



At the Veterans Day program following the September 11th attack on US soil in 2001, yearbook student, Morgan (Daves) Powers, captures a tender moment as Brian Weber hugs his children before his departure to serve.

Thursday Night Lights

BULLDOGS TAKE DOWN THE TIGERS

The Bulldogs were chomping at the bit to display dominance defending their home field against the neighbor rival, the Guymon Tigers.

And their hunger for a win did not disappoint as they beat the Tigers 32-12 to mark their first win of the season.

Ryker Hill scored the first touchdown and

finished with three total, one rushing, one receiving and one exciting punt return for the score and an 80 yard total on the night.

Justin Palacios had a good game with 24 carries for 215 yards and two touchdowns. The senior averaged 9 yards per carry.

According to Max-

Preps, Guymon's offense struggled to keep pace, and the Bulldogs' defense limited their yardage and forced turnovers. The loss dropped Guymon's record to 1-1, matching Hooker's own record after they went 1-2 since ending a four-game winning streak dating back to last season.



The Bulldogs make their way onto the field carrying the American and Oklahoma flags, two Bulldog flags, and one special flag to honor their lost teammate, Blake Butler, who would have been a senior this year.

September 11, 2001

WE MUST NEVER FORGET

By Josiah Simpson

A quarter of a century ago, our country was devastated by a premeditated terrorist attack. On September 11th, 2001, 19 al Qaeda members hijacked four commercial planes to use for their horrific plans.

Current students were not even born, but the day has been marked as one to never be forgotten.

The first, American Airlines flight 11, hit the North side of the Twin Towers at 8:46 am, decimating the 93rd-99th floors. Next, at 9:03, what everyone thought was just an accident, was shown to be an attack on the Nation. American Airlines 175 hit the South tower destroying the 77th-85th floors.

The third, struck the Pentagon, one of our biggest military bases. American Airlines 77 had 58 passengers and 6

crewmembers, it hit between the fourth and fifth corridors, the total death count was 184.

"I remember sitting at home thinking how I would explain this to my kids," Lori Kraft said. "Watching it live will forever be burned in my mind. It was a day that changed everything. Then the next day, we were at war hunting down those responsible. It was like a bad dream."

At 9:59 the South tower gave way, the plane cut structural supports and the extreme heat of the fires, which were amplified by the jet fuel. The damaged floors buckled causing the top of the tower to fall onto itself creating more collapse.

The North tower followed suit at 10:28, the World Trade Center was no more. It was reported that 2,753 people died in New York on

September 11, 2001, less than a quarter were first responders alone. The total fatality toll for 9/11 was 2,977, excluding the hijackers.

"I was in the teacher's lounge at Liberal when the first plane hit and I thought it was just an accident. Then we saw the second plane hit and we knew something really bad was happening. It was scary," Mark Davis said.

At 10:03, the fourth plane crashed in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The passengers were aware of the previous attacks and rose up to combat against the four terrorists. It was rumored that the target for American Airlines 93 was the US capitol. Some say it was an act of God, some say it was just sheer bravery that they were able to fight.

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Science found in all areas of life HANDS-ON PROJECTS FUELS LEARNING

By Victoria Cano

The science department has three faculty members to round schedules for the required core classes for junior and senior high students.

Natasha Fitzgerald wrangles the seventh and eighth graders offering a number of hands-on activities to solidify learning. In her second year, she builds a foundation for future learning.

The junior high have already made molecules from Play-Doh and other experi-

ments.

For the high school, Jarret Kachel and Travis Johnson teach a number of classes covering all aspects in the world of science.

The ninth graders work to understand the basics of physical science.

Science is a big part of the school curriculum for both the ACT and the students looking into being doctors, dentists, veterinarians, and any other job that requires science.

