

Back-to-School

STUDENTS HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

By Yuvia Rodriguez

For some students, back-to-school was exciting, while others dreaded giving up the freedom of summer.

Most incoming seventh graders were nervous about the first day of junior high. To help the transition, junior high teachers sponsored a night where both seventh and eighth graders could find and set up lockers and tour the school to locate classes.

Seventh grader Katelyn Mitchell said, "Entering the new school environment felt scary, but the special junior high night helped me feel prepared for the first of school." Mitchell has vocal for her elec-

tive and really likes it and her favorite part of junior high is being allowed to go off campus for lunch, and so far, her favorite teacher is Natasha Fitzgerald.

The elementary welcomed two new teachers and four staff and 17 new students bringing PreK-6th total to 281. For the junior and senior high side of the district, 13 students for 267 joined the population and one new member to the faculty.

Trinity Smith, a new junior student said, "This school is more structured than my previous school and everyone is so friendly and kind." Her favorite teacher is Nicole Kippenberger because she understands and

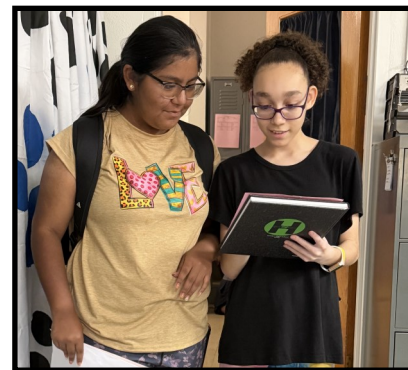
really cares about the students.

During the summer, athletes participated in summer pride and various camps.

Softball kicked off their season prior to the year starting and cross country had their first meet the first day of school. During the summer both softball and baseball hosted camps for younger athletes.

The football team held practices to prepare for the upcoming season.

To welcome the teachers back, the ag team fixed breakfast for the final day of in-service with egg casseroles, biscuits and gravy and more items.



Eighth graders Yasmin Perez and Savannah Dotson compare schedules at the special Back-to-School event.



Senior Nathun Urias poses in front of the Nation's Capitol Building during his summer trip, compliments of TCEC, to Washington DC.

Washington Trip

URIAS TOURS THE US CAPITOL

By Josiah Simpson

Senior Nathun Urias has the honor of being selected for an all expense paid trip to the Nation's Capitol. From June 13 to 19, he took a trip to Washington DC. The trip was a leadership camp sponsored by TCEC and the Oklahoma Electric Cooperatives.

They took a hefty handful of kids to see the many monuments of the Capitol, including the likes of Mount Vernon, the Holocaust Museum, Arlington National Cemetery, and even inside the U.S. Capitol, which was Urias' favorite.

He was most appreciative of learning about the layout of the National Mall and the importance of each memorial. In

the matter of future students going for future trips, Urias said, "I would recommend others to go because the people were so kind, and it's a free \$5000 trip full of fun activities and sightseeing." This year's juniors are encouraged to apply for the 2027 summer trip.

When asked whether or not he would visit again later on his own, he stated, "I don't think I will need to visit again because I saw everything there was to see. The memories will live on vividly, so I don't see myself needing to go back." Urias added that if he did return, he would go see the White House because that was the only sight they were unable to see up close.

TCEC serves the Oklahoma Panhandle and parts of surrounding states including Kansas, New Mexico, Colorado and Texas.



Enjoying the tour, Daniel Ponce (Turpin), Katey Yates (Texhoma), and Nathun Urias (Hooker) were area students awarded the trip by TCEC.

NEWSPAPER WELCOMES 14 MEMBERS

The newspaper kicks off a third year with 14 members and settling in with new adviser, Lori Kraft.

Reports brainstorm story ideas striving to cover happenings within the school as well as community events. "We welcome ideas from teachers in the district as well as folks in our community," Kraft said.

The paper will be published approximately every two weeks. A limited number of copies will be printed and placed at First National Bank, Pizza on Broadway, Olive Warner Me-

morial Library and Mills Ideal.

A QR code will be placed at numerous locations so individuals can scan the code with their phones and have instant access to it online. The paper will be uploaded to the school's app, Hooker School's Connect, and the website at www.hookerpublicschools.net. If individuals desire to have the newspaper emailed to them, just send an email to lkraft@hookerpublicschools.net with SUBSCRIBE TO NEWSPAPER in the subject line. You can also click on QR codes on the

page one or posters around town and it will take you to the paper on the school website.

