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Bulldogs Dominate at State Lady Dogs Claim First, Boys Take Second in Cross Country Showdown

by Izabella Neville

The Hooker Dogs and Lady Dogs cross-country teams traveled to Edmond, Oklahoma, this past weekend for the state championship meet. They have been working hard all season with hopes of bringing home the gold. After an eventful afternoon, both teams were able to finish their races without any rain or lightning delays.

The girls' race was very close between Hooker and Regent Prep. After the race, no one knew the outcome, but it was clear that it had been tight. Senior Analisee Gonzalez scored the final point by holding off a Regent Prep runner down the final stretch, beating her by thirty-two hundredths of a second. This secured the win for the Hooker Lady Dogs by just one point, resulting in an undefeated season. The girls returned home with their fourth consecutive state title, having not lost the crown since first winning in 2021. All seven runners finished in the top 25: Izabella Neville, 3rd place, with a time of 12:11; Ember Stevens, 6th, with a time of 12:21; Yarel Mesta, 10th, with a time of 12:36; Jenna Carter, 17th, with a time of 12:58; Analisee Gonzalez, 20th, with a time of 13:16; Ana Deherrera, 23rd, with a time of 13:20; and Finley Duncan, 25th, with a time of 13:25.

The boys' race was also expected to be tight between Hooker and Regent



Credit: Heather Neville



Prep. They battled hard throughout the race, but Regent Prep ultimately came out on top. The boys finished as state runners-up, bringing home silver. Although it was not the result they wanted, they had a very successful season and will walk away as one of the fastest boys teams to ever compete at Hooker.

Hooker Shuts Out Crescent

by Nate Hidalgo

On a rainy and muddy Friday night, the Hooker Bulldogs delivered a dominant performance against the Crescent Tigers, securing a decisive 40-0 victory in their senior night matchup. The relentless downpour transformed the field into a slick, slippery battleground, making every play a challenge. Despite the less-than-ideal conditions, Hooker's power running game and aggressive defense proved unstoppable.

From the opening whistle, the Bulldogs showcased their strength. Quarterback Kleat Martens(Sr.) and running backs Peyton Parker (Sr.), Landen Lee(Sr.), Ayden Woolridge(Jr.), Justin Palacios(So), navigated the wet field with surprising agility. The Bulldogs' offensive line,

showing grit and determination, pushed the Tigers back on nearly every play, opening up huge running lanes. Hooker's ball carriers seemed relaxed in the conditions, powering through the slippery field and picking up big chunks of yardage.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Bulldogs were equally dominant. The Bulldogs held the Tigers to negative yards the entire night. Crescent's offense was unable to gain any momentum, as Hooker's defensive line and linebackers consistently disrupted plays, forcing turnovers and forcing the Tigers to punt.

Hooker won 40-0. While the seniors made sure to win for their last home non playoff game. Senior Kleat Martens had 258 passing yards for 2 touchdowns and 70 rushing



Credit: Aaron Witt Photography

yards for 1 touchdown. Landen Lee (Sr.) had 21 rushing yards. Peyton Parker (Sr.) had 1 touchdown with 4 Tackles. Senior Tatum Trimble had 52 receiving yards for 1 touchdown. Nate Hidalgo (Sr.) had 2 sacks for a loss of 26 yards. While seniors Daniel Quezada, Trace Duncan, Rhett Nunley, Jonathan Cano, Cale Metcalf, Raul Garcia, Alfonso Ortiz, Tryston Hidalgo, and Luis Barraza also had a strong senior night.



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Bulldogs Blowout Eagles

by Rylee Stegman

Friday, November 1 the Hooker Bulldogs took on the Watonga Eagles, beating them 53-0. The Bulldogs walked away with another flawless victory. Hooker walked onto the field 7-1 and walked off 8-1, being the number 1 team in the conference. The Hooker player to mention is Quarterback Kleat Martens who threw 13 passes with 8 completions and 2 passing touchdowns, including a 54 yard

passing touchdown. Kleat also ran on 4 attempts for 64 yards, showcasing his amazing abilities as a dual threat QB. Another player to mention is Justin Palacios who rushed for 79 yards on just 7 attempts, also putting up 2 touchdowns. The last player to mention is Nate Hidalgo, the big man who caught a touchdown and got a sack that went back 15 yards.

Hooker High Launches Esports Program

Hooker High School is thrilled to launch a new extracurricular opportunity for students this year. Esports, highly competitive and organized video game competitions, is coached by Ethan Kennedy. Coach Kennedy, a member of the executive directors board for Oklahoma Scholastic Esports, is excited to bring another extracurricular option to students at HHS. Esports is dedicated to promoting and improving student success through positive competition, opening the doors for more students to be active in school activities.

