
THE HOOKER HAPPENINGS

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Bulldogs Blitz the Comets in 48-0 Blowout!

by Harmani Villa

Here is how the Hinton Homecoming Game went! To start it off, the cheerleaders and elementary Flag Football ran through the tunnel! Next was our Bulldogs, with a fierce look and great determination. The Bulldogs had great stats by the halftime game, which was looking very good for our team. Rowdy crowd was loud and filled with energy. While the boys were warming up for the rest of the game our mini bulldogs played a flag football game with us that night during

halftime, man are they fast! Our cheer team had performed a great routine to *Thunder*; those pom poms were moving! Finally down to the rest of our game, it was thrilling, exciting, and energetic for the Bulldog crowd.



Credit: Aaron Witt Photography

We won with a dramatic score of 48-0, the 3rd win of the season with a 30 or more point lead.

Kleat Martens had a perfect 10 for 10 passing record, throwing for 290 yards and four touchdowns. Trace Duncan picked up 134 receiving yards as well as two touchdowns. Hooker go on the road to Cashion Friday the 11th.

Bulldog Royalty

by Aaliyah & Neomi



Credit: Aaron Witt Photography

Every homecoming we have a dress-up week. It shows our school spirit and how much we love our team. Monday was marvel, dress as a superhero. Tuesday was pajama day, wear your favorite pjs. Wednesday was twin day, twin with a friend. Thursday was, wear a jersey day. Which was also the day the bonfire was held, a tower of wooden pallets with fireworks inside was lit up as the band played. A ritual for the Hooker Bulldogs, giving luck to Friday's game. Friday's spirit day was blue out, which was the day that allowed our school colors to shine the brightest. Seeing people show off their beautiful mums and having decorated pants for

homecoming definitely showed how much spirit our school has.

At the pep rally one could definitely see how much spirit our school has. The cheerleaders doing their chants, all the students standing up and cheering alongside them. It was surprising to see the coaches in inflatable costumes and see them play some games on the gym floor. Then there was the race between Mr. Stalder and Mrs. Cathcart. Mr. Stalder took the lead until he got a cramp and fell to the ground allowing Mrs. Cathcart to gain the lead and win. Overall, the pep rally was one of the best and really made students excited.

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Bulldogs Soar Past Eagles

The Bulldogs played Sayre on Friday, September 27 on the Eagles home field. By the time the buzzer sounded for half time, the Bulldogs had already piled a hefty 50 points on the Eagles, while keeping an egg on the scoreboard for the home team. Hooker JV and Freshman teams finished up the game, securing a strong 50-20 win over Sayre.

Senior Kleat Martens threw for 117 yards, including three touchdowns. Martens also rushed for 79 yards and a touchdown. Sophomore Justin Palacios, another central player in the September 27 game, rushed for 140 yards and a touchdown.



(Homecoming Cont'd)

The homecoming dance was very eventful. Students gathered inside the gym and danced along to the *Watch Me* (Whip/Nae Nae), *Footloose*, etc. Students danced and seemed to be having a wonderful time. Outside of the dancefloor STUCO provided snacks for the

students to enjoy including brownies, cookies, fruits, chips, and water. Students snacked, danced, and even sang along to *Talking to the Moon* and *Die With a Smile*. The speakers were loud and the room was filled with festive lights. The dance was fun and students had a blast dancing and singing alongside one another, celebrating another great homecoming in the books.

The coronation, what each of the other activities led up to or followed in the wake of, took place prior to the kick-off. Amid cheers from the crowd, Devry Metcalf and Daniel Quezada were crowned as the Hooker High School 2024 Football Homecoming Queen and King. Each of the queen candidates were beautiful in their finery and the king candidates both dapper and fierce in their gameday attire. Congratulations to the newest Bulldog Royalty, as well as all who represented their class on the homecoming court.

Elementary and Junior High Football Seasons Wraps Up

Under the direction of Coach McBee, the elementary football team went 3-1 this year. Coach McBee states that they improved significantly from the beginning of the season to the end. "The kids put in a lot of work and it showed. I am incredibly proud of

them and had a ton of fun coaching them this year, says McBee.

