

Local sports

Eagles’ grapplers roll past Hinton, claim weekend tournament title

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The Weatherford Eagles wrestling team clobbered Hinton 64-5 Thursday night in Weatherford, improving to 6-0 in duals this season.

The win kept momentum rolling for the Eagles, who currently hold the No. 7 ranking in OSSAA Class 4A, according to the OSSAA website (as of Monday).
 Weatherford carried that momentum into the weekend,

finishing first overall at the Western Conference Tournament on Friday and Saturday in Kingfisher.
Strong tournament showing
 Ryker Smith (190) and Aiden Willard (285) each

captured individual titles, leading the Eagles to the team championship in a 25-team field.
 Lukas Burd (175) turned in a runner-up finish, while Kyler Thompson (120) secured a third-place medal.

The Eagles added four fourth-place finishes from Kreyson Ramey (138), Alson Martin (150), Baylor Owings (157) and Brady Owings. Falie Cox (132) and Andrew Willard (285) each placed fifth, while Carson Aranda (113) finished sixth.

Burd

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alongside Ryker Smith and Aiden Willard — Lukas is putting in the work to take the next step and chase gold in 2026.
 That work starts early and extends well beyond the standard practice schedule.
 Most days, Lukas begins before school, waking up early to lift weights and run. From there, he heads to school, where he does weightlifting during his second hour. After school comes mandatory wrestling practice under Weatherford head coach Grant Williams, followed by additional time on the mat whenever possible.
 Lukas also makes it a point to attend youth practices with coach Rex Goldsberry up to twice a week, helping drill with younger wrestlers. In the offseason, he and his brother train in freestyle wrestling, sharpening skills under a different rule set while staying competitive year-round.
 “I feel like the keys to being successful is to have a good training partner and being consistent and disciplined,” Lukas said.
 Matt expressed appreciation for those who invest their time in Lukas, while also noting a broader shift happening within the Weatherford wrestling program.
 “Lukas has been blessed with great coaches and training partners. We are very thankful for that,” Matt said.
 “I feel that this group of young men on the wrestling team and coaches



Weatherford’s 175-pound wrestler Lukas Burd waits on the sidelines during a meet earlier this season. Burd currently boasts a 23-4 record this season.

are paving the way for a different wrestling culture in Weatherford.”
 While coaches and teammates have played a major role in Lukas’ growth, the foundation was laid long before.
 “My dad is the whole reason I started wrestling when I was little,” Lukas said. “Without him I don’t know if I would have ever started.”
 Th father and son’s bond made last season’s state tournament moment especially meaningful.
 “Words can’t describe what it felt like to see him with the medal around his neck after state last year,” Matt said. “But I’m most proud of his character. He’s the perfect example that you can be a monster on the mat and a kind and gentle



Lukas Burd, top, delivers a takedown to a Hinton opponent in the 175-pound division during an Eagles home contest earlier in the 2025-26 season.

person off the mat. To me that is what a real man is.”
 Now, Lukas is focused on climbing even higher on the podium.
 “I just need to focus on improving and not being complacent with where I’m at,” Lukas said.

Already a proven competitor on the mat, Burd also demonstrated his athleticism on the football field last fall, earning District 4A-1 All-District Linebacker honors last fall after recording 64 tackles, including nine for a loss.

PROCLAMATION AND NOTICE OF ELECTION

Under and by virtue of Section 26, Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution and Title 70, Article XV, Oklahoma Statutes 2011, and other laws supplementary and amendatory thereto and a Resolution of the Board of Education of Independent School District Number 26 of Custer County, Oklahoma, adopted on the 9th day of December, 2025, an election is hereby called to be held in said School District on the 10th day of February, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the registered, qualified electors thereof the following propositions:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall Independent School District Number 26 of Custer County, Oklahoma, incur an indebtedness by issuing its bonds in the sum of Two Hundred One Million Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$201,035,000) to be issued in one or more series to provide funds for the purpose of constructing, equipping, repairing and remodeling school buildings, acquiring school furniture, fixtures and equipment and acquiring and improving school sites, and levy and collect an annual tax, in addition to all other taxes, upon all the taxable property in such District sufficient to pay the interest on such bonds as it falls due and also to constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof when due, said bonds to bear interest not to exceed the rate of ten (10%) percentum per annum, payable semi-annually and to become due serially within ten (10) years from their date?

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Shall Independent School District Number 26 of Custer County, Oklahoma, incur an indebtedness by issuing its bonds in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) to be issued in one or more series to provide funds for the purpose of purchasing transportation equipment, and levy and collect an annual tax, in addition to all other taxes, upon all the taxable property in such District sufficient to pay the interest on such bonds as it falls due and also to constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof when due, said bonds to bear interest not to exceed the rate of ten (10%) percentum per annum, payable semi-annually and to become due serially within five (5) years from their date?

The ballots used at said election shall set out the propositions as above set forth and shall also contain, with respect to each proposition, the following words:

☐ For the above Proposition

☐ Against the above Proposition

The polls shall be opened at seven o'clock A.M. and remain open continuously until and be closed at seven o'clock P.M.

The number and location of the polling places and the names of the persons who shall conduct said election shall be designated by the County Election Board(s). Such officers shall also act as counters.

The specific projects for which at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the proceeds of the aforesaid Bonds shall be expended and the dollar amounts for each project shall be as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

to construct, furnish, equip, and/or acquire a new high school complex to include, but not be limited to: a classroom building, competitive gymnasium, Vo-Ag facility, and practice field
 \$201,035,000.00

PROPOSITION NO. 2

to acquire vehicle(s) for pupil transportation from the proceeds of bonds maturing within five (5) years from their date
 \$ 500,000.00

WITNESS our hands as President and Clerk of the above Board of Education and the seal of said School District this 9th day of December, 2025.

Chris Gregston
 President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

Casey O'Connor
 Clerk, Board of Education
 (SEAL)

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