



THE HOOKER HAPPENINGS

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Baskets of Hope - Team Luke

Through the NHS Team Luke fundraiser, Baskets of Hope, \$3,981 was raised. Combined with the \$365 raised through their online video campaign, \$4,346 were raised. This money will be donated in Luke's name to fund further research into treatments and potential cures for Cystic Fibrosis. Mrs. Harrison, Luke's grandma and HHS teacher, says she is, "amazed and thankful for our student!" Thank you to the students and community of Hooker for your support of Team Luke!



Still want a Team Luke shirt? Scan the QR code to order!

The Creative Peak

by Alyssa Powell

Laken Carnegey got 1st with her Lady Painting.
 Jenna Carter got Honorable mention with her Eiffel Tower and her Coyote was on display.
 Mollie Baird got her lighthouse on display.
 Jayden Mata got his black and white person on display
 Molly Ritter got her moose on display.
 Miguel Mendoza go both his castle and his BMW on display.
 Neveah Gonzalez with Marilyn Monroe on display.



End of an Era

by Haven & Aydan

Last Friday the Bulldogs took on the Dale Pirates for the Area Championship. Unfortunately, the Bulldogs took the loss, losing 65-44. Pirates basketball has always been tough competition from the beginning, but the boys put up a good fight and stayed up with them. Even though the boys took the loss, they still had one more chance and the Area Consultation on Saturday. Although the boys season is now over, they had a strong and amazing season!



Bulldogs vs. Fairland

The game was a stark contrast to the low-scoring 41-37 Bulldog win from late February. Fairland's coaching staff clearly made adjustments to combat Hooker's physical interior defense, utilizing quick ball movement and high-percentage looks to build a lead they would never relinquish. Fairland came out aggressive in the first half, pushing the pace and forcing Hooker out of their preferred half-court set. Hooker, known for their resilience, mounted a comeback in the third quarter led by their veteran core, narrowing the gap to within two possessions. In the final frame, the Owls showed veteran composure at the free-throw line, icing the game as the Bulldogs were forced to foul, ending the game with a score of 42-51, ending the Bulldog's play-off run.



Lady Bulldog's Season Comes to an End

by Michelle Rodriguez

The Lady Bulldogs have had a crazy season. During their last few games, they went up against Nowata. The crowd was loud and overflowing the stands. The game began, and so did the race to victory. Even though the game was strenuous, the lady bulldogs worked as a team and were very successful. Allie Metcalf gained 15 points, Finley Duncan scored 11 points, Ana DeHerrera scored 7 points, Yedi DeHerrera, and Mya Brown recorded 6 points each, Summer Fischer made 5 points, and Dulce Rios topped it off by making 2 points. Thanks to the great teamwork from every Lady Bulldog, our girls won 52 - 19.

The last game the Lady Bulldogs played was against Caney Valley, and they played very well. Dulce Rios came in clutch and scored 12 points, Ana DeHerrera racked up 8 points, Allie Metcalf scored 5 points, Finley Duncan bagged 4 points, and Yedi DeHerrera ended off with 2 points. Despite how hard they worked, the Lady Bulldogs lost by one point, ending their basketball season losing 32-31.

Bulldog Beat

by Abigail, Haven, Laken

Marisa Borunda's motivation to continue improving is her desire for her team to succeed next season. A memorable game she has played was during a timeout, one of the coaches mentioned to dribble with a purpose, then she took the ball and went in for a layup. An accomplishment she is most proud of is getting to playing a bit of varsity. Marisa has been playing for six years. Next season she would like to receive more varsity playing time.



Kimberly Moreno is a sophomore this year and wears number 21 for the Lady Dog basketball team. Kimmy's motivation to continue improving is getting better in order to play and help her teammates win. One of her most memorable games was watching her team play at the Stride Center and winning against OBA. Starting JV and winning games is her proudest athletic accomplishment. Kimmy has been playing basketball for 6 years. One thing she wanted to accomplish was getting better to play on varsity.



Lucas Yonkers is a freshman at Hooker High School. The accomplishment he is most proud of is powerlifting and making it to state two years in a row. His favorite sport is powerlifting, but he also plays football and baseball. The thing he wants to accomplish most this year is lifting 1,000 pounds in total. Lucas wants to keep improving because his family and friends have supported him immensely in every step he has taken.



Girls' Golf Kick-Off

by Mollie Baird

The girls golf team went to their first golf meet March 10, 2026 at buffalo in Doby Springs. The team consists of Allie Metcalf, Mollie Baird, Kyleen Castleberry, Haven Romero, and Sammi Butler. They placed 4th overall and individually Allie placed 3rd.



Senior Spotlights

by Aydan, Aby, Haven, & Mollie



Luis Ibarra is a senior at Hooker High School. One of his favorite high school memories are the go home days in finance - leaving the school for the day at the start of seventh hour. The music he picked that best describes him is rock music, loving the song “Down with the Sickness” by Disturbed. Three adjectives that could describe his personality are goofy, intelligent, and extroverted. Luis dream job is to be a stay at home dad.