The Junior High also completed their season this week under the direction of Coach Powers. They finished the year with a 4-3 record, but all three losses were to the same team, the Guymon Tigers. The JH had wins against Sunray an Mooreland, as well as two against Texhoma. These young men continued to improve throughout the season according to Powers. "They have a ton of potential and I'm excited about them getting in the weight room and continuing to grow," states Powers.





History Made: Lady Dogs Capture First-Ever Regional Win!

by Jacky Jimenez

Yedelin DeHerrera, Devry Metcalf, and Kinley McGaha contributed greatly to the victory. The Bulldogs showed diligence at bat, collecting eight walks during the game and taking 12 bases.

Hooker Varsity Lady Bulldogs lost 5-3 against Hennessey Varsity Lady Eagles, after leaving it all on the field over the course of a nine-inning game. With six stolen bases and three hits, Ana DeHererra led the team.

At the Regional Softball

Tournament in Crescent, OK, the Hooker Varsity Lady Bulldogs fell to the Hennessey Varsity Lady Eagles 8-7. The Hennessey Eagles took the lead in the bottom of the fifth inning thanks to three hits from Lexi Adair.

The Hooker Varsity Lady Bulldogs defeated Watonga 14-1, handedly securing the first Regional win in school history. This was in large part thanks to nine runs in the first inning. Mollie Baird, Allie Metcalf, Sydney Hill, Ana DeHererra,

Bulldog Cross Country Extends Winning Streak

by Gissel Medina

On the first Saturday of October, the XC teams made their way to Syracuse, Kansas. In the varsity boys' 5000-meter run, senior Ulisses Jimenez finished with a time of 16:48.27, and senior John Davis finished with a time of 17:12.20. When one student was asked about their personal experience with Saturday's event, they replied: "From my personal experience, the course this time was very tough, even though my team and I have run this course throughout our whole high school career. In past years I have done

well, however, this year I did not meet the expectations I set for myself. Everyone did well at this meet, with it being one of the faster races. We did what we could and almost won against teams in 3a and in Colorado with a second-place finish for the team." For the varsity girls' 5000-meter run results, senior Izabella Neville finished with a time of 20:31.23. Freshman Ember Stevens finished with a time of 20:47.94, and junior Yarel Mesta finished with a time of 21:13.02.



Credit: Heather Neville

Bulldog Beat

by Sarai, Neomi, Ruby, Flor, Aaliyah, and Nate

Alondra Rios has been playing softball for 6 years. She's motivated to keep improving because she knows she doesn't get to play high school sports forever and wants to give everything she has right now before it's the end. Her most memorable game was the last game they played in Regionals because all the girls were playing their best, fighting to stay alive and to continue playing.



Yedi DeHererra is an amazing student here at Hooker High, she excels in many sports. These sports include: softball, basketball, XC, and track. She is motivated by the fact that she can become better at what she does. She also participates in art. She is proud of her fielding percentage this year. As she moves into her next sport, her personal goal this year is for her basketball average to at least be 6-8 points per game.



Yarel Mesta is a junior member of the HHS Cross Country team. Her most memorable races are pre-state at Edmond because she always runs well and they have the best medals. She has run XC since the 5th grade. Her friends and family motivate her to continue improving so she can do her best. Last year her proudest accomplishment was placing 6th at Regionals. This season she would love to be in the top 15 at State.



John Davis, senior, is in his 8th year running cross country. He is motivated to keep improving because he wants to win another state championship as a team. His favorite course to run is the state course, as it is not too long and the weather is nice. John is most proud to be a 4-time All State-er, as well as winning 2 back-to-back state championships in cross country and track as a team. This season he wants to accomplish winning State as a team and to All-State as an individual.



Rhett Nunley is a senior and a part of the HHS football team. He plays defensive nose and right tackle, and he has played for eight years. His family is what motivates him to become a better player. When asked about the most memorable place he's played, he stated it was at UCO for state. His biggest accomplishment as a player was making it to state in football. When asked what he wants to accomplish this year, Rhett said he wanted to win state.



Daniel Quezada, a senior football player, stated that playing with friends and being out on the field Friday nights is what keeps him motivated. His most memorable time in football was playing in the state championship. Daniel's most proud of helping lead the Bulldogs to state last year. Daniel started playing football at the age of ten. Lastly, when asked what he wants to accomplish this year, he answered, with no hesitation, saying, "Just to win state."