The Hooker Esports team competed in their first ever competition on Saturday, November 9 in Guymon. PTCI's Gigaverse is a unique Esports competition that brought students and community members together to compete in two games: Halo and Super Smash Bros. The Bulldogs had ten students participate in this weekend event, with two Halo teams making it to the semi-finals in this dynamic competition.

Hooker Esports will begin their first official Esports season with OKSE in January.



They will be competing against other schools in the state, engaging in multiple video games requiring various skill sets and abilities. The team is open to high school students of all skill levels, and is still accepting new members.

Senior Night

37 HHS Seniors were honored during Friday night's football game. Football players Luis Barraza, Jonathan Cano, Trace Duncan, Daniel Estrada, Raul Garcia, Nate Hialog, Tryston Hialog, Landen Lee, Kleat Martens, Cale Metcalf, Rhett Nunley, Alfonso Ortiz, Peyton Parker, Daniel Quezada, and Tatum Trimble were honored prior to the start of the game. During halftime all band, cheer, cross country, and softball seniors were honored: Andrea Sarabia, Lucy Simpson, Neomi Simpson, Taylor Marquez, Denis Martinez, Kiona Padilla, Reagan Werner, Analisee Gonzalez, Esmeralda Herrera, Flor Mesta, Izabella Neville, Ryan Carter, John Davis, Zahid Fernandez, Leo Heredia, Emmanuel Hernandez, Ulisses Jiminez, Alejandro Perez, Slade Stalder, Devry Metcalf, Crisbel Rios, and Alondra Rios.

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Seniors Devry, Sayde, & Bella



Senior Tryston & Family



Senior Raul & Family

Bulldog Beat

by Yadira, Ruby, & Abigail

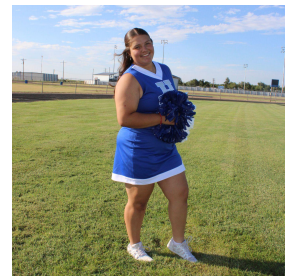
Senior Running Back Landen Lee Landen has been playing football since he was 6 years old. Landen has gone to three different schools in his entire life as well as lived in three different states. He earned an honorable mention All-District Running back shoutout and a Wyoming Coaches Association award. His goal for the end of the football season is to bring home a gold ball to end his football career on a high note.



Freshman Ember Stevens is a cheerleader for Hooker High School. She loves all the sports she does. Her greatest accomplishment is making the cheer team with her friends. Her biggest strength is flying. Her weakness is trying to remember the cheers. The Freshman's favorite song is "Freaks" because she loves the moves they do for the games!



Sophomore Haven Romero's favorite cheer is "Raise Your Hands All You Fans in the Bulldog Stands." When asked what motivates her to keep improving is all the little girls that look up to her. Showing them to always have the mentality to continue getting better and to always have a good attitude makes them want to do the same. Haven's favorite part of being a cheerleader is traveling to all the games, and bringing the bulldog spirit to all the games.



Senior Night Cont'd



Credit: Aaron Witt Photography

Senior Band, Cheer, Cross Country, and Softball Players & Families



Senior Football Players



Senior Bella & Family



Senior Devry & Family



Senior Rhett & Family



Senior Trace & Family

Veterans Day

by Aaliyah Zarate

The armistice to end World War I was signed on November 11th. Today, it is honored as Veteran's Day. At Hooker High School our STUCO, FFA, and 4-H members work hard to make an honorable program for our Veterans. They make breakfast, escort them to their seats in the auditorium, and present the colors. Students are told where they were stationed and what they did during their time in the military. It is a great honor that we can appreciate our Veterans with the band playing the Star Spangled Banner and the choir thanking them with a beautiful song. Loud claps can be heard while STUCO and FFA announce our Veterans, allowing students to show how much appreciation and respect they have for Veterans.



It is great that we take time out of our day to respect these gallant and noble men and women who have sacrificed their lives to fight for our country's freedom. So thank you, Veterans, for fighting for our freedom. We thank veterans all over the world that are or have served. We thank them for serving our country and helping in what they do, to get our freedom.



We happily celebrate the day, the day to recognize our veterans. It does not matter how long or short you served, we thank you for your hard work and effort to carry our country into the future. Thank you for your service, thank you for everything you sacrifices, thank you for your families and how they supported you. Thank you veterans.

2024 Elections

2024 brought one of the most fiercely contested Presidential elections in modern history. Former President Donald Trump, the Republican nominee, faced off against Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic nominee. Between the two main candidates and those in the Independent, Libertarian, and Green parties over 147 million votes were cast in this year's presidential election. In the hours and days that followed the closing of the polls, Donald Trump was declared the winner of the 2024 Presidential election. Trump secured a total of 312 electoral votes with Harris

receiving 226. Donald Trump will officially take office on Inauguration Day, which is scheduled for January 20, 2025. The United States Senate and House also held elections earlier this month. The US Senate now consists of 53 Republican seats and 47 Democratic seats. The House of Representatives is still awaiting results from a few states, but presently sits at 214 Republican seats and 205 Democratic seats. The party to reach 218 will hold the majority.

