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“Breakfast in the Country” Returns to Weatherford on September 11th



Provided

Photos from 2025'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 11, 2026, 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.

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CORDELL / ADAMS LAKE CLOSURE - Adams Lake is temporarily closed as work is being done says Cordell Mayor Phil Kliwer. "There's a bad bridge that was back on the southwest side of the lake. [We] took that completely out [and] put a new dirt with a big culvert in it," Kliwer explained. "We're going to have a tender [supervisor] out there to kind of watch over things." There are also plans to implement a new system to lock the park after hours, as well as adding cameras for security measures.

CUSTER CO / BURN BAN - Custer County is now in another 14-day burn ban. County Commissioners approved the burn ban on Monday, August 31st, with the same conditions in place as the previous ban. "Outdoor campfires or bonfires are prohibited, and that's the point of the deal," District 3 Commissioner Lyle Miller explained regarding the outdoor cooking limitations. "Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), natural gas grills, and charcoal fired cooking outside in a grilling receptacle are permitted, provided that it's on non-flammable [surfaces]."

WEATHERFORD / 2026 SCHOOL YEAR Weatherford Public Schools Superintendent Mark Harmon discussed the new school year at a recent Community Coffee, sharing that enrollment stands at 2,300 students, which is up 10 students from the end of last year. There are 110 new students and 14 new staff members in the district this year. "We [are starting] the year good financially," Harmon expressed. "I think the biggest thing that keeps us busy at the beginning is trying to stay on top of our air conditioning units in the middle of this heat. That's a challenge at times, but it's going well."

CLINTON / CARTER HEALTHCARE - Last week marked a significant moment in the history of Carter Healthcare in Clinton, as their operations are now part of "VitalCaring Home Health Group." Carter has had the privilege of serving patients and families in area communities. VitalCaring is well positioned to build upon the work that has been done by Carter Healthcare since 1989.

CLINTON / TRIANGLE PROJECT - Work will soon begin in the city of Clinton in preparation for a new Route 66 Monument. According to City Manager Robert Johnston, the city is "just about ready" to start construction on what he called the "Triangle Project," a two-sided statue featuring sidewalks, flower beds, and a driveway. The lead designer, Anrew Stone, is still working on the triangle's initial design concepts. The monument will be located at the intersection of 10th Street and Opal Avenue and will be provided by the State Route 66 Centennial Commission at no cost to the city.

SWOSU / RURAL HEALTHCARE - With rural healthcare concerns, such as hospital closures, Southwestern Oklahoma State University continues to work toward supporting local communities. "We've had a long-standing partnership with our rural hospitals through our pharmacy program, [which has] been in existence on campus for over 12 years," shared Dr. Kalie Kerth, who is the Rural Health Center Director. "I founded that pharmacy [program], so that really led us to open more doors on how we can support those communities, our hospitals, our employers, but [also] our schools." Dr. Kerth says the center is launching a school telehealth program to offer virtual medical assessments to western Oklahoma schools.

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Donald Amen



Donald Gene Amen, age 93, passed away peacefully Saturday, August 29. He was born on October 12, 1932, to Audry and Marie (Brehm) Amen, the second of six children. The family lived on their farm six and a half miles south of

Weatherford, OK.

Donald attended a local country school four and a half miles south of Weatherford through the eighth grade and went on to graduate from Weatherford High School with the Class of 1951.

Following high school, Donald attended Southwestern State College for one year before being called to service in the United States Army. After completing two years of military service, he earned a business degree from Draughon's Business College in Wichita Falls, TX, in 1956. He then returned to Southwestern State College, completing his degree in Auto Mechanics in 1958.

On August 30, 1958, Donald married his lifelong neighbor Raelene Pascher, who grew up just one mile away. Having known each Other all their lives, they were united in marriage at Emmanuel Baptist Church in a standing-room-only ceremony. For their honeymoon, they took their first major trip together to Colorado Springs, taking in the sights of Pikes Peak and the Royal Gorge. The newlyweds settled in Oklahoma City, where Donald served as head of the sales department for Macklanburg-Duncan from 1958 to 1974. Although they formed many lifelong friendships in Oklahoma City, Donald and Raelene chose to return home to Weatherford in 1974 to raise their family. In 1962, they welcomed their son, Darren Ray Amen. Darren shared his father's passion for the land from an early age, working side by side with Donald for decades-planting, harvesting crops, and caring for their cattle.

