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the place where we tell the stories of Ogden
by telling the stories of Ogden people.

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And today we have got a legend.

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Carla Taylor, CT
coach, CT coach Carla Taylor, Weber State alumni, Weber State legend.

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We were state Hall of Famer, right? All right. Yeah,
that sounds like a lot.

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Just just fortunate to have been alumni that played there
and fortunate to have gotten to coach so many years at my alma mater.

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That's right.

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You've got a deep love for Weber State. Obviously, I bleed purple.

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That's right. As do I.

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Absolutely not quite as many years as you did

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and in uniform and on the court there,
but recently inducted into the Weber State Athletic Hall of Fame.

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Winningest coach in women's basketball history.

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at Weber State and, also a former coach for Jaynee. My wife.

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Right. Yeah. How'd that go?

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Oh, you know, it it was fun coaching Jaynee.

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She, her freshman year,
she came in as a volleyball and a basketball player.

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And after freshman year, had to choose, like, which one do you wanna do?

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And she chose basketball.

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And, you know, little as everybody knows,
she's probably better at volleyball.

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But she was really good at volleyball
and why she chose basketball, I don't know. I'm glad.

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And we had her better for four years.

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While you were playing football. That's right.

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And, yeah, she, aggressive. Oh, my.

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She's the kind of player that you want to rebound
like you just tell her, Jaynee, just go after the ball.

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And that's exactly what she did, right?

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Some people would say you said aggressive.

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Yeah, some people might even say dirty.

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Yeah, that's that's B.S..

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No, she wasn't dirty.

She just was aggressive. And she was a tough, hard nosed play.

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Absolutely right. Yep.

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She'd knock you down to go after the ball.

There's nothing wrong with that. That's why they give you five fouls.

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Exactly right.

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Five times. Knock somebody down. Jaynee would do that. That's right.

And the one time in four minutes. That's right.

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Thank you for confirming that for me. Yes.

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So just in case anybody's not, you know, keeping track,
Jaynee fouled out in four minutes.

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And I showed up late for that game,

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and she had already found out
she didn't even get to see her play. Right.

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But she had an outstanding game, I heard. Yeah, she was aggressive,
got a lot of rebounds pushing people around.

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That's all coaches love that.

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You'd rather have that
and try to rein them in than to have to prod them to be aggressive.

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So all right.

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That's okay.

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I was all right with that. Yep.

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So, now everybody knows what I'm dealing with at home, right?

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People that know my wife, they know she's a she's
a little bit of a throw, a puncher, a pistol. You might say. Right.

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Yeah. Oh, she's a throw puncher.

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Yeah. But, love her for it. Yeah.

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And I actually learned about your style of coaching. Obviously.

I watched you coach.

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You were not a pushover.

You had high expectations of your kids, right? Yeah. And that's what.

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That's how Jaynee became who she is, in part.

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Right? Yeah.

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But I remember I was coaching Jaynee.

I, coached youth basketball for a lot of years. She primarily did.

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I kind of focus on softball helped. Yeah, yeah,
I focus on softball. And she helped me.

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She focus on basketball.

I helped her, right? Cause I don't have the background like you do, but.

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But for a long time. You don't have to have that.

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Yeah. When they're young. Yeah.

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And, our young team for Ogden Untamed.

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Were so good at defense.

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We were just smothering people with defense.

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And I'm like man babe, your defense is unbelievable.

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Whether it's a zone or man to man.

Your transition defense was just on point.

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And she in the I remember her saying she goes well I played for CT.

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I played for Carla Taylor right.

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Yeah yeah yeah.

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She there were times when she had, she'd text me or say, hey, you know,
can I have some ideas for practices and stuff?

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And I'm like, you know what to do. You did it for four years.

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But I keep saying to her

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the fundamentals, fundamentals, fundamentals for the young kids,
that's the most important thing for them to start that way, right?

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Yeah.

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Well, we we appreciate everything you've done for us.

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But I know it's we're just one that's just one player.

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You had a whole career of kids
and young adults that you coached and mentored.

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What's the what are the things you look back on now that you're retired
and in the Hall of Fame?

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You're in our community doing doing art.

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We'll talk about your art a little bit,
but what are the things that you really remember now?

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You know, it's so interesting because at the time
when you're coaching them and, and I, I, I was old school.

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It's, you know, you

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you come every day, you work hard and you're expected to work hard
and you're not going to get patted on the back for working hard.

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It's when you go above and beyond and do the extra things,
then absolutely, you're going to get the pats on the back.

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So it kind of kind of old school.

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But I, you know, I think you you've
you've earned a scholarship and the school's paying for you

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to get your education
and you're expected to come and work hard every day.

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So I expected that on my players.
And at the time, I think they didn't realize

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that, that down the road you'll appreciate that.

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And that's probably what I get more later down the road.

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They'll say, yeah, you know, I, I probably haven't told you this,
but I really appreciated everything you did for me.

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And so but at the time, you know, you're not the most popular,
the head coaches the most popular because you're the hard one.

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You're the one that is on them and demanding.

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And and the assistant coaches are kind
of the ones that pick up the pieces and make things okay.

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Gotcha. And you probably know what that's like.

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Well, and you're also the one that's accountable for everything.

Absolutely right.

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It's your job and you're the boss stops here
a lot of pressure on that coach right.

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Yep. Yeah. And

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I do remember your old school style, but I didn't at the time.

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It wasn't really old school.

It was just that's how it was. It was just school.

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Yeah it was, it was, it was how it was.

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And I mean, we had

I had the same circumstances on the football team. Right.

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And, who was your coach?

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I started under Dave. Doesn't say.

Was it? Yeah. And then, then Jerry Graybill.

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Okay. But both good men that helped me develop into the man that I know.

Right? Right, right.

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Yeah. Both of whom one thankful for. Exactly. Right.

But at the time, at the time, it kind of sucked sometimes.

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Yeah, man, you didn't want them riding
you and expecting more and wanting more out of you and pushing you.

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But that's how you learn how to enjoy
and or at least lean into and endure hard things.

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And it's just you don't grow
unless you're doing hard things, right? Right, right.