Calendar

- Nov. 14: JH Basketball @ Guymon, 4:00
- Nov. 15: HS Football vs. Minco, 7:00
- Nov. 16: FFA Trophy Auction
- Nov. 18-19, 21: JH Hooker Basketball Festival
- Nov. 22: Virtual Day, Football Play-Offs (2nd round)
- Nov. 25: Elementary Open House
- Nov. 27 - 29: Thanksgiving Break

30th Annual Dogfest A Success

by Flor Mesta

Dogfest took place Thursday, Nov 7 in the blue gym. It was a very eventful night for all the classes, from 7th graders all the way to Seniors. Seventh graders competed against the eighth graders and freshmen. Sophomores, juniors and seniors all competed against each other. Dogfest is an ongoing Hooker Schools tradition with this being the 30th year. This year we had a very good crowd, the concession stand was successful and sold lots of food and made a good amount of money. The coronation was also very fun to see. From the 7th, 8th, and 9th, Freshmen Molly Ritter and Roy Herald won. From 10th, 11th, and 12th, Seniors Alondra Rios and Leonel Heredia won the coronation. The games were also very intense and challenging, but very fun to watch. In the end the juniors had the most points and won the games and both the Seniors and 7th graders won the best poster. A shoutout to senior Andrea Sarabia for making a spectacular senior poster all by herself. This year's dogfest was very successful, thanks to all the people who were part of keeping this tradition going, and also all those that helped make Dogfest happen this year.



Senior Spotlights

by Jacky, Sarai, Harmani, & Alyssa



Senior Rhett Nunley is funny, loud, and energetic. His favorite high school memory was playing in the state championship football game. Although, his dream job is to be a rancher in the mountains. He said that if he were to give advice to his younger self, he would say to turn your phone off when you get to school. Last, he said that Crazy Train by Ozzy Osbourne would make the best theme music for him.



Ulises Jimenez is a senior attending Hooker High School. The three adjectives best describe his personality are funny, fast, and energetic. What motivates him to work hard is to be the best he could possibly be. His favorite high school memory is winning state track and cross country his junior year. The song that would make the best theme music for him would be "Swag Surfin by F.L.Y." When asked what his dream job is he stated that "I've always wanted to be a barber."



Ryan Carter is a senior at Hooker Public Schools. When asked what three adjectives best describe himself, he would say fast, smart, and tall. His favorite High school memory is going home and playing Fortnite with his friends. Advice he would give his young self is to improve and push himself to get better every day. His dream job is to be an architectural engineer to help build homes and businesses.



Izabella Neville is a senior this year! Glorifying God through her hard work, her family and looking forward to her future is what motivates her to do good in school. Izabella's freshman and senior year are her most memorable years of high school. She has said as a freshman it's so fun when everything is new and as a senior you try to enjoy it even more, knowing it's coming to an end. Izabella is an outstanding athlete, her proudest accomplishment as an athlete is beating Regent Prep by 1 to win the xc state title this year, along with winning an individual state title in the 800m in track. She plans to get a degree in biology at ORU and get into dental school and become a dentist. An accomplishment of her this year is to be valedictorian. It's a big year for our seniors like Izabella when this chapter closes and another one begins. Soon we're going to wish our seniors farewell and good luck in a new beginning.

FCA

Hooker's FCA excitedly met in Guymon on October 30th to purchase gifts to fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Together these incredible students were able to fill ten shoeboxes! Through Operation Christmas Child, Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



PTO

November 25: Open House, Chili Supper, & Silent Auction
 5:30 - 7:00, \$5/plate or \$25 for immediate family
 * PTO has gathered information from teachers and created wish lists! Teacher wish lists will be posted outside of classroom doors. This is a great opportunity to help support our teachers!

December 4: PTO Meeting @ 6:30 in the elementary cafeteria

December 6: Popcorn & Pickles

HALO

by Gissel Medina

HALO (Hispanic American Leadership Organization) hosted a dance for Hooker junior high and high school students. The dance took place on Saturday, November 9 from 9 pm and until 11 pm. The dance featured amazing music blasting through the speakers, dancing, and a fun game of musical chairs. Songs like "Footloose" by Kenny Loggins and "Payaso de Rodeo" by Caballo Dorado were played during the event, and many of the students attending had a great time dancing to the rhythm. Snacks and drinks were also provided. This was a fun night filled with excitement, friendly competition, and showcasing of the students' best dance moves.