Madelynn Alvarez is a senior here at HHS this year. Some advice she would give her younger self would be to stay motivated even through the slow, tough times, because that’s the only way you will achieve your goals. Her favorite high school memories have been the snowy days walking to lunch with her friends. Mady says, “Flor always makes us laugh with her clumsy self.” A song that would make the best theme for her is “Every Breath You Take” by The Police. Three adjectives that would best describe her are happy, sarcastic, and ambitious. Mady’s dream job is to be a corporate litigation lawyer. In ten years from now she sees herself as a freshly graduated attorney working at a good law firm, with a happy and well off family, and with tons of shoes and clothes.



Brynlee Williams is a senior this year at Hooker High School. During her senior year, her favorite high school memory was the powder puff game. Brynlee chose the intro to Bluey as her theme song. Some advice she would give to her younger self is to stop caring what others think. Three adjectives that describe Brynlee are stubborn, motivated, and bold. After high school, Brynlee’s dream job is to become a physical therapist.



Hunter Ray’s favorite HHS memory is the hotel stays and bus rides with his teammates during basketball season. Those times with his boys will be some of the memories he’ll miss the most. The theme song he chose for his life is “Dreams and Nightmares” by Meek Mill. Some advice he would give to his younger self would be to not stress about the small things and enjoy every moment because high school goes by fast. Hunter’s three adjectives to describe himself would be laid back, competitive, and driven. His dream job is to own and run a successful business. His motivation to work hard comes from wanting to build a successful future for himself and knowing that the work he puts in now will pay off later.

Bulldog Band

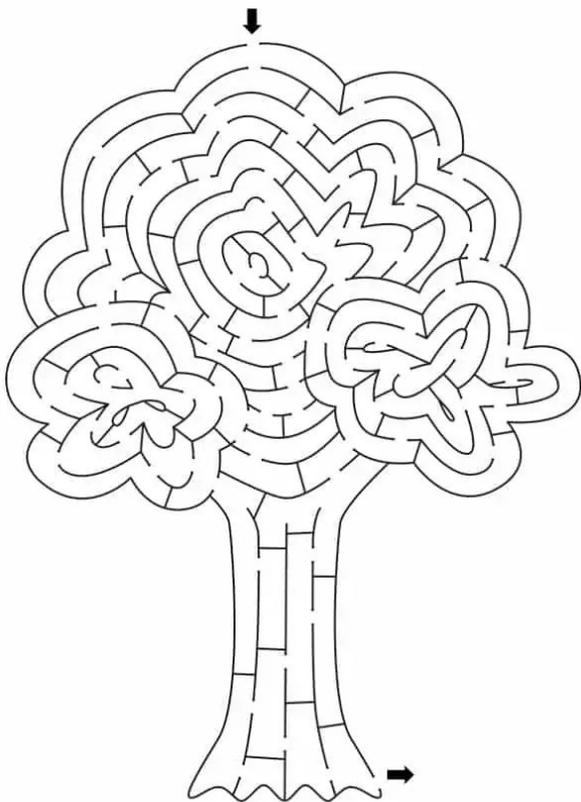
Hooker High School band students competed in in district contest March 11 at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva.

Students receiving an Excellent rating:
Ullyses Viscarra-Snare Drum solo
Abigail and Sarai Sarabia-Woodwind Duet

Students receiving a Superior rating:
Sianna Velasquez-Flute solo
Myranni Lopez-Clarinet solo
Sianna Velasquez and Myranni Lopez-Flute and Clarinet duet

Students receiving a Superior rating and going on to State contest:

Victory Simpson-Clarinet solo
Julio Casas-Trumpet solo
Nathun Urias-Trumpet solo
Sarai Sarabia-Bass Clarinet solo



Hooker JH & HS Choir

Choir students competed at District Solo and Ensemble contest on Tuesday, March 3 at NWOSU in Alva. Under the direction of Angela Flanagan, the HHS and HJH choir students brought home some wonderful ratings.

Good Rating:
7th Grade Treble Ensemble

Excellent Rating:
JH Mixed Ensemble HS Treble Ensemble
HS Mixed Ensemble Maylin Russell - Solo

Superior Rating:
8th Grade Treble Ensemble

Superior Rating and Headed to State:
Men's Trio - Jared Flanagan, Matthew Deatherage and
Jonathan Lu
Jonathan Lu - Solo

Fresh Set and Good Vibes

by Alyssa Powell

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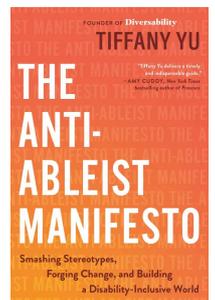
Ruff Ruff Reads

Victoria's Sister's Recommendation:

The Anti-Ableist Manifesto

by Tiffany Yu

The book challenges common misconceptions by revealing how the majority of disabilities are non-apparent, encouraging readers to recognize and respect these often overlooked experiences. Yu touches on the critical role language plays in shaping attitudes toward disability, advocating for inclusive and empowering communication that dismantles ableist norms. Throughout the book, Yu sheds light on the numerous unseen battles people with disabilities face daily. Battles that extend beyond physical barriers to include social, emotional, political, and systemic challenges. Her call to action is clear: to actively confront and dismantle ableism in all its forms, fostering a society that truly values accessibility, dignity, and equity for all.