Biology I, II, and chemis-

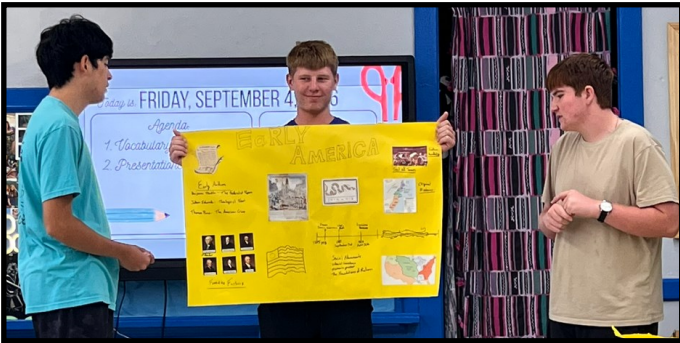
try are offered for required credits needed to graduate.

Chemistry is an optional class offered to juniors and seniors with Johnson. He also teaches physical science and Biology II.

Kachel teaches biology I and Pre-AP Biology II. "In Pre-AP Biology II, the vocabulary test are definitely more challenging than I am usually used to, but I persevered," Mia Zarate said.



With Play-Doh and toothpicks, Hunter Kilpatrick and Marilyn Stanfill construct molecules.



Jesse Alvarado, Payne Huxman and Noah Parish present their poster over American Literature during junior English.

Junior English AMERICAN LIT TAKES CENTER STAGE

Meagan Brewer's junior English students teamed up to research American Literature.

The students had to research a time period of American Literature with their group.

Research items included: influential authors and texts of the time period, histor-

ical events, social movements, presidents, and social classes/status.

"All of this information influenced authors and what they were writing about, so it's important for students to know the historical background," Brewer explained.

The teams had to

research the required information, create a poster, then present their findings to their peers.

"Trinity, Ryker, Finley and I had the Romantic Period. The main thing I learned was Edgar Allen Poe gained his fame and his writings were for the time period," Victoria Cano said.

PEP RALLY KICKS OFF FIRST HOME GAME

All students grades kindergarten through seniors gathered in the old gym Thursday, September 3, to cheer on the Bulldogs prior to their first

home game versus the Guy-mon Tigers.

The band and cheerleaders started with the school song as well as some cheers to

set the atmosphere as the team entered the side door.

Senior team members introduced themselves and stated their positions as well as encouraged people to come out and cheer them on to victory. Then they tossed foam footballs to the elementary students who battled each other for a catch.

Ulises Casas, a senior, stated he was proud to wear a uniform his first year to play. "Pep rallies help bring up school spirit before the game," Casas said. "Playing this year, during pep rallies the atmosphere changes. Instead of watching other people inspire us, we inspire others."

The Bulldogs carried the excitement to the field and defeated the Tigers soundly, 32-12.

September 18 marks their bye week before traveling to district foe Hinton on Sept. 25. The next home game is not until October 2 against Tonkawa.



Baxleigh Rowlan, sophomore, helps cheer on the Bulldogs at the Sept. 3 pep rally.



Ulises Casas hands off the microphone to Landen Jacobs. The senior football teammates were invited to the floor to introduce themselves and their positions during the festive rally.



Breighlee Sawyers shares her information discovered about the disappearance of Amelia Earhart to her eighth grade computer class.

Computer Electives

VITAL FOR FUTURE SUCCESS

In today's society as well as the future, computer knowledge is vital to success, regardless of career choices and aspirations.

Lori Kraft teaches the junior high classes: 7th grade keyboarding and 8th grade computers.

The seventh graders learn a basic knowledge of computer history and things such as Internet safety and a range of important vocabulary words. The main focus is on developing proper keyboarding skills covering

accuracy and speed. The 8th graders keep improving their keyboarding; however, they are able to work on projects that help them learn a variety of programs in Google, Microsoft office, and Photoshop.

Jamie Hill takes students deeper into the tech world for ninth through seniors. "Computer class is important for improving your typing skills and learning important applications that will be used in your future job," Jett Sierra, a

freshman, said. He added that he has learned about internet safety and Photoshop, both he has enjoyed. He also learned file organization and has a goal to be the fastest typer in the school.

Hill teaches Microsoft programs including Excel along with PhotoShop, Canva, Google, and more in Computer I and II, as well as Web Design classes. These skills are required for the future and develop skills for numerous applications.

Ag Competition Teams Make Season Debuts

By Austin McBee and Alex Serna

Agriculture is very vital to the state of Oklahoma, and very important to Hooker. Agriculture classes offer a variety of activities to meet every need and interest.

