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# THE HOOKER HAPPENINGS

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## Bulldogs in The Big House

Our Bulldogs made it to “The Last Dance” in The Big House. Their first game in the 2A State Tournament presented the opportunity for payback, as they crushed Rejoice Christian in a 64-29 win.

The next day they came up against Pocola. The Bulldogs left it all on the court in a battle fought through every second of the game, losing 42-46.

We are proud of our Bulldogs and Lady Dogs and the effort they put in throughout this basketball season.



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## Bulldogs Lift Their Way to State

by Raul Garcia

Junior High powerlifting went to Woodward for Regionals to compete. This meet determined if they qualified for State at El Reno. The following qualified for State: Jayden Mata placed 3rd in weight class 132s, Alex Garcia placed 4th in in weight class 157s, Christian Ugarte placed 2nd in weight class 181's, Lucas Yonkers placed 4th in weight class 220's, Arik Mitchel placed 4th in the Heavyweight class. They will compete March 13.



At High School powerlifting Regionals, Daniel Estrada placed 6th in the weight class 242s. Rhett Nunely placed 1st place for the heavyweight class. They will both compete at State on March 15.

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# Bulldogs Battle in Area Tournament

by Rylee Stegman

On February, 28th the boys' Hooker basketball team took on the Fairland Owls and Hooker won 52-37 with 29 rebounds, 8 assists, 5 steals, and 1 block. Fairland shot an abysmal 36% from the field. Great game boys.

The girls basketball team took on Okemah, and sadly took a loss, finishing the game 28-41. Izabella Neville (Sr.) scored nine points with one 3 point hit and Rubi Hernandez (Jr.) finished with five points. It was a tough matchup for the girls. On March 1st, 2025 the girls took, sadly, another loss. They fell to OBA, 21-42.



All Area Photos Courtesy of Aaron Witt Photography

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# Bulldogs & Lady Dogs Sweep Regionals

by Izabella Neville

The Hooker Dogs and Lady Dogs made a strong showing at the Regional Tournament in Watonga, with both teams earning impressive victories. In the first round, both teams dominated their opponents: the Lady Dogs defeated Newkirk, while the Bulldogs triumphed over Tonkawa. With these wins, both teams advanced to the Regional Championship.

The Lady Dogs' championship game was an exhilarating showdown. Facing the

undefeated Oklahoma Bible Academy, who entered the game with a perfect 27-0 record, the Lady Dogs were determined to break their opponents' streak. The game was a tense back-and-forth battle, with both teams exchanging leads throughout the intense 32 minutes. In the end, the Hooker Lady Dogs emerged victorious by just one point, securing the Regional Championship with a 34-33 win. Izabella Neville led the team with 13 points, while Crisbel Rios contributed 9, and

Analisee Gonzales added 11.

Meanwhile, the Bulldogs put on a dominant performance in their championship game against Fairview. Ranked second in the state, the Bulldogs proved why they are a powerhouse, cruising to a commanding 52-37 victory.

With these victories, both the Lady Dogs and Bulldogs advanced to the Area Championship, just one win away from the state tournament.



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# Bulldog Beat

by Yadira, Sayde, Reagan, Sarai, Ruby, & Yadira

**Tatum Trimble** has been playing sports for 8 years now. He stays motivated by knowing there is someone out there that could be out working him. He wants to accomplish winning the basketball state tournament. He mentions his most memorable game was the homecoming game because he was a candidate. Tatum's most athletic accomplishment has been hitting double digits in a game.



**Peyton Parker** is a senior at Hooker High School, and he will be playing football at Northwestern in the fall of 2025. He is motivated by his family, friends, and, most importantly, God. He said his most memorable game was beating Hominy to make it to the State Championship, making school history at HHS. Peyton was recently selected to the football All-State team. He has played football for 13 years and will be continuing his career. He stated that he wants to be the best he can be moving forward in athletics.



