
THE HOOKER HAPPENINGS

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Bulldogs Basketball Homecoming 2025

by Flor Mesta

We kicked off the new year with the homecoming basketball games. The games and homecoming ceremony were on January 7th, 2025. To show our support to our school we had our homecoming dress up week. Monday was pajama day, Tuesday was jersey day, Wednesday was neon day, Thursday was twin day, and Friday was blue out, the day for Hooker school colors to shine the brightest to show support to our bulldogs. The coronation took place prior to the girls varsity game.

Loud cheers could be heard from the crowd as they crowned sophomore Josie Davis and senior Nate Hidalgo as the Hooker High School 2025 Basketball Homecoming Queen and King.

Congratulations to all who represented their class. Freshmen Finley Duncan, junior Yedelin Deherrera, and senior Loryn Rose represented their classes as queen candidates. A big thank you to all the senior boys who served as king candidates: Peyton Parker, Tatum Trimble, Cale Metcalf, Slade Stalder, John Davis, Kleat Martens, and Trace Duncan. Crowning the king was returning queen Gisela Gomez. This year's homecoming attendants were kindergarteners Lincoln Kennedy and Kairi Rodriguez.

This year the homecoming dance is going to be Saturday, January 18th. With the busy schedule we have going on, we couldn't have the dance the same day as the game, giving us an extra week to celebrate.



Homecoming Victories

by Sayde McBride

The Hooker Bulldogs delivered impressive performances in their recent games against the Turpin Cardinals. The girls' team dominated their match, winning 58-32. Their teamwork, strong defense, and fast-paced offense helped them build an incredible lead, keeping the Cardinals low scoring throughout the game.

The boys' team followed, securing a solid 57-25 victory. With relentless energy and excellent ball movement, the Bulldogs never let up, ensuring their win in front of a supportive home crowd.

Alongside the games, the Loyal Doers 4-H Club hosted a successful bake sale at the event. The sale offered a variety of homemade baked goods, from cookies and cakes to brownies and pies. The community came out in full support, with many fans purchasing treats to enjoy during the games. Proceeds from the bake sale went toward supporting the club as they donate this money to Christmas Angels. The event was a perfect blend of exciting sports action and community involvement.



Credit: Aaron Witt Photography

Bulldogs Sweep Eagles

by Izabella Neville

The Hooker Dogs and Lady Dogs secured impressive victories against the Hugoton Eagles on Tuesday, January 17, with both teams putting in strong performances. The Lady Dogs came out on top with a 36-22 win. Leading the charge was Izabella Neville, who scored 12 points, while Rubi Hernandez contributed 8 points and Crisbel Rios added 7. The Lady Dogs fought hard throughout the game, determined to start a new winning streak after a strong all-around team effort.

In the boys' game, the Dogs dominated with a 77-52 victory. The contest remained tight at the start of the second half, but the Dogs went on an impressive scoring run to pull away and seal the win. Nate Hidalgo was the standout player, leading all scorers with 27 points. Keilan Robinson added a double-double with contributions in both points and assists.

Both teams will look to build momentum from these victories as they continue their seasons!



Credit: Aaron Witt Photography

Merritt Tournament

by Rylee Stegman

On the 10th and 11th of January the High School girls' and boys' basketball teams had a tournament in Merritt. The tournament was delayed a day due to weather concerns, and the bracket shrunk significantly as some teams dropped out for the same reason.

Despite the delay, the boys won their first game, beating Mangum 48-28 and the second game they won 71-43 by beating Canute. The boys played an amazing two games and went undefeated at the tournament.

For the girls, Izabella Neville(Sr.) had 21 points, playing outstanding in her game against Merritt. The Lady Dogs beat them 36-21. The second girls game Izabella Neville (Sr.) had another amazing game scoring 20 points, as well as Rubi Hernandez (Jr.) who scored 10 points. The Oilers ended up winning 51-40 in a tough-fought game. The girls and boys both had a great two games.

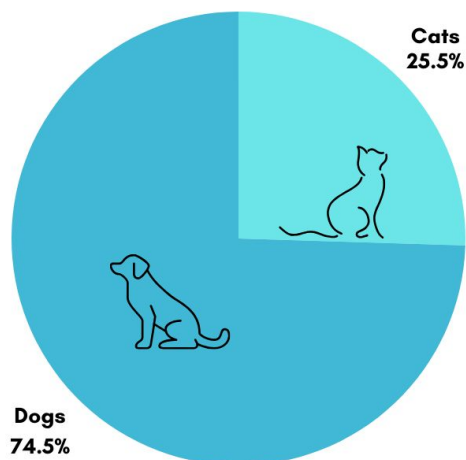


Photo: Trace Duncan and Devry Metcalf were awarded the Aaron Custer Defensive MVPs award at the Merritt Tournament. Pictured with Trace and Devry are Aaron's brother Brett, brother-in-law Hayden, sister Lacey, nephew Sterling, and mom Stacey.

