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# THE HOOKER HAPPENINGS

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## A Night in Bloom: Prom 2025

by Gissel Medina

This year's Junior-Senior Prom featured cherry blossoms, iridescent lights, stunning decorations, and electrifying beats that made the crowd wild. Students danced the night away, cheering when Rhett Nunley and Devry Metcalf were crowned prom king and queen. After the crowning, Nunley showed the crowd his moves when DJ Davis played "Same Ol' Situation" by Mötley Crüe. The theme for HHS Prom 2025 was "Night In Bloom." Foods like baked ziti, spaghetti, and chicken alfredo were served to guests. Desserts included a variety of cheesecakes, tiramisu, and a chocolate fountain where students could douse whatever they wanted in chocolate.



Above: Many Seniors met for a class picture prior to the promenade.

Thank you to all who made Prom and After Prom  
wonderful for HHS!

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## Girls' Golf

by Sayde McBride

The Hooker Girls' Golf Team had an impressive day at the Alva Golf Tournament. Devry Metcalf shot an 88, placing 2nd overall and showcasing strong performances on the course. Sayde McBride and Loryn Rose both shot 94s, with Sayde finishing 6th overall and Loryn finishing 7th, contributing valuable points to the team's overall effort. Allie Metcalf shot a 100, while Mollie finished with a 107. Izabella Neville participated in her 3rd tournament, shooting a 119. The team was awarded 1st place for their consistent performances across the board, highlighting a promising season ahead.



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# Bulldog Baseball at Shattuck Tourney

by Raul Garcia

## Game 1

Gunnar Martens drove in four runs on four hits to lead Hooker Varsity Bulldogs to a 12-0 victory over Laverne Varsity Tigers in Shattuck, OK. Martens doubled in the third, singled in the second and fifth to score runs. Hooker took an early lead with Trace Duncan's two-run single in the first, followed by Justin Palacios's two-run double in the second. Martens and Shase Redmond helped extend the lead. Palacios earned the win, striking out eight over five innings. Hooker had 11 hits, with Redmond adding two.

lead in the first with a three-run homer by Maddox Morris and added another run in the third after a Hooker error. Tatum Trimble pitched for Hooker, allowing three hits and four runs (three earned) over six innings, with six strikeouts and six walks. Morris earned the win for Vici, surrendering one hit and two runs (one earned) while striking out 12 and walking five. Gunnar Martens led Hooker with one RBI. Morris drove in two for Vici, who also stole five bases and drew six walks.

collecting four hits to Turpin's three. Justin Palacios, Cale Metcalf, Hunter Ray, and Trace Duncan each had one hit for Hooker. Both teams were strong on the mound, with Turpin striking out 12 and Hooker tallying 13. Turpin opened the scoring in the first with a single by Riley Fowler, driving in one run. Jhett earned the win for Turpin, allowing four hits and one run over seven innings, with 12 strikeouts. Ray took the loss for Hooker, giving up two runs over six innings with 13 strikeouts. Ray led Hooker with one RBI and stole two bases.

## Game 2

The Hooker Varsity Bulldogs lost 4-2 to the Vici Indians on Friday in Shattuck, OK. Vici took an early

## Game 3

The Hooker Varsity Bulldogs lost 2-1 to the Turpin Varsity Cardinals on Friday in Shattuck, OK, despite

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## Bulldog Baseball vs. Indians

by Raul Garcia

The Hooker Varsity Bulldogs fell to Shattuck 16-6 on Monday despite an early lead. Hooker scored in the first with Trace Duncan's two-RBI double and Rhett Nunley's single. They added to the lead in the second with Gunnar Martens' two-RBI single. Shattuck tied the game in the fourth, then exploded for 10 runs in the fifth, led by Cooper Johnson's two-run single. Hunter Ray and Duncan each had two hits for Hooker, while Martens and Duncan drove in two runs each. Hooker had a strong eye at the plate, drawing six walks, with Tatum Trimble and Tryston Hidalgo each getting two free passes. Shattuck finished with 14 hits and stole nine bases, led by Tead Woods, who went 3-for-4 with four RBIs.