**Mollie Baird** proudly wears number 5 for our Lady Dogs. Mollie is motivated by setting goals for herself and watching others improve. Throughout the season, her most memorable place she has been was the gym at Chisholm for their walk through. The athletic accomplishment she treasures the most is beating the undefeated OBA team. She has played basketball for 9 years. This season is over, but she says it would have been nice to go to the state tournament.



**Sayde McBride** is a senior and has been playing basketball a total of eight years. What keeps her motivated are her teammates. What she wants to accomplish is for the team to make it to state. Her most memorable game was the Regional Championship when they played against OBA. OBA was ranked five while we were ranked 13. Sayde says "The environment was intense and the bench was hype." The athletic accomplishment she is most proud of is making it to the Area Championship.



**Rhett Nunley** has been doing powerlifting throughout high school. Rhett's Bench max was 315, Squat was 585, and Deadlift was 600. He states that he did not reach his goal for bench he was wanting to reach 335 for bench. Rhett had come back from a shoulder surgery and he had to work hard and do a lot of Physical Therapy. The senior uses low volume and high intensity. Rhett states he likes powerlifting because the people that go and compete, and see them move some crazy weights.



**Kipp Nunley** has been playing sports for 8 years now. He stays motivated by knowing there is someone out there that could be out working him. He wants to accomplish winning the basketball state tournament. He mentions his most memorable game was the homecoming game because he was a candidate. Tatum's most athletic accomplishment has been hitting double digits in a game.



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# Hooker Seniors to Receive State FFA Degrees

Two HHS Seniors, Reagan Werner and Sayde McBride, have approval to receive their prestigious State FFA Degree. This is no small feat, as it requires them to dedicate hours of their time to various FFA activities, have a minimum of 25 hours of community service, have a \$2,000 investment in their chosen Supervised Agricultural Experience, and many more tasks that they have taken on with grace and diligence. Congratulations Sayde and Reagan; we are proud of all your effort!



Reagan Werner



Sayde McBride

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# Heredia Signs with Rangers

Leonel Heredia, a skilled cross country runner for HHS, has official signed to run Cross Country at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. NWOSU looks forward to having Leonel continue his athletic career with their program. Congratulations Leo and Ride, Rangers, Ride!



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# Esports

The Bulldog Esports team had a tournament on February 22. The Call of Duty team of Roy Herald, Jaden McCann, Noah Parish, Preston Jacobs, and Julio Casas lost a close match against Turpin, but secured wins over both Aline-Cleo and Olustee-Eldorado. This brings their record to 2-1. In MultiVersus Sebastian Ochoa (2-1) beat both Ripley and Erick, but lost to Canute. Also competing in MultiVersus, Zakk Humble beat Cordell and Cheyenne to secure a 2-0 record. The Overwatch team of Jess Johnson, Noah Parish, Slide Wilson, Julio Casas, and Marco Anguiano won their tournament, beating Sterling, Snyder, and Elmore City-Pernell to achieve a 3-0 record. Congratulations Esports!



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# Groundhog Supper

For 89 years the Hooker Wesleyan (previously Methodist) Church has hosted an annual Groundhog Supper. When the supper first began, and for many years after, the pigs were actually butchered in the church basement. While that has changed, the unique menu and hospitality has not. Liver and onions, sauerkraut, ribs, sausage patties and link, mashed potatoes and gravy, biscuits, and their famous homemade applesauce are all on the menu each year. This year 300 people were served. This involved 100 pounds of liver, 150 pounds of onion, 150 pounds of sausage links, 200 pounds of sausage patties, two cases of sauerkraut, 30 pounds of sugar, 30 pounds of flour, three gallons of ice cream, 40 pounds of mashed potatoes, and five cases of apples. Many joined in to help, from peeling apples to cooking, to serving. This year's seniors have been serving at the Groundhog Supper since they were old enough to help.