In 1974, Donald established Don Amen Drilling Company, a water well service he operated until his retirement from the drilling business in 1982. He later joined Weatherford Public Schools, where he enjoyed working alongside the staff and students for many years. In full retirement, Donald pursued hobbies he loved, including beekeeping, baking pies, and creating stained-glass pieces. Above all, Donald loved being outdoors on the farm, feeding and checking his cattle until his final year. Donald lived 93 full years defined by hard work, devotion to his family, and love for the land.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents, Audry and Marie Amen; brothers, Richard and Larry Amen; and sisters, LaVelle Nickels and Shirley Williams.

He is survived by his beloved wife Of 68 years, Raelene; his son, Darren; his twin brother, Delbert Amen; his sister-in-law, Mary Amen; and a host of extended family members and friends.

Special thanks are given to Dr. Jonathon Ray Long, Angels Home Health Care, Good Shepherd Hospice, and Weatherford Regional Hospital for their care.

Karla Cole



Karla Jean (Mills) Cole was born April 18, 1942, to Pershing and Elperna (Nix) Mills in Hinton, Oklahoma. She passed away Friday, August 21, 2026, at Weatherford Regional Hospital in Weatherford, OK, at the age of 84.

Karla graduated from Binger High School. After working at a few different places, she moved to OKC and went to work for Lee Way Trucking. She later moved to Muskogee, OK, where she owned and operated a trucking company. In the early 1990s, she returned to Binger to help her mother and father at the Mills Cafe. She made Binger her home and enjoyed a simple life filled with the things she loved most—her plants, her animals, especially her cats and dogs, and going to the casino. Karla jokingly referred to going to the casino as “going to work,” and she was very good at her job. Karla had a personality all her own.

She could be a little ornery at times, and she never held back from telling you exactly what she thought. You never had to wonder where you stood with Karla. She was honest, straightforward, and always true to herself. For 30 years, Karla shared her life with her companion, best friend, and “partner in crime,” Frank Boles. Together they shared many years of companionship, laughter, and memories. Karla was a member of the Binger Baptist Church, where she was baptized as a young woman.

She is survived by her son, Steve Johnson of Binger, Oklahoma; granddaughter, Lauren Johnson and her daughter, Charlotte, of Oklahoma City, OK; one sister, Donna Hall of Garland, TX; one brother, Gary Mills of Binger, OK; sister-in-law, Lorene Mills of Clinton, OK; her good friend, Odie Tackett of Binger, OK; her little friend, Kaizlee; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many friends.

Karla was preceded in death by her parents, Pershing and Elperna Mills; her son, Terry Johnson; her brother, Larry Mills; and her longtime companion and partner in crime, Frank Bowles.

Milton Wells



Milton Ray Wells was born January 10, 1943, in Hinton, Oklahoma, to Emerson David and Cleo (Nix) Wells. He passed away Sunday, August 23, 2026, at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at the age of 83.

Milton graduated from Lookeba-Sickles High School. He spent many years farming and later became a local businessman. In Milton’s own words: *“My life reminds me of a crop that was planted. It came up in the warm weather and was very beautiful, but after a little while, weeds also came up and grew very fast. If the weeds are left too long, they will greatly damage the young crop and eventually destroy it. I’ve had a lot of weeds in my life, but praise God, I believe that God heard and answered the many prayers that were prayed for me by my family and other people who cared for me. Jesus Christ came into my life, forgave me, and I was saved before it was too late. My prayer would be, if you haven’t already done so, that you would ask Jesus to do the same for you.”*

Milton will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him. Milton and Donna Kerr were united in marriage in Oklahoma City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emerson and Cleo Wells; his son, David Scott Wells, in 1968; and one granddaughter, Karley Wells.

Survivors include, wife, Donna Kerr of Lookeba, OK; two sons, Brent Wells of Putnam, OK and Kris Wells of Anadarko, OK; grandchildren, Suzanne, Ashley, Kadence, Madelyn, Ryann and Brittany; one sister, Pauline Baker and her husband, Steve, of Elk City, Oklahoma; Donna’s children, Kim Doane and husband Jeff and their son Breyden of Lookeba, OK and Bobbie Kerr and partner Tish of Yukon, OK as well as other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held at the Pentecostal Holiness Church on Thursday, 1:00 pm, August 27, 2026, in Hinton, OK with Reverend Louie Bennett officiating. Burial followed at Hinton Cemetery in Hinton, Oklahoma services entrusted to Turner Funeral Home, Hinton, Oklahoma. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting turnerfh.net, emailing turnerfuneralhomes@gmail.com, or you can find us on Facebook.com (Turner Funeral Homes.)