Between ag and tech classes, students can participate in trap shooting, livestock judging, opening and closing cere

monies, horticulture, welding and much more.

Casen Hofferber, a freshman, said, "Opening and Closing ceremonies are his favorite ag activity because it's fun." Hofferber hopes to learn more about welding and added that ag will teach him leadership skills, teamwork, responsibility, and how to weld. Hofferber liked visiting OPSU last year because "all my friends were there, and it was an unforgettable experience."

Recently, the OYE Trap Shooting Team and the Livestock Judging Team participated in the first competitions of the year.

Shooting sports results were: Senior Team placed 56th of

159 teams competing with individual results as follows: Burke Lambley, 43th; Landen Jacobs 72nd; Cy Paden 87th; Mason Arnold 93th; and Kaschen Graham 117 out of 138 individuals.

The Junior Team placed 117 out of the 159 teams with: 9th grade, Damian Vargas 69th; Oved Avalos 84th; Juliana Deatherage 105; and Wyatt Arnold 111 of 118 individuals.

Eighth grader Maylin Russell 72nd of 86 and first time trap shooter in the OYE Shotgun Sports competition at Silverleaf in Guthrie.

The Judging team placed 36th and 45th and were in the top half of the total competing.



The judging team, (back) Landen Jacobs, Oved Avalos, Juliana Deatherage, Azumi Garcia, Jaklynn Mendoza, and Kamryn Hill; and (front) Jessie Keith and Eason Oakes, participated in the first meet of the season.

5th and 6th Robotics

MEETINGS HELD ON WEDNESDAYS

By Victoria Cano

The fifth and sixth grade Robotics Club sponsors are Kaylea Burkhart and elementary teacher, Kathy Herald.

Meetings will begin the second week of September on Wednesdays at the old PreK building.

The league has selected the theme "BioBuzz," dealing

with biodiversity.

Burkhart is most excited to be working with all the new robotics students that will be coming in fourth grade. "I hope to give them give them an opportunity at building real world skills, such as coding programs, engineering, and robotics teacher professionalism," she said.

Her favorite

thing about helping out in the club is seeing how the participants prevail and exceed in learning to work with one another and use creativity throughout the different projects.

The key and soft skills include coding, engineering basics, problem-solving, and teamwork.



Seniors Cy Paden and Burke Lambley await their turn at the OYE Shooting Sports meet.

FCA KICKS OFF SCHOOL YEAR WITH DONUTS AND DEVOTION

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) gathered in the auditorium for donuts and a devotion presented by Coach Jarret Kachel. They will meet once a month at 7:35 a.m. for the high school and breakfast provided by local churches.

Tonya Tein leads the 5th-8th graders meetings in her home with boys and girls separate nights. Coach Nicole Kippenberger and newcomer to Hooker joins the leadership team with great ideas to implement. Fields of Faith is October 7 at Liberal High school. Officers include: Summer Fischer, president; Callen Duncan, vice president; Finley Duncan, secretary; Jenna Carter, treasurer; and Marissa Borunda, Chaplain.



Coach Jarret Kachel presents a devotion to those attending the FCA meeting.

ART OFFERS CREATIVE OUTLET FOR INSPIRING ARTISTS

By Michelle Rodriguez

"Continue practicing, and never stop trying. Even if you may not be the best at the moment, consistency is key and improvement happens — Don't give up."

This was Senior Yessica Flores' response after being asked what she would like to tell aspiring artists and underclassmen interested in continuing their art education.

Flores is in Art IV, and having been in art her entire high school career, she has made many pieces, but her favorite has to be one she named, "The Chosen One," which was entered for an art jubilee contest. Speaking of contests, Flores has been to a few art jubilee events and loves meeting new people and making friends as well as seeing other people's art work.

The shift from student to substitute to teacher was fairly easy for second-year art teacher, Kaden Sappington. By the time she graduated, she knew all the staff and was a classmate to most students' older siblings or relatives. Being a substitute, she learned how the rules changed and how to think like a teacher instead of a student.