Donation jars are located at Mills Ideal and the Olive Warner memorial library. Funds will help with purchasing supplies and other items.

Kraft and the staff all agree the newspaper is important as it give students an extra elective in which to chose, provides an opportunity to learn a new skill as well as help cover events in the school and community since we no longer have a local newspaper.

Senior English Turns British

By Josiah Simpson

Meagan Brewer has taken over teaching the senior and junior English classes.

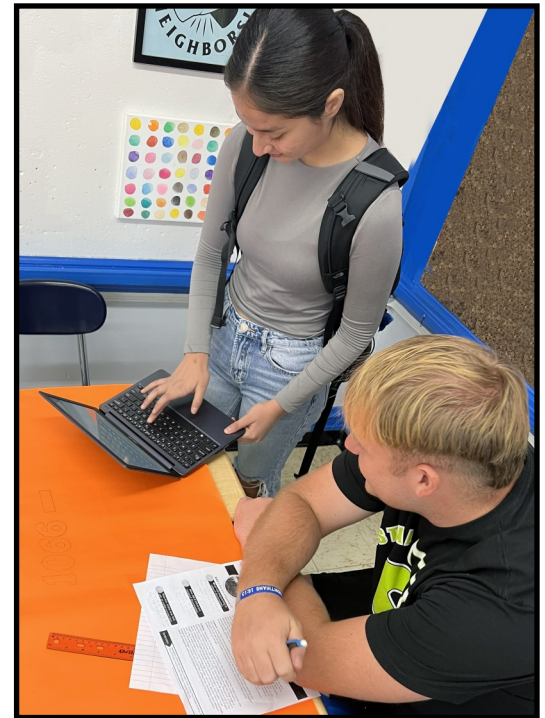
Brewer has started off the year by launching the seniors into an intriguing project, in which she divided them into groups and had them create posters over their assigned separate time periods

of British literature.

This is to complement their English literature studies. Perla Cervantes does not mind the work; however, concerning the class overall, she said "No, I do not like the class because it's cold."



Anthony Esquivel and Slade Wilson present their poster from the Romantic Period (1798-1832).



Perla Cervantes and Gunner Martens team up to design their poster reflecting an era of British Literature.

Photos Sales Help Offset Rising Book Printing Cost

The yearbook staff was busy before the first day of school taking softball team photos as well as making plans to cover softball, football and cross country.

Adviser Lori Kraft, steps into her twenty first year of teaching with 15 staff members, 11 new to the elective. She takes pride in the fact that the yearbook is self-supporting

due to the various fundraisers held throughout the year.

"What people do not realize is each book costs between \$65 and \$75 to print. The price charged to students is only \$30 which has not changed in 20 years," Kraft explained.

Funds are raised through advertising support as well as the annual Dogfest event. However, a big part of the money comes from the sport team and individuals taken by the staff for elementary, junior high, and high school sports.

"Every time a parent purchases a memory mate, button, keychain, magnet or reprints, they are helping offset the rising printing costs," Kraft said. "I just do not know if parents realize how much this helps in keeping the cost of the yearbook so kids can

afford it and have a memory book for years to come."

Senior staff member, Slade Wilson, who is also new to the elective, stepped up and has taken the majority of the football and cross country teams. Softball was Lerady Medina volunteering her time along with Paitlyn Rundles, a yearbook editor in her second year.

"We just appreciate the support and want those who purchase photos of their athlete to know that they are also supporting an important cause," Kraft added.

Copies of the 2025-26 yearbook are still available for sale for \$30. Students are encouraged to preorder the 2026-27 book and earn extra votes for the Dogfest event set for November 5. Price can be paid in full or a \$15 deposit.



Senior Sophia Byrd carefully trims photos for keychains to help fill sport picture orders.

StuCo Plans Shaping Up

By Aby Sarabia

The 2026-27 Student Council President Summer Fischer says that applications just opened up this week, and are due to Dina Johnson by Sept. 1.

"We are excited for this school year! We are working on proposals to see if we can have new activities such as a formal homecoming dance, color run, and snacks during finals week approved," Fischer said.

Activities that will continue are homecoming spirit weeks, hat and lollipop sales, and fundraisers for charities.