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## Bulldog Baseball vs. Wildcats

by Raul Garcia

Justin Palacios led the Hooker Varsity Bulldogs to a 21-5 victory over Boise City on Thursday, driving in five runs with three hits. Palacios tripled twice, once in the first inning to score two runs and again in the third for two more. He also doubled in the second, adding one more run. Boise City got on the board early, scoring two runs in the first inning, but Hooker quickly took control, scoring nine runs in the bottom of the first, highlighted by Trace Duncan's two-RBI double. The Bulldogs continued to add to their lead, scoring eight more runs in the third inning. Tatum Trimble earned the win, pitching three innings, allowing four hits and five runs (two earned), striking out five. Boise City's starter, A Crabtree, gave up 13 runs (two earned) over two innings. Hooker collected 11 hits and stole five bases, with Trimble and Shase Redmond each having multiple hits.



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# Bulldog Track Competes in Liberal

by Izabella Neville

The Hooker High School track teams turned in impressive performances during the meet in Liberal, Kansas, on Friday, April 11. Keilan Robinson led the boys' team with a first-place finish in the 200-meter dash (23.13 seconds) and a tie with Nate Hidalgo for first in the high jump (6'2"). The boys also dominated in the relays, winning the sprint relay (Justin Palacios, Robinson, John Davis, and Ryan Carter), the mile relay (Slade Stalder, Carter, Davis, and Robinson), and the two-mile relay (Alejandro Perez, Ulisses Jimenez, Davis, and Stalder). In pole vault, Tatum Trimble claimed victory with a height of 12 feet, as the Bulldogs swept the top three

spots. On the girls' side, Analisee Gonzalez captured gold in the 400-meter dash (1:01.37), while Izabella Neville took first in the 800 meters (2:28.06). The Lady Bulldogs swept the top three spots in the 400-meter, 800-meter, and 2-mile runs, with Yarel Mesta winning the 2-mile (13:37.74). The girls' relay teams were dominant as well, winning the mile relay (Neville, Josie Davis, Devry Metcalf, Gonzalez) and the two-mile relay (Mesta, Finley Duncan, Ember Stevens, Neville). Summer Fisher added to the success by winning pole vault with a height of 7 feet, with the team taking both first and second place in the event. Both the boys and

girls teams had a highly successful day, showcasing depth and strength across a variety of events.



Peyton Parker throwing discus at the Hooker Track Meet.

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## Hooker Hosts Track Meet

by Flor Mesta

It was a great day for a track meet, with the sun shining over Hooker High School. Schools from all around the district came to our annual track meet on Friday, April 4. Both the Hooker Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs had a great turnout. The girls won all of their relays except for one. Ember Stevens had a strong day, finishing first in the one-mile run. The Hooker Bulldogs also had a great showing, facing little competition and winning their relays. Overall, both the Hooker boys and girls teams won the meet. In the individual races, each runner competed for better times. In the 4x800 relay, Ember Stevens joined the lineup as she has been improving. The relay team now includes Yarel Mesta, Finley Duncan, Ember Stevens, and Izabella Neville. As the season continues, there will be more opportunities and records to break.



The race begins at the Hooker track meet.

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# Bulldog Beat

by Yadira, Ruby, Reagan, Sayde, Aaliyah, and Andrea

**Loryn Rose** has been playing golf for 4 years, but was introduced to the sport as a kid. Her most memorable game was regionals her freshman year when the team made it to state by one stroke. The team shot a total of 472! She is motivated to keep improving by wanting to prove a better each time and possibly all state at state golf this year. She is most proud of making it to state all three years of high school. Loryn wants to accomplish a new PR and hopefully be a state champion as a team. Her favorite part of golf this year is being able to go to tournaments with her best friends.



**Payne Huxman** is playing golf for his first school year as a freshman. He states that his dad and grandpa got him into golf. His favorite thing about golf is being able to leave school for a game he loves. His biggest challenges facing a game is him not being able to hit the ball straight. He states that his strength is he can hit it far, but his weakness is not hitting in a straight line.



