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The Dawgs Find Victory

by Aydan Wooldridge

Hooker, OK — November 14 — Under crisp fall skies and a charged hometown atmosphere, the Hooker Bulldogs delivered a gritty, disciplined performance Thursday night to secure a hard-earned victory over the Frederick Bombers in a matchup that lived up to its pregame anticipation. Both teams came into the November 14 contest hungry—Hooker looking to maintain late-season momentum and Frederick fighting to establish themselves as a postseason threat. What followed was four quarters of tough defense, explosive plays, and shifting momentum that kept fans on edge until the final whistle. The Bulldogs struck first, midway through the opening quarter. Senior quarterback Keilan Robinson broke free on a designed rollout, connecting with his receiver for a long touchdown that lit up the home crowd. But Frederick responded quickly, capitalizing on a turnover to even the score with a powerful run through the middle. The second quarter showcased both defenses, each forcing punts and denying red-zone opportunities. Hooker's defensive line, led by an imposing front, managed to disrupt Frederick's rhythm, while the Bombers countered with tight pass coverage that challenged the Bulldogs' air attack. The Bulldogs escaped the bombers with a win the final outcome was 34 over 20.



Credit: Aaron Witt Photography

Bulldog Academic Team Sees Success

by Seth Adams

The Hooker Academic Bowl team had a winning season this year! The major highlight of the season was a 2nd place finish at the Vici Invitational after being seeded #6, we went 4-2 on the day and brought home a trophy! (pictured) We came in 3rd place in the Red Carpet West Conference after going 6-4. Lost out on second place because of a points tie breaker. We won two playoff games and were District Runner-Up! The top three scorers were: Nathun Urias with 380, Ulises Casas with 150, and Azumi Garcia with 130 points. Nathun Urias was also selected as a Red Carpet All Conference and All Star player. He also received all

tournament team honors at the Vici Invitational. The Dogs finished with a winning record of 12-9 on the campaign and it was the most successful season in the last three years!

Roster:

Gabe Casas

Ulises Casas

Azumi Garcia

Jonathan Lu

Nathun Urias

Joan Valdez



Football Season Comes to an End

by Aydan Wooldridge

In a hard-fought playoff battle under the lights this past Friday, the Rejoice Christian Eagles outmatched the Hooker Bulldogs, handing them a tough 49–8 loss. The Eagles’ defense dominated, while Hooker’s high-powered offense struggled to find rhythm. Rejoice Christian came into the game riding a nine-game winning streak. The Eagles’ defense proved why they are one of the most formidable teams in Class A-1: they constantly pressured Hooker’s quarterback, limited big plays, and forced turnovers. The Bulldogs, who had been averaging over 30 points in their previous four games, could not replicate that success. Although they came into the matchup with momentum — having just beaten Frederick 34–20 the week before — the Eagles’ defense proved too tough. Despite the lopsided score, Hooker can look back at a strong season. Their 9–3 record reflects a tough, gritty run in the playoffs. The Bulldogs’ effort on Friday showed heart, but Rejoice Christian simply had too much firepower.



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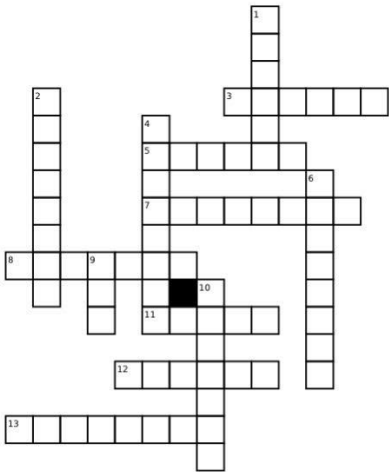
JH Girls Take on Hugoton

by Aydan Wooldridge

JH Girls Basketball vs. Hugoton

Hooker, OK — The Hooker Bulldogs put on a commanding performance Tuesday night, securing a 28–15 win over the Hugoton Eagles in a matchup defined by defensive stops and standout individual efforts. Leading the charge for the Bulldogs was Sianna Velasquez, who delivered an exceptional 21-point outing. Velasquez dominated the floor from start to finish, showcasing her scoring range, quick drives to the basket, and relentless energy on both ends of the court. Her performance set the tone early and kept Hooker in control throughout the game. Supporting Velasquez’s offensive explosion were Hartley Stevens, who added 3 points, and Jakeline Ramos and Brightyn McArney, each contributing 2 points. Their combined efforts helped maintain the Bulldogs’ momentum and secure the double-digit victory.

