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## “Breakfast in the Country” Returns to Weatherford September 12



Provided

Photos from 2024’s Breakfast in the Country, hosted at the Wright Media corporate offices in Weatherford.

Alexander Shook  
WOK Contributor

Wright Media’s long-running “Breakfast in the Country” returns to Weatherford on Friday, September 12, 2025, from 7AM - 9AM. The event will be hosted at their corporate offices, located at 10040 N Hwy 54 (1.5 miles north of Weatherford), and is free to the public.

This annual open house event has been hosted by Wright Media for over 25 years. It has also served as an opportunity to learn more about the radio industry and what it offers to local communities like Western Oklahoma.

In previous years, Breakfast in the Country has brought in Oklahoma representatives like Anthony Moore and Cyndi Munson.

Radio talent and staff alike will be serving attendees a delicious breakfast, including eggs, sausage, fruit, butter braids, and biscuits n' gravy. They’re also offering coffee and orange juice to wash it all down.

While visiting, you’ll get a chance to take a behind-the-scenes tour of the station’s main office. Check out their sales department, office spaces, and recording booths. You’ll also get to meet some of your favorite KWEY, KKZU, and KCLI personalities in-person.

For more information on the event, please call their main office at 580-772-5939. Updates are also posted regularly on the 95.5 The Coyote Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/95.5TheCoyote](https://www.facebook.com/95.5TheCoyote).

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Doyle Blumer

Doyle Philo Blumer 77, of Elk City, Oklahoma was born on August 19, 1948 in Taloga, OK, to Lovie and Ada Louise (Philo) Blumer. He fulfilled his wish and dream to be with the Lord on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at his residence in Elk City, OK, surrounded by his loving family.



Doyle was the only boy and next to the youngest born of ten sisters, Lavada, Ardeth, Beth, Mary, Colleen, Ireta, Nancy, Carole, Twila, and Gwen. He lived and was raised in Vici, Oklahoma most his entire life on the Blumer homestead. He attended Vici High School, Vici, OK, and graduated with the class of 1966, then went to college at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford in 1969, where he studied accounting.

In 1973, he moved back at the farm in Vici, Oklahoma to help his mother and pick up the farming after his dad passed. While living back at home, he made sure his mother got back and forth to church where it didn't take long for him to turn his life back to Christ.

Later he became a Trustee in the Assembly of God Church in Seiling, Oklahoma. He was also a CA youth leader, and a Royle Ranger Commander in the church. He cared, nothing about camping, he always said if it was so great why did God invent indoors? He hated eating with flies, but he did it because his main goal was them boys teaching them the importance about God and what it takes to serve and be a man of God.

In 1979, Doyle met, Ivadale Warner at the Assembly of God Church in Seiling, Oklahoma, where he attended. Right before the service started, Doyle had walked out of a side door, when Ivadale's mother poked her and said, " There's your husband" Which she replied, "He looks to old mom" she said, "Well that's him anyway." They began to date in May of 81 and married on September 5, 1981, where their life began in Vici, OK, on the Blumer homestead. Ivadale was a housewife while he worked as a diesel mechanic. In February of '82, they became so excited about the coming new addition that would be added, but God had other plans, and took their baby, Angel Lynnette to be with him on May 13, 1982. But then in June of 1983 they were excited once again of the news of a new arrival coming. On March 30, 1984, Dollie Louise was born. Then in August 1985 they were told exciting news about another bundle of joy was to arrival. On May 16,1986 James Doyle had landed... Doyle loved his kids, always talked about them and about how proud he was being a dad...

While on the farm as his son grew up, he enjoyed teaching him what it took to care for the farm. At age four he let him set on his lap to teach him how to drive the pickup. Doyle was so proud of his kids, he would go out in the yard and help them get ready for softball and baseball games, he loved seeing all their accomplishments and watching them grow up into a young man and young woman. Dollie did many things with her dad as well, taught her how to drive in the field as well, and even hit the fence, but was an easy fix.