Having had a great art teacher herself in Josh Muller, she picked up a few tips. When asked how he helped her, she responded, "Mr. Muller was such a strong-willed and spirited teacher who was actually passionate about the subject. He put his all into us kids and did everything to help us become better artists - he still helps me as an art teacher now."

Artists Nevaeh Gonzalez and Izzabella Collins work on their first assignments of the year.

This year Sappington has many projects planned like clay for Art IV, sidewalk chalk, and learning the history of art. She hopes to help the students improve in all mediums, because every student is different and has their preference. She also plans on taking the young artists to contests like Art on the Green, Woodward Art Show, Texas County Fair, OPSU Art Jubilee, and any others that come up.

Students who complete contest-ready pieces have to demonstrate creativity and individuality, not a copy and paste of a picture.

Sappington was asked which students

have shown much creativity and although it took some time for her to choose, because every student is incredibly creative, she landed on Flores. After being told this, Flores was asked about how it made her feel. "I feel happy and glad that I'm able to be chosen for something like this. Being noticed or chosen for my work makes me feel appreciated and glad that my work or my character was inspiring," Flores said.

Currently, students are working on a free piece in which they choose at least three reference photos and take parts of each to make something new.



Hispanic American Leadership Organization

HALO WELCOMES NEW LEADERS, PLANS EVENTS

By Victoria Cano

Hispanic American Leadership Organization, or HALO, held its first meeting with new directors Tonya Tien, Neeti Sharma, Magdalena Choi, and Tonya Alm joining

hands to keep the program going.

The leaders, along with the HALO members, have worked hard to accommodate the small changes that have been happening. Nicole Avalos, HALO president, said, "The

first meeting went great! We worked together with Mr. (Mark) Davis to decide what the members will be doing during the car show."

The Tien family has decided to have the HALO events be free at the car show as she begins to understand the responsibilities needed for being the director.

This year, there are many more students who have joined and are ready to help with all the upcoming HALO events. The committee's leaders are willing to help the directors with whatever they need, as they have more experience with the program and members show excitement for this new year of activities.

Other officers are Harmani Villa and Azumi Garcia as the vice presidents, Yadiara Amador as the secretary, Maria Diaz as the reporter, Marisa Borunda working with public relations and as community service director, Valentina Rodriguez as fundraiser director, and finally Mia Zarate as the STUCO representative.



HALO officers and members meet with the newly appointed leaders to lay a solid foundation for the upcoming year.

Wins and Losses

FOOTBALL ACTION

HIGH SCHOOL

Football kicked off the season with the high school traveling to Texas suffering a tough 56-14 loss to Gruver on August 27 before facing Guymon at home for a Thursday night matchup. The Bulldogs bounced back with a 32-12 solid win.

Next they traveled back to Texas to face Spearman and yet another devastat-

ing loss of 54-13. Scorers for the Bulldogs were Ryker Hill and Justin Palacios. Their next game is at Hinton.

JUNIOR HIGH

The junior high face the Guymon Tigers at home for their first night of action. They secured a 28-6 win with Layton Gilmore scoring two touchdowns on the night.

Their next game

was Sept. 10 against Spearman with another win 28-20. Sept. 21 they will be at Guymon.

ELEMENTARY

The elementary team snagged a big 24-0 win against Guymon with Donnie Titus scoring two of the touchdowns in the early evening action. They will also travel to Guymon Sept. 21 for their next game.



Shase Redmond achieves a positive gain against the Guymon Tigers at home.



Crossing goal line, fifth grader Gage Dietrick scores for the Bulldogs against the Guymon Tigers.



Eighth grader Cooper Barnes plows through the Spearman Linx defense for a positive gain.



CROSS COUNTRY TAKES MEETS BY STORM

By Andrea Fernandez

On the August 29, the cross country team traveled to Perryton, Tex., where the HS girls placed second to Perryton, and ran incredibly better after their previous loss to Gruver in the Guymon meet.

Top finishers were Jenna Carter who placed 5th individually while Finley Duncan placed 7th with Ember Stevens right behind her in 9th. Individual top finishers for JH girls were Rosilyn Smith in 1st and coming in 2nd was Kinley Stokes.