Ola Mae Crook



Ola Mae Crook, 96, Sayre, Oklahoma was born on April 5, 1930, in Erick, Oklahoma. She is the daughter of Samuel David and Ruth May (Lord) Nutt. Ola Mae went to walk the golden streets of Heaven to be with her Lord and

Savior on Sunday, August 30, 2026, at Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo, Texas, surrounded by her loving family.

Ola Mae attended and graduated from Erick High School, Erick, Oklahoma with the class of 1948.

She married her best friend and love of her life, "C. B." Charles Buford Crook, Jr on February 1, 1950, at Erick, Oklahoma. Their marriage was a true partnership filled with love and devotion. Together, they raised their family, building a life rich with memories, laughter, and love, to this union four sons were born, Richard Dale, Billy Ray, Danny Charles, and Douglas Buford.

Ola Mae and C. B. lived in Erick, Oklahoma, Panhandle, Texas and Amarillo, Texas before moving back southeast of Sweetwater, Oklahoma where they made their home. Ola Mae treasured spending time with her family, especially her beloved grandchildren, creating long lasting memories and sharing her wisdom. She enjoyed playing Wahoo and dominoes, watching wildlife, going to estate sales, and tending to her yard. Ola Mae had many hobbies including, coin collecting, stamp collecting, and coloring. She truly loved visiting with family and friends and would help anyone in need.

Ola Mae was a faithful member of the Baptist Church, Erick, Oklahoma, where she enjoyed the fellowship of her church family. Her faith, love, generosity, and the countless memories she made with family and friends will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, September 19, 2026, at Sweetwater Baptist Church, Sweetwater, Oklahoma. Pastor Ed Wrather will officiate. Interment will be at Buffalo Cemetery, Sayre, Oklahoma. Services have been entrusted to the care of Richard and Tammy Dugger and the staff of Martin-Dugger Funeral Home in Elk City, Oklahoma.

Cherishing her memory are four sons, Richard Dale Crook and wife, Jan of Sweetwater, Oklahoma, Billy Ray Crook and wife, Mary of Pampa, Texas,

Janet Miller



Janet Lynn Miller, 71, Elk City, Oklahoma was born on May 9, 1955, in Elk City, Oklahoma. She is the daughter of Billy Riley and Dorothy Evelyn (McCormack) Womack. Janet went to walk the golden streets of Heaven to be with her

Lord and Savior on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at Bell Avenue Nursing Home, Elk City, Oklahoma surrounded by her loving family.

Janet married her best-friend and love of her life, Larry Paul Miller in 1974. Their marriage was a true partnership filled with love and devotion. Together, they raised their family, building a life rich with memories, laughter, and love, to this union two sons were born, Greg and Dale.

Janet was employed by Great Plains Regional Medical Center, Elk City, Oklahoma for thirty-five years, where she was an administrative secretary.

Janet treasured the time spent with her family, especially her beloved grandchildren, creating long lasting memories and sharing her wisdom with them. She had many talents and hobbies including, painting and drawing pictures. Janet enjoyed reading on her kindle and truly loved visiting with her family and friends.

Her faith, love, generosity, and the countless memories she made with family and friends will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Services have been entrusted to the care of Richard and Tammy Dugger and the staff of Martin-Dugger Funeral Home in Elk City, Oklahoma.

Cherishing her memory is her husband, Larry Miller of Elk City, Oklahoma; two sons, Greg Miller and wife, Guyla of Elk City, Oklahoma, Dale Miller and wife, Tiffany of Canute, Oklahoma; five grandchildren, Bret Copeland of Amarillo, Texas, Emily Dyer of Elk City, Oklahoma, Gracie Miller of Elk City, Oklahoma, Mitchell Miller of Burns Flat, Oklahoma, Cody Miller of Elk City, Oklahoma; nine great grandchildren; one brother, Jeff Womack of Elk City, Oklahoma; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Janet is preceded in death by her parents, Billy Riley and Dorothy Evelyn Womack; one brother, Tim Womack; and one sister, Sharon Marshall.

