellow." Since then the group has been performing all over the country. Keeping their chances at winning as high as possible, they have been selected as one of the cover of REM’s “Everybody Hurts” that proved to be a hit with the judges, earning them another standing ovation. Class Reunions 1941 – HBS Class of ’51 50th Reunion – Plans are under way for the Class of ’51 of the 1941-50 era, a virtual meeting will be held on Saturday, July 16th. For more information and to RSVP, contact Lenda Memory, 910-358-8292. Classes included are the classes of 1941-50.

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NEW PA at FirstHealth Primary care office

FirstHealth of the Carolinas is pleased to announce the opening of a new primary care office in New Hanover County, NC. The office will welcome veteran Family Nurse Practitioner Ann Little, DNP, FNP-BC.

Ann Little, DNP, FNP-BC, located at 2030 New Hanover Road, Raeford, NC 28376, specializes in primary care for adults and children. She earned her Doctorate of Nursing Practice from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has over 30 years of clinical experience in primary and urgent care settings.

"We are so excited to welcome Ann to our team! She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our community, and we look forward to her contributions," said Varick Collins, FNP-C, who will be working alongside Little.

FirstHealth New Hanover offers a range of primary care services, including well-child and adult well care, chronic disease management, acute care, and more. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. For appointments, please call (910) 576-3249 or visit firsthealthofthecarolinas.com/newhanover.
Hoke High football defeats Lumberton 43-0

JESSICA HENDRIX BROWN
Sports Writer

The Hoke County Bucks foot-
ball team dominated in yet another game, clinching the win against the Lumberton High School Pi-
rates. The Bucks won 43-0 in the away game Friday night, giving them a 2-0 winning streak and hopefully the momentum they’ll need to take on the Southview Tigers this Friday. Hoke’s last win against the Pirates shut their season down with a 2-0 win, keeping the Bucks on top of the mountain.

The Bucks started off the game with a safety on the punt return, giving the Bucks an early lead. Warren Avery ran the ball 8-yards for a first down, bringing the Bucks to a 7-0 lead. With less than a minute left in the first half, a long punt return from Avery brought Hoke County to the Pirates’ 8-yard line. Devontre Daniels, who led Hoke County with 60 rushing yards on six carries, scored a touchdown next with 9 seconds on the clock, bringing the score to 16-0 at halftime.

The second half began with Hoke County recovering a fumble, and Hoke’s Lavell Jackson returned it 30 yards for a Bucks touchdown, the extra point was good, making for a score of 23-0. Hoke County then had two 7-yard touchdown runs by Warren Avery, who ran seven times for 39 yards and two touchdowns, and the second by Jaleb Tupuloa. In the 4th quarter, a 25-yard pass from Avery to Kamonte Williams brought the Bucks to their 43-yard victory. The Bucks host South View High School this Friday night at home in the Raz Autry Stadium.

Bucks soccer ends their 5 game winning streak with a 4-2 loss against Terry Sanford

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After an intense match at home Monday night, The Hoke High Men’s Varsity Soccer team ended their 5 game winning streak with a 2-4 loss against the Terry Sanford Bulldogs. The Bulldogs scored twice in the first half, shutting the Bucks out 2-0 by halftime. Hoke came back strong in the second half, scoring a quick goal against the bulldogs but couldn’t keep the bulldogs out of their defensive end and Terry Sanford quickly answered the Bucks’ goal with another of their own. After a corner kick in the last 20 minutes of the game, the Bucks were able to score a second goal, bringing the score to 3-2. After a series of fouls and yellow cards given to Terry Sanford, the Bulldogs put in their fourth goal. The Bucks goals were scored by Ivan Rodriguez-Baez (Jr.) and Ke’Nautica Billinger (Jr.). Hoke plays at home tonight and Thursday night at the Raz Autry Stadium.
COVID-19. The school system is 11 students testing positive for population, had the most cases with High, which has the largest student at least one known positive case students and 15 teachers or staff there were 52 known cases of CO-

(Continued from page 1) Board of Education urging school interest in vulnerable populations and state health and education measures in place. The Board tem is following its reopening plan five days a week, the school sys-

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COVID-19 approved vaccine available

FDA-approved vaccine available

Nearly half of Hoke County’s population is at least 12 years old and has been approved for a COVID-19 vaccine. The Hoke County Department of Health and Human Services has administered the vaccine to 64 percent of adults and 34 percent of children who are at least one shot, and 43 percent of people have been vaccinated.