They lived in Vici till 2004, in which they moved to Elk City, Oklahoma where he later retired. Doyle enjoyed his life, being a husband, then so proud being a dad, father-in-law, a so proud being a grandpa five times. He enjoyed going to their games etc. having to say who colored the best picture, of course it was always the one they would tell him to say. lol

Even though he was so proud and so blessed, he always talked about going home, his last days he always said, I'm not asking for God to heal me, I just want to know his plan, I want whatever he has for me, if it's to stay on this earth or go home, I just want his plan. Doyle talked a lot about faith, he loved being a Sunday school teacher, which in every lesson he would talk some about faith. He also many times, talked to his kids about God, and prayed with them, making sure their lives we ready. Before he went to be with the Lord, he witnessed to everyone he could.

Doyle left behind his wife, Ivadale Blumer; his daughter, Dollie Louise Blumer; his son, James Doyle Blumer and his wife, Wesli Don Blumer; five grandchildren, Priscilla Don, Leslie Dee, Axel David, Scarlet Danai, Adilynn Dai and six sisters, Beth Murray, Mary Smith, Ireta Westenhaver, Nancy Boydston, Carole Holder, Twila Longley; and other family members and friends.

He is preceded in death by his baby daughter, Angel Lynette Blumer; his dad, Lovie Blumer; his mother, Ada Louise Blumer; and his sisters, Mabel Colleen, Ardeth Naomi, Gwen Elaine and Lavada Larrine.

Memorials can be made to the charity of choice in care of Martin-Dugger Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 707, Elk City, OK 73648. We invite you to leave a message of condolence, expression of sympathy or perhaps share a memory of Doyle at [www.martin-duggerfuneralhome.com](http://www.martin-duggerfuneralhome.com).

Vince Barnes

Vincent Edward Barnes was born June 15, 1962, in Hobart, to Raymond Edward and Melba June (Taylor) Barnes and succumbed to a 6 ½ year battle with cancer on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at home surrounded by his family.



Vince was raised in Hobart and graduated from Hobart High School in 1980. He participated in football, wrestling and tennis while in high school. After graduating Vince attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He married and was blessed with five children, Nathan, Matt, Sarah, Marissa and Andrew.

On March 5, 2016, Vince married Julie Ann (Cosby) Rushing and they made their home in Weatherford. Vince's passions were fishing, old cars, and taking expected and unexpected trips with his wife, Julie.

Vince worked for Western Uniform Company based out of Hobart for 22 years and CTC for 4 years before pursuing his dream job of opening his own pawn shop, Big Red Pawn and Gun in Clinton which he owned for 20 years.

There was nowhere Vince and Julie went that they didn't meet someone Vince knew or made a new friend – or talked with someone that they knew of mutual acquaintance.

Vince is survived by his wife of 9 years, Julie of their home in Weatherford; two sons, Matt Barnes and wife, Emillie and Andrew Barnes and wife, Tori; five daughters, Marissa Brownlee and husband, Kyle, Sarah Garcia and husband, Javier, Cheyenne Miranda and husband, Billy, Sydney Gregory and husband, Noah and Kali Farmer; sister, Mona Wheeler and husband, Jon; brother, Billy Williams and wife, Sheila; and fifteen grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Nathan; and granddaughter, Jade Gomez.

Danny Taylor

Danny Alan Taylor was born November 9, 1974, in Oklahoma City to Willard Roy and Linda Gail (Morelock) Taylor. He passed away on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at Weatherford Regional Hospital at the age of 50.



Danny graduated from Hinton High School in 1994 and went on to study at RECW Recording Studio in Chillicothe, Ohio. After returning to Oklahoma, he attended SWOSU, where he earned a bachelor's degree in computer science. On July 10, 1999, Danny was united in marriage to Tammy Bishop at the First Baptist Church in Hinton. Throughout his career, he worked for Hertz Corporation, American Bank Systems, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, TMW, My Consulting Group, the Delaware Nation, and most recently for OMES for the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, as a computer software developer.

