
THE HOOKER HAPPENINGS

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Bulldogs Upset Yellowjackets

by Nate Hidalgo

In a thrilling showdown on October 17, Hooker High School's football team faced off against Fairview, a rematch that carried the weight of last year's state championship loss. The stakes were high, but Hooker emerged victorious, clinching a 38-7 win that sent waves of excitement through the town.

The game, held under the bright lights at The Dog Pound, drew a large crowd, with fans sporting team colors and rallying behind their players. Last year, Hooker had tasted the bitter disappointment of falling short in the championship game, a defeat that lingered in the minds of players and coaches. This time, they were determined to rewrite the narrative.

The first half saw both teams exchange powerful drives, but it was Hooker's defense that shone brightly, making critical stops and forcing Fairview into tough situations. The first touchdown came from Hooker's Quarterback Kleat Martens who ran it in for six. Going into half Hooker led 12-7.

On the first drive of the second half Hooker did not let off the gas, and scored to bring the score to 18-7. After that it was all Hooker for the rest of the night. The final score was 38-7. Sophomore Justin Palacios carried the ball 12 times for 167 yards and one touchdown. Senior Kleat Martens carried the ball 15 times for 168 yards for three touchdowns. The Defensive line, consisting of Sr. Nate Hidalgo, Sr. Peyton Parker, Sr. Jonathan Cano, Sr. Rhett Nunley, and So. Gunnar Martens, combined for a total of nine sacks.



Credit: Aaron Witt Photography



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Bulldogs Blast Oilers

The Bulldogs traveled to Merritt October 25 and secured another win, bringing the Dogs to a 7-1 record. Hooker claimed a 47-8 win over the Oilers, making this their sixth game won by 30 or more points this season.

Sophomore Justin Palacios rushed for 161 yards and three touchdowns on only 11 carries, leading the team's scoring with 18 points. Senior QB Kleat Martens rushed for 55 yards and threw for 106 yards. Senior Peyton Parker led the team with three solo tackles and four assists, with sophomore Gunnar Martens and junior Aydan Wooldridge right on his heels. Martens secured four solo tackles and two assists, while Wooldridge had one solo tackle and came in strong with five assists.

The Bulldogs will take on Watonga at home, this Friday (November 1) at 7:00 PM.

Bulldogs Roar to Victory

by Michelle Rodriguez

On Friday, October 11th the Hooker Bulldogs traveled down to Cashion, OK to play the Wildcats. The Bulldogs pulled out a win, with the final score being 54-14.

Here is all that happened. Senior Kleat Martens threw for 265 yards and five touchdowns in a mere 13 passes. Sophomore, Justin Palacios carried 7 times and picked up a total of 231 yards for three touchdowns, including one

phenomenal 70-yard run. Senior Landen Lee rushed for 40 yards and assisted on 2 tackles. Junior Keilan Robinson had 130 receiving yards and two touchdowns. Junior Aydan Wooldridge sacked Cashion's QB twice and has a 21 game streak of 5 or more tackles. The Hooker Bulldogs always play with all their might and work very hard. The Bulldogs play again November 1st, against Watonga, at home so come and cheer them on.



Credit: Aaron Witt Photography

HHS Cheerleaders bring the spirit with Pink Out during the Fairview game.



Credit: Aaron Witt Photography

Mini Cheer Camp takes the field during halftime of the Fairview game.

Coach McBee

By Andrea

Coach McBee has been coaching for 4 years, this will be his second year coaching at Hooker. The thing that makes him the most proud of the team is how hard the kids work everyday. Something he hopes to accomplish this season is to win the first State Championship in school history.

McBee's favorite thing about coaching is the relationships he makes with the kids and other coaches. The reason he coaches is to make a positive change and influence in the kids' lives.