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And so I know Jaynee???s very thankful for that now. And and,
you know, I certainly am, because

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I admire who I married for a reason.

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Yep. Right. And
and now you do are doing the same thing with two young girls.

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That's great.

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I'm trying to. Yeah, they don't always.

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They're not toughen up at the pace you think, but that you want.

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Sometimes it takes somebody
other than parents to coach them, right. Yeah.

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Oh that's hard.

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I think that's really hard for parents
because it's the it's your parent.

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And so the best thing parents can do
if they're not coaching is say I love to watch you play.

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Oh yeah, I love to watch you play.

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That's all you have to say as a parent
and and go to their game. Support them.

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I love to watch you play.

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It's not your job as a parent to criticize
and break the game down and talk about it.

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Mull it over
because the parents, the one that loves you unconditionally.

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Did you teach that to Jaynee? No. To tell your kids
you love to watch them play.

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Oh, yeah, I think I did because she like constantly is pushing that.

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I would say that all time I was, I was like, man, I wish I could do a

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some kind of a symposium thing for parents because

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don't criticize the officials and just tell your kids
you love to watch them play.

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We know they'll be better for it.

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I always make a point to thank the refs on the way out on there.
Yeah. Thanks, ref. Good game. You know. Yeah.

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Because they are like everybody there criticize
and they're just doing the best they can that everybody can have.

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You know the kind of job like you and I have had head
coach and politician where there's no critiques.

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Oh there's no no.

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Our no arms no. Yeah.

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No armchair quarterbacks that sit up and think they could do it
better and wonder why you're doing what you're doing.

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Second guessing and

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and when you're just doing your best and you want to win the game
or you want to do the best for the city, it's the same thing.

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You just want what's best for your situation.
So you just hit on a theme.

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It's we're talking about building people, right? Yep.

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You're helping to develop people into better versions of themselves, whether you're a coach or whether you're a mayor,

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whether you're a leader or boss and one other way or parent,

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we're all here trying to build ourselves into the best version of ourselves and build others around us in our best right, collectively.

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Right? Right. And you did that for how many years were you?

We were saying 20 through.

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I was five as a player and then 23 as the head coach.

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And I was 26 years old when I got hired as the head coach at Weber State

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Super young.

Four years out of college

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And, you know, I told the story at the Hall of Fame banquet that I didn't apply for the job.

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Weber State asked me to apply, not once, but twice.

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And the third time I was at the University of Utah as an assistant coach at that time, full time assistant

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after I'd been a GA two years at Morgan High School and then a full time assistant at the University of Utah.

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And so I'm psyched

you get to learn under Elaine Elliott. Like national championship.

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Oh my gosh. They're like, you know, they're like cream of the crop in the state.

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So I'm there one year

and then Weber State comes calling and I'm like, I'm not ready.

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I'm young. I need to learn. And thanks, but no thanks.

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And then the third time they didn't call me, they called her and she said, well you might as well we'll talk to them.

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So I thought, wow. Yeah.

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So but yeah, but you're thankful you did that I am, I am I, I've often thought

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for the first ten years I probably need to apologize to all my players because I was learning along the way.

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You know, you just you jump in and you just do the best you can. You learn along the way.

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And I luckily had good players and we were able to recruit in-state players as well as surrounding out-of-state players. But,

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it was it was baptism by fire.

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My bad.

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Because I really, you know, and honestly, the the two years I spent at Morgan High School were probably the most beneficial

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because I was volleyball, basketball, boys and girls track coach.

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I taught math, which I wasn't.

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I taught whatever I told bonehead math, but I and I loved it.

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I had all the rowdy students and they that was right after lunch and they wouldn't miss my class. They would come.

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They were awesome.

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I taught health, P.E., dance.

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And at one point I was a cheerleader advisor.

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Really? Yes. I didn't tell that part at the banquet because I didn't want-

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I didn't want those players to hear that.

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The past players that came. Well, yeah.

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For clarity. It's not bone in the mouth, it's remedial.

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And then by the time I got into boneheaded math, yeah, they called it practical.

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Yeah.

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My yeah I couldn't remember was called, but I honestly it was one of the, my favorite classes. Yeah.

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Because those kids that would stay out in the parking lot or whatever, they would come in for the class and I, we taught how to how to,

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how to use a register on a checkbook or how to write a check and stuff.

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And they were awesome. Perfect.

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I know I and I had, glad I didn't have to have was a math 100 that in college.

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What, you guys have math?

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Yeah. Was it math? 101-101 or whatever you had to take it, I didn't have to

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I did all that in junior college. Yeah. I didn't have to do that. So that was the, practical geometry student of the year.

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Oh, wow. And I would remember being so proud. And then that was when I started to brag about. I was like, I look at that.

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And that's when I learned that I was in the remedial,

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and, I was like, oh, I didn't realize this the whole time. Struggling.

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There was a place for me, thankfully. And then anyway, I made it through and got to junior college.

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We did all the math then, but I what junior college did you go to finish college?

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Oh that's two I don't I don't know. You are only here for two years.

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I had to do a redshirt because I blew my shoulders out. So three years, two seasons to play.

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Yeah. Yeah. But, I remember

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I was thinking about this during your speech at the Hall of Fame when you were talking about your journey to Weber State.

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And I was just thinking about how far women's athletics have come.

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Right. Yeah.

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But can you tell us a little bit about that, like where was Weber State women's basketball at the time

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compared also to where were women's athletics at the time?

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So I was I was the beneficiary of the title nine that came out in, I believe it was 75, 1975,

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because I think it was just it's the 50th year, or it might have been 74 because it was just the 50 year anniversary. But,

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for me, growing up in a small town in eastern Oregon, we didn't have softball.

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We didn't have any soccer like they have now, but I played I was the first girl in the state of Oregon

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to play Little League baseball, and I played clear through to Babe Ruth.

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And because we didn't have softball and, so I played with the boys, but there weren't very many opportunities.

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You had high school.

We had volleyball, basketball and track in high school, and that's it.

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And then when I came to college, we were
I wasn't the first class to have scholarships.

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Might have been second or third class to have scholarships available.