Danny Charles Crook and wife, Tresa of Amarillo, Texas, and Douglas Buford Crook and wife, Christian of Amarillo, Texas; her best friend and beloved dog, Buddy; and many other relatives and friends.

She is also survived by ten grandchildren: Jeramy Crook of Midland, Texas; Kyle Crook of Amarillo, Texas; Christopher Crook of Pampa, Texas; Morgan Willoughby and wife, Stephanie of Pampa, Texas; Shelby Boyd and husband, Dennis of Pampa, Texas; Brandon Crook and wife, Alex of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Shayla Kidd of Amarillo, Texas; Shelton Brown of Amarillo, Texas; Shander Brown of Amarillo, Texas; and Rilee Brown of Amarillo, Texas; fourteen great grandchildren: Dustin Adams, and wife BreHanna of Sweetwater, Oklahoma; Autumn Monroe and husband, Dalton of Berlin, Oklahoma; Christopher Dyess of Hawaii; Zachariah Crook of Midland, Texas; Dori Dyess of Berlin, Oklahoma; Phineas Crook of Midland, Texas; Greyson Boyd of Pampa, Texas; Annalise Boyd of Pampa, Texas; Charlie Boyd of Pampa, Texas; Beckham Crook of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Kai Huff of Amarillo, Texas; Kinley Kidd of Amarillo, Texas; Calder Crook of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Kaedyn Salazar of Amarillo, Texas; and four great-great grandchildren: Jaxson Adams of Sweetwater, Oklahoma; Stetson Monroe of Berlin, Oklahoma; Jocelyn Adams of Sweetwater, Oklahoma; and Jameson Adams of Sweetwater, Oklahoma.

Ola Mae is preceded in death by her husband, C. B." Charles Buford Crook, Jr of 62 years; one granddaughter, Missey Michell; her parents, Samuel David and Ruth May Nutt; three brothers, Herman Dale Nutt, Jimmy Nutt, Clarence (Bill) Nutt.; three sisters, Bertha Peppers, Pearl Allison, and Gladys Hoffman; three brothers-in-law, Jack Peppers, Wallace Allison, and TC Hoffman.

The family is grateful for Dale and Jan Crook for the exceptional care for C. B. and Ola Mae and allowing them to remain at home for so many wonderful years.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Sweetwater Volunteer Fire Department, Sweetwater, Oklahoma in care of Martin-Dugger Funeral Home, P.O. Box 707, Elk City, Oklahoma 73648.

We invite you to leave a message of condolence, expression of sympathy or share a memory of Ola Mae at www.martin-duggerfuneralhome.com.

The family would like to invite all that cannot attend to watch the service live on the Martin-Dugger Funeral Home website www.martin-duggerfuneralhome.com.

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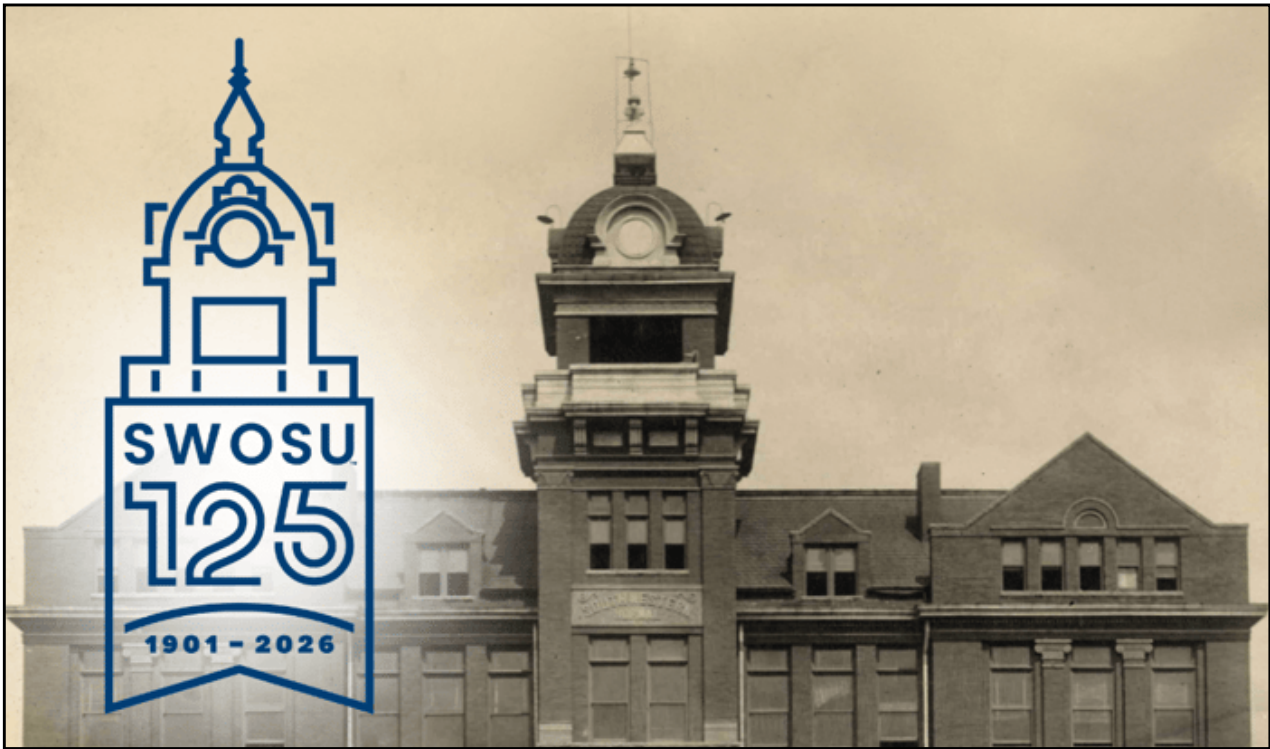
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SWOSU Kicks Off 125th Anniversary Campaign