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# Physical Science

Coach Kennedy's Physical Science class learns about distance and displacement using paper airplanes.



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# Bulldog Robotics

## 3rd Grade & 4th Grade -

From Mrs. Hinton:

March 1st, 2025 the Liberal Rec. Center hosted their annual Robotics Expo. Competition. Hooker Public Schools sent 6 teams in the Explore division and 5 teams in the Challenge Division. The theme for this season was Ocean.

The Explore teams learned about jobs, zones, and creatures of the ocean. Each team's assignment was to create and program submarines that moved forward slowly towards an oceanic creature and also backed up quickly, using two different colors and the color sensor.

The Hooker Public Schools 6 explore teams did a fantastic job! Each team walked away with an award. The Fourth Grade teams and awards are: The Blaster team earned the award of best Exploration and Discovery. The Cool Bots team were awarded the Creative Explore Award. The Turtle Bots team received the Best Performance Award.

The Third-Grade teams and awards are: The Bloops team received the Explore and Design Award. The Megalodons were rewarded with the Complexity and Decoration Award. The Titanic Team received the Amazing Movement Award.

We owe a great big thank you to our sponsors for their support.

They made everything possible for another great year. Thank you: ADM, Seaboard, Nutrients Ag. Solutions Guymon location, Garden City Coop, TCEC, and PTCI.

## 5th - 7th Grades -

Volunteer/Mentor: Sianna Velasquez  
Coaches: Andrea Arnold and Jennifer Velasquez

The Teal Techno Titans received 2nd in Table Competition and the Aqua Builders team received 3rd.. The Lego Dinos team received 3rd in Core Values.



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# Senior Spotlights

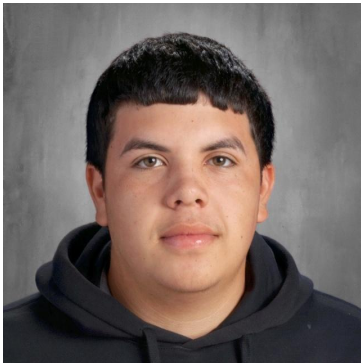
by Andrea, Ruby, Nate, & Jacky



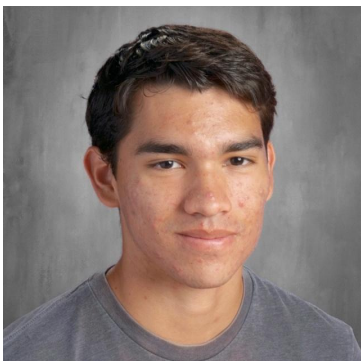
**Sayde McBride** is a senior at Hooker High School. Her favorite high school memory is getting 2nd runner up at state golf last year. The song that would make the best theme music for Sayde is "God Is Good" by Forrest Frank. She said if she could give advice to her younger self, she would say work harder on getting your grades up. The three adjectives that would best describe her personality are generous, charismatic, and energetic. Sayde's dream job is to be an Elementary Teacher while owning and running a boutique.



**Mayreli Fernandez** is one of our 2024-2025 Valedictorians. What motivates her to keep working hard My little sister and friends have motivated me to work towards the best opportunities and learn how to have fun at the same time. She states that the three adjectives that describe her are determined, procrastinator, and hardworking. She advises her younger self don't have such enormously high expectations of herself. Let yourself be spontaneous and embrace the change. Her favorite memory was when Denis, Gissel, and I went into Walmart and had the bright idea of starting a pillow fight next to ceramic lamps and glass picture frames. The best theme song that represents her was Super Bass from Nicki Minaj.



**Jerry Moreno's** best highschool memory is turning off the welding machine while someone was welding. Jerry's favorite song is *Love Yourz* by - j Cole. The advice he would give to his younger self is to try harder in school. Three adjectives that could be used to describe his personality are goofy, spontaneous, and nonchalant. Jerry's dream job is to one day own his own construction business.