Thanksgiving Crossword!



Down:

- 1. Big event with floats
- 2. Happy for what you have
- 4. Bread mix inside the turkey
- 6. Something good in your life
- 9. Sweet dessert in a circle shape
- 10. Gathering crops

Across:

- 3. People you live with
- 5. Holiday bird
- 7. Sport watched on TV
- 8. orange; you can carve
- 11. Sauce for potatoes
- 12. Things that fall from trees
- 13. Early settlers

What Ifs

What if Covid came back??

What if the Grinch actually stole Christmas??

What if we ate penguin instead of turkey for Thanksgiving??

What if Thanksgiving was still three days long??

What if Steve Harrington dies in Stranger Things 5??

Paw Patrol

by Aby Sarabia

Misty Lynch is a member for Hooker Ambulance Services and has been for 11 years. Her job as an EMT is to take care of people, provide medication, and make the patients comfortable. Misty enjoys what she does, most of the time. Her weakness and most challenging part is vomit. Misty truly loves to help people. She enjoys being an EMT lots.

Honoring our Heroes

by Michelle Rodriguez

On Tuesday, November 11th, the student body gathered in the auditorium to honor our veterans. We began the program by standing and facing the veterans as they were accompanied by our StuCo and FFA members to their seats. After we all sat down, 4-H members Slade Wilson and Jared Flanagan posted the colors, and we then stood to pledge allegiance to the flag. Afterward, our high school band played the national anthem. During the program, StuCo and FFA members took time to thank each veteran by going on stage and announcing their rank, time enlisted, and where they were stationed. As each name was called, loud claps and cheers filled the auditorium, showing the

deep appreciation felt by everyone present. Later in the program, the high school choir performed We Honor You by Roger Emerson, and Julio Casas, a senior in the band, delivered a solemn and moving performance of "Taps." The program ended with closing remarks recognizing the sacrifices made by our veterans. The program ended with closing remarks recognizing the sacrifices made by our veterans and the importance of honoring their service. It was a meaningful and heartfelt event that reminded our school community of the bravery, commitment, and selflessness shown by the men and women who have served our country. This program truly reminds us that we are the land of the free because of the brave.



Bulldog Beat

by Michelle, Haven, Alyssa, Mollie, & Aby

Landon Jacobs is a junior this year, and he has been playing football for the last seven years. This year is his eighth year playing. He played right guard on the offensive line before his injury during the Cashion game, where he tore his ACL and meniscus. Despite this unfortunate situation, Landen is set on healing and coming back next season better than ever to prove people who doubt him and his teammates wrong.



Justin Daugherty is a Junior this year at HHS. Justin says he works to improve so he can make himself and the team the best they can be. His most memorable game was against Sunray when he fielded in on a side kick and ran it for an extra yard. Justin also counts that as his proudest athletic accomplishment. He has been playing football for 4 years. One accomplishment



Haven Romero has been cheering since Pre-K. She is realistic, friendly, and determined. Her favorite cheer is "Let's Hear it for the Best." Haven's main motivation is knowing she has younger girls looking up to her, and all she wants to do is be the best for them. Knowing she is a role model to all the little girls in the stands brings joy to her because she is inspiring future cheerleaders.



Aislyn Padilla says her friends help motivate her to improve. She feels Crescent was one of the best games to cheer at and because it kept her on her toes. Her favorite cheer to lead is *Hey Bulldogs*. She has been cheering for about a year. Her favorite thing about cheer is the inside jokes they make on the sidelines.



Abigail Sarabia is a Junior at HHS this year. She is a clarinet player for the Hooker High School Band. She has been in band for seven years. Her greatest accomplishment is going to state with a clarinet and bass clarinet duo. Abigail's favorite song to play in band is "Gimme Some Lovin'" by Spencer Davis. Her main motivation for improving is knowing she can do better.



Sarai Sarabia is another Junior at HHS this year. Sarai says she has some skills that not many other have which motivates her to continue improving. She says that playing in the band at the state games for the last 2 years are her most memorable moments. Her proudest accomplishment is making it to State Honor Band her sophomore year. She has been in band for 5 years. This year she wants to make it to State Honor Band for the second time.