North Carolina’s latest data last week showed another 17,457 new cases and 342 more deaths from COVID-19. The number of hospitalizations increased to nearly 650 and the number of patients in intensive care units increased to nearly 100.

The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is administered to people age 18 and older with a single dose. The Pfizer vaccine is administered in two doses.

Anyone interested in being vaccinated can contact the Hoke County Health Department at 910-875-2000 or call Dr. Terrell, 910-875-4011.

"Skipped. We are there that we must resume some things about our county’s administra-

Students graduate

Two Raeford students at East End were graduated following the summer term. Christopher Leate and Jazhae Hill graduated following term free of the Alabama university.

Students graduate

Beylor Means earned a bach-

High School graduates

Christopher Leate and Jazhae Hill were graduated following the summer term.

American Legion Post 20 marks 10 months on 2nd Tues-

day of each month at 7 p.m. in the National Guard on Todd Trail. All members and those interested are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Ken Jones, Adjutant, 910-273-1509.

Military service-connected meetings A JERSEY VFW POST 5 meets the second Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. in the Legion Hall, Raeford. For information contact George Biddle, Adjutant, 910-875-4410 or e-mail adjutantgeorgebiddle@charter.net.

American Legion Post 20 meets the 1st Saturday of each month, 1800 hrs at the Southern Pines VFW Post 7318 and Pinehurst, meets the 1st Saturday of each month and is open to the community. Snacks will be provided. Call 910-875-2298 to reserve a seat. The class will be held at the Hoke County Health Department, it is located off Doc Brown Hanger Lane, Raeford. It is located off Doc Brown Airport. For information contact Commander George Balch at 910-875-4410, e-mail gbalch@nc.rr.com or contact Bob Haynes at 2idahq@comcast.net and the 2nd Infantry Division at any time. For information contact Pat Smith at the Hoke County Long Term Recovery Center, Hanger Lane, Raeford. It is located off Doc Brown Airport. For information contact Commander George Balch at 910-875-4410 or e-mail gbalch@nc.rr.com.

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veterans who are known to be sexually assaulted. The petition stated.

They are targeting me and my boyfriend. I am a young women’s rights activist and my boyfriend is a young men’s rights activist. Their tactics are targeting him and me as a couple. We are two people living their lives and they are targeting us for being young and taking our rights seriously.

Black students often feel that their school does not support them, and that they are not being treated fairly. They are often subjected to racist remarks and actions, and they feel that their concerns are not being addressed. They are also often targeted by teachers and staff, and they feel that they are not being given the same opportunities as their White classmates.

One student contacted the News-Journal to express her feelings about the situation. She said that she was feeling upset and frustrated by the way she and her friends were being treated. She said that she feels like her concerns are not being taken seriously, and that she is being targeted because she is a Black student.

"The school is not doing enough to support Black students," she said. "The teachers and staff are not treating us with respect, and we are feeling unsupported and unvalued.

I have been in this school for three years, and I have never felt like I was being treated fairly. The teachers and staff are not showing us the same level of respect as they do their White classmates.

We are being targeted because we are Black, and we are being treated unfairly. We are being discriminated against, and we are being denied the same opportunities as our White classmates.

The school needs to do more to support Black students, and to make sure that they are being treated fairly. The teachers and staff need to show us the same level of respect as they do their White classmates, and they need to make sure that we are being given the same opportunities as they are.

The school needs to make sure that they are not targeting Black students, and that they are not discriminating against them. They need to make sure that they are treating all students fairly, and that they are not targeting any one student for being Black.

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