
THE HOOKER HAPPENINGS

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The Class of 2038

Kindergarten students have been working hard on their songs and a poem for kindergarten graduation, which will be held May 14th.

They will be going to visit the fire station on May 7th, where they will learn about fire safety. This will be followed up by a tasty cookie and juice from Pizza on Broadway.

The last week of school the students get to go to watch *The Super Mario Galaxy* movie in Guymon and play at Sunset Lake park.

Both Mrs. Jahraus and Mrs. Stokes are finishing their second years teaching kindergarten for Hooker Elementary and are looking forward to finishing out the year strong. They have had a great year and want to wish their students all the best in their future.



Who's Who at Hooker High

Each year, teachers are given nomination forms for Who's Who of Hooker High. Students are chosen based upon their work ethic, participation, and commitment. This is an incredible honor, and we are proud to announce the Who's Who recipients of 2026: (back row) Gannon Hill, Allie Metcalf, Yedelin DeHerrera, Mollie Baird, Jenna Carter, (middle row) Selah Fischer, Samantha Butler, Baxleigh Rowlan, Kimberly Moreno, Maria Lopez, (front row) Braven Paden, Phoebe Johnson, Kayleigh Johnson, Sianna Velasquez, and Eason Oakes.



HOOKER KINDERGARTEN

2026



OAKLEE BOHL
I want to be an artist
(painter)..



**SEBASTIAN CERVANTES
MARTINEZ**
I want to be Sonic the
Hedgehog.



MARIA DIAZ GARCIA
I want to be a vet.



VALENTINA DOMINGUEZ
I want to be a teacher and
chef.



AVA GILMORE
I want to be a vet.



GAEL IBARRA
I want to be a police
officer.



ANNE KEENE
I want to be an artist.



**JOEL MARTINEZ
AYALA**
I want to be a firefighter.



**ANASTASIYA
MORONES**
I want to be a doctor.



ELYSSA PEREZ
I want to be a painter.



EMILY RAMIREZ
I want to be an artist.



LOGAN ROCHE
I want to be an OU football
player.

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2026



**AZIEL RODRIGUEZ
SERNA**

I want to be a paleontologist.



**EDDIE SALINAS
MESTA**

I want to sell dogs / have a pet shop.



MADDOX SMITH
I want to be an OU football player.



**VIAN VALDIVIA
SERNA**
I want to be a firefighter.



DAVIAN VARGAS
I want to be a police officer.



EMEREIGH WILEY
I want to be a cheerleader.



BAKER BARNES
I want to be a video game tester.



GRACE CAPPELLUCCI
I want to be a vet.



NATALIE CASAS
I want to be a construction worker.



JOHAN CERDA
I want to be a police officer.



RHETT HARRISON
I want to be a professional baseball player.



JAVIER HERNANDEZ
I want to be an army man.

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2026



SEBASTIAN KEAST
I want to be a gym worker.



ANNABELLE MORABITO
I want to be a horse rescue person..



LINETT PINEDA-HERNANDEZ
I want to be a a mechanic.



ISABELLA QUINTERO
I want to be a teacher and doctor.



YOSHIMAR RAMOS
I want to be a cheerleader.



DELLANIRO SALAZAR
I want to be a doctor..



VALENTINA SERNA-MARTINEZ
I want to be a doctor.



BENTLEY TERWILLIGER
I want to be a police officer.



EMILIANO VILLA SANTIAGO
I want to be a police officer.



CRISTY HERRERA COJ
I want to be a cheerleader.



Congratulations
Kindergarten
Graduates!



McCaha and DeHerrera Sign

Seniors Kinley McCaha and Yedelin DeHerrera have officially signed to continue their softball career at the collegiate level. McCaha will be playing at Hesston College while DeHerrera will continue as an OPSU Aggie.



Skordle Relays

by Haven Romero

The Hooker Bulldogs had strong showings in their latest track meet. For the girl's, Finley Duncan finished 6th in the 800, while Yarel Mesta placed 4th in the 1600 and 5th in the 3200. The 4x400 relay team of Jenna Carter, Ember Stevens, Selah Fischer, and Duncan placed 6th, and the 4x800 team of Duncan, Carter, Stevens, and Mesta earned 3rd. The girls scored 21 points, finishing 12th overall.