HS boys placed 5th and JH boys placed second to Borger. Individual finishes were Braven Paden in 2nd, Layton Gilmore in 4th, and Cooper Barnes in 9th.

Next on the schedule was the meet in Watonga on Sept. 5, with the HS girls placing 1st and absolutely

dominating larger schools like Weatherford and Kingfisher. The HS boys competed extremely well despite not having their #1 runner Callen Duncan. Despite placing 4th overall as a team the HS boys beat every school in Class 2A.

Top finishers were Joshua Gribble who placed 14th, Dariel Hernandez in 15th, and following close behind was Ary Fernandez in 17th.

JH boys placed 1st as a team and so did the JH girls who scored a narrow victory over Tonkawa.

Hooker's scores were tied through the first five runners. In cross country, the tie-breaker is the 6th runner, who was Emely Jimenez, who beat Tonkawa's 6th runner by almost an entire minute. "Wins like this highlight the importance of depth in the sport," said Coach

Jarret Kachel.

Top individual placers were Rosilyn Smith in 3rd, Kinley Stokes in 10th, Myra Parker in 15th, and Marilyn Stanfill in 25th.

(top left) Jenna Carter, a senior, keeps a steady pace staying ahead of the majority of the pack with eyes on the finish line at Watonga.

(bottom left) Elementary runner Brenley Ogden builds confidence and stamina as she runs tries to improve each race.

(top right) Braven Paden, an eighth grader, stays just ahead of teammates Layton Gilmore and Cooper Barnes as well as the CHA runner.

(bottom right) Sophomore Giovanni Estrada works his way through the pack.



JH AND HS SOFTBALL KEEP BUSY SCHEDULES



Striding out, eighth grader Embrie Hill winds up to fire a strike at a Texhoma Red Devil batter.

The junior and senior high softball teams have been beyond busy with their intense schedules.

JUNIOR HIGH

The junior high hosted a August 27 and beat Boise City 18-0, lost to Turpin 0-16 and lost to Texhoma in a close one 1-2.

On Sept. 1, they traveled to Texhoma and won 3-1 with Bella Vega and Elianna Velasquez each with a hit while pitcher Embrie Hill tallies six strikeouts.

The game schedule for Labor Day at Guymon was moved to Sept. 18.

HIGH SCHOOL

In district play, the high school played a double header August 28 at home versus Hobart. Unfortunately, they lost both 0-20 and 0-18.

At Texhoma, they were able to claw their way back into the win column winning 10-7. Kayleigh Johnson was

3-4 with singles, Estefanie Vega 2-4 with singles, and both Lerady Medina and Addi Rodgers each added singles. Sammi Butler and Medina both scored three runs each with Butler achieving three stolen bases. Medina was pitcher with seven

strikeouts.

Next they faced Guyon losing 0-12; lost a double header district matchup with Sayre 2-20 and 1-19; and suffered two more losses at the Shattuck Tournament to Timberlake, 1-9 and to Beaver 3-10.



With a might swing of the bat, junior Nicole Avalos connects for a hit against Guymon at home.



JARRET KACHEL

By Yuvia Rodriguez

Jarret Kachel was a Hooker High School graduate in 2006. Carrying on his parents' legacy of teaching, he started his career in 2018 and teaches Biology I and II. He is also a coach for cross country as well as track.

While in school, his dad, Stan Kachel, was his coach. "It's a ton of pressure being the coach's kid. No days off, always had to lead every rep. But the lessons and toughness he instilled in me are invaluable, and I still try to pass those same things on to my runners today. My parents just always raised me to value education over just about everything," Kachel said.

His favorite memory from high school was anchoring their State Championship 4x800m relay. They were undefeated all year, but so was Tonkawa. Pressure was building as the season went on, and when they won, he was incredibly relieved and felt his work was justified. His commitment, determination, and desire to succeed he has tried to instill in his students and athletes. "I see little pieces of my personality in all my athletes," he added.



Kachel served his class as president his senior year.

At the Guymon cross country meet, Coach Jarret Kachel visits with his dad, Stan, as his teams compete.



At a cross country meet his junior year, Kachel keeps a steady pace with his teammates.

