
THE HOOKER HAPPENINGS

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District Basketball

Both the Bulldogs and Lady Dogs faced off against Watonga for District play on February 17. The Lady Dogs fought to secure a 55-48 win against the Lady Eagles. The Bulldogs won their battle with a 72-37 score. With these wins both teams secured their places in the Regional Basketball tournament. Regionals will be played in Watonga.

The HHS Choir sang the National Anthem prior to the start of Monday's games, much to the enjoyment of the crowd.



Bulldogs Pound Pond Creek-Hunter

The Bulldogs played Pond Creek-Hunter in Woodward on February 8. Both Bulldog teams secured the win in their final game before playoffs began. The Lady Bulldogs beat the Lady Panthers 49-24, while the Bulldogs beat the Panthers 44-31.



Credit: Aaron Witt Photography

Bulldog Basketball

by Izabella, Raul, & Rylee

HS vs. Alva, February 6

The boys' and girls' basketball teams traveled to Alva, Oklahoma, to compete against the Alva Goldbugs and Lady Goldbugs. The girls' game remained close throughout, but Alva ultimately came out on top with a 41-38 victory. Crisbel Rios led the Lady Bulldogs with 20 points, while Analisee Gonzalez added 6. On the boys' side, the Bulldogs dominated their matchup, cruising to a 36-13 win over Alva.

HS vs. Liberal, February 4

In a tough game varsity girls lost to the Liberal Redskins. Despite the loss, we saw an outstanding performance from Rubi Hernandez (Jr) who had thirteen points, Finley Ducan (Fr) with nine points, and Izabella Neville (Sr) with eight points. The Bulldogs boys crushed the Liberal Redskins 65-32 on Tuesday, with dunks from Slade Stalder and Nate Hidalgo making impressive game highlights.



Catching Up With Coaches

by Ruby Sandoval

Austin Elliott is the basketball coach for the Hooker Lady Dogs. He has been coaching basketball for 17 years and this is his second year with Hooker. In his younger years he played football and basketball and ran track. He is proud of his team for how hard they play. Coach Elliott's most memorable play this 2024-2025 season is the lob against Cashion. His favorite thing about coaching is helping young kids get ready for the next part of their lives. The main reason why he coaches is because is a competitive person and he loves to compete.

HJH Completes Basketball Season

by Yadira Mendoza

The Junior High basketball teams played their last game of the season. They hosted the Guymon Tigers one last time here at home. Unfortunately the season did not end the way they would've liked it too, but both teams played their hardest. The JH girls lost with a score of 34-23. The boys lost with a score of 41-25.

Bulldog Beat

by Flor, Sarai, Yadira, & Ruby

Alondra Rios, a senior this year, has been playing basketball for eight consecutive years. When asked what motivates her to continue improving she said, "it's the fact that this is my last year playing and I would like to make it far in the playoffs with my teammates". Her biggest athletic accomplishment that she is most proud of is that she still has motivation to play after she tore her ACL.



Analisee Gonzalez is a senior and is a part of the Lady Dogs basketball team. She has been playing basketball since 3rd grade with some breaks in between. What motivates her to continue improving is the feeling of success. Her most memorable moment was during her sophomore year when they went to the Big House. Throughout the season she wants to make memories and have a fun time.



Cale Metcalf has been playing basketball since he was 4 years old. Since then his biggest sports accomplishment has been football All-District offensive line. His most memorable game has been playing at the Big House in OKC. His teammates motivate him the most and they hope to win a state championship in basketball this year. Cale will miss seeing all his classmates when he graduates and he wants to thank the newspaper crew for selecting him to be in the spotlight.



Senior John Davis has been in basketball for 8 years. He states that hanging out with friends motivates him to stay in basketball. His favorite thing about being in basketball is staying in the hotels with friends. His senior goal is to be able to win state for basketball and track for his last year of high school. The advice he would give his younger self is to work hard and not give up.