Senior Spotlights

by Haven & Mollie



Rylee Stegman is a Senior this year at HHS. His favorite high school memory was his sophomore year at wrestling practice he got close with his training partner and they have been best friends ever since. Rylee's theme song he chose is "My Hero" by Foo Fighters. Some advice he has for his younger self is to never let anyone hold you back. You need to push forward and stay consistent and you will one day grow over 5'8. His three adjectives are funny, awesome sauce, and charismatic. Rylee's dream job is to be a sports analyst or a sports physician.



Kinley McGaha another Senior this year at HHS. One of Kinley's favorite high school memories was her freshman year wellness class(iykyk). Kinley chose a song written by herself, Sammi, and Haven. They named this song "You Thot." Some advice Kinley would give her younger self is to not care what others think and to always to care about your grades. Kinley's three adjectives to describe herself are funny, outgoing, and sassy. Kinley's dream job is to be a cosmetologist.

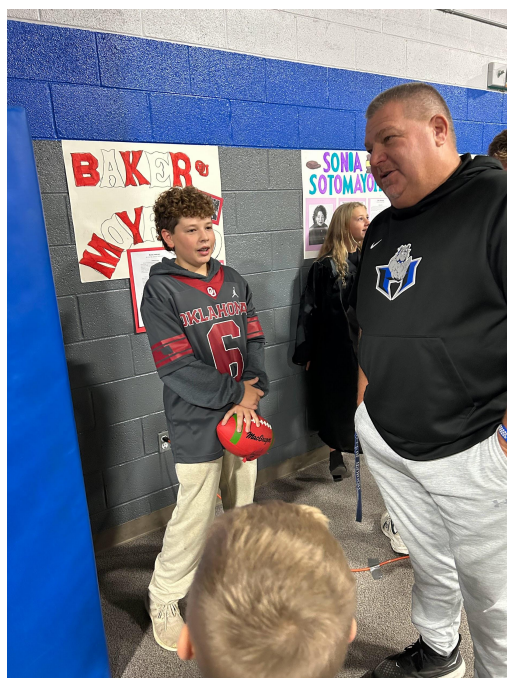
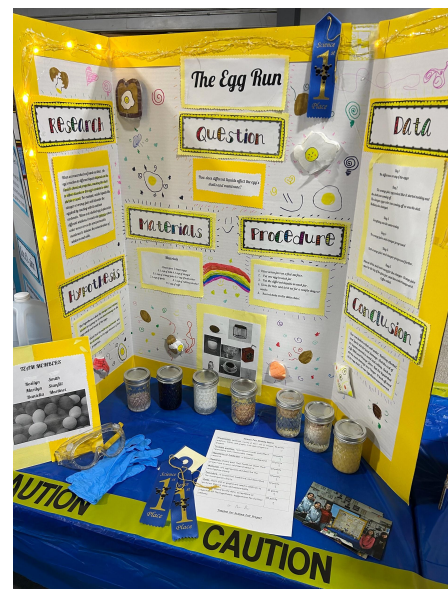
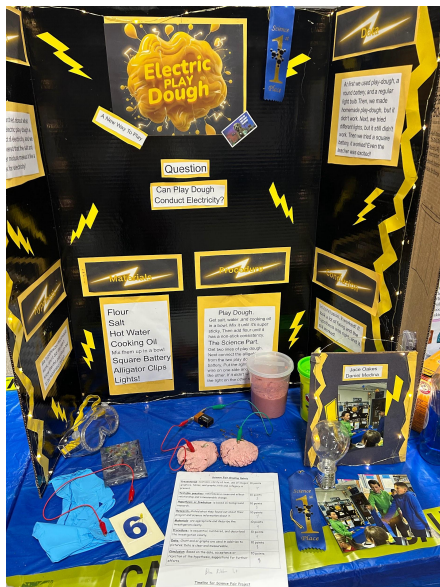


Ailin Cervantes' favorite high school memory comes from Mrs. Harrison's class, when her group made a colonial New England dish called succotash and shared it with their classmates. The theme song she picked is "I'm Every Woman" by Chaka Khan, because it reflects the confident mindset she wants to carry with her. The advice Ailin would give her younger self is to stop doubting yourself and trust your abilities. Three adjectives that describe her are caring, quiet, and friendly. In the future, Ailin's dream job is to become a medical assistant and make a positive difference in people's lives.