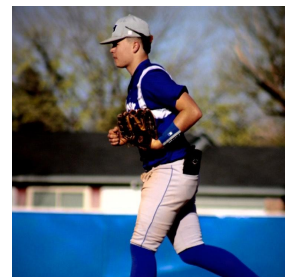
**Devry Metcalf** has been running track at Hooker since her 5th grade year. She says what motivates her to continue improving is knowing that there is always someone that can be better than her. Catoosa was the most memorable place she has ran because the hotel was right across the street from the track. She is most proud of being on the 3-time all state mile relay team. This season, she would like to win one final state championship with the team.



**John Davis** is a senior at Hooker High School, where he is involved in numerous school activities. Currently, he is focused on track and motivated by his desire to win and be successful at the state meet this year. He recalls his most memorable meet as winning state during his sophomore year and breaking three school records at Western Heights. His biggest accomplishment is running a 49-second leg in the 4x4 relay. John has been running for 12 years. His goals for the 2025 track state meet are to break the state record in multiple relays and earn All-State honors four more times.



**Hunter Ray** has played baseball since he was 6 years old. He continues to improve since he wants to achieve his goal of playing college baseball. His most memorable game was playing at Guymon, where he threw a no-hitter while striking out 14 and walking 1. His biggest accomplishment was being able to play at the state championship game. His goal for this year is to play baseball at the state tournament.



**Gunnar Martens** is part of the Hooker Baseball team. He has been playing baseball for 11 years. The thing that motivates him to continue improving is his dad and Blake. His most memorable game is when they played against Beaver. The athletic accomplishment he is most proud of is making good plays in games. The thing he wants to accomplish this season is making it to the State Tournament in baseball.





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# Hooker Track Meet - JH and Elementary

by Jacky Jiminez

On a sunny afternoon on March 31, the Hooker elementary and junior high track and field team energetically participated in a thrilling competition held at their home facility, showcasing their skills and teamwork against talented athletes from nearby schools.

## Elementary Boy's Track and Field Meet

Cooper Barnes won third place in the long jump with 13 feet and 7.5 inches, while Ernny Neufeld secured fourth place in shot put with a strong throw of 30 feet. Adam Ugarte won the 100-meter sprint with 13.67 seconds, while Kevin Valdez finished fifth in a commendable 14.77 seconds. Ethan Estrada came second in the 200-meter dash with 30.01 seconds. Braven Paden won the 400-meter race with 1 minute and 11.44 seconds, while Paden won the 800-meter run with 2 minutes and 39.2 seconds. The boys' relay team won the 400-meter and 800-meter relays with 56.50 seconds and 1 minute and 59 seconds respectively. The 1600-meter relay team finished second with 4 minutes and 53 seconds. The overall elementary boys' team won 103 points, showcasing their outstanding talents and teamwork in the competition.

## Elementary Girl's Track and Field Meet

Jakelynn Ramos won the high jump event with impressive heights of 4 feet and 4 inches while Maylin Russel claimed the third spot with a jump of 4 feet. Embry

Hill won the 100-meter dash with a time of 14.50 seconds, followed by Jakelynn Ramos in second place following in second place at 14.84 seconds. The competition continued in the 200-meter dash, where Embry Hill excelled once again, finishing in second place with a time of 30.09 seconds. In the 100-meter hurdles, Maylin Russel also showed agility with a time of 19.82 seconds and Bella Vega finished fourth with a time of 22.29 seconds. Hooker's girl team secured second place in the 400-meter and 800-meter relays with times of 59.34 seconds and 2 minutes and 6 seconds, respectively. In the 1600-meter relay, the girls displayed endurance but finished fifth with a time of 5 minutes and 31 seconds. The elementary girls' overall second-place finish with a score of 102 points was a notable achievement.