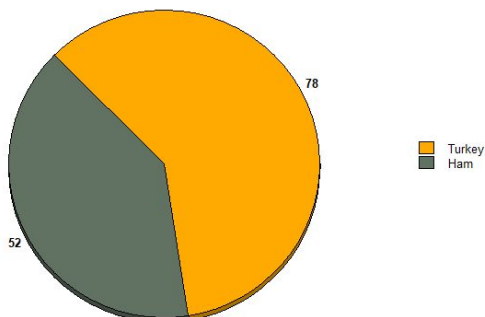
Dog Chow

The Hooker School cafeteria is a hot spot for many students to go for both breakfast and lunch. The cafeteria serves really great food with a side of wonderful service. Students have access to a tasty lunch, milk, and water. They have a phenomenal salad bar during lunch that is always stocked with extra options such as salad, fruit, fresh vegetables, and the occasional special treat. The salad bar is the perfect option for students to have a little something extra keep their energy up for the day ahead. Students regularly mention how nice it is that they can always count on the food to be warm, tasty, and served with a smile. The easy accessibility of the cafeteria being across the street means it's a hot spot for many students, especially on those chilly days.

Polls Tell of HS Students' Thanksgiving Favorites

In an overwhelming majority, turkey was chosen as the favorite meat choice for Thanksgiving. Pumpkin pie also took the win, followed by fruit pies (cherry, apple, blueberry, etc.)

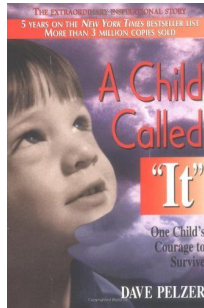
Turkey vs. Ham



Ruff Ruff Reads

Yadira's Recommendation
A Child Called "It"

By Dave Pelzer



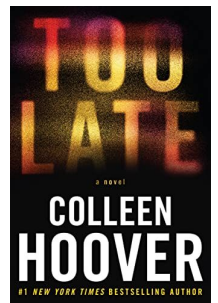
This book is about a young boy who was once a loved child, but soon after starts to become treated unfairly by his mother and the rest of the family. His mother and father slowly began drinking nonstop which caused his mother to pick on David. He began getting abused and became the odd one of the family. David was treated like a nobody, he was never fed, he slept in the garage with no bed or blanket, he was beaten everyday nonstop, and his name was never to be said. David began to steal food to survive. All he could think about was just surviving. This book explains how someone truly went through so many obstacles and how it is very important to be kind to anyone because you never know what they may be going through.

Alyssa's Recommendation:

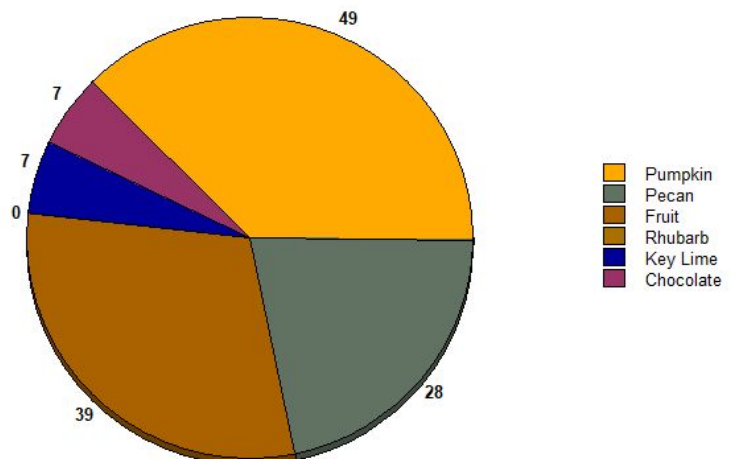
Too Late

By Colleen Hoover

Sloan would do anything for her little brother, even if it means not being happy. Even if it means dating a psychopath named Asa Jackson. However, when DEA agent Carter pops up into her life, everything changes. Accusations are being made, things that you wouldn't expect to happen, happen. Who knew being in college would be so difficult and would put your life at risk.



Favorite Pie



Meet the Pack: Staff Bios

Journalist



Sarai
Sophomore

My name is Sarai Sarabia. I am a sophomore at HHS. I enjoy reading, drawing, and listening to music.

Journalist



Andrea
Sophomore

Hi, I'm Andrea and I'm a sophomore and I like to read books and spend time with my family and watching TV. I'm very excited to be working on the newspaper for this school year.

Journalist



Jacky
Senior

My name is Jacky, and I am currently a senior at Hooker High School. I have a passion for art, traveling, and hanging out with my loved ones. I am excited to be a part of this newspaper class.

Journalist



Izabella
Senior

My name is Izabella Neville, and I am a senior. I love Jesus, my family, and my friends. In my free time I enjoy running, playing basketball, and golfing.



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