Danny had a lifelong passion for music. He enjoyed playing guitar and bass, was part of a band, and was well known as “DJ Dan” at events of all kinds. He loved audio recording, participated in open mic nights across Oklahoma for the past three years, and was affectionately known in Hinton as the “Pumpkin Master.” For the last year of his life, he was known as Big Daddy Dan on the Roadhouse Rock Radio Station on Audilous.

He enjoyed driving and cruising around, but most of all loved pestering his wife and daughters especially on Facebook. Danny's faith was central to his life. Saved and baptized around the age of 13 at Camp Sooner, he was a longtime member of the First Christian Church in Hinton, where he served as a deacon, board member, and member of the worship band. He was known for his quick wit, constant joking, and as a true practical joker who brought joy to everyone around him.

Danny is survived by his wife, Tammy Taylor of the home; two daughters, Addison “Booger” Taylor and Amanda “Punko” Taylor; and his father, Willard Taylor all of Hinton; his sister, Gayla Taylor Cox and husband Donnie of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; sisters-in-law, Kim Whitson of Norman and Jenny Brannan and husband Chris of Winchester, Virginia; brother-in-law, Brett Bishop and wife Kim of Arapaho, Oklahoma; faithful companion, Sophie dog; and good friends, Stacy and Kelly Smith of Hinton. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and countless friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Linda Taylor; his in-laws, Terry and Donna Challis Bishop; brother-in-law, Randy Whitson, great nephew, Crosby Cole.

In lieu of flowers the family request memorial donations to the Hinton Community Health Fund or the Hinton School Foundation c/o Band, or the First Christian Church General Fund or Music, or the Amanda Taylor Scholarship Fund.

Dannie Goeringer

The world recently lost one of its true originals, Dannie Goeringer. He was born September 19, 1955 to Dan & Alice (Tripp) Goeringer of Chattanooga, OK. He was the first grandson in a large family, & was doted on by everyone, even allowing his two older sisters to dress him up like their own life-size doll. His family nickname throughout most of his life was “Precious”.



Dannie was both fun-loving & a hard worker. He began working in the field with his dad at about age 8, first driving the pick-up from one field to another, then driving the tractor, then finally the bulldozer. He said he could've gotten his first traffic ticket about age 9, when he was driving a family member who was “under the weather” home one afternoon. (That family member really should've known not to put a 9-year old behind the wheel on a state highway!) The highway patrolman told him to get off the highway & onto a country road & waved him on. He went on to work at the Goodyear plant in Lawton, and worked there while raising his family in Chattanooga. Dannie eventually applied for his commercial driver's license, and became a long-haul trucker. When he retired from this he was proud of the fact that he had a spotless record after years of driving a truck. He later drove a truck in the oilfields when he moved to Hydro.

Dannie graduated from Chattanooga High School in 1974. The following year, he married & began his family. His daughter Amie Ann was the apple of his eye then, and continued to be right up until his death. Amie has an especially fond memory of going to the field with Dannie & riding on the bulldozer with him, snuggled up under his arm, in the blazing hot sun, & even falling asleep despite that very loud engine. Dannie & Amie shared a special bond, one that weathered the good times & the bad times. Amie remembers being young & camping on the creek, going to NASCAR races in Alabama, & being together on the beach in Florida.

Dannie could be a little conceited—his family couldn't hear the song “You're so Vain” without thinking of him, but with a smile on their face. He didn't just consider himself to be a lady's man, he WAS a lady's man. He used to tell us “Man, I make this shirt (pants, hat), look good!” We'd all just laugh & say yes, you sure do. He would come right out & tell you “I bought this shirt because it makes my eyes look really blue.” This cockiness carried over to his later years when he got his tattoo, DTM. He proudly told everyone it stood for Dan the Man.

