
THE HOOKER HAPPENINGS

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State Cross Country

by Haven Romero

The cross country teams made their community proud at the state meet a few weekends ago. The Lady Bulldogs put together an amazing race to earn the state runner-up title after months of commitment and hard work, with sophomores Ember Stevens (8th) and Finley Duncan (12th) placing in the top 15. Their ability to pace themselves and work together enabled them to achieve one of the best finishes in school history. The boys' team demonstrated persistence and continued to fight throughout the meet, finishing 10th overall in a tough field. From start to finish, both teams displayed grit, sportsmanship, and Bulldog pride. Their accomplishments are a representation of the hard work and commitment of their runners as well as the dedicated coaches and community support which helped to make this season special.



Boys' XC Team

Photo Courtesy of:
Season Duncan



Girls' XC Team

Photo Courtesy of:
Lindsay Stevens

Bulldogs Beat Oilers

by Mollie Baird

The Hooker varsity football team won Friday's home conference game against Merritt by a score of 53-20. The Bulldogs offense was unstoppable, with 179 passing yards, 179 receiving yards, and 180 rushing yards, showcasing a balanced attack. Senior linebacker Konner Yonkers anchored the defense with key tackles and a forced fumble, helping secure the win. Merritt fought back with two second-half touchdowns but couldn't overcome Hooker's early lead. The Bulldogs' strong performance highlighted both offensive efficiency and defensive discipline. With this victory, Hooker improves its district standing and gains momentum heading into the final regular-season game and the upcoming playoffs.



Bulldogs Triumph Over Eagles

by Michelle Rodriguez

Our football team traveled down to Watonga and pulled a win with a score of 34 - 14. Our offense fought strenuously with a total of 80 passing yards, 211 rushing yards, and 80 receiving yards. Senior, Keilan Robinson, passing the most yards with a total of 61 yards, Junior, Justin Palacios, rushing the most yards with a total of 90 yards, and Senior, Gannon Hill, receiving the most yards with a total of 26 yards. During the first half of the game, our boys scored 5 touchdowns, gaining 34 points. After halftime, Watonga responded by scoring 2 touchdowns, gaining a total of 14 points.



Jokes

1. What do you call someone with no body and no nose?
— Nobody knows.
2. My girlfriend told me to stop impersonating a flamingo.
— So I had to put my foot down.
3. My friend told me onions are the only food that makes you cry.
— So I threw a coconut at him.
4. I ordered chicken and eggs from Amazon
— I'll let you know.

Bulldog Beat

by Haven, Michelle, & Abigail

Konner Yonkers is a Senior this year at HHS. Something that motivates Konner to continue improving is knowing he doesn't have many years left to keep doing it all. One of his most memorable plays is when he sacked the quarterback, forced a fumble recovery and got the ball. His proudest athletic accomplishment is being able to go this far with a hurt shoulder. Konner has been playing football for 13 years. Something big Konner wants to accomplish this season is to win state in football.



Abriel Peralta a senior this year has been playing football for 12 years, beginning with flag football in first grade. One of his proudest athletic accomplishments is earning the privilege of being a starter on his team. His most memorable moment on the field was the home game where his team defeated Sunray—a victory that still stands out to him today. This school year, Abriel's goal is to make it to state and bring home the gold ball. He stays motivated to keep improving, prove what he's capable of, and push both himself and his teammates to reach their full potential.



Harper Harris, a senior at HHS, finds motivation in her past self—seeing how far she's come keeps her going! One of her favorite memories is performing the DCC dance, choreographed by Hadley, at homecoming. After overcoming an ACL injury and returning to cheer just a month post-surgery, she's ready to make her final year unforgettable. Her ultimate end goal this cheer season is cheering at state for both football and basketball!



Paitlyn Rundles has been a cheerleader for four years; she first started in 8th grade. Her motivations to continue improving are her mom and teammates. Her most proud accomplishment was becoming an All American nominee her freshman year. Her most memorable game would be the state football game. This season Paitlyn wishes to accomplish going to state football again.



Julio Casas is a trumpet player for the Hooker Band. Julio has been in band for ten years since he was in 3rd grade. His favorite song to play in band is *Livin' on a Prayer* by Bon Jovi because it's an old song and has a good beat. His greatest accomplishment in band is playing *Taps* for the Veterans Day Program. His motivation to keep improving is because there are not a lot of good trumpet players.



Brecken Wiley is a snare drum player in the Hooker Band. Brecken has been in band for seven years. His greatest accomplishment in band is getting to play with OPSU's band. His favorite song to play is *Livin' on a Prayer* by Bon Jovi because they play it very well. His motivation to continue improving is working to get a superior rating at the contest.