Carlie Murley strikes up the band

TURN THE VOLUME UP, WORRIES GO DOWN

By Kiana Morris

In her fifth year, Carlie Murley is ready to lead the band through sports and competitions adding to the atmosphere of pep rallies and games, as well as helping musicians hone their musical skills. Murley directs 43 grade school, 22 juniors and 16 high school band students.

Before coming to HHS, Carlie Murley graduated from Mooreland High School then graduated college Oklahoma Panhandle State. In the start of her career, Murley was inspired to teach due to her love of music and the need to share it with others.

"I started playing trumpet in fifth grade. It was loud and had very important parts," Murley said. "If I could go back, I would probably pick French Horn." She added that she knows how to

play the basics of all the instruments.

When teaching songs, Murley states that her favorite song to have the band play is "Centuries" by Fall Out Boy because of its nice groove.

In preparation for the football games, Murley explained that the band is preparing a medley from the movie "Cars" (2006). "It showcases The Big Race, Real Gone, Life is a Highway, and Route 66," Murley said.

As to the importance of having the band at games, Murley said, "I think playing at games is important because it gets the crowd involved more, gets the players pumped up, and gets some of the students out who would probably never think about going."

Concerts are important

for the band to showcase their skill and progress as Murley carefully selects pieces to learn. "When selecting songs, first, I try to come up with a theme and then go from there. I listen closely for instrumentation, difficulty, and the overall feel of a piece." A Christmas recital at the end of first semester and a program showcasing competition happens second semester.

While playing sentimental pieces, she does not tend to think of one specific person, place, or thing and tends to focus on the feel of the peaceful and light songs that carry a hint of hope along the melodious notes.

The 2026-27 junior and senior high group of musicians will make their debut at the first home football game scheduled for Sept. 3 versus Guymon.



At a home basketball game last year, Sianna Velasquez and Myranni Lopez join bandmates to add to the festive atmosphere.



During a home playoff game for the Bulldogs, Angela Flanagan directs the choir for an acapella rendition of the National Anthem.

5th and 6th Robotics

Burkhart's BioBuzz Begins

By Victoria Cano

The fifth and sixth grade Robotics Club has a new leader at the helm, teacher Ashley Burkhardt.

Meetings will begin the second week of September 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 an opportunity at building real world skills, such as coding 1 programs, engineer-

ing, 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.

Angela Flanagan has baton ready

PITCH PERFECT

By Kiana Morris

Angela Flanagan has taught vocal for quite some time, but just how did she arrive to where she is now?

In the beginning, she started teaching choir in 2000 at Guymon. In 2002, she came to Hooker and proceeded to teach for four years before moving to band.

After the worldwide Covid outbreak of 2020, Flanagan moved back to teaching the choir. Teaching the band was different from the choir because of the instruments; however, helping the students of all ages to feel more confident in their voice versus their instrument, was roughly similar.

One teaching memory Flanagan recalls was when she stepped off the bottom riser while backwards,

stumbling and fracturing her arm.

When addressing how music has changed her personal life, Flanagan stated, "Music is a great way to express myself, whether singing or playing. If I am in a bad mood, a sad mood, a happy mood or anything in between, there is always a song to help my mood."

She could not really recall one specific person who inspired her in the music arena. "I have just always loved singing and wanted to share that with others," Flanagan said.

Outside of teaching, Flanagan enjoys playing the keyboard and singing for others about the love and praise she holds for Jesus in the church any chance that comes her way.

Concerning the upcoming year, she explained her goals and expectations for the HHS choir. "My goals and expectations are for students are to be human, recognize beauty, be sensitive, be closer to an infinite beyond this world, have something to cling to, have more love, more compassion, more greatness, more good...in short, more life."

Flanagan works with all ages from elementary through high school. Special events include Christmas concerts, end of the year programs, as well as performing specials at the Veterans Day program and baccalaureate and the National Anthem when requested.

District competition happens in the spring.

20th Annual Car Show Quickly Taking Shape

By Austin McBee
and Wiley Haines

The 20th Annual Car Show is set for Saturday, Sept. 12, which means the people of Hooker and the surrounding community are once again going to come together on Glaydas Street (main street) to view cars, play games, eat food, and meet new people.

Linda Martins, owner and operator of Linda's Flowers and Gifts, is the organizer of the Hooker Car Show, and has been heading up the event for the full 20 years.