The bell tower of SWOSU’s original Administration Building, which inspired Southwestern Oklahoma State University’s official 125th anniversary mark.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) has launched a university-wide campaign in celebration of its 125th anniversary and the generations of students, faculty, staff, alumni and supporters who have shaped the university since 1901.

The campaign continues celebrations that began earlier this year and gives Bulldogs everywhere new ways to take part in this milestone. At the center of the campaign is a new anniversary mark inspired by the bell tower of SWOSU’s original Administration Building. The design brings one of the university’s earliest landmarks into the celebration and gives

anniversary materials a recognizable connection to SWOSU’s beginnings.

SWOSU was established March 8, 1901, when the Oklahoma Territorial Legislature authorized a normal school in southwestern Oklahoma. Since then, SWOSU has grown from an institution preparing teachers into a comprehensive university whose graduates serve communities across Oklahoma and around the world. The anniversary celebrates that growth and the generations who have made SWOSU part of their lives.

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The Custer County Free Fair is celebrating a century this year and organizers are planning the Custer County Free Fair for this week, September 10th - 12th. With live music, great food (including the BBQ Smoke off, family friendly events, and of course all the craft and Ag focused competitions, the 100th Annual Custer County Free Fair is sure to be memorable.

Beginning on Thursday, September 10th at the Custer County Fairgrounds in Clinton, OK, The Custer County Free Fair kicks off with a variety of FFA & 4H events. These events include a Farm Equipment Operators Contest at 8:30am an FFA agriculture mechanics competition, and the Farm Hand Olympics which are planned to begin at 6:30pm that evening. This is in addition to entry and judging of all open and 4-H exhibits, showcasing the talents and hard work of people from around Custer County. The Free Fair will also have free inflatables available for guests beginning Thursday throughout the run of the fair.

On Friday, September 11th, the Custer County Free Fair will showcase a petting zoo from 9am to 5pm, the 4H and FFA Trap shoot at 9am, a horse show at 9am,

as well as the judging of all the farm products, crops, poultry, rabbits, Ag mechanics, and other FFA entries besides livestock.

On Saturday, September 12th the Custer County Free Fair will begin the day's festivities with the livestock show at 8am, a petting zoo running from 9am-3pm, the Custer County BBQ Smoke Off and Dinner, as well as a free concert by musician Jordan Rainer at 7pm.

Definitely one of the biggest draws for the Custer County Free Fair is the BBQ Smoke-off which gives first responders around Custer County the chance to show off their BBQ abilities. This year, which marks the 7th year of the competition, will also open it's ranks to the FFA competitors for the first time. First Responders will be competing in a ribs cook-off while FFA members will be showing off their brisket cooking skills. Interested fair attendees will get the chance to taste the bbq at a dinner that will begin at 4pm with plates costing just \$10. Smoke-off awards will be presented at 6pm.