Senior Spotlights

by Yadira, Rylee, Abigail, and Alyssa



Devry Metcalf is involved in many different sports including softball, basketball, track, and golf. Her favorite sport to play is golf because gets to meet lots of different people from different towns and it is fun to play. She mentions her favorite part about all the sports is how close she is with her teammates and their many chants to encourage each other. Devry enjoys hanging out with her friends, going out for drives, and going out to eat. After high school her plans are to go to college and major in Business and Management or to become a Medical Technician.



Senior Tatum Trimble participates in football, baseball, and track. He stated that his favorite high school memory was when he poked a hole in Coach Stump's tea cup. Tatum said that the song that expresses him is *Upside Down* by Jack Johnson. He said that the advice he'd give his younger self is to always work hard and stay disciplined even when the going gets tough. Tatum's dream job is to be an athletic trainer. Tatum stated that he doesn't always have motivation to work hard, but with his discipline he always will work hard.



Jasmine Serna, a senior at HHS, stated that the best three adjectives that describe her are funny, kind, and quiet. When asked what advice she would give her younger self she stated that she would tell her younger self to stay on track with school, and to enjoy her high school years. Jasmine says her biggest challenge in high school was her English class because she struggled there. Jasmine says that the most enjoyable class for her is art because she has learned many new things from Mr. Test. She also stated that she enjoys making pottery the most.



Senior Lucy Simpson stated that her favorite highschool memory was when the band went to OPSU and played with Guymon, the OPSU band, and several other schools. When asked what advice she would give to her younger self, she answered, "to seek Jesus more and to pray more." Lucy said that Christian Music would make the best theme music for her. When asked which three adjectives describe her best, she said that she was creative, friendly, and amiable. Lastly, I asked what her dream job is and she said that she would like to be a youth minister and a band director.

Bulldogs Shine at Special Olympics



The Hooker Special Olympics Team competed in the singles bowling event on Thursday, September 12, 2024 in Liberal, KS. The event was held at Billy's Ayr Lanes. Hooker's team came to compete, rolling over the competition to secure both a first and second place win.

With a score of 73, Lily Oden rolled into second place. Bowling an impressive score of 83, Vika Oden secured the first place position.

Congratulations Vika and Lily!

We are proud of you!

Coach Powers: A Winning Legacy

by Ruby Sandoval-Pena

Coach Powers is a football coach for Hooker High School in Oklahoma. Powers has been a coach for 11 years here with the bulldogs. What makes him proud about his team is their ability to adjust and find ways to get the job done. He hopes to accomplish winning the state championship with his boys. He coaches everyday because it is different and it also provides a new challenge every single day. His favorite thing about coaching is seeing his players transform from kids that can't get their pads on, to great players, and eventually even better adults. His memorable game is the Minco last year and play has to be Dawson Metcalf to catch vs. Fairview as the clock ran out in 2017 to secure a home playoff game.

Bulldog Band Ignites Spirit

The Hooker Bulldog band brings pep, excitement, and a lot of extra team spirit everywhere they go. This talented group of students brings their A-Game to every home football game, pep-rally, and even the Homecoming Bonfire.

Under the direction of Carlie Murley, the Bulldog band is excelling. Their music captivates the crowd, showcasing their hard work and dedication to their craft. It's obvious the effort both Ms. Murley and each of the band members put into ensuring each song, melody, and cheer beat are performed to the best of their abilities.

The band adds a vibrant atmosphere no matter where they're playing, proving that their talent extends far beyond the walls of the school. The Bulldog Band continues to be a source of pride for the community, with fans and players alike excited for each of their performances.



Lady Bulldogs Named Softball All-Conference Players

Five Lady Bulldog softball players were named All-Conference! Devry Metcalf, Crisbel Rios, Kinley McGaha, Yedelin DeHerrera, and Lexi Adair earned this incredible and well-deserved honor for their stellar performance on the diamond this fall.

Sydney Hill and Mollie Baird were named Honorable Mention for their impressive work on the field as well.