The boys' 4x100 relay team of Justin Palacios, Keilan Robinson, Alex Garcia, and James Curtis finished 6th, while the 4x400 relay team of Robinson, Ryker Hill, Dariel Hernandez, and Curtis took 2nd. The boys totaled 18 points, also placing 12th.



Paws & Play

Movie & Game Reviews

by Alyssa

Ant Bully is an animated film that delivers a humorous plot but keeps a good overall message. It focuses on the main character Lucas, who is an angry child who lets it out on an ant hill. He then gets himself shrunk down and put into their position. He learns how to live and survive as an ant, and creates some long lasting friendships.



Lady Bulldogs Golf is State Bound

by Mollie Baird

The Hooker Lady Dogs secured a phenomenal third-place finish at the Girls Regional Golf tournament held at Sunset Hills Golf Course in Guymon. In a thrillingly close competition, the team clinched their spot by just a single stroke! Individual highlights included Allie leading the pack with a 92, followed by Mollie (95), Sammi (114), Haven (118), and Kyleen (136).



Huxman Places 9th at Regionals

by Haven Romero

****Information corrected**

On Monday, April 27, Payne Huxman attend the boys regional golf tournament. He was the only member from the boys' golf team to make it to regionals. Payne placed ninth overall at regionals. During his first round of 18, Payne shot a 83, and during the second round 18 he shot 79, bringing his total score to a 162.



State Band

by Abigail Sarabia

State Band Contest was held on April 21, 2026, at the OSU campus in Stillwater, OK. This there were four students who qualified this year for state. Those students include Victory Simpson, Julio Casas, Sarai Sarabia, and Nathan Urius. Victory Simpson and Julio Casas both received Excellant ratings. Sarai Sarabia and Nathan Urius both received Superior ratings.



JH Track Meet at Turpin

by Mollie Baird

The Junior High track team competed at Turpin April 4th. The girls' team finished in first place overall. A key highlight of their performance was a victory in the mile relay (4x400).The boys' team placed fourth in the team standings. The final scoring was notably close, with the team finishing three points behind the third-place spot.

Hooker JH Baseball vs. Laverne

by Laken Carnagey

At the Laverne JR High baseball game on April 21st, the boys won 7-5 in their first game. Several of the boys made fantastic plays. Adam Urgarte was 1-2 with a double and 2 RBIS, Erik Fernandez was 2-3 with singles, Graham Huxman was 2-3 with singles and 2 RBIS, and Juli Palacios and Layton Gilmore were the pitchers. The second game was also dominated by the boys, winning 4-1. Graham Huxman pitched and had 9 strikeouts in total! Overall, the boys' hard work paid off, and we hope for them to win many games to come.

Hooker Baseball vs. Woodward

by Victoria Cano

The HS baseball game at Woodward on April 21st, was an unfortunate loss for the boys with the score being 9-2. They are still trying their hardest to work towards winning other games. Fortunately the boys did make some pretty wonderful plays. Justin Palacios was 2-4 with 2 singles. Gunnar Martens was 1-3 with a double and an RBI. Kip Nunley was 1-3 with one single. No matter what, the boys did their best and will be achieving greater goal this season.

Bulldog Baseball at Guymon

by Michelle Rodriguez

On April 27th, the varsity and junior varsity baseball teams traveled to Guymon for a 4:00 p.m. matchup under clear skies and in front of an energetic crowd. The boys came ready to compete and left everything on the field in a hard-fought game. Despite a strong effort, the team fell just short with a final score of 6-8. Several players delivered standout performances at the plate. James Curtis led the offense, going 2-for-3 with two RBIs. Shase Redmond, Justin Palacios, and Kip Nunley each contributed with a single, helping keep the team within striking distance throughout the game. On the mound, Hunter Ray turned in an impressive performance, recording 10 strikeouts and keeping the opposing lineup under pressure.