Aaron Custer played basketball at Merritt High School before graduating in 2011. He was incredibly passionate about both basketball and rodeo, with plans to rodeo for SWOSU prior to a devastating wreck that claimed his life the day before he was meant to start college. Because of his incredible family and community, his memory lives on through this unique defensive award each year. Aaron was taught that defensive often dictates the offense, and that you don't have to be a top scorer to make a difference in the outcome of each game. Congratulations Trace and Devry for winning this special award!

Poll

Hooker High School students voted on their favorite: cats or dogs?



Valentine's Day Photoshoot

For someone you love!



The photography class will be taking Valentine's Day photos in the Hooker High School auditorium from February 10-14.



Bulldog Beat

by Harmani, Abigail, Yadira, Andrea, Reagan, & Sarai

Estefani Vega

is a freshman cheerleader this year! She's been cheering for two years now! Seeing the people come and support the Bulldogs, Lady Bulldogs, chanting and getting hype for the teams is what keeps her motivated to continue improving. 'D-Fense Get Tuff' is her favorite chant. The cheerleaders are a big role model to all the little girls in the stand and it makes Stef feel good knowing they look up to the team hoping one day they will do the same. She pays attention to her actions just for them so she can be a great example.



Kyleen Castlebury is a junior cheerleader who has cheered for five years now. When asked what motivates her to keep on improving she said because of her mom, teammates, and the little girls that look up to her. Kyleen's favorite cheer is "Are you Proud" because the crowd gets involved when cheering. Her favorite part about being a cheerleader is going to the games and cheering on the school with her teammates.



Slade Stalder, a senior basketball player, states, "Our goal as a team is to bring home a gold ball. That motivates me to keep improving to finish off the right way." His most memorable game was losing to Merritt in regionals last year. He is most proud of winning the 4x800 as a team his junior year. He has been playing sports since he was in kindergarten. He hopes to win state this year and bring home a gold ball.



Trace Duncan is a senior basketball player for the Bulldogs. He has grown up playing basketball his whole life. The thing that motivates him to continue improving is wanting to play basketball in college. His most memorable game was playing Preston in the first round of state. The athletic accomplishment he is most proud of is making it to state in football twice. The thing he wants to accomplish this season is to try to win a gold ball.



Yedi Deherrera proudly wears number two for the Lady Bulldogs. A junior this year, she has played basketball since the 4th grade. So far, the most memorable game she has played was the championship game at the Garber Tournament. This season, Yedi is aiming to make it further than they did last year.



Rubi Hernandez has been playing basketball for eight years. What motivates her to keep improving is not only to be the best version of herself, but to help her team. Her most memorable game was when they beat Merritt at the Area tournament her freshman year, and the coaches ran into the locker room wearing wigs and hitting the griddy. This year she hopes to accomplish working as a team and making it to the State tournament.



Senior Spotlights

by Ruby, Jacky, Raul, & Aaliyah



Senior Analisee Gonzalez's favorite memory is sophomore year. Before she moved she was taking a chinese class with her friend, and they both were terrible at it but it was pretty fun. The advice she would give her younger self is don't be scared of what other people will think about you. The three adjectives she would use to describe her personality would be athletic, cheerful and funny. Her dream job is Pediatric Nurse or Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. What motivates her to work hard is dedication to build her future.



Senior Ruby Sandoval shares her favorite high school memory, dogfest, where she wrote 2025 in the mirror and it came out backwards. She advises her younger self to live life to the fullest and not rush into adulthood. Ruby's personality is described as outgoing, talkative, and trustworthy. Her dream job is to be a cosmetologist, which she has been dreaming about since childhood. Her younger siblings motivate her to work hard, as they look up to her and want to follow her every step.



Senior Daniel Quezada stated that his favorite high school memory was when Gabe passed out during football practice. An artist that inspires Daniel is a Memphis artist that goes by the name Young Dolph. When asked how he would describe himself he said he is a hard worker, goofy, and "that guy." What motivates him to keep working hard is him being broke.



Senior Flor Mesta stated that her favorite memory from High School was during freshman year in Spanish class. She remembered that during Spanish class everyone would be hungry, so Mrs. Collier would give each student a spoonful of peanut butter. Her advice to her younger self would be to cherish her memories because time really does pass by fast. Three adjectives that describe her are outgoing, happy and kind. Her motivation is working hard towards a good future, so that she can be successful.

Elementary & JH Basketball

by Neomi (Turpin) & Nate (Hugoton)

On Monday, January 13 the Hooker Elementary and Junior High played against Turpin. The elementary girls suffered a tough loss, with a final score of 11-8. Jacky Ramos was the lead scorer with 6 points!

On the other hand, our elementary boys succeeded greatly with their wonderful score of 30-20, beating the Cardinals. Getting such a great number of points really shows their talent growing into something great.

The junior high boys won with a fantastic score of 37-22! Seeing this young athletic group succeed really shows the determination and commitment of the athletes and their coaches.

The girls for the Junior High lost 38-22. Laredy Medina was their top scorer with 10 points.

On January 14 the Hugoton Eagles traveled down Mile 45 and Road 20 to play the Hooker Bulldogs. The Junior High boys played first. It started off close, but the Eagles ended up on top. The end score was 35-21 Eagles.