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So you could get a scholarship and you could have your education
paid for, which is why you went to college at that time

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versus kind of what it is now.

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But it just was starting
that women had the opportunity to earn a scholarship

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and go to college
and get your education paid for, to now what it is I mean,

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I would hate for you to unrecognizable.

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I would hate for you to see.

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And I have some game film.

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It's in a, eight track or not eight VHS, VHS.

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I need to get it converted.

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But it was nothing like what they play now.

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The level, I mean, just the athleticism and they're just amazing.

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And then you, you know, then they go on to the WNBA and women's
basketball has just blossomed.

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It's the same way. And football too.

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Like I just look I go watch the Weber State teams now and I'm like,
I wouldn't have made the team.

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Yeah right. Yeah.

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But I think it's also just a function of the development of the game,
the development of how they develop the players. Right.

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And the year we play. Right. Well, how about the opportunities?

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We have those opportunities I mean they're just you know
skill development athletic ability development I mean there it is.

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So and they have parents that have played that helped them
and provide those opportunities.

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Yeah.

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You called yourself a beneficiary of title nine,
which actually we all are now. Yeah.

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But Jaynee talks in the same terms.

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She says, I'm I stood on the shoulders of giants before me.

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Right. It's true.

00:15:33:20 - 00:15:39:17
And so like her mom played softball BYU and Jaynee in her high school.

00:15:39:17 - 00:15:42:07
They only had so slow pitch softball for them

00:15:42:07 - 00:15:43:18
Right. They didn't have it all for you.

00:15:43:18 - 00:15:48:09
Yeah. Yeah.
But I'm a little older than Jaynee a little bit quite a bit. But

00:15:49:17 - 00:15:51:03
but it was just shows.

00:15:51:03 - 00:15:54:15
I'm just saying that it shows the trajectory of, of women's
sports at the time.

00:15:54:15 - 00:15:55:14
Oh, absolutely.

00:15:55:14 - 00:15:57:01
It's just come so far.

00:15:57:01 - 00:16:01:19
And now, gosh, the game now when you compare it to the men's game.

00:16:01:19 - 00:16:06:19
I enjoy a lot more about they play more fundamental defense.

00:16:06:19 - 00:16:10:22
Right. They have
they're just they're more disciplined in their transition and so.

00:16:10:22 - 00:16:13:10
Well they're not playing above the rim so. Right.

00:16:13:10 - 00:16:17:21
They have to run some type of an offense to create a shot for somebody.

00:16:17:21 - 00:16:24:15
Where as the men it just it just can give it to your best player
and they break you down one on one.

00:16:24:15 - 00:16:27:10
Can they create a shot for themselves? Right.

00:16:27:10 - 00:16:30:23
And the women can't quite do that.

00:16:30:23 - 00:16:35:14
But it's, it's at a whole different level,
there's no question. Is the better team game?

00:16:35:14 - 00:16:39:00
Yeah. Yeah. Well, it's it's kind of how the pros used to be.

00:16:39:00 - 00:16:43:03
People didn't like to watch the pros because it was so much fun.
And then it changed.

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And then the men's college game kind of became that.

00:16:46:13 - 00:16:48:05
And now the women's college game

00:16:48:05 - 00:16:54:11
people really prefer to watch or not prefer, but they'll
they're watching the women's game because of the level that they play.

00:16:54:11 - 00:16:55:10
And the team

00:16:56:11 - 00:16:57:20
involvement in

00:16:57:20 - 00:17:03:17
the strategy and the team strategy and teamwork
and some kind of offensive execution.

00:17:03:17 - 00:17:07:12
Right? Yeah, it's a team game. It's every individual, right? Right.

00:17:07:12 - 00:17:10:13
It's kind of the same with softball versus baseball.
You watch the women's.

00:17:10:13 - 00:17:15:20
Yeah, College World Series of softball versus the Men's World Series,
and it's a lot faster paced for softball than it is for.

00:17:15:20 - 00:17:17:14
Yeah, for baseball. Right. Yeah.

00:17:17:14 - 00:17:20:17
It's it's crazy growing fast. It's crazy. Yeah.

00:17:20:17 - 00:17:23:20
So okay, back to yesterday.

00:17:23:20 - 00:17:27:23
Yeah. Back to where you were. So your first ten years,
you said you were learning on the job. Yeah. Yeah.

00:17:27:23 - 00:17:30:13
Just kind of like you got to apologize. And I know I had.

00:17:30:13 - 00:17:34:17
So I had one assistant coach to start with.

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And she happened to be an Ogden High grad and Handy Jones,
and she had played at Utah and I coached I played against her.

00:17:42:18 - 00:17:47:21
And then when I went to Utah as a graduate assistant coach,
I coached her.

00:17:47:21 - 00:17:51:19
She was a year, two years younger than me because I redshirted a year.

00:17:51:19 - 00:17:55:20
But, she came in as my assistant, my only assistant.

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So it's just her and I, and she didn't have any experience.

00:17:59:11 - 00:18:01:11
So it was kind of learning together.

00:18:01:11 - 00:18:06:00
But it she was perfect fit for me.
She was a kind of an inside outside player.

00:18:06:00 - 00:18:08:20
And she developed the post players and.

00:18:08:20 - 00:18:09:03
Yeah.

00:18:09:03 - 00:18:15:00
And she played under Fern Gardner for a few years,
which Fern Gardner is a legend in the state.

00:18:15:00 - 00:18:21:23
She played at Utah State but then coached for years
and years at University of Utah before Elaine,

00:18:22:02 - 00:18:26:14
she retired, went into administration, and Elaine started
coaching, was the head coach.

00:18:26:14 - 00:18:31:11
So and had played under some of the best coaches you could ever have.

00:18:31:11 - 00:18:33:05
So she brings that into

00:18:34:05 - 00:18:35:15
our coaching staff.

00:18:35:15 - 00:18:39:22
And then I think at five years or six years later,
we added another coach.

00:18:39:22 - 00:18:44:12
And but you're like really building something.
Oh yeah. And it took time.