This year, the car show will run from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. so people have plenty of time to view the cars, eat, and interact with new people.

Food trucks, inflatables, and mechanical bull riding will be special fea-

tures at the event once again. Freshman Wallace Daugherty usually attends the Car Show with his parents. "It's just really fun and I enjoy the Wild West soda's quality drinks," Wallace said.



People from bordering states and even further, attend the Car Show. So far, the farthest person came from Washington State.

Martins explained, "The first year of the Car Show was somewhat small, with just 32 cars showing,

but succeeded because the next year there were over 200 cars." She has kept the Car Show running because, "I love seeing the community of Hooker, which is very small, coming together to gather for such a big event for everyone." She also appreciates when school groups like FFA, HALO, and the Booster Club contribute to its success while helping where needed.

Trevor Ferguson, a freshman, usually attends the Car Show with his dad. "I think the Car Show is important because it brings people together." He is a big car and truck fan and he plans on "helping with driving the trucks" when he gets the opportunity. Ferguson added that he would like to see more retro looking cars, which could possibly make the Car Show better.

MARK DAVIS HAS LONG HISTORY WITH ANTIQUE CARS

By Alex Serna

The Hooker Car Show brings the community together and is a family event which shows off our main street and friendliness of the town. The event started because Hooker needed a fun, annual event.

"We used to have the Lion's Club Carnival every year, but it had been several years since it had ended. We had seen car shows in Guymon and Liberal and thought we should try it in Hooker as well," Mark Davis said.

In the beginning, no one had any idea of how big it would become. There were only a handful of cars in 2006 and over the past 20 years, there have been as many as 270 cars, sometimes more. "It has been on national television and attended by people from all over the country. The car show is the biggest event of the year for this small town," Davis said.

Of course, Davis participates and supports it in many ways. He was 12 years old when he obtained his first car from a guy traveling from Missouri through Hooker, who traded it to Henry Mussman, who had a body shop by the railroad tracks. His dad saw it and bought it from Mussman. "When he came home and told him that he got me a car. I thought it was a remote controlled toy car!" Davis exclaimed.

When his dad took him down to see the car, Davis was disappointed it wasn't a remote controlled car. He first thought it was a Dodge Charger. To his disappointment, it was a pale yellow car, with a brown driver door, and had mud gripper tires on it. "When my dad fired it up and took it home, it was smoking the whole way," Davis added. His dad loved it and Davis was just sinking in his seat because he was so embarrassed.

Slowly, Davis fell in love with this car. By the time he was 16, he had sat in the car for hours and hours in the garage pretending to drag Main Street, listening to the radio and dreaming how great it was going to be.

It was a 1967 Ford Mustang GTA. He remembered that his dad bought it for \$2,200. It was close to \$5,000 to rebuild it. It took four years to build the car. Then, Davis caught it on fire in 1997 and it was close to \$10,000 to restore it to what it is today.

Besides Hooker, Davis has been to other shows in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico. He said, "My favorite shows have been in Hooker, of course, Red River, Alva, and Dallas, where I got to drive around the Texas Motor Speedway in the '67 Mustang," he said. He and his brother, Micah, won 1st place in Red River one year. "That was great! He (Micah) has a blue 1971 Dodge Challenger 6-pack car that he also rebuilt with our dad and friends like I did," he explained.

Davis teaches physics and numerous math classes and is involved with the Hooker Bulldog Network as well as the emcee for Dogfest.



Mark Davis' 1976 Ford Mustang GTA is displayed next to the Hooker Medical Clinic at a previous car show. He is very involved in the event and believes it is one of the best.

CROSS COUNTRY TAKES MEETS BY STORM



Shane Estrada and Eason Oakes pace each other at Guymon's Rattlesnake Run.

By Michelle Rodriguez

The cross country teams had their first meet on August 13 at home, and man, was it a great start!

At Hooker the high school boys placed second to Balko-Forgan, and high school girls, junior high boys and junior high girls all won. "With this being the first and a small meet with brutally hot conditions, the objective for us was to just get through this first one, almost more like a practice meet than anything," Coach Jarret Kachel said.

Every single runner of all ages medaled.

Next on the schedule was the Guymon meet where the HS school boys

placed second to Perryton, HS girls placed 3rd to Perryton and Gruver, and the JH girls and boys both won the meet.