Dannie's survivors include his daughter Amie, her wife Pam, & his grandchildren, Danielle, Zachary, & Angela. They also include his two sisters, Linda Goeringer & her partner Bob Knox of Norman & Dana Glasscock & her husband Bill of Hydro. Dannie also leaves behind four nephews & their families, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, & friends. There will be a Celebration of Life held for Dannie on Saturday, September 13 from 11am to 2pm in Hydro at 609 N Broadway.

When Dannie reaches Heaven, there had better be a Whataburger, lots of strong coffee (preferably Starbucks Sumatra), & a big-screen tv with NASCAR & GRIT tv. He would want us to remember him the same way he lived, a little inappropriate but always laughing.

We will always miss you!

Rest in Peace, Dannie Boy.

Barbara Grossarth

Barbara P. Grossarth was born December 12, 1949, in Jacksonville, Florida, to Winfred W. Pettigrew and Pauline Adair and passed away Saturday, August 23, 2025, at Select Specialty Hospital in Oklahoma City.



Barbara was raised and attended Jacksonville High School where she graduated. Barbara worked as a front desk clerk and telephone operator. She moved to Oklahoma where she drove a semi-truck and worked as a yard manager for a pipeline company.

In 1990, Barbara met Gary H. Grossarth on a blind date and were married September 15, 1990. They made their home in Oklahoma City. They moved to Las Vegas for 11 years and returned to Oklahoma City in 2004. Barbara enjoyed reading and traveling. She will be remembered as a very loving and independent woman.

Barbara is survived by her husband of 34 years, Gary Grossarth of the home in Oklahoma City; grandson, Josh Boyd and his daughter, Ruby Boyd of Mustang.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Bradley Boyd; and three brothers, Ted Pettigrew, Harry Pettigrew and David Pettigrew.



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Custer County Fair Kicks Off September 4th



**Chase Wright**  
Staff Writer

Bust out the blue ribbons and grab your best produce and baked goods because the Custer County Free Fair is coming back for its 99th year at the Custer County Fairgrounds (located south of Clinton on Highway 183). The three-day event will run from Thursday, September 4th through Saturday, September 6th.

Chock full of livestock shows, farming exhibits, and a ton of creative competitions the Custer County Free Fair is a fantastic way to show off the talent brimming in Western Oklahoma, especially its youth.

On Wednesday, the Free Fair begins registration at 3 p.m. for all open and 4H exhibits. Entries for rabbits, poultry, vegetables, and farm produce will also be accepted. Registration will run until 7 p.m.

On Thursday, the exhibitions begin in earnest, with the exhibition building opening at 8 a.m. That’s also the deadline for the 4H and FFA farm equipment operators contest, which will begin shortly following the deadline at 8:30 a.m.

Thursday’s schedule of events will be capped off that evening, with the Farm Hand Olympics beginning at 6:30 p.m. This event will showcase various farm hands’ feats of strength and agility

in demonstrations such as hay hauling, calf roping, water hauling, a wheelbarrow race, and a sack race, and will be split into two divisions; one for 4H members and another for FFA members.

Friday’s schedule of events will include a petting zoo that will run from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., livestock shows for cattle, swine, goats, and sheep.

Saturday will be the final day of the Custer County Free Fair and will begin with a farmer’s market that will run from 8 a.m. to noon. At 9 a.m., there will be a stick horse race for children 5 years and younger, followed by the horse show at 9:30 a.m. At 10 a.m., the Best of Wheat baking contest will be held in the new show barn classroom.

From 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., 95.5 the Coyote will be broadcasting live from the fair and will be supervising the tremendous BBQ abilities of Custer County’s finest first responders at the First Responder’s BBQ, which is slated to begin at 4 p.m. and winners awarded around 6 p.m. You can grab a plate containing some BBQ, a side, and a drink for \$10. Proceeds from this event will help support first responders around Custer County.