00:18:44:12 - 00:18:51:05
But they, you know, luckily my first year we were really successful
because we had a good group of seniors

00:18:51:12 - 00:18:54:20
and they were kind of hungry for a new head coach.

00:18:54:20 - 00:18:57:15
And, and we did really well to start my first year.

00:18:57:15 - 00:19:01:18
And so then we could kind of build on that and recruit off that. Gotcha.

00:19:01:18 - 00:19:07:12
And you know, it's so interesting if we could get a player
and you probably don't understand this

00:19:07:12 - 00:19:10:11
because you were while you were a recruiter here,
you might understand it.

00:19:10:11 - 00:19:15:07
But if we could get a player on campus, we had a chance to get them.

00:19:15:07 - 00:19:20:17
Oh yeah. If they were out of state,
we had a chance to get them in-state kids. We really battled.

00:19:20:17 - 00:19:26:17
I mean, you had Utah, BYU,
and if if they wanted them, we weren't going to get them.

00:19:27:04 - 00:19:34:18
But for out-of-state players, when they came in
and they walked Dee Events Center or they saw the mountains, right?

00:19:34:18 - 00:19:35:17
Yeah.

00:19:35:17 - 00:19:36:22
I was just the community.

00:19:36:22 - 00:19:41:14
I know it's beautiful. And that was we had such it was such a sell..

00:19:41:14 - 00:19:47:15
If we could get them on campus because of the community,
because of the beauty of the mountains.

00:19:47:22 - 00:19:49:02
And and you remember,

00:19:49:02 - 00:19:56:23

I remind myself of this, but remember that we're talking about maybe not Ogden's heyday in terms of our, Yeah, the economic thriving.

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Right, right. But it's still it was kind of a crime peak.

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It really well, when I came to play, it was 1979 was my freshman year, 79.

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80 was my freshman year. And this little kid from Eastern Oregon

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went drove down 25th Street in my little brown Capri.

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And so scared to death.

00:20:18:19 - 00:20:19:02

Yeah.

00:20:19:02 - 00:20:24:11

You know, we just didn't come down and now it's just, you know, it's a whole different.

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It's a whole new, whole different ballgame.

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It's completely what it's what it's grown to and how which there's a lot of, you know, a lot of people don't remember those days.

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Yeah. Those are the days. That was actually what attracted me here. I was like, this place is unbelievable.

00:20:39:03 - 00:20:42:06

And not knowing where we'd be headed in the future. Right.

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But we sometimes lose sight of where we've come from.

00:20:44:12 - 00:20:50:01

Yeah. Yeah. Right. Well. And and then did you think you would stay here?

00:20:50:01 - 00:20:54:08

No. My parents kept telling me I would see, I kept know I was like, I was like, I'll be back.

00:20:54:08 - 00:20:54:15

Oh, yeah.

00:20:54:15 - 00:20:57:05

I kept saying, I am a true Oregonian.

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I will move back to Oregon. I'm sure I'll go back to Oregon and

00:21:02:01 - 00:21:03:17

I mean, how many years later?

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I still live in Ogden and Ogden and the house that I bought when I became the head coach that we were saying, and I love it here.

00:21:12:12 - 00:21:17:09

And people were saying and we were saying to have that effect on people. Absolutely, absolutely.

00:21:17:09 - 00:21:19:13

People stay longer than they anticipate.

00:21:19:13 - 00:21:26:02

Well, just the, you know, the whole East bench fills that have so many friends that feel like family.

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And I've had people say when I go back to Oregon, which I go back because my family's still there, my brother and sister

00:21:32:07 - 00:21:33:00

and their families.

00:21:33:00 - 00:21:35:12

But they'll say, would you ever move back?

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And I, I try to hesitate for a second, no way.

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But you know.

00:21:41:09 - 00:21:42:01

Yeah. No.

00:21:42:01 - 00:21:43:12

Do. This feels like home to me.

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Ogden is home.

It is me. And it's a great place to live. It's a great place to me.

00:21:48:13 - 00:21:53:03

And I go out my back door and hit the trails on a mountain bike I can.

00:21:53:03 - 00:21:58:04

You're 20 minutes to ski resorts. There's just so you can hike.

00:21:58:04 - 00:22:03:17

You can or you can ride downtown, you know, now you can take the bus.

How about that?

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How about you can take the bus downtown?

00:22:05:18 - 00:22:06:09

The BRT.

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Exactly. So still free fare.

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So yeah. So it's just it's amazing the evolution of the city of Ogden.

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And I mean, I'm sure there's a lot of old timers that have seen it too, but I really have seen

00:22:21:04 - 00:22:22:13

45 years.

00:22:22:13 - 00:22:27:01

Yeah. And it didn't happen by accident.

It's been made to happen by people. Right?

00:22:27:01 - 00:22:31:07

A lot of people that made the downtown what it is and

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and whether it's our police force that make it safe. Right.

00:22:35:02 - 00:22:41:12

Or every everybody's been involved in helping it become what it is today and including you.

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Well, I don't know that I became you're a Hall of Famer and I you well thanks to we were saved but yeah you know.

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Yeah. But we it's part of Ogden. Yeah.

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And been a part of it like you know in fact there were a few years

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I can't remember what year it was,
but we were, trying to get more fans in the stands.

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And so we asked a group of, community leaders,
you know, the Kim Buchards, the Heidi Harwards, the,

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you know, the business people to help us,
help us develop a marketing group to get

00:23:17:01 - 00:23:18:10
butts in the seats.

00:23:18:10 - 00:23:21:14
we would meet down there and then try to think of ideas.

00:23:21:14 - 00:23:25:10
But we also had our players coming down and being involved.

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Whether it was in the Ogden Marathon one year, they helped with,
the clothes pick up when they came down.

00:23:32:01 - 00:23:39:02
So as much as we wanted people to come support us,
we really involved our players in as many community

00:23:39:08 - 00:23:41:22
activities as we could get them exposed to.

00:23:41:22 - 00:23:47:03
But you were also pairing community leaders with players
in terms of mentoring at the time, right? Yeah.

00:23:47:03 - 00:23:48:17
And so I remember that too.