Strong Tournament run for 5/6th grade!

by Haven Romero

The 5th/6th grade girls' team had a solid run in the tournament, finishing 2nd out of 8 teams. They started by defeating Balko in the first round, then defeated Forgan in the semi-finals, before narrowly losing to Laverne by 3 points in the championship final. The fifth and sixth grade boys' team also played well, finishing 4th out of 8 teams. They won their first round against Balko, and then lost tough match-ups to Laverne and Texhoma.



Fourth-Grade Adventures

by Michelle Rodriguez

Mrs. Charlene Johnson, who teaches math and social studies, and Mrs. Raven Barnes, who teaches reading and science, are the fourth-grade teachers at Hooker Public Schools, and have been keeping their students busy with exciting and engaging lessons. Most recently, the classes read *The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks. To wrap up the novel, students completed a culminating project that showcased their creativity and understanding of the story. Each student not only designed a project but also presented their final creation before the class. This activity helped strengthen their public speaking and presentation skills, giving them confidence to share their ideas in front of others. In addition to their reading work, the fourth graders have been exploring landforms in science. They have been learning about many various landforms and how they are created by natural processes that shape our world. Soon, the students will take what they've learned and apply it by creating their own landform models. This hands-on project will allow them to demonstrate their knowledge in a fun and creative way.

In Mrs. Johnson's classroom, they are working on additive and multiplicative comparison statements and equations. They are also practicing multiplication facts. For her social studies class, they are learning about the 3 branches of government and the 3 different levels of government. They even had a class mock election and elected a class President and a Secretary for each class. The President for Mrs. Johnson's class is Adalynn Mata, and the Secretary for Hudson Hayes. In Mrs. Barnes' class, the President is Logan Long and the Secretary is Gage Dietrick.



Senior Spotlights

by Alyssa & Mollie



Yedelin DeHerrera would describe her personality as funny, quiet, and creative. Some advice she would give her younger self is that it's okay to be yourself, and that you care too much about what others think of you. Her dream job is to be a dental hygienist. Finally, her favorite high school memory would be when they got together for Mollie's birthday and played Manhunt.



Allie Metcalf is a sweet, loving, and friendly senior whose positive spirit leaves a lasting impression on everyone she meets. One of her favorite high school memories is winning state golf with the homies—a moment filled with excitement, teamwork, and pride. Her theme song, “Sunny” by Boney M., perfectly captures her bright and joyful personality. Allie lives by the reminder that “your life does not revolve around high school,” keeping her focused on what truly matters. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career as a dental hygienist and continue striving toward her ultimate goal of lifelong success and happiness.



Keilan Robinson describes himself as athletic, funny, and happy, always striving to bring positive energy and laughter to everything he does. His favorite high school memory is running with his freshman 4x4 relay team at the state track meet, an unforgettable moment filled with excitement and team spirit. His theme song would be “Memories” by David Guetta feat. Kid Cudi because it reminds him to enjoy life and celebrate every moment. Keilan lives by the motto, “Give 100% in everything you do.” With his bright personality and determination, he's ready to chase success, make memories, and live life to the fullest.

October's Students of the Month

Each month teachers vote for a boy and girl from each grade level who demonstrate upstanding character and academic excellence. Winners from the month of October are:

7th Grade

- Layton Gilmore and Nohemy Garcia

8th Grade

- Ulysses Viscarra and Myranni Lopez

9th Grade

- Dariel Hernandez and Jasmin Salinas

10th Grade

- Brecken Wiley and Molly Ritter

11th Grade

- Justin Palacios and Josie Davis

12th Grade

- Dariel Medina and Yedelin DeHerrera



Congratulations to all of you!

Honor Choir

Senior Jonathan Lu sang in the WOCDA Honor Choir on Monday, October 27. He auditioned for and was selected to sing with this choir. This is his 6th year to be selected.



Olive Warner Memorial Library Calendar of Events

November



2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Trick-or-Treat ALL DAY
2	3	4 Turkey Craft 5 pm	5	6 Storytime 5 pm	7 Virtual Day 8-12 pm	8 Book Club 1 pm
9	10	11 Craft Day 5 pm	12	13	14	15 LEGO Play Day ALL DAY
16	17	18	19	20 Storytime 5 pm	21	22
23	24	25 Cookbook Club 5:30 pm	26	27 CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING	28	29
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What-Ifs

What if's:

What if we didn't have the World's Famous Chocolate Fundraiser??

What if students and teachers switched roles for a day??

What if we got a new school??

What if the junior high lockers were actually closed??