Mollie, Sydney, Lexi, Yedelin, Kinley, and Devry
(not pictured: Crisbel)

HALO Elects 2024-2025 Officers

Hooker HALO (Hispanic American Leadership Organization) has had two meetings over the course of this school year. They have worked to plan upcoming events, discussed their goals, and have also elected their officers for the 2024-2025 school year. Congratulations to the following:

Emmanuel Hernandez - President
Esmeralda Herrera -Vice President
Denis Martinez - Fundraiser Coordinator
Jonathan Lu - Treasurer
Alondra Rios - STUCO Rep



Emmanuel, Alondra, Esmeralda, & Jonathan
(not pictured: Denis)

FCA: Inspiring Faith & Community

by Izabella Neville

FCA, also known as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, is a group of high school students consisting of Christian athletes who come together in fellowship through Jesus Christ. Their first official gathering was held on September 11 and included a breakfast, devotion, and voting for officers. The officers of the group are: President Izabella Neville, Vice President Slade Stalder, Secretary Sayde McBride, and Treasurer Loryn Rose.

On September 25, See You at the Pole was held at the Hooker Schools bird sanctuary. Students and teachers gathered for donuts and circled around the flagpole for a short devotion, followed by prayer for our school, community, faculty, students, and more. This event was led by students and encouraged those attending to spread the light of Jesus and stressed the importance of prayer.

FCA also attended Fields of Faith in Liberal, Kansas, on October 2. This event included praise and worship, a special speaker, prayer, and live testimonies given by students. One of our members, senior Slade Stalder, shared his testimony and encouraged others in their walk with Christ. Numerous kids from Hooker and



FCA Officers



Fields of Faith

schools from surrounding areas committed their lives to Christ that night, and everyone who was there learned vital lessons about what it means to follow Jesus.

FCA meets once a month and encourages anyone who is interested to come! Their next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13.



SYATP (See You at the Pole)

First Grade Adventures: Big Strides in Learning

Mrs. Saylor's and Mrs. Leach's first grade classes have started the year off strong! First grade is a year full of new learning experiences and more responsibilities, but still with a lot of the fun they've had in their Pre-K and Kindergarten years.

First grade has been working very hard this year learning how to read and add and subtract. There are 47 first graders this year, so we have a really big class! We have also been learning how to treat each other with kindness and respect. We will be doing some fun learning this year. We are learning about fall colors and the life cycle of the pumpkin. We are going on a



Credit: Crystal Elliott

field trip October 22nd to Boo's Pumpkin Patch! We are so excited! We get to pick out our own pumpkin and everything!! Before Christmas we will decorate our own Santa in new clothes. We have seen some really funny ones, like Santa in pajamas, Santa playing for Miami Dolphins, even the or Dallas Cowboys! We've even had

Santa as a Hooker Bulldog! After Christmas, we will still be working hard to read, write, and do all sorts of fun math things! We are looking forward way toward the end of school to our end of the year field trip to the One Room Schoolhouse, Caboose and Stationmaster's House Museum in Spearman Texas. We hope everyone has a wonderful year!

Flag Football Heads into Final Games

Flag football finishes their 5-week season this week with their final games on Thursday, October 10. The participating elementary boys and girls have had a spectacular season thus far, improving with each game. While skills vary greatly from one age group to the next, the passion and excitement is there for them all. Once those flags are tugged into place, these future Bulldogs have their game faces on. Thursday's games are scheduled at 6 and 7 o'clock on the high school football field. Come see these kids in action one last time!



Dog Chow

by Michelle Rodriguez

Pizza On Broadway, otherwise known as PoB, is a staple in Hooker, OK. They are a family-owned restaurant open Tuesdays through Fridays from 11:30 am — 2:00 pm. They offer a variety of things like pizza, cheese sticks, and cinnamon rolls. When you go to order their staff always greets you with a smile. They have outdoor seating so you can eat pizza and enjoy the fresh air. Since it's downtown it's a great place for Junior High and High School students. PoB is very thoughtful for our students to put a meal deal on the menu specifically for them. They put smiles on our student's faces with their wonderful customer service. The food is delicious and everybody should try it at least once.

Ruff Ruff Reads

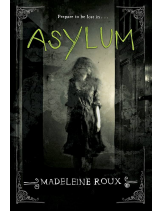
Need a reading recommendation? These come straight from our students! They're great options for DEAR time for students, or community members who just enjoy reading.