## Junior High Boys Track and Field Meet

Cristian Ugarte and Gabe Casas were among the top performers in the shot put event, with Ugarte securing fourth place with 35 feet and 2.5 inches and Casas fifth with 34 feet 10.25 inches. Alex Garcia, a sprinter, secured second place in the 100-meter dash in 12.14 seconds and third place in the 200-meter dash with 25.32 seconds. Giovanni Estrada dominated in the 400-meter dash, crossing the finish line in 59.79 seconds. Joshua Gribble finished third in the 1600-meter dash in 5:46.63. The team's performance in relay events was impressive, with a third place finish in the 400-meter

relay in the course of 50.18 seconds. Hooker's 800-meter relay team secured first place with a time of 1:44. The Bulldogs also secured second place in the 1600-meter and 3200-meter relay with times of 4:15 and 10:11, respectively. The team's impressive individual and team efforts resulted in an overall victory for Hooker, securing the top spot with 101 points.

## Junior High Girls Track and Field Meet

In the long jump event, Sianna Velasquez showcased her athleticism by achieving a remarkable distance of 13 feet 5 inches, securing a well-deserved second-place finish. Moving on to the high jump competition, Hartley Stevens exhibited her skills by achieving a height of 4 feet 4 inches, earning her a respectable second place. In the challenging 1600-meter run, Stevens displayed her endurance and determination, finishing fifth with a time of 7 minutes and 10 seconds. The Hooker girl's team excelled in relay events, clinching fourth place in the 800-meter relay with a time of 2 minutes and 4 seconds. In the 1600-meter relay, they secured a commendable third place with a time of 4 minutes and 58 seconds. The team continued to impress in the 3200-meter relay, finishing in second place with a time of 12 minutes and 27 seconds. When all individual performances were combined, the team's collective effort resulted in a fifth-place finish with a total of 55 points.



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# HJH Baseball

The JH Bulldogs played the Shattuck Indians on April 7. The Bulldogs suffered a 13-0 loss.

On April 8th the Bulldogs came up against the Guymon Tigers. In the first game of the double-header Josh Gribble and Gabe Casas both drove in run for the Bulldogs. Despite their efforts, Hooker lost 3-6.

In the second game of the night the Bulldogs fought hard to improve their performance. After falling behind by six runs during the fourth inning, Hooker managed to work their way back to a 10-11 final score. While they fell just short of a win, their efforts did not go unnoticed. Younkens and Casas each collected three hits for the Bulldogs, with Ferguson, Palacios, Younkens, Casas, and Valdez each driving in a run.

On April 11 the Junior High Bulldogs battled Boise City in a double header. In game 1 Lucas Younkens came to play, driving in four runs on just two at-bats. Joshua Gribble continued the runs with an in-the-park grand slam. In the first inning alone, Hooker put an impressive 14 runs on the scoreboard. Fernandez started on the mound for Hooker, accumulating eight strikeouts over the course of the game. The final score was 17-3.

Game 2 allowed Hooker to continue their newly found win streak, with a final score of 6-5. Going into the bottom of the second, the score was tied. However, the Bulldogs took advantage of a dropped third strike to bring in two runs. A wild pitch then brought in a third run for the inning.





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# FFA

by Reagan Warner

Hooker FFA took eight individuals to Cameron University to compete in the 2025 FFA Interscholastics. With farm business management as the primary focus, the chapter walked away with top 10 honors and had the top team overall in the event. River Winters won, with Reagan Werner, Burke Lambley, Azumi Garcia and Cy Paden rounding out the top 5. The rest of the team including Yadira Amador, Steff Vega, and Lerady Medina finished in the top ten. Their final contest for the year is at Oklahoma State University at the end of April. Congratulations!



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## Driver Safety

by Slade Wilson

The OSU Extension's Driver Safety Event at the Activity Center in Guymon was a very informational event that improved everyone's sense of safety. Multiple local police officers, sheriffs deputies, Highway Patrolman, and firefighters gave great information and detail on safety for the road. This event was a very fun experience and was full of different people and stations to learn about. For example, station #6, marked by a flag, was an important informational study about the blind spots of a Semi-Truck. This event was well worth the time.