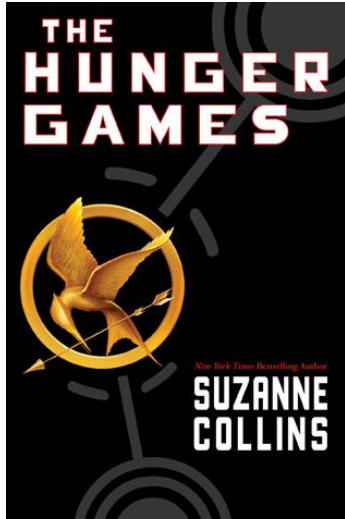
**Alejandro Perez**, a senior, shares his favorite high school memory of winning state cross and track in his junior year. He advises being patient, and persistent and using negativity as a learning opportunity. Perez's personality is described as ambitious, caring, and adventurous. His dream job is to work for the Secret Service or as a CIA/FBI agent, but if that doesn't work out, he might consider McDonald's. His motivations include achieving goals, overcoming challenges, and the opportunity for personal growth and continuous learning. He believes his efforts can make a difference and help others, driving him to push forward.



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# Ruff Ruff Reads

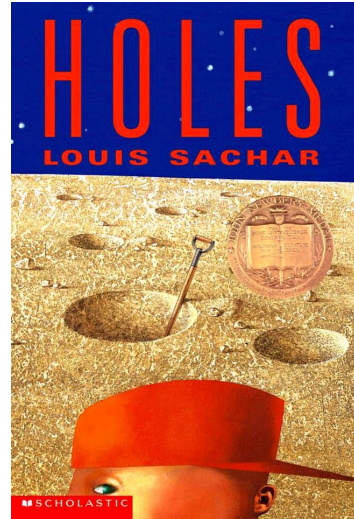


## Aaliyah's Recommendation:

*The Hunger Games*

by Suzanne Collins

*The Hunger Games* follows Katniss Everdeen, a girl from District 12. She is responsible for providing food and caring for her mother and sister, but on Reaping day, her sister Prim is chosen to compete in the deadly Hunger Games. Katniss immediately shouts that she would volunteer for her. So, Katniss will have to survive in the games and she unknowingly starts the beginning of a rebellion.



## Slade's Recommendation:

*Holes*

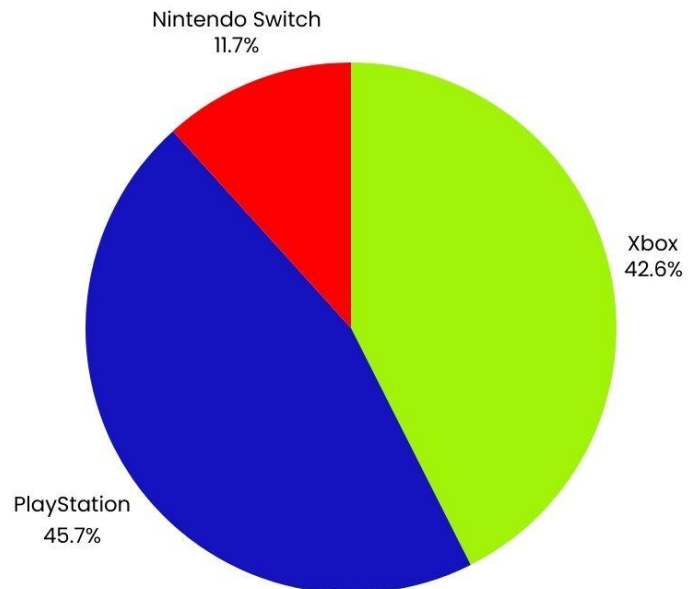
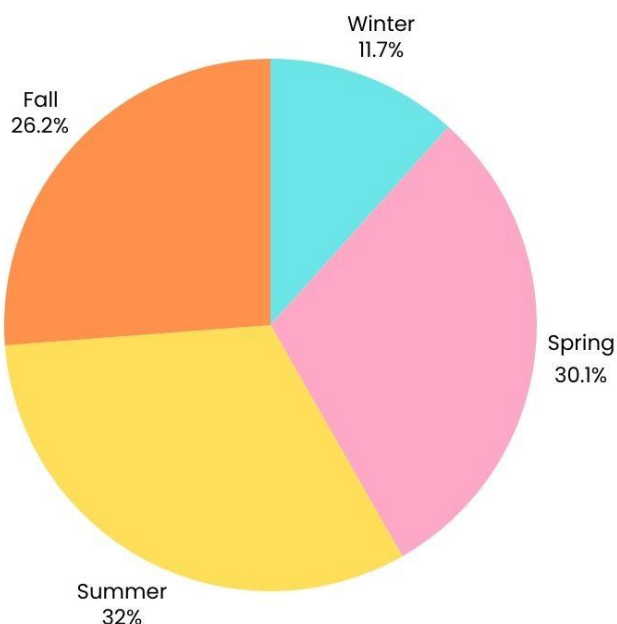
by Louis Sachar