For more information about the Custer County Free Fair, check out their Facebook page by searching Custer County Fairgrounds.

HIGHER GROUND  
Teacher Prayer Support



Last week I began a series of articles about great spiritual revivals of the past. This week I am pausing that series to share something that I believe to be more immediately pertinent and needful.

At the beginning of the school-year we often mention the need to pray for our teachers and school officials. In this day this is vitally important. But often this is so generalized that few really take it seriously as a matter of personal responsibility. The saying, “What is everybody’s business becomes nobody’s business,” comes into play. Or, it is watered down to simplistic prayers such as “Bless Mrs. Jones today. Give her a good day and thank you for her.”

What I am proposing in our church is a Teacher Prayer Support plan that would involve regular interaction between a teacher and a prayer partner who would be focused on a single teacher. This prayer support person would “adopt” one teacher or administrator and commit to pray for that person daily. The teacher would be in communication with his/her prayer partner, sharing concerns, needs and personal feelings. There would be common requests such as patience, wisdom in discipline issues, a love for the student who is difficult to love, preparation, etc. But the teacher would also feel free to share heart concerns, discouragement, doubt, concern for a troubled child relationship issues, etc.

This will call for some work in seeking information about teachers in our church, explaining the program and asking for their permission. I can’t imagine a teacher saying, “No, I don’t want someone praying for me!” In fact, the few I have shared the idea with were elated. Call me if you would like to volunteer.

Then I will have to secure prayer partners who are willing to commit to the program. This may be a little harder but not impossible. Too often we look at a new idea and think of the difficulties involved instead of asking, “Would this be something that would please God, serve to advance the kingdom and encourage and bless someone.” Then let the Holy Spirit work out the problems. I believe it was Thomas Edison who said, “Many opportunities are missed because they come dressed in overalls and look like work.”

Most every church has public school teachers in their congregations. All it would take is for someone to take the initiative, step out on faith and do the work to make it happen. Don’t feel that it is the Pastor’s job or another staff member—they have their plates full already. I can provide prayer guides or prayer prompters if requested. I’m not sure how this will work but there is nothing to lose. Why not try it in your church.

Let us claim his promise that “...he is able to do immeasurable more than all we can ask or imagine according the power (Holy Spirit) that is at work within us.” Eph. 3:20

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## “Boots, Bling & Business” Chamber Banquet Celebrates Clinton’s Finest on September 5th



This Friday, September 5th, the Clinton Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual Chamber Banquet at the Frisco Center in Clinton celebrating the best and brightest this city has to offer. This year’s theme will be “Boots, Bling and Business” with festivities scheduled to begin at 6pm with a reception and a dinner and program of events immediately following at 7pm. With over 250 people already RSVP’d for the event, this year’s banquet will be one of the biggest in recent memory with attendees asked to dress up in their best “Boots and Bling” attire.

The program of events will feature a trick roping performance as well as several award presentations by the Clinton Chamber of Commerce as well as civic organizations recognizing Clinton citizens that have left a mark on the town over the past year.

Awards will be presented by organizations such as Clinton’s Rotary Club and the Clinton Public School Foundation. Some of the awards to be presented at the event include Volunteer of the Year, Top Ambassador of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and a Community Impact Award.

“It’s a good night of community connection and bringing everybody together to celebrate the great citizens of our city,” said Julie Caldwell, President of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce. “And most of the small businesses are here so we talk about programs that we have as far as the chamber is concerned.”

For more information about the Clinton Chamber of Commerce you can visit their website at ClintonOK.org or you can find them on Facebook by searching Clinton Chamber of Commerce.

**HINTON / SB BOND** - A no-tax increase bond will be on the ballot for voters this fall in the Hinton school district. The bond has been valued at \$5,975,000. Superintendent Marci Derryberry recently gave the board an update on the specifics of the bond. With this money, the district will receive: three new middle school classrooms that double as safe rooms; a re-roofing for the district’s multi-purpose building; and an overhaul of the old cafeteria. The next election day for Hinton is October 14th.