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# Senior Spotlights

by Neomi, Abigail, Nate, Jacky, & Ruby



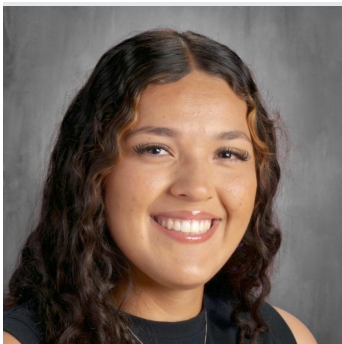
**Alexa Barnes** is a member of the HHS class of 2025. Describing herself as shy, sweet, and hardworking, she looks forward to having a cattle business in the future. She is most motivated to work hard when she's working alongside others. Her favorite high school memories are attending the college fairs at OPSU and SCCC this year.



**Raul Garcia** is a graduating senior this year. His greatest accomplishment throughout high school is making it to state for football. Raul says that three adjectives that describe him are cool, optimistic, and humorous. His most enjoyable class is ag, because the people in that class are funny and he builds projects. He's got to learn a lot of new things about welding. Raul's favorite memory is Nate's unintentional glass incident, if you know you know. After graduating he wants to go to a vo tech, get a good job, and buy a car. In five years from now Raul would like to work for the windmill, buy a small house, and buy a shop to work in.



**Alfonso Ortiz's** favorite high school memory was when "Having a back to back state appearance in football." When asked about his favorite song he said "9 - Drake." Alfonso would tell his younger self to not everything is as serious as it seems. His three adjectives that would describe himself would be kind, goofy, and active.



**Alondra Rios**, a spirited senior, shares her favorite high school memory, recalling an unforgettable messy science experiment that took place in Coach Stumps' classroom. Rios suggested that the theme music for her life would be "The Eye of the Tiger" by Survivor. Reflecting on her life lessons, she kindly advises her younger self to embrace the beauty of patience and avoid rushing. Describing herself as funny, loud, and respectful, she envisions a radiant future as a dedicated radiologist. Her unwavering dedication stems from witnessing others lead the fulfilling lives she aspires to achieve.



Senior **Loryn Rose's** favorite childhood memory is when Jenna (her sister) got mad at her and gave her a bloody nose. She states that her favorite teacher is Mr. Davis, besides him being a good math teacher, he always made the class fun and enjoyable. Loryn is most grateful for her family, friends and her relationship with the Lord. She is looking forward to exploring once on her own after graduation and being excited every time I see my best friends.



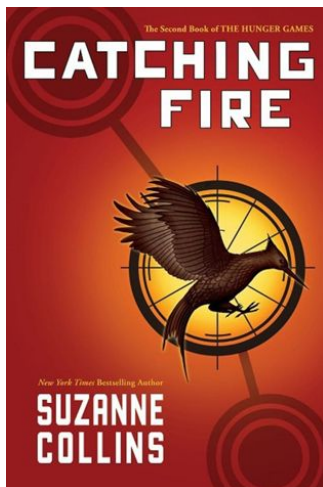
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# Ruff Ruff Reads

## Aaliyah's Recommendation

***Catching Fire* (The Hunger Games #2)**  
by Suzanne Collins

After winning the Hunger Games, Katniss and Peeta must embark on a Victory Tour. Whilst on the tour, tension rises as President Snow tells Katniss that she must find a way to calm down the district's rebellious thoughts. Through a shocking turn of events, the next Hunger Games (the 75th) is announced as a "Quarter Quell" where past victors are reaped back into the games. Katniss and Peeta find themselves in the games again and must figure out who they can trust.