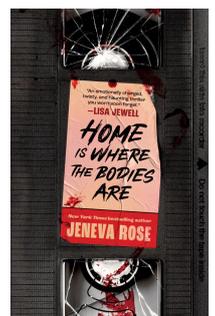


Ailin's Recommendation:

Home is Where the Bodies Are

by Jeneva Rose

Home Is Where the Bodies Are is a mystery thriller about three siblings who reunite after their mother's passing. While sorting through their mother's belongings, they uncovered home videos on a VHS tape from June 1999 that contained evidence of their parents documenting the disposal of a young neighbor girl who had gone missing earlier that day. As siblings investigate the tapes and their mother's journal, connections to other disappearances from their small town slowly comes out. The three must uncover their family's dark secrets.



Paws & Play

Movie & Game Reviews

by Mollie and Laken

I Can Only Imagine 2, is a new 2026 movie based on a true story following the band MercyMe and lead singer Bart Miller after their fame in contemporary Christian music. It also shows the ups and downs of life and how God is always there with us, and how we can use music to express our emotions. The first movie, *I Can Only Imagine*, is the story about how they became famous and his childhood.



Catan is a lengthy game that will have all players strategizing to the max. The goal of the game is to pick a role among the settlers. Claim your areas of brick, rock, wood, sheep, and wheat by building roads and settlements. If you are in a claimed territory, when your turn begins, you will get those resources. Trades can be made, but be careful because not everyone tells the truth! The first player to reach ten victory points wins the game. Points can be obtained by building settlements, victory cards, and achievements. Strategy is key, so don't rush the process!



What ifs

by Perla Cervantes

What if you could live forever, but only in the same age you are now?

What if people had to hop everywhere instead of walk?

What if you could see the future, but only the good things that happen?

What if you never had to sleep again?

What if you could choose to forget certain memories?

What if you could travel back in time and give one warning to any individual?

What if you won the lottery?

What if you could work from anywhere in the world?

What if you were the boss for one day?

Jokes

Laken Carnagey

Why did the football coach yell at the vending machine?

He wanted his quarter back!

What does a pickle say when he wants to play cards?

“Dill me in!”

If your house is cold, just stand in the corner.

It's always 90 degrees there.

Why did the coffee taste like dirt?

Because it was just ground a few minutes ago.

I found a book called *How to Solve 50% of Your Problems*.

I bought 2.

I tried to catch fog yesterday...

but I mist.

I used to hate facial hair...

but then it grew on me.

Why did the Rolling Stones stop making music?

Because they got to the bottom of the hill.

Meet the Pack: Staff Bios

by Perla, Laken, & Michelle



Mrs. Heidi Nunley is one of our school's counselors and a teacher of finance, and she previously taught junior high and high school math. She has been teaching for 20 years and has always loved school, which is why she wanted to be a teacher. She enjoys helping kids and loves seeing them grow and develop. She decided to work at HHS because her husband works at TCEC, and when they were looking for schools for her boys Hooker was the best fit. Her favorite part of her job is helping students discover who they are and what they are capable of. Senior year is an especially meaningful time because it's when so many things start to come together for them. Overall, Mrs. Nunley loves helping students through the process.



Mr. Brian Stalder has worked for Hooker Schools for 14 years and currently serves as the junior high/high school principal. In the past, he has also worked as a girls' basketball coach. He says the best part of his job is interacting with students and staff and being part of students' growth and maturity as they develop. His favorite quote is, "Want to be happy for an hour? Eat a steak. Want to be happy for a day? Go fishing. Want to be happy for a week? Go on a vacation. Want peace and purpose for a lifetime? Put your faith in Jesus Christ." Mr. Stalder chose to work in Hooker because it is a small, tight-knit, hardworking school and community, and he believes it is a great place to live and raise a family.



Coach Fidel Velasquez is the Assistant Principal here at HHS, along with some coaching duties. He was a classroom teacher and coach for 20 years and has been an administrator for the past nine years. Mr. Velasquez became a teacher because he believes education changes lives - That school is more than academics, it is where students build confidence, discover their strengths, and develop skills they need to succeed beyond the classroom. His favorite part of teaching is watching students realize they can do something they once thought was too difficult. The moment when a concept finally "clicks", or when they begin to take ownership of their learning. Mr. Velasquez chose to teach in Hooker because his family felt spiritually led to the Panhandle. Hooker is the place where they were led.



The Hooker Happenings Staff