Cross Country

by Izabella Neville

The cross country teams traveled to Watonga three weeks ago to compete against strong competition. It was the largest meet they had attended all season, but the teams competed fiercely. The boys finished in second place with a score of 74, while the girls won the meet with a score of 42. The top three runners for the boys were Ulisses Jimenez in 3rd, Alejandro Perez in 7th, and John Davis in 10th. The top three runners for the girls were Izabella Neville in 1st, Yarel Mesta in 8th, and Ember Stevens in 10th. During fall break, the teams traveled to Mooreland, where both the girls and boys took first place. The boys had four runners in the top fifteen, including Alejandro (6), John (7), Ulisses (9), and Zahid Fernandez (12), and the girls had ten runners in the top fifteen: Izabella (1), Ember (3), Yarel (4), Jenna Carter (5), Analisee Gonzalez (6), Ana Deherrera (7), Finley Duncan (9), Yedelin Deherrera (10), Kimberly Moreno (11), and Denis Martinez (12). This set up the final lineups for regionals and state,



Credit: Heather Neville

where the top seven from each team make the cut. The competition between the runners on the team was very high this season and came down to the final race to decide who would make the roster. The top seven for the boys are: Ulisses Jimenez, Alejandro Perez, John Davis, Slade Stalder, Ryan Carter, Emmanuel Hernandez, and Zahid Fernandez. The top seven for the girls are: Izabella Neville, Yarel Mesta, Ember Stevens, Jenna Carter, Analisee Gonzalez, Ana Deherrera, and Finley Duncan. The teams traveled to OBA in Enid for regionals and swept the meet by not only taking first place but also finishing with all seven runners in the top 15. They are continuing to prepare for state which is scheduled for this Saturday, November 2nd, and will take place in Edmond.

Softball Honors

Four Hooker Lady Bulldogs have earned All-District Honors for Class 2A District 1.

Devry Metcalf: All-District Pitcher
Kinley McGaha: All-District Catcher
Crisbel Rios: All-District Outfield
Yedelin DeHerrera: All-District Utility



State Bound!

Congratulations Bulldogs
and Lady Dogs!
Good luck at
State Cross Country!



Competing in the State Cross Country Meet on November 2nd
in Edmond –

Boys: Ulisses Jimenez, Alejandro Perez, John Davis, Slade
Stalder, Ryan Carter, Emmanuel Hernandez, and Zahid
Fernandez.

Girls: Izabella Neville, Yarel Mesta, Ember Stevens, Jenna
Carter, Analisee Gonzalez, Ana Deherrera, and Finley Duncan.

Bulldog Beat

by Flor, Sarai, Alyssa, Jacky, Gissel, Sarai

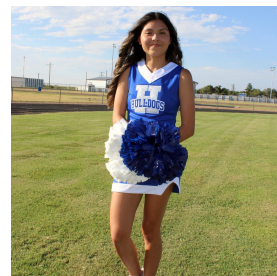
Nate Hidalgo is a member of the Hooker Football team. He is a senior who has been playing for seven years. What keeps him motivated is knowing they have a chance to compete in state this year. His most memorable game was competing in state last year; "there were so many fans it felt unreal." His goal this year is to win State, not just make it. His reason for joining football was, "Peyton asked me to play, and so here I am."



Alfonso Ortiz is a senior, going into his eighth year playing for the Hooker Bulldogs. When asked what motivates him to keep improving he replied, "my teammates". Alfonso wants to accomplish winning the state championship with his team. Ortiz mentions that Farview is their biggest rival this year. His biggest athletic accomplishment that he is most proud of would be getting All Districts in Football. This season he wants to go out and get that gold ball.



Denis Martinez, a senior cheerleader at Hooker High School, has been participating for the past two years. She has been dedicated to improving herself to set a positive example as a role model for the upcoming Hooker High School cheerleaders. Her favorite cheer is Pump It Up, this cheer allows the crowd to participate with the cheerleaders. Martinez enjoys making memories with her teammates at games.



Cheerleader Hadley Harris has been cheering, not including elementary and junior high, for three years. Her favorite cheer is People in the Front because it's interactive with the crowd. She said that being a role model for all the little girls was a very big deal, and that it was motivating and inspiring. Her favorite part about being a cheerleader is the ability to get out of her comfort zone and cheer in front of everyone.



Ember Stevens is a member of the Hooker Cross Country team. She is a freshman who has been running for 5 years. What keeps her motivated is she wants to accomplish being hookers #1 runner next year. The athletic accomplishment she is most proud of is getting 2nd place in one of her races. Her most memorable race was the Syracuse race. She states her reason for joining cross country was because of her older brother Kaysen.