Parker Signs with Rangers

Peyton Parker, a standout player for HHS, officially signed to play football at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Known for his powerful performance on both offense and defense, Peyton earned numerous accolades during his high school career. NWOSU looks forward to having Peyton continue his athletic career with their D2 program, Congratulations Peyton and Ride, Rangers, Ride!



Texas County Livestock Show

by Sayde McBride

The Hooker FFA show kids participated in the County Livestock Show on February 4th and 5th. This year, there were many impressive livestock across various breeds, with several young Hooker exhibitors earning top honors. On Tuesday, Sayde McBride was awarded Grand and Reserve Champion Doe and Champion Senior Showman. Anthony Esquivel was named Reserve Champion Senior Showman. On the sheep side, Reagan Werner had the Grand Champion Ewe, Reserve Champion Senior Showman, and Reserve Champion Shrop Market

Lamb. Hudson Hayes was the Champion Junior Showman, while Gage Dietrick was the Reserve Champion Junior Showman. Landon Jacobs was awarded Reserve Champion Cross Market Lamb and Reserve Champion Hamp Market Lamb. On Wednesday, Connor Harrison had an outstanding show, earning Grand Champion Heifer along with Champion Junior Showman. Connor was also awarded Champion Junior Hog Showman. This year, Hooker had three kids participate in the Commercial Pen. Ulises Casa earned Grand Champion Sheep Commercial Pen,

Gabriel Casa received Reserve Grand Sheep Commercial Pen, and Burke Lambley was awarded Grand Champion Cattle Commercial Pen. On Thursday night, all of these kids had the opportunity to participate in the sale auction. Reagan Werner was granted the Beth Walters Senior Sheep Showman Scholarship.

NOC Interscholastics

by Reagan Werner

Hooker FFA took two teams to the Northern Oklahoma Interscholastics. The farm business management team consisting of Burke Lambley, Reagan Werner, and Ulises Casas, placed 3rd overall. Burke placed 5th, Reagan 11th and Ulises 13th. The entomology team also brought home honors being in the top ten, placing ninth as a team. Molly Ritter placed highest at number 23, Carmen Russel followed her as 30th. Estefani Vega and Yadira Amador had a close race, and ultimately placed 37th and 38th.



Senior Spotlights

by Jacky, Rylee, Ruby, & Aaliyah



Denis Martinez, a senior high school senior, shares her favorite high school memory is working on dogfest with yearbook kids. She advises younger self to branch out, not to be shy and make memories with people you love and care about. Martinez's dream job is an aesthetic nurse, and her motivations include family and friends. She describes herself as a quiet, responsible, and procrastinator.



Slade Stalder stated that his favorite highschool memory was winning a state championship his sophomore year in cross country. Slade's song that describes him was *Let's Groove* by Earth, Wind, & Fire. "I would tell my younger self to not get discouraged when you fail and to keep going," Slade said. His dream job is to be an Athletic Trainer. Slade said his motivation is wanting to succeed in his life.



Reagan Werner 's advice she would give to her younger self is, even when you think you have hit your limit, you can still go further. The three adjectives that she used to describe herself are outgoing, loyal, and bubbly. Her dream job is to be a lawyer and she stays motivated by knowing that if she can go through with that, she can make a difference in people's lives. Her biggest goals for the next few years is to be able to win a national livestock judging contest, and be on the principal's honor roll in college all four years of college



Luis Barraza's favorite high school memories are going to state championships both his junior and senior year. His theme song for this year would be *My Own Summer (Shove It)* by Deftones. You can't keep looking back and expect to move forward is the advice he would give his younger self. His personality can be described as kind, calm, and optimistic. Being a Petroleum Engineer is his dream job that he hopes to work hard towards.

Honor Rolls Announced



Congratulations Bulldogs!

Thank you to PTCI for providing shirts for our honor roll students!