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Our country says that their sacrifice was true to the ideals of our country. Forty four people died in that crash, seven crewmembers, and 37 passengers, four of which were the hijackers. Which is nothing compared to the damage that could have been. Todd Beamer led the takedown with the words, "Let's roll!"

Many countrymen felt a moral obligation to stand up for their country and there was a wave of men and women who joined the military to bring al Qaeda to an end. About 181,500 soldiers joined the military after 9/11. In 2011, we finally tracked down the man who orchestrated this tragedy, Osama bin Laden, and we put an end to his plans, permanently.

The call of duty reached all the way to Hooker. One who answered that call was Brian Weber, and on Veterans day, 2001, he said goodbye to his family, along with his children Kenyan Weber and Kaden (Weber Baker). He had to leave to fight to serve his country and protect our freedom.

"I think it is important to remember the events of 9/11, not only because it honors the lives lost and highlights human courage, but also

because of the unity within the country that came afterwards," senior Michelle Rodriguez.



Three firefighters—George Johnson, Dan McWilliams and Bill Eisen-grein—raising the American flag on September 11, 2001. This last of the series remains the most striking, yet least-known depiction of this scene. Photo taken from the Internet by Lori Grinker / Contact Press Images

BACK TO THE FUTURE

History Classes Fulfill Core Class Requirements

By Victoria Cano

Throughout a student's high school career, they need to take several history classes to fulfill graduation requirements. These classes include government, world history, freshman history and geography. Being able to learn from the past hopefully helps to not repeat mistakes made.

Tanner McBee and Austin Elliott are both freshman history and geography teachers. McBee teaches world geography and the history behind many countries, while Elliott teaches Oklahoma history. They both have to share the freshman class, as the students have one of their classes each semester.

Dina Johnson, 2026 Teacher of the Year, teaches the sophomores government, and the juniors U.S. history. Johnson is the teacher for many of these classes and has been a history teacher for years.

As Johnson has told many of her students, "History doesn't repeat itself, it rhymes." This quote explains how without the documentation of history nothing would be able to be achieved.

Hailey Mitchell also added on to Johnson, saying, "A lot of problems from the Gilded Age have been recurring in the present such as immigration and terrorism. We have to try and figure out a better method on how to solve these problems, so they don't keep coming up."



Sianna Velasquez colors the map of the 13 colonies in Dina Johnson's government class.

BULLDOGS

In the Spotlight

SELAH FISCHER

CROSS COUNTRY



Selah Fischer is a member of the cross country team, and has been for four years. Her motivation to continue improving is to become one of the seven runners that run at state. An athletic accomplishment she is most proud of is receiving a medal for completing 6th place on the 4x4 at state track. A memorable place she has competed in is the Watonga race because it is her favorite meet. This year, Selah wants to accomplish becoming a top seven runner.

PAOLA RIOS

SOFTBALL



Paola Rios is a member of the Lady Dogs Softball throughout junior high. A memorable game she has played was against Texhoma because it was a close game. Paola's motivation for improving is her dad. An athletic accomplishment she is most proud of is being an excellent batter and catcher. An accomplishment she would like to achieve this season is hitting a homerun.

NATALIE RUSSELL

SOFTBALL



Natalie Russell is a member of the Softball Lady Dogs and has been playing the sport for eight years. A memorable play was when the score was 1-1 and Embrie made a home run. Her motivation to continue improving is when she plays with her sister and her friends. An athletic accomplishment she is most proud of is that she can throw a whole lot better. A goal she would like to accomplish is to hit harder and hit the ball more.

PHOEBE JOHNSON

SOFTBALL



Phoebe Johnson is a member of the Softball Lady Dogs and has been playing for five years including summer ball. She has played first, a new position for her. Phoebe's motivation to continue improving is her teammates that cheer her on. An athletic accomplishment that she is most proud of is hitting a ball to the outfield in a varsity game. One of her personal goals she would like to accomplish this season is to hit the ball every single time she is up to bat.

SAMMI BUTLER

CHEER



Sammi Butler is a sophomore and has cheered for the Bulldogs since seventh grade. She has chosen to be a cheerleader to keep the crowd involved and to encourage the athletes. Her favorite part is being around the girls and building those friendships. Sammi is also involved in softball and plans to golf in the spring.