Bulldog Baseball vs. Tigers

by Aydan Wooldridge

In the most recent matchup between the Hooker Bulldogs and Guymon, it was Guymon who came away with the win, using a strong late-game push to secure victory in a competitive showdown. Both teams came out ready to play, with Hooker striking first after putting together a solid inning at the plate to grab an early lead. The Bulldogs' offense showed patience and discipline, forcing Guymon to work through tough at-bats. Guymon responded in the middle innings, finding its rhythm offensively and capitalizing on scoring opportunities to even the game. A key extra-base hit brought energy to the home side and shifted momentum heading into the later innings. The game remained tight until late, when Guymon broke through with a decisive inning. Stringing together multiple hits and taking advantage of a defensive miscue, Guymon plated several runs to take control and move ahead for good. On the mound, Guymon's pitching staff settled in after the early innings, limiting Hooker's chances and keeping the Bulldogs from mounting a comeback. A strong closing performance secured the win and sealed the result. We stayed locked in and kept battling," Guymon's head coach said. "This was a great team effort against a solid Hooker squad." Hooker continued to fight until the final out, threatening in the closing inning but ultimately falling short as Guymon's defense held firm under pressure.



Bulldog Band Concert

by Abigail Sarabia

Band Concert was on April 28, 2026, in the high school auditorium. The spring band concert featured grades 5th through 12th. The 5th and 6th grade played a total of 3 songs each then joined each other on stage for their final performance. The junior high and the high school band played 5 songs each. Before the high school portion ended band director, Ms. Murley, recognized the students who participated in Band Districts and those who qualified and played at state. The end of the concert was finished strong by the high school with their song Crush.

50's Diner, Prom '26!

by Laken Carnagey

At the HHS 2026 Prom, everyone showed up in style, ready to party! The theme was 50s Diner, and the decorations were a representation of the lovely night. The night was filled with lots of food, friends, dancing, and conversation. When the time came for the prom king and queen, the notorious couple Gannon Hill and Allie Metcalf won. After the crowning, everyone was living their best life and dancing the night away. After prom, the crowd participated in activities like laser tag, cornhole, bingo, and numerous others. The seniors all got their big graduation gifts, as well as the juniors, sophomores, and dates receiving gifts. The night was full of laughter and love. It was safe to say that it was a memorable night!



Making the Podium

by Alyssa Powell

Hooker art students attended the Art Jubilee at OPSU to showcase their skills!

“Unwritten Story”



Jonathan Lu got 3rd place in the surrealism category.

“American Kestrel”



Jenna Carter got 3rd in the painting category.

“Blessed by the Scavengers”



Sam Higganbotham got 1st in the miscellaneous category.

“Stuck in Study” “Culture Behind Glass”



Madelynn Alvarez got 1st and 2nd in the photography category.

K101 Rosters

Football: Gannon Hill and Luis Ibarra

Boys' Basketball: Keilan Robinson

Girls' Basketball: Yedelin DeHerrera and Allie Metcalf

Fastpitch Softball: Knley McGaha, Lexi Adair, and Sydney Hill

State Choir

by Abigail Sarabia

State Choir Contest was held on April 24, 2026. There were three students who qualified for state this year. Those include Jonathan Lu, Jared Flanagan, and Mathew Detherage. All three students participated in a trio and received a Good Rating. Jonathan Lu participated in a solo and received a Superior Rating.

Choir Concert

by Michelle Rodriguez

On April 16th, the 5th and 6th-grade, junior high, and high school vocal students came together for the annual spring concert. The evening began with the 5th and 6th-grade choir singing, "It's the Great Outdoors to Me," "Keep the Music Going," "We Are Here," and "Stay Curious" all by Teresa Jennings. They also performed "Beautiful" by Mike Wilson. Following them, the junior high vocal students went up, they sang "I Hear My Song" by Cynthia Gray, "Get On Board in the Mornin'" by Audrey Snyder, "When You Wish Upon a Star" by Mark Hayes, and "We Will Rock You" by Mac Huff. After junior high, we heard the wonderful voices of some high school students who won at the vocal competition, including soloist Jonathan Lu who sang "Alma del Core" by Antonio Caldera. The choir also had a men's trio where Jonathan Lu, Jared Flanagan, and Matthew Deatherage sang "Music of the Sea" by Mary Lynn Lightfoot. After showcasing their talents, they joined the rest of the high school choir, and together they performed "Come to the Music" by Joseph M. Martin, "Secrets of the Wind" by Mark Patterson, "How Beautiful is the Rain" by Mary Lynn Lightfoot, "Do Not Stand At My Grave and Weep" by Laura Farnell and "A Million Dreams" arranged by Mac Huff. After the high school rendition the 5th and 6th graders and the junior high choir joined the high school on stage to sing "Shine" by Monik Walters, Matt Adam Podd

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PIP'S HIGH ADVENTURE

While strolling through the savanna...
 Sigh... another day, another walk. It would be nice to see the view.