Superintendent's Honor Roll

12th Grade

America Baca, Ryan Carter, John Davis, Mayreli Fernandez, Analisee Gonzalez, Leonel Heredia, Emmanuel Hernandez, Nate Hidalgo, Tryston Hidalgo, Jess Johnson, Yadira Mendoza, Cale Metcalf, Devry Metcalf, Izabella Neville, Alfonso Ortiz, Jordan Ortiz, Loryn Rose, and Slade Stalder

11th Grade

Yedelin DeHerrera, Jonathan Lu, Dariel Medina, Yarel Mesta, Allie Metcalf, Wendy Rameriz

10th Grade

Jenna Carter, Ulises Casas, Josie Davis, Summer Fischer, Burke Lambley, Nathun Urias

9th Grade

Yadira Amador, Victoria Cano, Azumi Garcia, Jaklynn Mendoza, Kimberly Moreno, Carmen Russell

8th Grade

Selah Fischer, Dariel Hernandez, Baxleigh Rowlan

7th Grade

Wallace Daugherty, Phoebe Johnson, Paisley Roark, Jenna Rose, Sianna Velasquez, Tami Jo Wilson

Principal's Honor Roll

12th Grade

Trace Duncan, Zahid Fernandez, Esmeralda Herrera, Jacky Jimenez, Landon Lee, Kleat Martens, Denis Martinez, Sayde McBride, Peyton Parker, Alejandro Perez, Adrian Reza, Alondra Rios, Crisbel Rios, Ruby Sandoval, Andrea Sarabia, Aaliyah Zarate

11th Grade

Samira Alvarado, Mollie Baird, Laken Carnagey, Julio Casas, Ailin Cervantes, Gisela Gomez, Jimena Gutierrez, Hadley Harris, Harper Harris, Rubi Hernandez, Gannon Hill, Kinley McGaha, Aislyn Padilla, Hunter Ray

10th Grade

Anthony Esquivel, Alyssa Powell, Paitlyn Rundles, Josiah Simpson

9th Grade

Nicole Avalos, Marissa Borunda, Maria Diaz, Omar Gomez, Jax Mayer, Brissa Medina, Hailey Mitchell, Noah Parish, Molly Ritter, Brecken Wiley, Mia Zarate

8th Grade

Mya Brown, Samantha Butler, Gabriel Casas, Ary Fernandez, Schuyler Fernandez, Isabella Mendoza, Jasmin Salinas, Leah Stinson, Christian Ugarte

7th Grade

Alexandra Amador, Wyatt Arnold, Joshua Gribble, Vaughn Lambley, Myranni Lopez, Austin McBee, Eason Oakes, Julian Palacios, Jett Sierra, Damian Vega, Ullysses Viscara

Dog Chow

by Slade Wilson

We've all come to know Love's as a gas station, but here in Hooker it is so much more. Loves is a nick-nack store, a gas station, a Subway location, and now a Godfather's Pizza location. Subway has been around for a while, but has remodeled. Godfather's is a more recent addition to the Love's building, but most love the pizza extension. Both are a great option for a meal or snack for both visitors and the residents of Hooker.

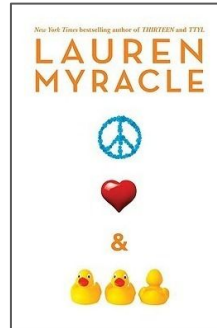
Ruff Ruff Reads

Andrea's Recommendation:

Good Girl, Bad Blood

by Holly Jackson

Pip is not a detective anymore. She and Ravi released a true-crime podcast about the murder case they had solved together last year. Though the podcast is very successful, Pip insists her detective days are over. But when someone close to her goes missing and the police won't help, she has no choice but to investigate it herself. Pip follows a trail of clues, uncovering more of her town's dark secrets along and this time everyone is listening. She has to find him before it's too late.