Top finishers were Finley Duncan who placed 2nd individually in the HS girls race while Jenna Carter finished 7th.

Callen Duncan was the top individual finisher for the HS boys with 12th. Rosilyn Smith won the JH girls race followed by Kinley Stokes in 3rd

and Myra Parker in 7th.

Braven Paden won the JH boys race followed by Layton Gilmore close behind in 2nd, Cooper Barnes at 3rd, and Messer Paden snagging 5th. Kevin Valdez also cracked the top 10 with a 9th place finish.

The next competition will be in Perryton August 29 and Watonga on September 5.



(left) Sixth grader Gavin Gilmore digs deep as he heads to the finish line.

(above) The high school girls cross country team takes off from the start line at the home meet.

SOFTBALL FACES A FAST, FURIOUS START

By Michelle Rodriguez

Softball girls have had a crazy season so far!

JUNIOR HIGH

Starting off with the junior high playing against Beaver at home. Brightyn McAnarney, Jaky Ramos, and Myra Parker all hit doubles. Embrie Hill pitched and had nine strikeouts and had no walks. Bella Vega had two runs batted in. With collective teamwork, the girls won against Beaver 7-3.

Next, they beat Texhoma 12-7 and Hill threw five strike-outs, hit an in the park homer with Daniella Martinez and Vega hitting singles. They defeated Boise City 10-2 with Hill tallying five more strike outs as pitcher, and Mimi Garcia and Emily Rascon hitting singles, Vega another homerun and Rascon and Vega each had two RBIs.

They took a hard 0-11 loss to Shattuck, but downed Buffalo 2-1 as Hill pitched an impressive 10 strikeouts. The game was tied 1-1 as Hill stole third and scored on an overthrow to win the game.

HIGH SCHOOL

Moving to high school, the girls lost to Boise City 10-18, to Laverne 13-1, and Cheyenne 16-0. Although they lost at the season opener against Boise City, senior

Paitlyn Rundles hit her first home run. When asked how it felt Rundles replied, "When I hit the ball, I didn't know that it was over until I ran past Coach Elliott and he told me that it had gone over. When he told me that I had hit a home run I was excited because it was the first game of the season!"

They began to recover at the Panhandle Conference Tournament beating Tyrone 8-3. During the game, sophomore Sammi Butler pitched and had five strikeouts and she and junior Nicole Avalos both hit in the park home runs, and sophomore Lerady Medina helped out by hitting a single. Due to lightning, the championship game was postponed until Sept. 15 against Turpin.

When playing against Balko-Forgan, Medina pitched and had six strikeouts, Butler hit another in the park homer and had two runs batted in. Senior Addi Rodgers, sophomore Jasmin Salinas, and freshman Kayleigh Johnson all hit singles. The team's hard work resulted in the girls beating Balko-Forgan 4-0. As they've continued the season, they have lost to Arnett 1-9 and to Beaver 2-12.

In the Beaver tourney, the girls beat Tyrone 18-3 where Rundles had a double, single and five RBIs. Estefani Vega was 3 for 3 with solid singles while Medina and Rodgers both went 2 for 2 with singles. Avalos, Jasmin Salinas, and Butler also tallied singles. Butler also pitched the win.

Unfortunately, the next three games were rough with losses to Beaver, Woodward JV,



With finesse, sophomore pitcher Lerady Medina adds a wicked spin to a pitch to tally a strike out in front of the home crowd.

and Shattuck.

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT by Harmani Villa

Sophomore Lerady Medina, sophomore primarily plays pitcher, her favorite position on the field because it allows her to control the game's pressure. Building on her varsity experience, she is stepping up to handle a heavy workload while focusing on increasing her strikeout consistency, mastering her drop ball, and contributing at the plate as a power hitter with a .380 batting average. "I stay motivated through the unwavering support of Coach Nicole Kippenberger, taking to heart her guiding philosophy that 'correction is a compliment' as I strive to help our team win," Medina said.



Eighth grader Bella Vega swings hard for a solid hit against Beaver at home.

FOOTBALL PREVIEW

37 PLAYERS READY TO TACKLE THE SEASON

Out of 37 players, six seniors looked to step up their game and lead the team with experience, determination and a hunger to win. Behind them are experienced 11 athletes from the junior class poised to do their part.

New at the varsity quarterback position is junior Roy Herald with talented receivers and running backs surrounding him.