Alyssa's Recommendation:

Asylum

by **Madeleine Roux**

You would think a college dorm being an old asylum back then would be fine, right? Wrong. When Daniel Crawford, a sixteen-year-old studying history, starts getting random notes and threats in his dorm, questions start to form. Abby also has some sort of connection with the asylum, which they find out when discovering the building still has the asylum a part of it.



Andrea's Recommendation:

A Good Girl's Guide to Murder

by **Holly Jackson**

Pip investigates a popular murder that happened in her town for a school project. Andie Bell's murder, which is said to be perpetrated by her boyfriend Sal Singh, has not been solved, but she is determined to solve the case and find out what actually happened that day. Pip teams up with Sal's brother Ravi to try to prove Sal's innocence and close the case.



Fly-In

HOOKER MUNICIPAL FLY-IN

October 12th
Pancake Breakfast starting at 10:00 am
Fly-In Begins at 10:30 am
City of Hooker and EAA 377

Spot Landing Contest upon Arrival
\$75 for Spot Landing, \$100 Longest Distance, \$100 Random

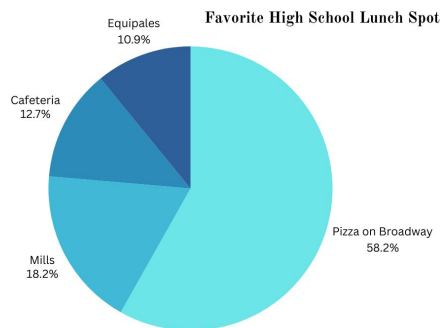
Free Will Donation Breakfast
*Breakfast is free for pilots that fly in

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For More Information:
Mark Davis – (620) 482-0354
Jared Rowlan – (580) 651-1856

Anyone Interested in Aviation and Airplanes is Welcome!!

Poll Reveals HS Students' Favorite Lunch Spot



High school students were given the opportunity to vote on their favorite place to eat lunch during the school week. Mills, Pizza on Broadway, Equipales, and the cafeteria were all in the race.

While we have students who love all four options, when it came down to making their choice, there was a clear winner. Congratulations to Pizza on Broadway, or PoB, for being the students' choice for the best lunch around!



Special Thanks

A special thank you to the Hooker Fire Department for keeping everyone safe at the Homecoming Bonfire!



Credit: Robin Metcalf

Class of 2025 at the Homecoming Bonfire

Principal Showdown

After a poll released in our September 24 edition about who would win in a race, elementary principal Mrs. Cathcart and junior high/high school principal, Mr. Stalder, graciously agreed to make that race a reality! At the homecoming pep rally, they laced up their running shoes and stretched out those hammies in order to provide some much-loved entertainment for a gym full of students. To the sound of students chanting their names, the principals took their marks. As soon as they heard, "GO!" the race began. Mr. Stalder took an early lead on the way down the court, but, dressed as a Hinton Comet, soon fell short of the win on the way back to the finish line. Mrs. Cathcart crossed first to the roar of students, as Mr. Stalder mourned his loss just past the half court line.



Meet the Pack: Staff Bios

Journalist



Flor
Senior

My name is Flor Mesta, I am 17 years old. I am a senior this year. I love hanging out with my friends whenever I get a chance! My favorite drink is Dr. Pepper. I am so ready for the fall season; it's my favorite!

Journalist



Gissel
Senior

My name is Gissel Medina, and I am a senior. I like painting portraits and reading books in my free time. My favorite drink is water, and my favorite type of candy is sour candy. Newspaper is one of my favorite subjects.

Journalist



Alyssa
Sophomore

My name's Alyssa and I'm a sophomore at HHS. I enjoy reading, drawing, and playing video games. I'm in HALO, art, and I enjoy hanging out with friends.

Journalist



Neomi
Senior

My name is Neomi Simpson. I am interested in art, music, and journalism. I am currently making music, selling art, and working on 3D modeling. I have a twin sister named Lucy (I am a little older) and 6 other siblings. I recently won second place at an art contest that was held in OKC and won 450 dollars.

Journalist



Abigail
Sophomore

Hi, I'm Abigail Sarabia. I am a sophomore in HHS. My hobbies are playing in the band, reading, and hanging out with my cousins. I have an identical twin sister. My favorite color is purple, and my favorite drink is Dr. Pepper.



The Hooker Happenings Staff

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