Gissel's Recommendation:

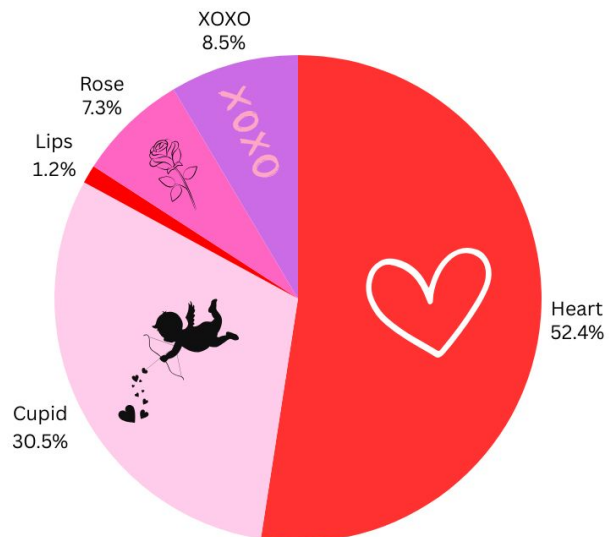
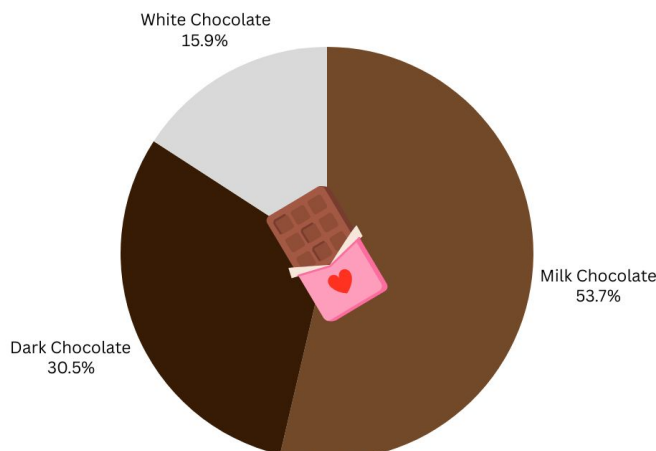
Peace, Love, and Baby Ducks

by Lauren Myracle

Peace, Love, and Baby Ducks is a book about a teenage girl named Carly who has returned from a wilderness event in the summer. Working outside has given her a new perspective on life, and when she returns home to find that her younger sister Anna has grown up, she tries to treat her sister as she did when they were still little. Carly and Anna's relationship as sisters strains when Carly realizes that Anna now has all the attention from the boys at school, causing Carly to feel left behind.

Valentine Polls

High school students voted on their favorite type of chocolate: Dark, milk, or white. Milk chocolate won with a total of 53.7%.



High school students voted on the best Valentine's Day symbol: a heart, XOXO, Cupid, a rose, or lips. A heart won with 52.4%, followed by Cupid with 30.5%.

School Staff Spotlights

by Abigail, Abigail, & Raul



Neeti Sharma is the Special Education teacher here at Hooker. Mrs Sharma has been teaching for 28 years. Mrs. Sharma says that Hooker School District chose her initially, and overtime, she grew to love it here. Mrs. Sharma believes she was needed here and placed in the right place at the right time. Her most meaningful memories are when a student or parent reaches out to her and says thank you.



Jamie Hill teaches Computer Applications I & II as well as Web Design. Mrs. Hill has been teaching for 23 years. She has taught all grade levels, elementary to college level. Mrs. Hill says that she chose Hooker because her husband grew up in Hooker and they decided to raise their boys here. Her favorite memory is getting to see the elementary kids walking down the sidewalk for music programs, and in a blink of an eye, those little kids are soon Freshman sitting in her classroom.



Amelia Adams is the 5th and 6th grade teacher at Hooker elementary school. She mentions that teaching is her passion and she loves seeing other students excel and succeed, she has been a teacher for 45 years and has been teaching for hooker elementary for 2 years. What made Mrs. Adams to become a teacher is the lords well for her life, and the reason she chose hooker was because she knew it was her home. Her favorite memory was when she was teaching first grade and a little boy, who had lost his mother came up to me and gave me a little bottle of perfume, he said, "You remind me of my mother, and i want you to wear it, so you will smell just like her" Teaching is more than filling student minds with facts, it is touching lives.

Calendar

February 20 - 22: Regional Basketball at Watonga

February 27 - March 1: Area Basketball

February 28: No School

March 6 - 8: State Basketball

March 7: No School

March 14 - 21: Spring Break



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