00:23:48:17 - 00:23:53:13
And then we had
we started the we started the elementary field trip game.

00:23:53:13 - 00:23:55:08
Rachelle developed that.

00:23:55:08 - 00:24:00:15
And we we went to a Final Four
and some girl talked about Rochelle's was a coach.

00:24:00:15 - 00:24:02:13
Yeah Rochelle Gardner Sayers. Yep.

00:24:02:13 - 00:24:07:05
She she developed the elementary field trip game.
She said let's do this.

00:24:07:05 - 00:24:13:03
And so we contacted the different elementary schools
and they said, yeah, we'd love to do it.

00:24:13:03 - 00:24:14:09
You know, we don't have the funding.

00:24:14:09 - 00:24:21:07
So Rochelle ends up writing a grant to get the money for busses
so that those kids could come to the game.

00:24:21:07 - 00:24:22:18
And it was like we had.

00:24:22:18 - 00:24:24:01
Yeah, you're talking like speech.

00:24:24:01 - 00:24:24:06
Yeah.

00:24:24:06 - 00:24:30:06
45,000 or 44,500 screaming elementary kids.

00:24:30:15 - 00:24:34:14
And those community leaders, Carolyn Brierley was another one of them.

00:24:34:14 - 00:24:37:18
She worked for the city. Yeah, she worked for the city at the time.

00:24:37:18 - 00:24:43:21
And they helped organize who was going to sit
where when the busses came in because we couldn't do it.

00:24:43:22 - 00:24:45:15
We're down on the court coaching.

00:24:45:15 - 00:24:52:04
But yeah, it was
it was a neat experience for our players to get involved and understand.

00:24:52:10 - 00:24:57:04
If you want people to come watch your games,
then you have to give to the community. That's right.

00:24:57:04 - 00:25:01:16
That tradition still continues. In fact,
when our daughters were at Wasatch Elementary, we did it. Then,

00:25:02:15 - 00:25:05:07
and I volunteered to be a,

00:25:05:07 - 00:25:09:22
chaperon. Chaperon?
Thank you. Yeah. I have never been more exhausted in my life.

00:25:09:22 - 00:25:14:03
Yeah, than when I was done that night. Oh, exhausted? Yes.

00:25:14:03 - 00:25:16:01
I know kids were crawling all over the.

00:25:16:01 - 00:25:17:10
Oh, you know, and they love it.

00:25:17:10 - 00:25:21:20
And they just get to screaming,
oh, yeah, stand up and go crazy super loud.

00:25:21:20 - 00:25:26:03
They don't get to do a school. Yeah.
The players signed autographs for them. It's fun. Tons of fun.

00:25:26:03 - 00:25:31:19
So that was kind of a cool community connection
that we were trying to develop with. So.

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So you're building the team. You're also building it.

00:25:34:17 - 00:25:38:09
You're building a sport, right? You're building a program.

00:25:38:09 - 00:25:41:04
You're building people, you know young women.

00:25:41:04 - 00:25:45:03
And then you're building community. Yeah. Right. Yep.

00:25:45:03 - 00:25:46:20
And I think that's, that's what

00:25:48:01 - 00:25:51:19
that's the difference between Ogden and we were state
and everybody else I think.

00:25:51:19 - 00:25:57:11
Yeah. Is this accessibility for us to be able to participate
right in the building in the lifting of our city.

00:25:57:11 - 00:25:57:19

Yeah.

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You know what I mean.

00:25:58:06 - 00:26:00:11

Yeah. Yeah. No you're right. Yeah.

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You get a bigger city like Salt Lake. It, it's it's so big.

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Big it's so big. Yeah. It's so big.

00:26:06:16 - 00:26:07:12

Yeah. Yeah.

00:26:07:12 - 00:26:13:19

And and not that Salt Lake doesn't do some great things,
but it's, it's kind of the difference in a mid-major

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like Weber State and the experience you get with the professors.

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Yeah. That you get to know they know your name. We had small classes.

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It's just such a unique opportunity
to get, you know, top notch education right here it is.

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It's actually an interesting size and scale.

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And we talked about this here in in our administration is we're
we're a small city in the big picture.

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Like we're not in Chicago. Right okay. Right. Right. Right. Thankfully.
Yeah.

00:26:41:08 - 00:26:45:14

Right. Yeah. Watch the news I'm I don't want to live there.
Yeah I like to live here. Yeah.

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But but we're also not

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a small city here in northern Utah. We're the big city of northern Utah.

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And so we're sort of a small like a, a big city with a small town feel.

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Right? Yeah. So we're kind of resourced

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enough that we can do major things,
but we're not so big that we are wrapped up in an enormous bureaucracy.

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Right, right, right.

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So we I mean, just our police department,
we have 150, 160 now sworn officers.

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Well, that sounds like a lot. That's a lot, right. Makes it bigger.

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But at a time we didn't have that.

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And it was it was battling to keep those police officers
so they didn't leave right.

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And go for more pay.

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And so many things were done to develop that.

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And, and the police chiefs that came in and it was important and
we were able to keep them and, and get more and right to where today.

00:27:42:08 - 00:27:42:23
Yeah.

00:27:42:23 - 00:27:49:03
Now we have a waiting list to work at OPD really, which I don't know
if there's any departments that have that I have around here,

00:27:49:21 - 00:27:53:20
but we're full and police and fire
and we're waiting list and in place and

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but the point is we're resourced enough to do great things
and we get to think and think and have big dreams.

00:28:00:21 - 00:28:03:13
Right.
But we're small enough that we know each other, know each other by name.

00:28:03:13 - 00:28:07:03
I know, right? Most of my officers by name, right? Really?

00:28:07:03 - 00:28:12:15
Yeah. Officers I know, I mean, I, I don't want to know them by name
because that means they pulled me over.

00:28:12:15 - 00:28:13:04
Fair enough.

00:28:13:04 - 00:28:14:16
And I know you.

00:28:14:16 - 00:28:19:23
There are some that. Yeah. I mean, back in the day, I mean, was it
I can't remember.

00:28:19:23 - 00:28:26:10
There were a couple track
guys that were police officers way back and way back in the day.