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Weatherford “Blair Cabin” Now Undergoing Relocation and Renovation



Mike Smith
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Work is currently underway for a restoration project of the Blair Cabin in Weatherford. Previously located on the corner of Franklin Avenue and Custer Street, this historic landmark will soon be relocated to the Heartland of America Museum.

A mural is also being painted inside the main museum building commemorating the Blair Cabin. It will be located on the back wall of the main exhibit hall, a straight shot from the front entrance.

Director Pat Smith shared that the Heartland of America Museum visitation and revenue have increased 3x compared to last year and the year prior. “It’ll be beautifully restored by an individual that did many projects for the Oklahoma Historical Society, so I know it will be great,” expressed Smith. “There’s some wonderful artwork going on right now as well behind the wall that it’ll go in.”

For updates, find the Heartland of America Museum on Facebook.

Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma Calls on You This September During Hunger Action Month



Audrey Johnson
Marketing Specialist

This September, the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma is joining Feeding America and food banks nationwide for Hunger Action Month, a national campaign dedicated to raising awareness about hunger and inspiring action to end it.

According to the latest data available from Feeding America’s Map the Meal Gap study, Oklahoma has the second highest food insecurity rate in the nation at 20.2% in 2024, only behind Arkansas at 20.7%. Oklahoma has the highest child food insecurity rate in the nation at 27.3%, with more than 263,000 children facing food insecurity statewide. This data confirms that hunger exists in every county in Oklahoma and is affecting more Oklahoma families than in recent years.

“As the cost of essentials like groceries and energy continue to put pressure on household budgets, everyone can take action this September to help ensure their neighbors have access to the food they need to thrive,” said Stacy Dykstra, CEO at the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. “Whether you give, volunteer, speak up or support your community in another way, your actions matter.”

This Hunger Action Month, the Regional Food Bank is asking Oklahomans to come together and play their part to fight hunger together, whether by volunteering,

advocating, donating or wearing orange to raise awareness.

The Regional Food Bank’s Food for Kids Match campaign continues through Sept. 30. Donations to the Regional Food Bank’s Food for Kids Programs are matched, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$285,000, thanks to the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma, Mark and Beth Brewer, Expand Energy, Dolese Brothers Corporation and David and Lezlie Hudiburg. For more information on Hunger Action Month and how you can get involved, visit rfbo.org/ham.

Dates to Remember:

Sept. 1st: Hunger Action Month Kicks Off
The Skydance Bridge and Devon Tower will be lit orange to shine a light on the issue.

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“SWOSU’s 125th anniversary gives us an opportunity to honor the generations of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and supporters who have shaped this university while also looking toward what comes next,” said Jonathan “Boone” Clemmons, assistant vice president for PR and Marketing. “We want this celebration to bring the SWOSU community together and give Bulldogs everywhere a way to celebrate their connection to the university.”

Official SWOSU 125th Anniversary merchandise will be available beginning September 14th at the Alma Mater Merc, SWOSU’s campus bookstore. The collection will give Bulldogs a lasting reminder of the milestone.

The anniversary website at 125.swosu.edu tells how Weatherford secured the university and how SWOSU alumni later carried their education into NASA’s Mission Control. It also shares the history of the original bell tower that inspired the anniversary mark.

Connections Food & Resource Names Volunteers of the Summer Season



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The Connections Food & Resource Center of Weatherford recently celebrated their “Volunteers of the Month” for the Summer 2026 season. Pictured (from left): May Volunteer Bryan Cook, June Volunteer Michael Munkirs, and July Volunteers Melanie DeFehr and Wood Garner.



Provided

Cyndi Munson, the Democratic nominee for Oklahoma governor, visited the Frisco Center in Clinton for a meet-and-greet with area residents and community members. Munson is seeking the Governor’s Office in the November general election. Pictured left to right is Shandi Coleman, Cyndi Munson and Toni Ruiz

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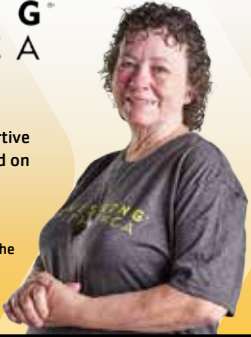
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SWOSU's Final Drive Comes Up 5 Yards Short



Jon Chidester
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SWOSU Football drove the length of the field in the final two minutes and reached the Arkansas Tech 5-yard line with a chance to win, but the Bulldogs came up just short in a 26-20 loss in Thursday night's season opener. It was another instant classic in a series that has produced its share of down-to-the-wire finishes in recent years.