ALEXA CASAS

SOFTBALL



Alexa Casas is a member of the Lady Dogs Softball and has been playing the sport for eight years. A memorable game she has played is when she was in Little League and her team was not good the whole season until it was time for the championship tournament, her team magically became better and placed second. Her motivation to continue improving is her parents. An athletic accomplishment she is most proud of is when she won three times in a row in Little League. What she would like to accomplish this season is to get better at hitting and running bases.

JOSIAH RODRIGUEZ

FOOTBALL



Josiah Rodriguez is a member of the football team and has been playing football since first grade. His most memorable moment to date comes from his eighth grade year when they went undefeated. Josiah's motivation to continue is the desire to become a starter in the coming years. This season he would like to accomplish being uninjured and be a starter on JV.

GUNNAR MARTENS

FOOTBALL



Gunnar Martens is a senior and starter for the football team. He has been playing football since the fifth grade. Gunnar's motivation to continue improving and work harder is his late teammate, Blake. A memorable place he has played at is at UCO for state championships. An athletic accomplishment he is most proud of is winning defensive lineman of the year. Gunnar would like to accomplish winning the state championship this season.

CAMILO MENDOZA

FOOTBALL



Camilo Mendoza is playing football as the offensive line and his duty is to block. UCO is his favorite stadium that has an amazing waterfall. His biggest rival is Fairview because they are high school bullies. He has multiple hype songs that he enjoys. Camilo realized he wanted to continue football when he became a starter on the football team.

KINLEY STOKES

CROSS COUNTRY



Kinley Stokes, a sixth grader, is a member of the cross country team for junior high. This is Kinley's second year running and her most memorable meet was the Big Bubba Hill when she came in second place. Her motivation to continue improving is the feeling of pride when she does better than she did before. An athletic accomplishment she is most proud of is being able to medal at such a young age. This season Kinley would like to accomplish catching up to Roslynn.

BULLDOGS

In the Spotlight

TORI SLATER



STAFF/FACULTY

Tori Slater is new to the Hooker Elementary staff and teaches second grade. Tori taught P.E. for six years and library for two years, making this year her ninth year teaching. She was inspired to become a teacher by her mom and many other people that she looked up to that were teachers and coaches. Ms. Slater's favorite memory of teaching and coaching is the relationships she has built with many great kids and athletes. She chose to teach in Hooker because she loves the community and is looking forward to her two kids growing up in the Bulldog community.

CHRISSY SMITH



STAFF/FACULTY

Chrissy Smith is new to the Hooker Elementary staff and teaches first grade. She has previously taught in Amarillo, Tex., for eight years, Liberal, Kan., for five years, and Turpin for two years, making this her sixteenth year teaching. When in college she was unsure of what she wanted to study and her husband encouraged her to go into education. They had the same work schedules and eventually had the same schedules as their kids. Mrs. Smith's favorite part of her career is teaching kids how to read. She chose to teach in Hooker because she wanted to teach in a school that focuses on education and has high standards for all students.

NICOLE KIPPENBERGER



STAFF/FACULTY

New to Hooker High School is Nicole Kippenberger. She teaches English I and ACT Prep. Previously she has taught anatomy and physiology, biology, Environmental Science, PE, and Special Education, making this her fifth year teaching. Ms. Kippenberger also coaches softball, basketball, and track. Her favorite part of coaching is challenging her athletes mentality while encouraging them to overcome adversity. She became a teacher because she feels it is God's will for her life and teaching is her platform for providing purpose. Her favorite part of teaching is finding different ways to make lessons engaging and memorable. Ms. Kippenberger chose to teach and coach in Hooker is to inherent success and culture Hooker has always demonstrated.

MACY DAVIS



??? GRADE

Fourth grader Macy Davis has several favorite subjects, but her favorite one is grammar. She enjoys grammar because it is fun and easy to her. Macy enjoys being with her friends; therefore, she likes sitting under the tree and talking. One interesting fact about Macy that she is proud of is she can do a backflip. When it comes to books, she loves to read "Piggie and Gerald."