Throwing a kink in the schedule was the rescheduling of three games to be moved to Thursday nights instead of Fridays due to a shortage of referees.

The Thursday games include: August 27 at Gruver, which came with a tough loss; the first home game Sept. 3 against Guymon at home; Oct. 15 at home against Fairview,

which was not moved, but prior to fall break; and Oct. 22 versus Watonga, also at home. The regular season will wrap up on Nov. 6 prior to playoffs.

One bit of good news was learning private school, Rejoice Christian, which has been a thorn in the side of the Bulldogs, had to move up a class; however, Tonkawa moved into our district and were state runners-up last year.

Homecoming is slated for Oct. 2 against Tonkawa.



At the scrimmage held at Hooker, sophomore Alex Garcia takes down a Stratford runner before he reaches the endzone.



ROY HERALD

Quarterback and Linebacker

By Dayanara Mendoza

Driven by a passion for football that started back in fifth grade, when playing behind the stands with friends, turned into joining a padded

league. Roy Herald thrives as a quarterback, loving the responsibility of leading the offense and launching deep passes.

Game day preparation involves a mix of physical and mental mindset, practicing throwing drills with music and smelling salts to lock in. He values

every personality of every single teammate rather than picking a single favorite. The season's focus is set high, reaching the championship game as a team while personally targeting over 20 touchdown passes.

Herald is a junior and has been playing football since grade school.



CalLEN DUNCAN

Wide Receiver and Corner (DB)

By Dayanara Mendoza

Junior Callen Duncan is

geared up for football and plays corner and receiver. He enjoys playing corner because it is challenging and as a receiver, he gets to score more often.

UCO is his favorite stadium due to the atmosphere and Fairview is their biggest rival. His go-to song before any game is by Drake because he loves his vibe and all his songs. Duncan realized he wanted to continue football because he grew up watching the NFL.



JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL



GRADE SCHOOL FOOTBALL



KATHY HARRISON

By Victoria Cano

Kathy (Hairford) Harrison was a Hooker High School senior graduate in 1975 and was involved in many activities throughout her high school career, such as the Blue Starina Swim Club and volleyball.

During her past years teaching, she also stepped up as a coach multiple times. However, her main focus was and continues to be an English teacher. She actually retired for a short time for personal reason, but returned a few years later.

What she misses most about coaching was the competitions and how dedicated her athletes were to both the sports and classes. She chose to step-up for softball because of her daughter Melanie's involvement and also for cross country before male students where aloud to join.

"I loved when my athletes tried their absolute best, never gave up, and persevered, no matter how difficult," Harrison said. She was passionate about coaching and teaching life skills to all her athletes and students, teamwork, goal setting, and time management were also important tools.

Her favorite sports quote is from basketball coach, Eddie Sutton, "Always have faith in God, yourself, and the Cowboys." Go Pokes!



Kathy (Hairford) Harrison, graduated with the Hooker High School class of 1975 and was the valedictorian. She has always been driven by the love of learning and teaching her students to strive for excellence.

Back in her high school days, Harrison was the newspaper editor. She did not have the benefit of a copier machine, but had to crank out the newspaper by hand on a risograph printing machine.



High school cheerleaders Jessie Keith, Yadira Amador, Jaklynn Mendoza, Sarai Dozel, Baxleigh Rowlan and Trinity Smith sell old uniforms and t-shirts at the football scrimmage to raise money for cheer.

Chess Club IT'S YOUR MOVE

By Kiana Morris

This school year has brought many opportunities for students including new extracurriculars, one being a newly founded chess club with roughly 20 members already signed up.

As the "king" of the chess club, Spanish instructor Magdalena Choi, started playing chess early on without any clear idea of what exactly she had learned.

She taught her son, Andrew, to play in pre-school. He is now a freshman in college, and ended up being the captain of his high school chess club and is her biggest opponent.

"I believe playing chess strengthens concentration, problem solving skills and performance in math, reading ability, critical thinking, and social skills," Choi said. "It is also a rather enjoyable board game."

Seeing the history and reason for the chess club, Choi expects it to only grow. "I do need to put up more posters to advertise the days, time, and place, and what there is to do. I know many students can't

participate due to sports or other extracurricular activities, but they are welcome to come even if it's sporadically."