Alejandro Perez is one of this edition's XC runners to be interviewed. Alejandro runs because he loves to. "Struggles and feeling the pain and all that comes with running and the success you can achieve makes it all worth it." When asked how he stays motivated, he replied, "Remember why you started! Seeing my teammates give it their all makes me want to improve too." Perez gives thanks to his two friends, Elijah Gribble and Omar Gomez for helping him stay motivated through XC.



Hooker High School FCA
presents



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Heidi Nunley
(806)979-0176

Surprise your friend with flamingos!!

Yard flocking will take
place through
**OCTOBER 2024 -
APRIL 2025**

The flamingos will
remain in the yard for a
few days then we will
clean them up and move
on to the next!

\$40
per flocking

Quiz Bowl

by Flor Mesta

The quiz bowl team has won two meets so far this year. They have recently qualified for regionals. As of right now they are 3rd in the district and are about to be tied to last year's red carpets. Last year the quiz bowl team got to where they are now, but lost and their season ended there. This year they are hoping to pass and continue where they left off. They had a meet on Thursday the 24 of october. There are a total of 7 players on the team. Coach Adams says he is very excited to coach because his mom used to be the coach and he wants to keep the tradition going.

HALO

by Flor Mesta

Each year in October, around halloween time halo comes together and sets up an Ofrenda at the pavilion on Main Street. An Ofrenda is a colorful altar or offering created to honor deceased loved ones during the Mexican Day of the Dead celebration, or Dia de los Muertos. On halloween night the halo members will be dressed up in costumes and will be handing out candies. The elementary students will get a fun chance to color a fun coloring page that they will get from their teachers, and if they take them to the pavilion showing that they colored their page they get a free homemade cookie! For the kids going around trick or treating they will also get a fun game of Where's Waldo? A halo student will be dressed up as Waldo and the kids get to look for him as a fun challenge.



Dogfest

The 2024-25 yearbook staff is gearing up for the 30th Annual Dogfest Celebration set for Thursday, Nov. 7 in the old gym at the high school.

The concession stand will be open from 5:30 until 7:30 with pulled pork as the main item. The meal deal for \$7 will include a sandwich, chips, drink and a brownie and a single sandwich is \$4. Other items include nachos, pulled pork nachos, candy bars, homemade brownies, pickles and drinks.

Admission is \$2 for all ages pre-K and up. The gate will open at 5:30 p.m. with voting for candidates and 2025 yearbook sales from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The class game competitions will begin at 6:00 with the 7th through 9th grades and 10th through 12th grades competing for the coveted Dogfest junior high and senior high king and queen crowns. Games will include the traditional Tri-Volleyball and Tri-Tug-O-War, crowd favorites Blanket Relay and DodgeBall along with five more. Winners will be announced with the coronation ceremony at 8:15 p.m.

The Dogfest Candidates from each grade are: 7th grade: Paisley Roarl and Oved Avalos;



8th grade: Sarayi Dozal and Joan Valdez; 9th grade: Molly Ritter and Roy Herald; 10th grade: Haven Romero and Burkey Lambley; 11th grade: Yarel Mesta and Gannon Hill; and 12th grade: Alondra Rios and Leonel Heredia.

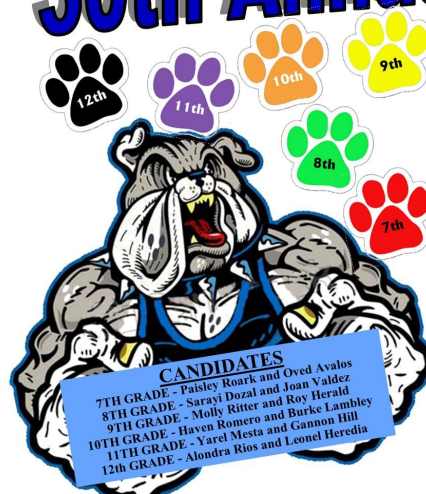
Points can be earned during the week by classes through Spirit Day participation. The spirit days selected by the Yearbook Staff are: Monday, Nov. 4, Flannel Day (wear your favorite flannel shirts, pants, etc.); Tuesday, Nov. 5, Career Day (dress representing a career); Wednesday, Nov. 6, Wacky Wednesday (crazy hair, backwards hats, inside out shirt, mismatched

socks, etc.); and finally, Thursday, Nov. 7, Rumble Day (class color day). The assigned class colors are: 12th grade, black and silver; 11th grade, purple; 10th grade, orange; 9th grade yellow; 8th grade green; and 7th grade red.