What if all the Juniors paid their class dues??

What if our homework was optional??

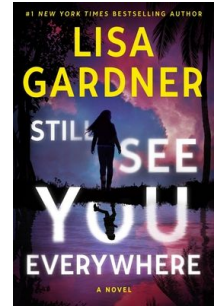
Ruff Ruff Reads

Mrs. Kennedy's Recommendation.

Still See You Everywhere

by Lisa Gardner

A self-appointed missing persons investigator, Frankie, travels to a remote Hawaiian atolle after being contacted by The Beautiful Butcher, a renowned female serial killer just weeks away from execution. Her job: find The Beautiful Butcher's missing younger sister. Upon arriving on the island, Frankie nearly immediately begins facing numerous strange and dangerous situations alongside the dozen strangers who also work there. Now, Frankie is questioning not just if she can find the missing sister, but can she make it off the island alive?



Mollie's Recommendation:

Maze Runner

James Dashner

The Maze Runner is a thrilling YA dystopian novel that follows Thomas, a teen who wakes up in a mysterious maze with no memory of his past. Along with other boys, he must navigate deadly traps and uncover secrets to survive. Action-packed and full of suspense, it's a must-read for adventure lovers.

1 in 4 teens who have been in a relationship say their partner tried to prevent them from spending time with friends or family.

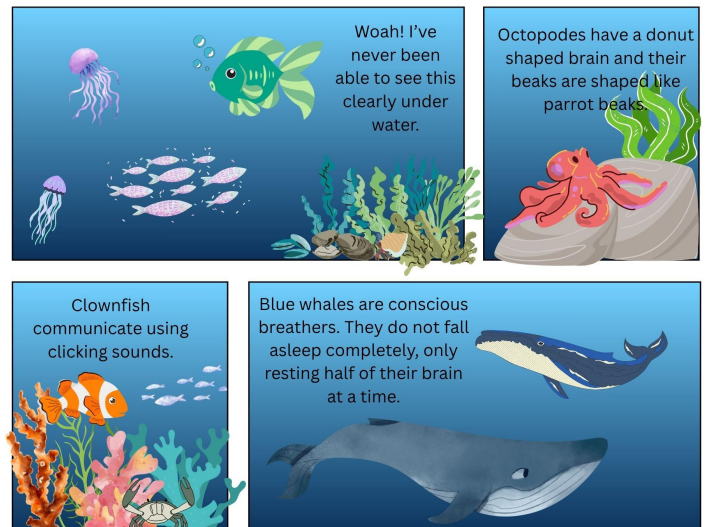
Isolation is a form of control that is common in unhealthy relationships.

Teen Dating Violence Awareness

You are worth more.



Doghouse Diversions



Meet the Pack: School Staff

by Abigail, Michelle, Alyssa, & Victoria



Mrs. Kaden Sappington is our art teacher at HHS. She hopes that her students learn to express themselves as well as responsibility, confidence, and time management in her class. Her favorite art medium is either charcoal or acrylic paint. Kaden's favorite teaching memory is any day her 8th graders behave. One very important thing she hopes students will remember from her class is that she does not try to be mean. Lastly, a message she hopes students will learn from art is to find confidence in themselves through said art. We are so happy to have Mrs. Sappington here!



Mrs. Maggie Choi teaches Spanish I and II. She finds the community here in Hooker very friendly and the students sociable. The staff is very hard-working and supportive which always helps her. She previously taught in Dallas, Arlington, and South Korea. Mrs. Choi was born in Mexico, but grew up in Boise City. She went to college in Texas, then to South Korea for missionary where she found her husband. She has lived 25 years in Korea and only just returned after her son graduated from high school.



Mrs. Angela Flanagan is our choir teacher here at HHS; she also taught band for 15 years. She is currently in her 26th year of teaching and her 24th year teaching in Hooker. She wanted to be a teacher to make a difference in children's lives. Mrs. Flanagan chose Hooker for several reasons. Reason one: She grew up here, loves this community, and the school. Reason two: there was a decline in the music program here at Hooker, and it had played such a big role in her life; she didn't want to see the school lose it. Her favorite part about teaching is seeing students' faces light up when the music comes together. Mrs. Flanagan's favorite quote is, "Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and that which cannot remain silent."



Ms. Carlie Murley teaches elementary music and 5th-12th grade band. Ms. Murley has been teaching in Hooker for three years. Before moving to Hooker she was a full time student at OPSU and taught choir part time at Goodwell High School. Ms. Murley enjoys spending time with her nieces and nephews, and playing the trumpet at church.



The Hooker Happenings Staff

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