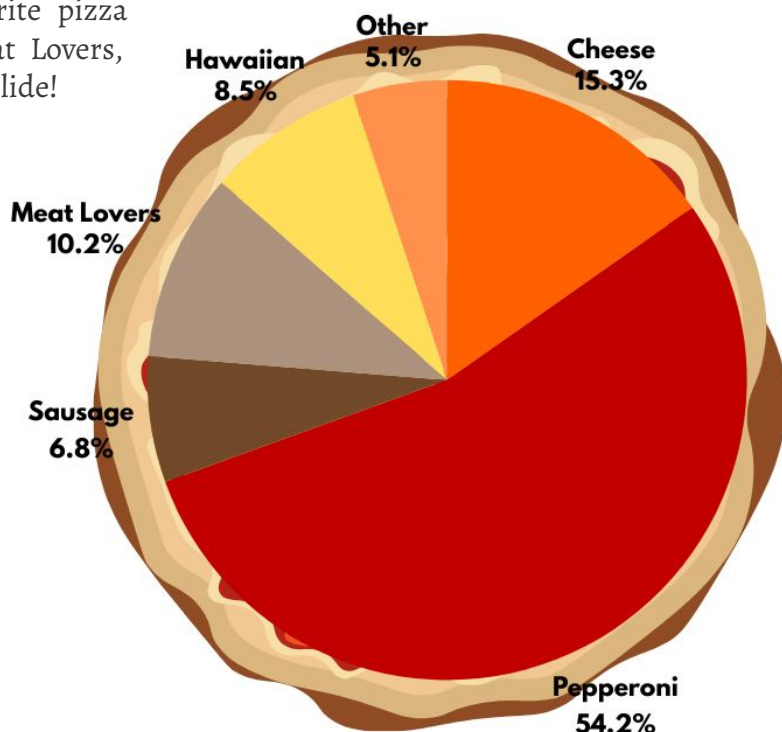
**Mrs. Kennedy's Recommendation**  
***Sunrise on the Reaping***  
**(The Hunger Games Prequel)**  
by Suzanne Collins

When Haymitch Abernathy is unexpectedly chosen for the Quarter Quell Reaping, his world and the worlds of his family and girlfriend are turned upside down. Haymitch's rebellious spirit quickly garners President Snow's attention in the worst way possible. From that point on it's not just Haymitch versus the other 47 competitors in the Hunger Games, he must compete against the Capital itself.

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# Pizza Poll

High school students voted on their favorite pizza toppings: Cheese, pepperoni, sausage, Meat Lovers, Hawaiian, or other. Pepperoni won by a landslide!



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# School Staff Spotlights

by Abigail, Harmani, Rylee, and Sarai



**Heidi Nunley** is a counselor and teaches Personal Finance. Before she became a counselor, she taught junior high math, Algebra 1 and Geometry. Mrs. Nunley has been teaching for 21 years. She has always loved school, but she didn't think that she wanted to teach until she started substituting. Her favorite memory is when she taught junior high in Guymon, she had a student who was tardy for the first hour. He was going to be assigned Saturday school if he was tardy on more time. He was cutting it close and came running into her classroom. He ran into her podium and smashed it to pieces! He felt so bad! Thankfully he was a skilled welder and he made her an awesome new podium that she still has today!



**Jacob Test** I asked Mr. Test what he would do if he wasn't a teacher, he answered "I would either be a pilot or a physician assistant". It is Mr. Test's 5th year teaching. Mr. Test said the reason he wanted to start teaching was because the occupation allowed him a substantial amount of free time. I asked him what made him choose hooker. He answered with "I wanted to start at a smaller school, and see where it takes me. Mr. Test's favorite memory was when he won the art's sweepstakes as a first year teacher.



**Andrea Arnold** has been working at Hooker Public Schools for 10 years, and is currently teaching Junior High Math. "The best part about teaching is the connections I make with my students, and breaking down barriers that makes math intimidating," says Andrea. Her favorite activities of the year are spirit days since she enjoys seeing students dress up. She also enjoys celebrating students' birthdays with little treats.

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## Calendar

April 17 - 19: HS Baseball @ Arnett Tourney

April 18: No School (Good Friday)

HS Track @ Laverne

JH Baseball vs. Boise City @ 3:00 / vs. Balko-Forgan @ 7:00

April 21: No School

Elementary / JH Track @ Turpin

April 22: JH/HS Baseball @ Turpin

April 24: JH/HS Baseball @ OPSU vs. Texhoma

April 25: HS Track @ Cashion

JH Baseball vs. Guymon

April 28: HS Conference Track @ Turpin

April 29: Elem/JH Conference Track @ Turpin

May 1: Little Olympics

May 2: No School



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