All proceeds from the event help offset rising printing costs of the yearbook, allowing the price to remain affordable to all students. Books cost approximately \$75 to print, and the staff only charges \$30 each. The difference is raised through fundraisers, such as the Community Calendar, (a joint project with the softball girls), team picture sales, advertising support and Dogfest. Those reserving a 2025 yearbook by 6:30 that night receive an extra vote in each division for their candidate choices.

Everyone is welcome to attend this event, which has grown tremendously over the years. "This is such a fun event and a 30-year tradition. Dogfest is a night where classmates pull together as a whole in pursuit of the crowns," Lori Kraft, adviser, said. "Without the help of the faculty and staff along with the community support and business donations, this event could not happen."

30th Annual Dogfest



CANDIDATES

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PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE YEARBOOK DEPARTMENT

Thursday, Nov. 7	
- Doors open at 5:30 p.m.	
- Voting for candidates 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.	
- Concession stand is 5:30-7:30 p.m.	
- Class competitions begin at 6:30 p.m.	
- Coronation begins at 8:15 p.m.	
ADMISSION: \$2 ALL AGES	
DOGFEST MENU	
MEAL DEAL	\$7 Pulled Pork sandwich, chips, drink and sweet treat
SANDWICH ONLY	\$4 Smoked brisket or pork loin (no chips)
NACHOS	\$4 Chips and cheese
BBQ NACHOS	\$6 Choice of meat, BBQ sauce & cheese
SWEET TREATS	\$1 Candy bar, brownie, Rice Krispy Treat
DRINKS	\$1 Choice of Water or Pepsi products
DOGFEST SPIRIT WEEK	
MONDAY	FLANNEL DAY (wear a flannel shirt, pants, etc.)
TUESDAY	CAREER DAY (dress representing a career)
WEDNESDAY	WACKY WEDNESDAY (dress crazy / hair, backwards hat, inside out shirts, mismatched shoes and socks, etc.)
THURSDAY	COLOR CRAZY (where assigned Dogfest class color)
	12th-Black & Silver/11th - Purple/10th-Orange
	9th-yellow/8th-green/7th - red
FOLLOW SCHOOL DRESS CODE ON ALL DAYS!	

Senior Spotlights

by Yadira, Aaliyah, & Abigail



Crisbel Rios is a senior attending Hooker High School three adjectives she chose to describe herself as are basketball, softball, and HALO. Her favorite memory at school was during freshman year when she was doing experiments for Physical Science. The classroom was messy, the halls had a horrible stench, and she set germ-x on fire on the floor. Advice she would give her younger self is to have fun and make good memories. She stated that her dream job is to either be an accountant or a nurse. A song describing her school year would be "How Bad Can I Be?" from the Lorax.



Emmanuel Hernandez is a senior at Hooker High School. He is 17 years old and runs Cross Country and Track. His favorite high school memory is winning state as a team. All of his teammates encourage him to work hard and do his best. His future plan is to start off as an electrical lineman and work his way up to an electrical engineer. He would like to tell his younger self to never give up and continue to work hard.



Senior Andrea Sarabia participates in STUCO, HALO, Quizbowl, and Band. Andrea said that Great Things by MF Doom would be the best theme music for her. When asked what three adjectives would best describe her personality she stated that she was honest, curious, and artistic. Andrea stated that some of her greatest accomplishments were being on the principal's honor roll, being the public relations officer for HALO, winning a 1st place certificate at Art Jubilee at OPSU, and winning an excellence award for her flute solo. Andrea said her biggest challenge would probably be taking tests. Andrea said that in 5 years from now she sees herself working at Dreamworks Studios.