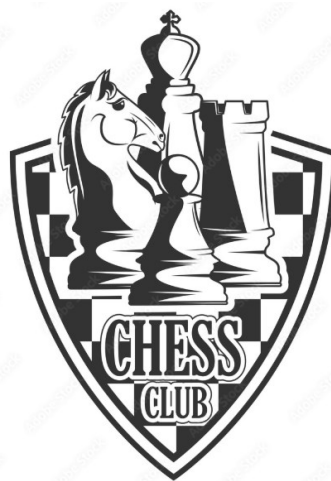
According to Choi, the students that participate in the chess club have two options: they are allowed to either start playing matches with a partner or they may participate in a ten minute activity.

"These activities might be a short video about chess history, strategies, champions, or more. Then they can play. If they are novice players, I, or another experienced member can guide them."

In the future, Choi stated that she aims to keep it domestic, also adding that if her students

would like to expand, they may attempt to convince other school districts to participate in tournaments.

Every Tuesday in Choi's classroom, you can find the chess club playing chess on the school laptops with hopes that enough money can be raised and physical chess boards will be purchased soon.



BULLDOG ATHLETES & STUDENTS

In the Spotlight

SUMMER FISCHER



SENIOR

Summer Fischer is a senior and is involved in many activities, including cross country. She plans to run her best, be a top runner, and be a good example for the underclassmen. Watonga is her favorite place to run because it has lots of trees, lots of shade, and very cool weather. Summer feels accomplished when she hits her personal record or out-runs people that used to out-run her. She mentally and physically prepares herself by sleeping, drinking water or electrolytes, and praying. One of the most memorable experiences has been running at Watonga her freshman year and it was the coldest it had been, her hands were numb, but she obtained her personal record by almost a minute!

ADAN DIAZ



JUNIOR

Adan Diaz is a junior football player. His favorite position to play is safety because he can make a play anywhere on the field. UCO is his favorite place play because that is where the cross country championship course is. Football is his passion because he likes playing and working together with his teammates to win. Adan's hype song before a game is *Roll Your Head by A track* because he enjoys the vibe the song gives while listening to it.

PAYNE HUXMAN



JUNIOR

Graham Huxman is a junior high football player. The athletic accomplishment he is most proud of is obtaining a starting spot on the team. Huxman has been playing football for seven years, including flag football. This season, Huxman wants to accomplish the goals of scoring a touchdown and earning his first sack.

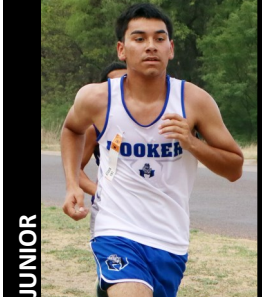
ELIANA VELASQUEZ



SEVENTH GRADE

Seventh grader Eliana Velasquez is running cross country. She plans to improve her time to be able to score more points. Perryton is her favorite course to race because it is very challenging. When she compared last year's placement to this year so far, Eliana has never felt more accomplished in herself. She prepares by mapping out the course and thinking about how fast or slow her pace should be. The most memorable experience was when she went to Beaver Dunes and Daniella kept sliding down the hill and never made it to the top.

SHANE ESTRADA



JUNIOR

Shane Estrada is a junior and participates in cross country. He would like to improve his uphill running to help lead his team to success. Hooker is his favorite place to compete. Shane runs after work every day to prepare for each race. His most memorable experience was in Colorado for the annual cross country camp. He also plays football and will compete in track.

LANDEN JACOBS



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Landen Jacobs is senior and his favorite high school memory in high school is his first time trap shooting. An important goal he would like to achieve this year is to win the county stock show and do good on his shooting sports. "That storm won't last forever. Keep moving forward," is advice that he would give his younger self. Landen's dream job is becoming a rancher. In 10 years, he sees himself starting his own family and working.

ANJILUKE UGARTE



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Anjiluke Ugarte is a senior and one of her favorite high school memories is when she got to play in the powderpuff game. She states it was very fun, and she realized she is a little more competitive than she thought. An important goal Anjiluke would like to achieve is to graduate with all A's. Some advice she would like to tell herself is to not care what anyone thinks because in the end, you're going to do what you want. If money didn't matter she would pick a job that involves working with animals. In 10 years from now, Anjiluke sees herself hopefully rich and not in Oklahoma.