**SWOSU / HODGE CENTER** - Southwestern Oklahoma State University President Dr. Diana Lovell has announced that a grand opening ceremony has officially been set for November 13th for the Jerry and Margeret Hodge Center for Pharmacy and Rural Health. Lovell says while the ribbon cutting will mark the building’s completion, the facility will not be ready for classes until next fall.

**WEATHERFORD / NEW HIGH SCHOOL** - Weatherford Public Schools Superintendent Mark Harmon shared details from some recent brainstorming sessions on a new high school project. “We want [our new school] to be able to fit 1000 students. We need 25 classrooms. We need all the different things that go into a high school: courtyard, cafeteria, gymnasiums, and practice fields,” Harmon explained. “From academics, to athletics, to all of the extracurricular thing [like] choir and band. Where’s it going to sit on the land? A lot of planning goes into [this].” Once decisions are finalized, architects will design the building and determine square footage, followed by cost estimates, as well as the review of the tax impact on Weatherford.

**WEATHERFORD / ROUTE 66 SIGNAGE** - The city of Weatherford is continuing work on the Route 66 Signage projects, according to Weatherford Mayor Mike Brown. “We’ve got the Route 66 signs, [and] the big monument sign out by the Heartland Museum. Bud Seltzer and his bunch are working on all those and doing a great job,” expressed Brown. “We’ll [also] have a new “Welcome to Weatherford” Sign that will promote Southwestern Weatherford on Route 66. We’re hopeful to have enough money leftover to do one on the west side of town [near] Exit 80.” The projects are being funded through a \$1 million grant to the city.


**BECKHAM COUNTY / FATALITY** - A 17-year-old juvenile from Elk City died in a one vehicle accident in rural Beckham County. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP) says the driver was driving on a County Road where they went airborne, departed the road, and rolled the vehicle about five times. Troopers said a passenger in the vehicle was also injured in the crash. Both the driver and passenger were ejected from the vehicle. Names of the occupants in the vehicle were not released.

**ROGER MILLS / RABIES** – Officials with the Roger Mills County OSU Extension have reported at least one confirmed case of rabies in the western Oklahoma county this year, and cases across Oklahoma have been higher than usual this year. Officials say if you own or regularly encounter animals (pets, livestock, or working animals), it’s important to make sure they are properly vaccinated against rabies.

**CLINTON / CRH ACTIONS** - The Clinton Hospital Authority filed a breach of contract in Custer County District Court against 3rd Avenue West, citing that 3rd Avenue West had failed to hire competent people to manage and operate the hospital’s revenue management system. As a result, billing and collections of revenue have greatly suffered. The city council met in executive session. Following this session, council member Stormie Hill made a motion to authorize Clinton’s city attorney to draft and file a petition against Rural Hospital Solution and 3rd Avenue West. Far West Health Systems has been hired as the new revenue cycle management company to assist with billing for Clinton Regional Hospital. Additionally, the Clinton City Council acting as the public works authority recently approved a \$200,000 funding request from the hospital authority for payroll and other specifically designated expenses.

**SWOSU / LOOMIS** - Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) recently presented a special recognition to Jim Loomis of Weatherford. Loomis was presented with one of the university’s highest honors, the SWOSU “Presidential Order of Merit.” Former SWOSU president, the late Dr. John Hays, established the order back in 2004. Loomis was a member of the SWOSU football team. He spent six years coaching at SWOSU. Afterwards, he served as director of the physical plant for nearly 15 years.

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"Expand Energy is proud to support the Regional Food Bank’s Food for Kids Match because we believe every child deserves access to nutritious meals," said Nick Dell’Osso, Expand Energy’s CEO of Expand Energy.

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children and their families in all 53 counties served by the Regional Food Bank in central and western Oklahoma.