*Holes* is about an unlucky boy who gets caught up in some trouble. Stanley, the main character, gets convicted of a crime he didn't commit, and has to go to a work camp. After problems arise, he is determined to figure out what is going on, and maybe his past ancestors have something to do with it.

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## Polls

High school students voted on their favorite season.



High school students voted their preference between Playstation, Xbox, and Nintendo Switch.

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# School Staff Spotlights

by Abigail, Harmani, Gissel, & Sayde



**Pamela Halliburton** teaches Title 1 Reading and ESI. Pamela has been teaching for 27 years. She chose to teach here because she has heard Hooker is an excellent school, and she wanted to be a part of the excellence. Pamela's favorite part of teaching is when she sees the light bulb after a student suddenly understands a concept of being taught.



**Karina Monral** has been an educator for ten years. She's was a paraprofessional here at Hooker Elementary for 7 years before becoming a teacher. Helping kids understand their work is what makes her want to continue being a teacher. Mrs. Monreal likes being a bulldog teacher because of the great community and having the opportunity to teach where both her boys attend. Her favorite memory is connecting with kids, but still to this day the Senior class this year is her favorite class.



**Cala Honey**, the high school English III and IV teacher, is one of this week's chosen staff members for the school newspaper. With 44 years of teaching experience, Mrs. Honey states that what she enjoys the most about her teaching career is her students. "I used to always play like I was a teacher as a child and then of course, I feel like it's the perfect profession when you have children of your own.... Same breaks, and it's easy to be involved in their lives," is the reason Mrs. Honey decided to become a teacher.



**Gina Hill** is currently a 2nd grade teacher. She has also taught Pre-K, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. Mrs. Hill has been teaching for 17 years, with 2 of those years spent at Hooker Elementary. She said that when making a decision years ago, teaching seemed like the right path. When asked why she chose to teach at Hooker, Gina Hill said, "I grew up in an area like Hooker, with the small-town atmosphere and a community that supports the school. My daughters attended Hooker schools, and I wanted to be on the same schedule as them." One of her favorite parts of teaching is getting to know each child and watching them grow throughout their academic career. Her favorite memory is when her 5th graders built a 5-foot wooden panda for a Valentine's Day box!

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## Calendar

March 14 - 21: Spring Break (No School)

March 24: Girls Golf @ Meadowlake, Boys Golf @ Laverne, Elem/JH Track @ Guymon, Baseball @ Keyes

March 25: JH/HS Baseball @ Forgan

March 27: HS Baseball @ Beaver, JH Baseball @ Shattuck

March 28: HS Track @ Guymon, JH Baseball @ Shattuck

March 31: No School, Girls Golf @ Guymon, Elem/JH Track @ Hooker, Baseball vs. Texhoma



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