00:28:26:10 - 00:28:32:07
I can't remember their names. I, I'm terrible with names,
but yeah. No, it's

00:28:32:07 - 00:28:36:21
our city is safe because of things that have evolved and have been done,

00:28:36:21 - 00:28:43:01
which, you know,
you benefit that to the administration and it's important.

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It is. But it Weber State it's the same set up. It's the mid-major.

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And some people are like
oh it's just a mid-major or just Weber. That's all another thing.

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But at the mid-major means you're,

00:28:56:10 - 00:29:00:23
you have that small school feel but you have big school,

00:29:00:23 - 00:29:04:21

dreams and opportunities and access.
They're playing big schools. Right, right.

00:29:04:21 - 00:29:08:17
Yeah. We wouldn't play big programs for not big crowds. Yeah.

00:29:08:17 - 00:29:13:10
And that was those were big opportunities. Right.
And we repeated, you know. Yeah. Yeah.

00:29:13:10 - 00:29:21:14
And then I think the difference was, you know, you might get you could
compete say in football or women's basketball or men's basketball.

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The first half. Keep it close. Oh yeah. Always.

00:29:24:05 - 00:29:30:22
But then the second half it's like they had so much more depth play more
and their their bench was equal

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to your starters, you know,
because you had such a small pool of the really, really good ones.

00:29:37:17 - 00:29:43:10
Right. And then they had and they scholarships. Exactly. They
so it was always the second half was kind of the difference.

00:29:43:10 - 00:29:48:08
But you could hang with them for same with us.
The big the big fat guys in the front would really lean on us.

00:29:48:08 - 00:29:53:01
And you know, for me, I'm tired. Old in this town.
Yeah. Yeah, exactly. It's better than I am. Yeah, exactly.

00:29:53:01 - 00:29:57:07
Yeah. And then they bring another one in,
or they bring the third one in or down. Yep.

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That's kind of same way with women's basketball.

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So you get to a point where you're you're ten years
in, you're apologizing for them.

00:30:05:11 - 00:30:11:21
But you're just you're I can't imagine the the pool is super
deep around around here for women's basketball coaches.

00:30:11:21 - 00:30:16:18
I'm sure there were coaches around.
Yeah, it's a thing. It's an industry. But it wasn't like it is today.

00:30:16:18 - 00:30:18:20
No. Where the sport's so developed. Right.

00:30:18:20 - 00:30:23:20
And so I had to imagine you weren't the only one figuring it out
along the way. Yeah, I think right. Yeah.

00:30:23:20 - 00:30:29:15
I mean there were a lot of women that were given opportunities
that, you know, you'd,

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you'd say, well, are we going to give this woman an opportunity
or are we going to hire a man who had experience coaching?

00:30:36:13 - 00:30:44:11
So I think you started to see women being hired to coach women sports,
which it should be that way.

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But you have to give them a chance.

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That's the only way you get the experience.
And I think we did that for me.

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They allowed me the chance to learn and develop so that we had a woman
coaching women's basketball, which I love that, and that's huge.

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I know that's pioneering stuff.

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I know, and it's still, of all the coaches we state
still has hired women to coach women's basketball.

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Talk about the difference for us like I there's obvious differences, but

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what are the differences from a player standpoint,
like in the locker room and in the program?

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I just think women understand what women are going through versus men.

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But I also think because during high school years,
a lot of those high school girls were coached by men.

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And so it's it's this I mean, I had a women's coach that I played for,
but I had when I was in high school, I had

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men, high school coaches.

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And so I, you know, I, I, I'm
a firm believer that women should be coached by women.

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Men are coached by men.

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And then sometimes a woman will be on a men's staff.

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But but you also,
I think it's hard for women as they progress in their lives

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when they decide that they want to move on and have a family,
then they make the choice to get out of coaching.

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And men don't have to make that choice, right?
I mean, that's just a natural.

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They don't have to have a baby and stay home.

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They they could stay home and help,
but they're not having the baby. Let's just well, Rochelle had a baby.

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Yeah, well, she was your assistant, right? Yeah.

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Well so did and they I mean, they all did.

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And eventually his, his funny and, youngest child, she or her oldest
when she was coaching at first she said the,

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the national anthem would come on and McKinsey would go, hey, mom,
there's the Weber State song

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because she grew up in the gym from, you know, from the time
she was little clear through till she was 5 or 6.

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So she thought the national anthem was the Weber State song that that's.

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And so she got a couple of their kids grow up, which is not a bad thing.

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But then once they want to have another one
and was pregnant with another one, she just said, I just can't do it.

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So she she moves on.

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And then eventually as she after she raised her kids,
she went and coached high school, which is awesome.

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But I think sometimes women have to make the choice. Am I going to

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have a family or do I want to stay in coaching?

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And you kind of make that decision?

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So these are
these are the things that I think today we take for granted.

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And when Jaynee says I stay on the shoulders of giants
that come before me,

00:33:43:21 - 00:33:46:11
these are the things that the Giants before her did.

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Yeah. Right. And there were people before me, the

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the Tennessee coach Pat Summitt, all those people that, that, you know,
I got to rub elbows with

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when we would go to the WNBA conventions all over the country and,
you know, the Tara VanDerveers and.

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Yeah, you know, they just I coached against Tara our first year.

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We went to the NCAA tournament. We played at Stanford.

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Here's the she's like a super winning coach at Stanford was
where she really had her. Yes.

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She yeah. Yeah. But that Stanford she became the winningest head coach.

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And then she retired.
And I think Geno at Connecticut has passed her now.

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But but we we played at Stanford.

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And this is back to the mid-major versus the male major.

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So we we're up like 18 to 6.

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And she has to call the first time out
I was just like yes that was like a moral victory.

00:34:42:02 - 00:34:44:19
Oh yeah. Because she had call the first time out because we were in.

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And then the momentum,

00:34:46:03 - 00:34:55:12
she put a bigger, taller player against Crystal Howell, a local Roy High player who was Big Sky conference, also in the Hall of Fame.

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Yeah.

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And and Crystal couldn't shoot but she was like,
this kid was six seven or something.