“No child should have to worry about where their next meal is coming from,” said Stacy Dykstra, CEO of the Regional Food Bank. “Through the generosity of our partners and community, the Food for Kids Match ensures students can focus on learning, not hunger.”

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**About the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma:**

The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma is leading the fight against hunger in 53 counties in central and western Oklahoma and envisions a state where no one goes hungry. Founded in 1980, the Regional Food Bank is the state’s largest domestic hunger-relief 501(c)(3) nonprofit that distributes food through a network of community- based partner agencies and schools. The majority of people served by the Regional Food Bank are chronically hungry children, seniors living on fixed incomes and hardworking families struggling to make ends meet. The Regional Food Bank is a member of Feeding America, the nation’s network of food banks. To join the fight to end hunger, visit [rfbo.org](http://rfbo.org).

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# SWOSU Mourns the Loss of Coach John Loftin

**Jon Chidester** Southwestern Oklahoma  
SWOSU Media Relations State University (SWOSU)  
and the SWOSU Athletic Department are mourning  
the loss of SWOSU Athletic Hall of Fame women's  
basketball coach John Loftin, who recently passed  
away.

John David Loftin was born on January 5, 1943, in Tulia, Texas, to the loving parents of Vernon and Mildred (Hardy) Loftin. A proud graduate of Tulia High School, completing his studies in 1961, John laid the foundation for a remarkable journey of learning and growth.

He went on to pursue higher education playing basketball at Texas Tech University, later graduating from West Texas State college, where he earned his bachelor's degree, followed by a master's degree from SWOSU.

Loftin served as head coach of the Lady Bulldogs from 1981–2000, concluding his 19-year career at SWOSU with an impressive record of 499-99 (.834), highlighted by five National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national championships in 1982, 1983, 1985, 1987, and 1990. In his first season, he guided the team to a perfect 34-0 record and the program's first national title.

That season was one of two undefeated championship runs under his leadership. During his tenure, SWOSU made 14 NAIA Tournament appearances, including 10 trips to the Final Four and a national runner-up finish in 1992.

Across his remarkable 38-year coaching career, Loftin amassed 861 total wins. His legacy was recognized with induction into the SWOSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011 and the NAIA Hall of Fame in 2012, cementing his status as one of Oklahoma's greatest coaching legends.

During the 2022-23 season, the Coach John Loftin Endowment for Women's Basketball was established at SWOSU to provide ongoing scholarship and program support for the Lady Bulldogs. Later that season, the Coach John Loftin Legacy Wall was unveiled in the lobby of the Pioneer Event Center, honoring his lasting impact on the program and the countless lives he influenced.

Funeral services were held on Monday, August 25, at the First Baptist Church in Tulia, Texas. Arrangements were under the care of Kornerstone Funeral Directors. Visitation took place the day before on Sunday, August 24, at Kornerstone Funeral Directors and Crematory in Tulia.

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Alex Baxter Named SWOSU’s Head Strength & Conditioning Coach

ALEX BAXTER

HEAD STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH





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Todd Helton has announced the hiring of Alex Baxter as the new Head Strength & Conditioning Coach for the Bulldogs.

"We are excited to welcome Coach Baxter to Bulldog Nation," Helton said. "He brings great energy, proven experience, and a strong vision for the strength and conditioning program that will benefit all of our student-athletes."

Baxter takes over the program following his role as the Head Strength & Conditioning Coach at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Prior to his time at NWOSU, he spent time on the private side of strength and conditioning, working with athletes to develop performance and injury-prevention programs.

A Moore native, Baxter is a graduate of NWOSU, where he earned his bachelor's degree in Health and Sports Science. As a student-athlete, he played three years of college football for the Rangers.

"This is an exciting opportunity to be part of Bulldog Nation," Baxter said. "I look forward to bringing energy and passion to the weight room every day, and I'm committed to helping our athletes push themselves to new levels of performance."

Baxter is married to his wife, Carli, and they recently welcomed their first child, Colson, in 2025.

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