MYRA PARKER



7TH GRADE

Myra Parker plays junior high softball. Thinking positive is what keeps her motivated to improve. Her greatest athletic accomplishment that has made her proud is becoming the pitcher for the team. Parker has been playing softball for her whole life and she one goal is to become a better batter.

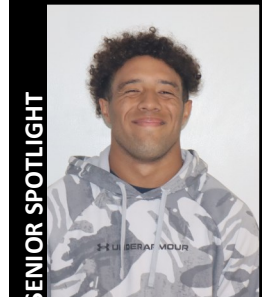
PAITLYN RUNDLES



SENIOR

Paitlyn Rundles is a senior member of the softball team. What keeps her motivated to continue improving are her teammates and coaches. Her most memorable game was at Boise City when she hit a homerun. Rundles has been playing softball for six years and she a goal she wants to accomplish this season is winning as many games as possible, and growing closer with her team.

JUSTIN PALACIOS

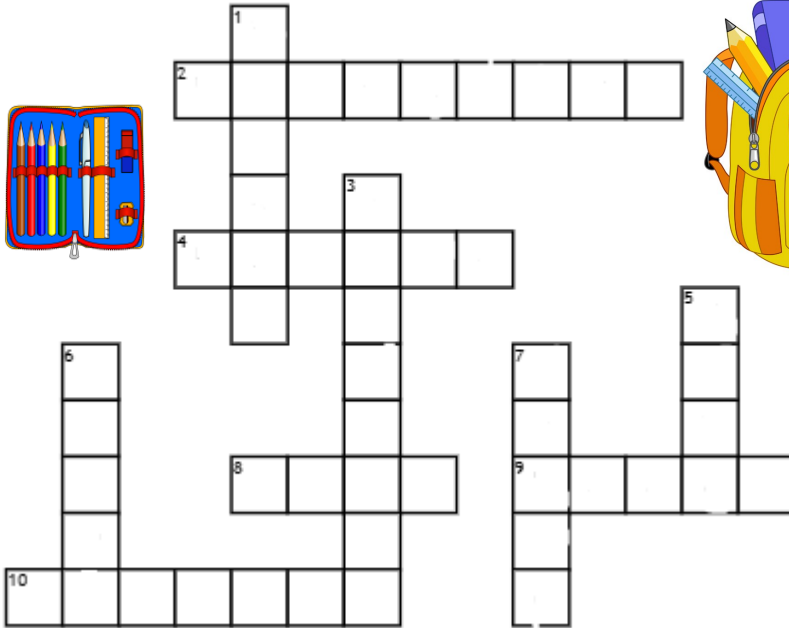


SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Justin Palacios is a senior and his favorite high school memory was being in Coach Danny Stump's science class during his freshman year. An important goal Justin would like to accomplish is to graduate! Some advice he would give his younger self would be to pay attention and actually listen to the teachers while they are teaching. Justin's dream job is to become a member of the NFL or the MLB. In 10 years from now, Justin sees himself hopefully playing professional sports or working.

FUN & GAMES

SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Across

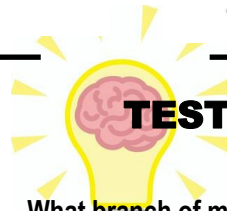
2. _____ the text neon for it to stand out.
4. You only really need a #2 _____.
8. You can put your text_____ in your locker.
9. What are you reading on?
10. To fix your mistakes.

Down

1. 3-rings to hold onto all your work.
3. Left handed people don't like that which is used to cut.
5. Used for sticking things together.
6. The red _____ pencil is my favorite.
7. A teachers favorite fruit.

JUST FOR LAUGHS

By Josiah Simpson



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

What branch of mathematics focuses on shapes, angles, and measurements?

What process do plants use to turn sunlight into energy?

Who wrote the famous play *Romeo and Juliet*?

What is the largest planet in our solar system?

What force pulls objects toward Earth?

What language has the most native speakers in the world?

What is the smallest unit of matter that still keeps the properties of an element?

What continent is the Amazon Rainforest mostly located in?

What punctuation mark is used at the end of a question?

What is the process where water changes from liquid to gas?



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 JH SB @ Guymon 4:00	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	16	17	18 HS FB Open Date	19 JH SB @ Harper County Festival
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 JH/HS XC @ Laverne
27	28	29	30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2 HS FB vs. Tonkawa 7:00	Oct. 3 JH/HS XC @ Liberal

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