Sixth Grade Adventures

by Michelle Rodriguez

Mrs. Adams' 5th and 6th-grade science classes have been busy working on their science fair projects for Open House. The students created and tested lemon, potato, and homemade Playdough batteries, static electricity projects, bending water, bouncing eggs, bouncy balls, magnetic slime, lava lamps, built a solar car, built a flying drone, carbon snakes, exploding ketchup, rainbow milk, made pop rock candy, geode eggs, galactic goo, elephant toothpaste, erupting volcano, oobleck, hot ice, acid conductivity, freeze dried bubbles, rising rainbows, and more. Their projects were displayed on Monday, November 24, at the elementary gym for PTO's Open House. Mrs. Adams would like to thank Coach Kachel for judging all the projects. He did an amazing job!



Jokes

I'm so good at sleeping. I can even do it with my eyes closed.

On a scale from 1-10 how good is Stranger Things? ELEVEN!

I wondered why the ball kept getting closer and closer.... then it hit me. :(

What award did the Stranger Things cast win? Emmygorgon

Came Review

Codenames is a fun team word game where one player gives a single-word clue to help their teammates guess the right words on the table. The challenge is avoiding the wrong ones! It's fast to learn, gets everyone talking, and works great for families, parties, or school groups.



Ruff Ruff Reads

Mrs. Hill's Recommendation:

The Silent Patient

by Alex Michaelides

I like to read books that are suspenseful with twists and surprising endings. *The Silent Patient* had all three. I usually read when I get a chance, but I started and finished this book in a day. The book is a psychological thriller that had me guessing and predicting the ending incorrectly. When I finished the book, I went back and read it again to see if I could pick-up on clues that would have led me to the ending, they were there but only if you were looking. Great book for a quick read.

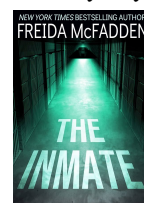


Michelle's Recommendation:

The Inmate

by Freida McFadden

Brooke Sullivan has just lost her parents and has decided to return to her hometown, 10 years after she left it for good. Now twenty-seven, Brooke and her 10-year-old son, Josh, move back to Raker, New York. Brooke had no other job opportunities, so she decided to take a job at Raker Maximum Security Penitentiary as a nurse. But no one knows that she has a history with one of the inmates on death row, no one knows that Brooke's testimony put him there, and no one knows that he, Shane Nelson, is the father of her child.



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Meet the Pack: Staff Bios

by Victoria, Aby, & Alyssa



Mr. Seth Adams teaches special education and is a coach for many activities. He has been teaching here for four years now and really enjoys his job. His favorite part of working at Hooker Schools is watching the students and athletes excel in their journeys in school. He believes winning the 2024 Girls State Championship was a great achievement. His favorite quote is 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, "Love is patient and kind, not jealous, not boastful, not proud, rude or selfish, not easily angered, and it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not gloat over other people's sins but takes its delight in the truth. Love always bears up, always trusts, always hopes, always endures. Love never ends."



Ms. Lawanda Rapp helps students with one-on-one or small group tutoring to reinforce lessons. She helps students understand and complete assignments. Here at Hooker High School Lawanda Rapp has been teaching for ten years. Before teaching in Hooker Mrs. Rapp worked as an assistant Head Teller at a local bank called The Exchange Bank. Mrs. Rapp is a 62 year old Native American citizen from Hooker, Oklahoma. She's a quiet soul who enjoys walking, gardening, and spending time with her grandkids. Mrs. Rapp enjoys her time here in Hooker, she says it's a quiet, peaceful place with a strong sense of community.



Ms. Neeti Sharma has been teaching for 16 years. She chose Hooker because she was interviewed by Mr. Faulkner. The conversations and the experiences he shared with Ms. Sharma made her realize that Hooker was the place she wanted to be. She wants her students to remember that they can achieve anything if they are determined. Ms. Sharma's favorite teaching memory was when she had a student who had struggled with Math. The student finally was confident enough to do math independently and she told Ms. Sharma with a smile: "I did not think that I could ever do that." This student helped remind Ms. Sharma why she became a special ed teacher. Lastly, the qualities she hopes her students will learn are self advocacy, independence, and respect for themselves and others.



The Hooker Happenings Staff

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