LOGAN LONG



5TH GRADE

Logan Long is a fifth grader in Season Duncan's home-room. One of Logan's favorite subjects is math since he enjoys doing equations. During recess, Logan's favorite game is Four Square. Logan also enjoys being part of his quiz bowl team and his team won both times in a tournament. He is very proud of his team. Logan's favorite movie is "Mrs. Doubtfire" and he also loves the game Monopoly. He loves reading the book series "Wings of Fire." His favorite hobby is building Legos. Logan decided that when grows up he wants to be a farmer like his dad.



High School Cheer: (back row) Phoebe Johnson, Jaklynn Mendoza, Sammi Butler, Cambri Theiner, Trinity Smith, and Baxleigh Rowlan; (front) Sarayi Dozal, Estafani Vega, Yadira Amador, Paitlyn Rundles, Addi Rodgers, Ember Stevens and Jessie Keith. (not pictured: Isabella Mendoza.



Junior High Cheer: Daniella Martinez, Brenyed Coronado, Montana Blackwelder, Natalie Russell, Eliana Suarez and Rosilyn Smith.

FUN & GAMES



To the Movies

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 K O G T I R O M G H F B V K X
 Q R K U I R V T P D Z F P G X
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Thriller

Romance

Action

Actor

Theater

Screen

Camera

Popcorn

Horror

Comedy

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TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

- Which is the smallest American state by land?
- When did Georgia become a state?
- Where is the Grand Canyon located?
- In which city will you find Jackson Square?
- How many independent states are there in the USA?
- Which is the mountain valley on the Arizona-Utah border, near the Navajo Nation Reservation?
- Which mountain was previously known as Mount McKinley?
- The biggest US state by area is _____.
- Which is the last state to be part of the United States?
- What is the Capital of Nevada?
- Which is the oldest state in the USA?
- Who was the first president of the USA (1789-97)?
- Which do you think is the longest river in the USA?
- When is the US Independence Day?
- What is that interesting invention by George Smith in 1908, that became extremely popular among children and adults alike?
- Which state is called the Sunshine State?
- Who was the second president of the US?
- In which state is Mount Rushmore located?
- Which state is known as the "Empire State"?
- Give me the number of presidents who have been assassinated.

JUST FOR LAUGHS

By Josiah Simpson



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NOV 4	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2026	MAR 3	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2027
DEC 2	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2026	APR 7	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2027
MAY 5	WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2027		



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The PTO has several items for sale that help support the organizations and promote school spirit and pride! Contact Sarah Barnes or any other PTO member for more information. Funds are used to purchase special items for teachers and the school as well as for the scholarships.



2026-27 Newspaper Staff

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Aug. 30	Aug. 31	1 JH/HS SB @ Texhoma 4:00 E/JH/JV FB vs. Guymon 5:00	2	3 HS SB vs. Guymon HS FB vs. Guymon 7:00	4	5 JH/HS XC @ Watonga
6	7 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	8 HS SB @ Sayre 2:00	9 JH/HS School Day Pics & Senior Portraits FCA @ 7:25 am PTD @ 6:00 pm in GS	10 Elem. School Day Pics JH/JV FB vs. Sperman 5:00 HS SB Shattuck Tourney	11 HS FB @ Spearman	12 CAR SHOW HS XC @ N. Rock Creek HS SB Shattuck Tourney
13	14 JH/HS SB vs. Texhoma 4:00	15 HS SB vs Turpin & Shattuck (3-way) 4:00 JH SB @ Turpin 4:00 6:00 Board Meeting	16	17 HS SB vs Tyrone 4:00	18 HS FB Open Date JH SB @ Guymon 3:30	19 JH SB @ Harper County Festival @ Laverne
20	21 JH/HS FB vs. Boise City 4:00 E/JH/JV FB vs. Guymon 5:00	22 JH SB vs. Guymon 4:30	23	24 HS SB Regionals JH/JV FB @ Stratford 5:00	25 HS SB Regionals HS FB @ Hinton 7:00	26 HS XC @ Carl Albert JH/HS XC @ Laverne
27	28	29	30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2 HS FB vs. Tonkawa 7:00	Oct. 3 JH/HS XC @ Liberal