Trailing by six with 1:56 remaining, SWOSU marched 70 yards in 13 plays before getting three shots at the end zone from the Tech 5. All three fell incomplete, allowing the Wonder Boys to escape another thriller between the two programs. SWOSU controlled much of the opening quarter and struck first when Keith Rockwell finished a 75-yard opening drive with a 3-yard touchdown run. The Bulldog defense forced a pair of fumbles in the first half, including one deep in SWOSU territory, while special teams also came through after Tech scored on the final play of the first quarter. Jaylen Niedo blocked the ensuing PAT to preserve a 7-6 lead.

Ethan McBee stretched the advantage to 10-6 with a 25-yard field goal in the second quarter before Tech finally moved in front on a 51-yard touchdown pass with 1:55 remaining in the half. SWOSU immediately threatened to answer, moving from its own 25 to the Tech 23 before an interception ended the scoring opportunity. The turnover didn't cost the Dawgs any additional points, however, as Wyatt Rohmer picked off Tech on the very next play to send the game to halftime at 13-10.

Neither offense found the end zone in the third quarter, but SWOSU continued to stay within striking distance. McBee connected from 41 yards with 1:43 remaining in the period to pull the Bulldogs even at 13-13 and set up a back-and-forth finish.

Tech capitalized on an interception early in the fourth to regain the lead, but SWOSU had an answer. With Knox Dyson and Charles Mutter continuing to rotate at quarterback, the Bulldogs put together a 13-play march that chewed nearly six minutes off the clock. Mutter finished it himself from four yards out, pulling SWOSU even again at 20-20 with 6:22 to play.

The Wonder Boys answered with the go-ahead touchdown inside the final two minutes, but a missed PAT kept the margin at six and gave SWOSU a chance to win it with one final drive.

SWOSU finished with a 447-300 advantage in total offense and held a 28-16 edge in first downs. Dyson completed 29-of-43 passes for 257 yards, with DeAndre Beasley hauling in 12 passes for a game-high 131 yards. Dyson was intercepted three times, including twice on drives that reached Tech territory.

Mutter completed all three of his passes while adding 40 yards and a touchdown on the ground. Rockwell led the Bulldog rushing attack with 70 yards and SWOSU's other touchdown on 10 carries.

The Bulldog defense matched Tech's three takeaways with three of its own and recorded four sacks. Keshawn Jackson had two sacks and recovered a fumble, while CJ McKinney added another recovery and Rohmer supplied the interception. Malcom Gooden and Madox Sekyere tied for the team lead with nine tackles apiece, with Gooden forcing a fumble and Sekyere adding a sack.

SWOSU (0-1) returns home Thursday, Sept. 10 for a second consecutive Thursday night matchup, hosting No. 2-ranked and defending national runner-up Harding in its 2026 home opener. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Team Effort Leads SWOSU Soccer Past Newman



Jon Chidester
SWOSU Media Relations

SWOSU Soccer secured their first win of the 2026 campaign after controlling all 90 minutes against Newman inside the Stryker Sports Complex.

The Bulldogs have now won five straight games against the Jets and have opened the season 1-0-2, remaining unbeaten going into their most recent matchup with Emporia State back in Weatherford.

SWOSU took control early, outshooting Newman 9-2 in the opening 45 minutes. Overall, the Bulldogs held a 17-7 advantage in regards to total shots, while putting 10 shots on goal compared to just one for the Jets.

Newman played two goalkeepers, who combined for seven saves under all the pressure the Dawgs applied.

Emma Young faced just one shot on goal, which reached the back of the net in the second half.

In the 37th minute, reigning GAC Offensive Player of the Week Kinsey Geasland sent a rocket into the back of the net from outside the box to open the scoring for SWOSU. She finished the day with eight shots, five of which were on goal.

Sarahi Delgadillo scored the all-important second goal for her second goal in as many games before Brekyn Cope scored her first goal of the season. Following a corner kick, the rebound bounced Cope's way before she put it top bin in the 82nd minute to keep the game out of reach.

Newman's one shot on goal is the fewest allowed by the Dawgs since November 2022 against Northwestern.



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