Jonathan Cano is a senior at Hooker High School. He has many high school memories but his favorite is when he fell down the stairs twice. Cano describes himself as athletic, kind, ingenious, and hard working. Some of his favorite activities include hanging out with friends, playing football, and going out to eat. His future plan is to be a blue collar worker. Jonathan mentions his biggest motivation to work hard is his family that supports him. He also mentions that he is ready to graduate!

5th & 6th Basketball

by Michelle Rodriguez

The 5th and 6th grade basketball teams started their season strong at the Laverne Festival. The 5th and 6th grade girls beat Laverne Team A on Monday, Laverne Team B on Tuesday, and Forgan on Wednesday. The 5th and 6th grade boys beat Laverne Team A on Monday and Laverne Team B on Tuesday, but lost to Forgan on Wednesday. They play in the Forgan Tournament this week, then play again on November 11th against Turpin.



4th Grade

by Harmani Villa

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Barnes have a great time teaching their 4th grade classes! Our fourth grade baby bulldogs are learning about the government and how it works, and learning about earth's features in science. Mrs. Johnson has always wanted to be a teacher since her mom never had the chance to fulfill that dream. Mrs. Barnes loves working with kids, but being a marine biologist or a veterinarian has also been a dream of hers. Both teachers agree that fourth grade is an excellent grade to teach. In grammar they are getting ready to read their first novel this year! They are also very interested in how our election process works. Man are they learning quite a few things! Our baby bulldogs are doing great in excelling in social studies and science! Other than recess i'm sure they like school and learning new things everyday with great teachers!



Ruff Ruff Reads

by Neomi & Michelle

Bewitching

by Alex Flinn

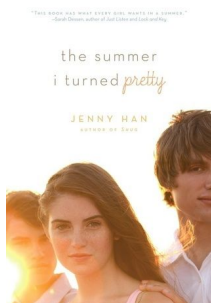
Bewitching is the first book in The Kendra Chronicles, mainly following two young step sisters, Emma and Lisette, but starting out with a section in Kendra Hilferty's point of view. Emma and her mom and dad lived peacefully in a good area, until they figured about a past lover that her father had. The woman died, but she had a daughter with Emma's father. They don't really get along when the girl, Lisette, moves in. Things just get worse from there.



The Summer I Turned Pretty

by Jenny Han

The Summer I Turned Pretty is a fictional book that follows Isabel "Belly" Conklin as she experiences the ups and downs of being a normal teenager. She has always been an ugly duckling, but this summer, it's different—she's pretty. She notices everyone treats her differently, including her two favorite boys, Conrad Fisher, her crush, and Jeremiah Fisher, her guy best friend. Who will she choose, and whose heart will she have to break?



Paw Patrol

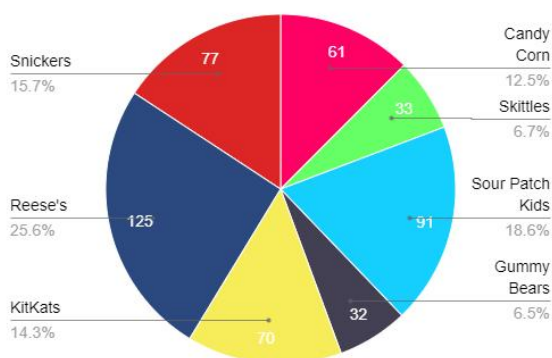
by Raul Garcia

Guerrero García, known as (G), has been with Hooker PD for six years. He finds fulfillment in helping people during their times of need. His favorite aspect of the job is working alongside his K-9 partner, Echo. To stay alert during long shifts, G listens to music, podcasts, and audiobooks, he also enjoys driving. He particularly likes working in criminal interdiction, handling DUIs, and collaborating with nearby agencies. Ultimately, his bond with Echo is the highlight of his day, and he believes in upholding the law, stating he would arrest a family member without hesitation if necessary.