ATTENTION HOOKER HIGH SCHOOL
2025 SENIOR PARENTS & FAMILIES

JOIN US FOR FAFSA COMPLETION NIGHT

 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND 5:30 - 6:30 PM	 <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Have your parent account set up prior to coming.2. Have your social security number or alien registration number.3. Know amounts of your checking and savings accounts.	 HOOKER HIGH SCHOOL Computer Lab
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Please join us for a free FAFSA (Federal Student Aid) education night. You will have the opportunity to have one-on-one assistance from OPSU's Director of Financial Aid, Dasha Smith, to complete your FAFSA! 2025 Senior students and parents/families welcome!

**TUESDAY
FEBRUARY
11TH**


\$8 PER MEAL

TACO SALE



**3 TACOS, RICE & BEANS,
AND A SODA**

5-8 PM | **Weslyan Church**

**MARTES 11 DE
FEBRERO**


\$8 POR ORDEN

TAQUIZA



**3 TACOS, ARROZ Y
FRIJOLE, Y UNA SODA**

5-8 PM | **Weslyan Church
Izquierda de el
Bingo**

Dog Chow

Mr. Burger is a fine place to eat in our small town, and most would say it's a nice cozy place to relax and chill. The building has been remodeled three times in its life span, including the sign to make the colors more vibrant, with it also being over 40 years old! The food is outstanding and cheap to afford, and It makes a great place to get food if dinner plans crumble. They have 350 Google reviews, and most are from people from bigger cities and different states! I'm sure we can all agree that Mr. Burger has been there for all of us at least once.

Spanish II with Mrs. Collier

Mrs. Collier's Spanish classes not only teach our students the language, she also immerses them in Spanish culture and tradition. Upon returning from Christmas break on January 6, Mrs. Collier's Spanish II students had the opportunity to celebrate Dia de los Reyes Magos, or King's Day. Students ate Rosca de Reyes (Three Kings Cake), drank Mexican hot chocolate, and put their shoes under the tree so the Wisemen would bring presents. Dia de los Reyes Magos is a holiday that represents the three wisemen who brought gifts to Jesus Christ, and it closes the Christmas festivities.



Ruff Ruff Reads

Sarai's Recommendation: *The Best Summer of Our Lives*

by Rachael Hauck

The Best Summer of Our Lives is a heartwarming novel that follows the journey of four best friends—Summer, Spring, Autumn, and Snow. Set in the summer of 1977, the story delves into their lives as they navigate their friendship and personal growth. Each girl faces her own set of challenges and secrets, and as the summer unfolds, they learn valuable lessons about loyalty and the importance of staying true.



Alyssa's Recommendation: *Confess*

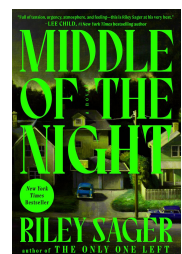
by Colleen Hoover

At age twenty-one, Auburn Reed has already lost everything important to her. The most important being the custody of her son. In her fight to rebuild her broken life, she has her goals set in place and there is no room for mistakes. But when she walks into a Dallas art studio in search of a job, she doesn't expect to find a deep attraction to the artist who works there, Owen Gentry.

Gissel's Recommendation: *Middle of the Night*

by Riley Sager

Middle of the Night is a novel about a 40-year-old man named Ethan and his friend Billy. Thirty years prior, 10-year-old Ethan and Billy had been camping in their backyard and sleeping in a tent when Billy had disappeared in the morning. With no trace of Billy's disappearance, investigators were left dumbfounded, and the case went cold. Now, thirty years later, Ethan comes back to his hometown and is determined to find the truth behind Billy's disappearance.



Meet the Pack: Staff Bios

Journalist



Reagan
Senior

My name is Reagan Werner and I am a senior here at HHS. I am active in FFA, StuCo, and FCA. Livestock judging is my biggest passion; I love to travel and spend time downstate.

Journalist



Sayde
Senior

I am Sayde McBride and I am currently a senior. I participate in FCA, STUCO, Pep Club, FFA, and 4-H as well as basketball and golf. I love hanging out with friends, family and Peyton along with traveling. I love doing Bible studies with my gals, taco bell runs with Sam, and starbucks runs with Ember.



The Hooker Happenings Staff

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Find us on the Hooker Public Schools website under the Community Information icon!



Next Edition: February 3

Calendar

January 17: HS Basketball vs. Texhoma @ 4:00
January 18: Elementary Basketball Blue & White Tournament
January 18: HS Basketball vs. Laverne @ 4:00 (Parents' Night)
January 18: Homecoming Dance
January 20: No School
January 20: Elem./JH Basketball @ Texhoma
January 21: HS Basketball @ Woodward

January 22: FAFSA Night @ 5:30
(Class of 2025 Students/Families)
January 23 - 25: HS Basketball, Shattuck Tournament
January 27: Elem./JH Basketball @ Laverne
January 28: HS Basketball @ Texline
January 31 - February 1: HS Basketball, Enid Festival
February 7: No School