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And Crystal had never played against somebody that big.
And she just tried to make the same moves and couldn't.

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That wasn't it didn't work.

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And they caught back up.

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But but I was like,
I'll never forget that. Turn to my sister's going, yes.

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She had called first time out. Yeah.

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That was the win.

00:35:17:12 - 00:35:18:11
Yeah. Yeah.

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It was so but yeah, it's
I don't know where I kind of got off on tangent there, but but women,

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you know, people will say to me, well, do you have kids?

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And I'll say, I had I raised kids for 23 years as the head coach,
and you get them at

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probably the most important time in their life, from 18 to 22.

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Yeah.

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When the parents when the parents and trust you
with their daughters and say, okay, I'm, I'm giving you to her.

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And now,
you know, the things that you teach her are very important for you.

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Did we become an extension of the parent?

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Yeah.

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As a coach, I remember just as a student athlete

and I watching Jaynee go through it, she was just exhausted all the time.

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Yeah, right.

I mean, how could you get into trouble or that tired. Yeah. Right. Yeah.

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You guys were doing you were pushing them doing ladders at like 6 a.m. all the time. Practice.

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Well we early, early practice in the event center.

We didn't have they didn't have volleyball insurance.

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And so you had to try to fit in in three practice times with volleyball, women's basketball, men's basketball.

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And I got so frustrated with the juggling the schedule.

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And I had a lot of players that were pre-med or nursing, you know, medical, and they always had labs in the afternoon.

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So I finally said, you know what?

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We're going to practice at 6 a.m.

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and nobody's going to mess with our pride, which, you know, thinking back now, players love that.

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That's hard on college kids. But they got up, they knew they had to get up.

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So they got up, came to practice. They were done.

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They showered.

And then they had the whole day to go to school and study.

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I'm sure that's all they did.

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Oh yeah. Well, so they went home and took a nap and probably missed class because they were tired. Maybe.

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Yeah, but maybe actually you actually coached a ton of high performer academics.

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Had some really. Right. Jaynee was always all conference, academic. Yeah. And she wasn't alone on the team at all.

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You guys were smart. They. Yeah, they really.

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Our players came for their education.

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They were student first, athletes second, because there was nothing beyond.

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It wasn't like there was a WNBA, right.

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You know, where football and men's basketball, they're all going to either go pro all know.

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Well they but but they think that so. Right.

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So if you're pretty good is your education the most important thing

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I wish I could relate.

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Yeah. But you you I knew I wasn't go to the NFL.

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You knew the same with me.

I knew that it was my ticket to get my education if I wanted to coach.

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So I my education was important and I think the women's athletes were that way because there wasn't anything after.

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So you're there to get whatever it is you're striving for.

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That's actually that's the purest form of the game, actually. Yeah.

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And that is what the in my view, this is not reflect my wife's opinions.

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This is purely mine and mine alone.

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But it does feel like we're losing the purity of the game and the and the sense of purpose behind it.

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The student condition of the student athlete. Yeah.

And now it's all becoming money and.

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Yeah, for me, you know, my parents weren't wealthy, and if I hadn't earned that basketball scholarship, I wouldn't have gone to college.

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And they.

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Because they couldn't have paid for it.

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And and not every parent can pay for college.

So it was a way to have your college paid for.

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And you were serious about it because you once you were done,

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whatever it is you want to be, whether you want to be a doctor, whether you want to be a policeman, whatever you.

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That was your ticket to your career. Yeah,

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yeah.

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What a journey.

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Just talking about

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the time that's passed has not been that long, actually.

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What feels like. I know you just talk about. Yeah,

but you had your knees replaced in year.

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Yeah. So your knees replaced, but you're.

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I mean, you've been instructing mountain biking and you're an active
I do yeah, I got this.

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I was fortunate when I was done coaching to work
with the Goal Foundation and and implementing their youth program.

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So we had a mountain bike camp, pickleball camp in the summer
and then climbing camps.

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But and then we implemented the young runners.

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Yeah. In the elementary schools and that too.

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And it was it was fun and kind of feels like,
you know, you're my calling was to coach to help kids.

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Yeah.

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And I still have a young man. He's a special needs guy.

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And we started when he was 14 years old.

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His grandmother asked me if I would be interested in teaching him
mountain biking, and I did, and, we've been doing it for eight years.

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He's now 22 years and we mountain bike twice a week, year round.

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Do you really? Yeah. We never miss
So we'll get to get back on it in the winter.

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And but again, again, there's so many things to do out your back door
I know right?

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I mean it's the best town ever.

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Oh absolutely.

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So when you're not recreating outdoors you're not coaching kids.

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You're not downtown seeing a show or at the restaurants
because I see you around town all over the place.

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You also do art.

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Metal art.

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Yes, I, I weld recycled metal art, that's all handpicked from
I go out to blooms.

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I put my hard hat on and take my bucket and my gloves and and pick
through the metal and stay back and safe from what they're doing.

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And respectful to what's going on. It blooms and it's amazing.

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It's amazing what blooms does.

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I mean, and the stuff that they take to recycle,
whether it's refrigerators.

00:40:57:19 - 00:40:58:18
Oh yeah, everything.

00:40:58:18 - 00:41:03:16
And we just have another little niche in our community
that's pretty amazing. But yeah.

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So I go pick the metal and figure out how to make it into something cool
and welded together in my studio and go in my garage.

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Your garage? Yeah. Yeah. So, and I love doing it. It's really fun.

00:41:17:15 - 00:41:22:20
I got an entry. It's cool stuff
like the just the ingenuity that you have.

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Do you see parts in the in the piles? And you're like,
I know what I'll use that for.

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Or do you just say, that's an intriguing piece?

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I'll find those for it.
I found that, you know, you kind of use a lot of different things.

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But I've gotten better about being picky because my garage slowly was
the walls were coming in with all the stuff, so.

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And I've got it all organized and, but, yeah, it's more interesting.

00:41:47:18 - 00:41:53:12
Different type pieces, whether it's gears. I just made a piece for, a,

00:41:54:15 - 00:41:57:23
this couple that lives up on, Wheelock.