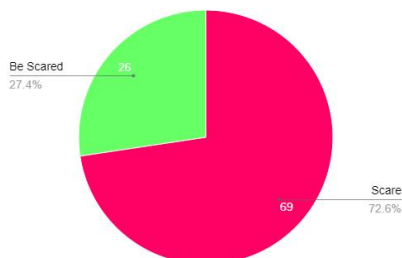
Poll

In a poll of students in grades Pre-K through 12, Halloween candies were put side-by-side to determine the winner. In a hard fought battle, Reese's came out on top!

Favorite Halloween Candy



To Scare, or Be Scared?



When HHS students were asked if they would rather be scared on Halloween or scare someone else, a clear preference emerged.

Dog Chow

Tucked away in downtown Hooker, Equipales is a restaurant full of delicious Mexican food and breakfast delights. Equipales features a diverse menu that includes tacos, chalupas, chicken strips, pancakes, papas locas, chimichangas, and much more. Fondly called Equis by the locals, this restaurant is a hot spot for student lunches during the school day. Families also flock to Equis after church on Sunday or in the evenings to have a delectable meal. It is a great area for the highschool kids to chill and have their food ready when they arrive. The highschool kids preorder and come for lunch.

Mrs. Harrison - Class Chats

Mrs. Harrison's Pre-AP English class had quite the special lesson. They had the opportunity to speak with Juan Herrera, a previous Hooker student who is now attending the elite Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics (OSSM) in Oklahoma City. Junior Jonathan Lu was instrumental in setting up this opportunity for his class to learn more about Juan and his school as Jonathan's own class was doing a project over college preparatory schools.

This video chat was impactful to many of the Pre-AP English students here at Hooker High School. It allowed them to see how challenging OSSM is and help them to be thankful for their classes here. Students are grateful the classes here at HHS are rigorous enough to instill knowledge, but also allow them time to socialize outside of school because teachers don't 'pile on homework.' Many juniors have also taken a cue from Juan's school and are excited for the prospect of job shadowing professionals in careers they are interested in pursuing in their future.

According to Esmeralda, a senior at HHS and Juan's sister, the chat allowed her to see the reality of how different the environment is at OSSM, as well as more of the emotional aspect of being so far away from home and pushing through such demanding coursework. Jonathan, the organizer of the event, stated that, "It was very fun calling my best friend for a grade." He is thankful for the opportunity to learn from Juan and put some of his advice to work.

Calendar

Nov. 1: FB vs. Watonga

Nov. 2: State XC @ Edmond

Nov. 4: Board Meeting @ 6:30

Nov. 7: Dogfest @ 5:30

Nov. 8: FB vs. Crescent (Senior Night)

Nov. 22: Virtual Day

Nov. 27 - 29: Thanksgiving Break

Pickles and popcorn

\$1 each

Available during lunch on 1st Friday of the month



First come, first serve!
Limited Quantity!



Proceeds go to Hooker PTO

PTO

The next PTO meeting will be on November 6 at 6:30 in the elementary cafeteria. Dues are \$10 and the organization is open to all parents/guardians, grandparents, teachers, and community members. PTO welcomes your support, participation, and input.

Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 1: Pickles & Popcorn

Pre-Order for elementary JH & HS will be available during lunch periods - \$1 each (first come, first serve)

- Nov. 25: Open House & Chili Supper

Elementary School
5:30 - 7:00

\$5/plate or \$25/immediate

family

- Nov. 25: Silent Auction

Elementary Library
5:30 - 6:45

Meet the Pack: Staff Bios

Journalist



Slade
Sophomore

My name is Slade Wilson, I am a sophomore. My favorite things include the color purple, cookies, and family.

Journalist



Aaliyah
Senior

My name is Aaliyah Zarate. I am a senior at Hooker High School. I enjoy listening to music, drawing, and laughing.

Journalist



Rylee
Junior

I am Rylee Stegman, I'm a junior. I transferred from Randall High to Hooker. I like to write and draw and hang out with friends. Sometimes I'll drive to Amarillo to go see my day 1's as well as go eat at Canes, but my favorite part of Amarillo is seeing my two dogs.

Journalist



Harmani
Sophomore

Hi, I'm Harmani and I'm a sophomore. I like spending time with friends and with family. My favorite subject this year is art since I get to paint. This year I hope to improve my learning strategy and not forget to wear pink on Wednesdays.



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