Jumbo spots a friend in need.
 Hello there, little Pip! You seem a bit down.
 Hi, Jumbo... yeah. I can't fly, and I've always wondered what it looks like from a really high tree. Everyone tells me the views are amazing.

Jumbo has a brilliant idea.
 A high view, you say? Hmm... I think I have a plan!

Off they go!
 Hop! Step! This is quite high already!
 Almost there, little friend. The view is just a ride away.

The perfect spot.
 (Whispering) The branches... so close...
 Here you are, Pip. As high as I can reach!

A bird's-eye view, at last!
 Be careful, Pip! Take your time!
 Wow... the whole world is down there!
 Hi there. The view from up here is amazing. Thank you, Jumbo!

Ruff Ruff Reads

Michelle's Recommendation:

We'll Always Have Summer

by Jenny Han

This book follows Belly as she faces major decisions about love and her future. Now in college, she is dating Jeremiah and believes she has moved on from Conrad. After a conflict, Jeremiah proposes, and Belly agrees, hoping to secure their relationship. While planning the wedding, she reconnects with Conrad, and old feelings return. As tensions grow, Belly realizes she is unsure about her choice and begins to question what she truly wants. In the end, she confronts her emotions and learns that real love requires honesty, maturity, and understanding, leading her to make a final decision about her future.



Victoria's Recommendation:

Punching Bag

by Rex Ogle

This book is about Rex's own experience in an abusive household. He talks of the inability to be yourself within his home while also protecting himself and his little brother. Realizing his mom wasn't only a victim, but also an abuser takes a lot in someone to do, yet Rex was able to see that. No matter what happened or who hurt him, he vowed to himself to never physically hurt anybody else. In the end Rex moved out of his house at age 16 and never talked to his mother or stepfather again. The only person to be there for him was his Abuelita, he still lived out to become what he wanted.



What-ifs

by Aydan Wooldridge

What if animals could run the world instead of humans?

What if you woke up one day and could speak any language fluently?

What if you had to wear the same outfit every day for the rest of your life?

What if everyone had to wear shoes on their hands instead of feet?

What if your reflection in the mirror started acting on its own?

What if it rained Jell-O instead of water?

What if you could have any superpower, but only for one day?

What if your favorite song played every time you entered a room?

What if you could live in any country for a year, but you couldn't speak the language?

What if you had to give a TED Talk on the most random topic you could think of?

Jokes

by Michelle Rodriguez

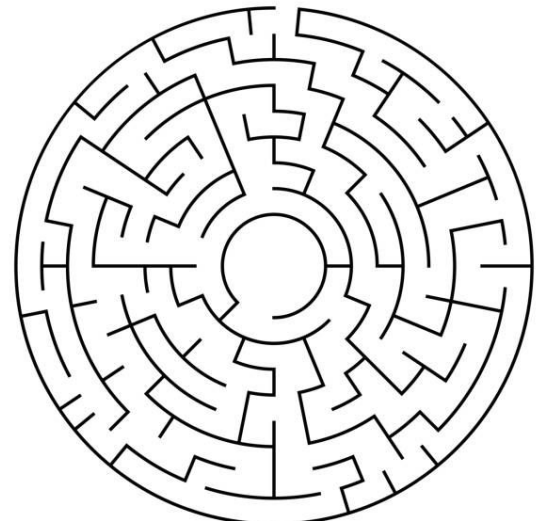
What do you call a bear with no teeth? A gummy bear.

What is an astronaut's favorite part of a computer? The space bar.

What do you call a magic dog? A labracadabrador.

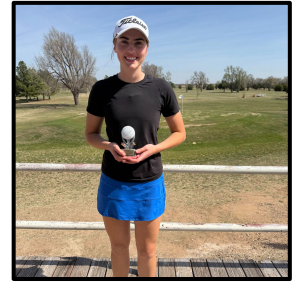
What is a baseball player's favorite movie? Pitch Perfect

I used to hate facial hair and then it grew on me.



Bulldog Beat

Allie Metcalf is a senior playing golf for HHS this year. Her motivation to continue improving is looking back at her scores from last year. Her most memorable game she has played was at Winter Creek from last year where they won state as a team. An athletic accomplishment she is proud of is shooting her Personal Record of an 81 and also winning state as a team. Allie has been playing golf since her freshman year. This season she would like to accomplish shooting in the 80's and make it to state.



Gannon Hill is a senior at HHS and is extremely ready to graduate. Hill's motivation comes from trying to become an elite shooter and score better every round. The most memorable time from Gannon's gold career was at the Elk city golf course in regionals shooting the lowest score of his highschool golf experience. His accomplishment he is most proud of making three birdies in a round. He has been playing golf for about four years now. Gannon wants to accomplish shooting low eighties and making state.



Hunter Ray is a senior at HHS. He is motivated by knowing the level he is at isn't reaching his full potential and want to play at the next level. His most memorable game was throwing a no-hitter against Guymon last year. Hunter is most proud of competing in multiple sports at a high level. Playing baseball since he was a toddler with his dad late nights. This season wanting to help his team make the state tournament and continue improving his game.



Shase Redmond is a junior playing baseball for HHS this year. His motivation to continue improving is the thought of becoming better for the team. His favorite game he has played was against Hinton. An athletic accomplishment he is most proud of is taking huge jumps in every sport. Shase has been playing baseball since Tee-Ball, but then he stopped playing in eighth grade and then joined back his sophomore year. This season he would like to make it to state.



Keilan Robinson is a senior track captain who excels not only in his events, but as a leader for the team. No matter the sport, Keilan is a standout athlete for Hooker High. In track, he excels in a multitude of relays with his teammates.



Yarel Mesta is a senior track captain who has been running track for eight years. She is motivated by her teammates; they all push each other to improve. Her most memorable moment is from cross country her junior year; she all-stated and they won state by one point. She is most proud of the four state championships she has earned. Yarel is hoping to beat her own school record this year.



School Staff Spotlights

by Alyssa, Laken, and Aydan



Mrs. Geneva Gonzalez has been working here at Hooker High School since 2022, but has lived in Hooker since 2007. She is the supervisor of the custodians and works on the second and third floors making sure everything is ready for the day. The best part of her job is watching the kids grow up into young men and women, and the friendships she has made along the way. Her favorite quote is, "Life is better when you cry a little, laugh a lot, and are thankful for everything you've got."



Ms. Olivia Salinas is a custodian for HHS. The best part of her job is having the opportunity to watch her older children attend HHS and hopefully her youngest daughter in the upcoming year. She has been working at Hooker for 13 years and describes it as "being nothing but amazing". Olivia's favorite memory was when the girls' basketball team left her a thank-you note for having their locker rooms kept tidy for them. If she had to choose a favorite quote, it would be, "It's better to say you failed and tried again than to always live with the thought of what if."



Sofia Rios has worked at Hooker High School for nine months and is loving her job. The role she plays at the school is a janitor, having three stages of tasks a day she has to complete. First cleaning the Pre-K building. While cleaning she likes to have music playing, connecting her soul to the jams helping build energy and perseverance to finish her day. Next is the music building, rocketing through to her next task - PE cleaning up after all the kids have played and had their fun. Her favorite part of the job is working with children, especially her granddaughter as well as other family members. Serving her community in a bigger way than she could ever imagine. The motto she chose to be her favorite is "Together we can make it."



Mr. Charles Troyer is the man who answers the call for a multitude of problems and needs at Hooker Schools. Whether it's a broken air conditioner, preparing vehicles to transport students to field trips or athletic events, a flooded basement, or helping get ready for prom, Charles is the one to call. We can always breathe a little easier knowing he is just a call or email away and will arrive quickly and with a smile on his face!

Final Week of School Calendar

May 11: Boys' State Golf
Sports Assembly @ 6

May 13: Baccalaureate @ 7

May 15: Last Day of School

May 12: Boys' State Golf
Academic Banquet @ 6:30

May 14: Kindergarten Graduation
State Baseball

May 16: Graduation @ 10



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