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And there they zero scape their lawn or their yard, and they.

00:42:01:16 - 00:42:06:07
I made this huge gear dome for them.

00:42:06:07 - 00:42:10:12
I mean, it took three of us to move it off my welding table.
It was so heavy.

00:42:10:12 - 00:42:15:01
But. Yeah,
but different people will call in to have ideas of something they want.

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And can you make this and like, I can try, right? Yeah.

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I mean, what's the I call
I called you and said, can you make a peacock for my wife. Exactly.

00:42:21:22 - 00:42:24:16
And I said, oh, I'll figure it out. Right.

00:42:24:16 - 00:42:26:09
So it's kind of

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I don't think I have the artsy side of whichever side of the brain it is, but it's the challenge part that it just you figure it out.

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It's a creative process. Yeah. Right. Yeah. Well, you're really good at it. Well, I've gotten better.

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I feel bad for the people that got my first couple of years as my welding wasn't great.

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And I've, I've gotten better and obviously practice makes better and, and, I enjoy it.

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It gives me something that I can go out and puts in the garage for hours.

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Or if I don't want to do it, I don't.

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I don't have to. Yeah. You're retired. Yeah, I'm kind of it's a hobby.

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It's it's a hobby that pays the bills.

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Yeah, well it doesn't pay the bills, but it's, some of them maybe kind of help me get to

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in between time where

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you got to figure out what you're going to do till you, you know, can collect Social Security and your retirement.

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Right?

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Because you got to kind of wait to those 6 or 7 and a half or whatever you decide, whichever is that. Yeah.

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What do you call your art studio?

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Recycled metal or, or what do I call it.

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Yeah, it's I don't know, like how I how do we find it?

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Oh, I know how to find you. I just call you, but yeah, you can. People can, it's.

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I have a Facebook and Instagram page, recycled metal art shop on Instagram and Facebook

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and or pretty much if you know anybody that knows me, knows how to get my phone number, I know, right?

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They just call me, text me, and that's how it works.

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I know it's word of mouth and I did start out

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by doing one farmer's market because that's all I could do, and it took me months to prepare for it.

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And then it's have everything's heavy
so hollow. Yeah. And it's sold out.

00:44:09:16 - 00:44:13:09
So I can only do one that I would do Harvest Moon, which was awesome.

00:44:13:09 - 00:44:16:02
And then I would do the Nature Center Christmas sale.

00:44:16:02 - 00:44:21:14
So I kind of spread it out and, and kind of got,
you know, your name out there that you're doing it.

00:44:21:14 - 00:44:24:23
And, and so I get a lot of orders from people.

00:44:24:23 - 00:44:30:21
So people lose sight of the fact that the Farmers Market
and Harvest Moon and these different festivals are actually like the

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the most original incubator.

00:44:33:07 - 00:44:34:16
Oh, for small business. Right.

00:44:34:16 - 00:44:39:02
And it it's how it started with my recycled metal art.

00:44:39:02 - 00:44:41:18
Yeah. It's that's how I started.

00:44:41:18 - 00:44:46:11
Well, and I sold a lot of it. And some of it
when I first started wasn't great.

00:44:47:17 - 00:44:52:12
Well, if you go around town, once you've seen your art,
you can recognize it.

00:44:52:12 - 00:44:57:03
Yeah. And I do see it around town. In fact, I'd knock on doors
and I'd be like, that's a CT.

00:44:57:03 - 00:45:02:11
You can see it in their yard. Yeah. You see it on their yard
or on sitting on the doorstep or up on the door, you know.

00:45:02:11 - 00:45:06:15
And I do have it for sale out at Roosters, the B street.

00:45:06:15 - 00:45:08:04
Oh, the other roosters B street.

00:45:08:04 - 00:45:13:01
I have a little shelf that they let me put stuff out there.
I just took a black cat out there.

00:45:13:01 - 00:45:15:20
I need to take some Halloween stuff. And I.

00:45:15:20 - 00:45:19:15
But I'm here instead of welding on a Friday afternoon.

00:45:19:15 - 00:45:24:06
But of course, I wouldn't miss the opportunity
to visit with the mayor. Right.

00:45:24:06 - 00:45:28:05
Because when we've called you, you zero hesitation
you left at the office.

00:45:28:05 - 00:45:33:23
There's so many more interesting people than me
that you could have this conversation with.

00:45:33:23 - 00:45:35:12
Why would you want me?

00:45:35:12 - 00:45:37:16
And oh well, Cindy was on me.

00:45:37:16 - 00:45:37:21
Then.

00:45:37:21 - 00:45:45:11
Jaynee came into the been to play and poor Raylynn, I thought I could get away with saying, no, she's super nice, but she is.

00:45:45:22 - 00:45:49:20
But then she went. She went to the big dogs.
Do you see how much pressure I'm surrounded by?

00:45:49:20 - 00:45:54:13
I know, wow, this is hard stuff.
I couldn't say no by the end. I'm like, well, I'll do anything.

00:45:54:13 - 00:45:55:13
What do you want me to do?

00:45:55:13 - 00:46:04:10
Well, you couldn't say no because, But you shouldn't say no, because this is the kind of stories that, all of our young girls need here.

00:46:05:06 - 00:46:09:04
My daughters need to understand how far things have come. Yeah,

00:46:10:03 - 00:46:14:10
they have all the opportunities
they have today because of people like you.

00:46:14:10 - 00:46:15:19
Well, right.

00:46:15:19 - 00:46:17:02
In their mom. Yes.

00:46:17:02 - 00:46:23:17
And their mom in a lot of moms around here,
that right, that have been involved in sports and athletics.

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It it is we didn't have those opportunities.
I know you guys fought for them.

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You built it from scratch and you you had to innovate the whole way.

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You had to make do at times.

00:46:35:23 - 00:46:41:09
You just had to find ways. Yeah. And, you know,
we all owe you a debt of gratitude for that.

00:46:41:09 - 00:46:47:09
Well, especially me as a father of two daughters that are playing,
you know, I love girl dads.

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I think they're the best, especially girl dads
that have been college athletes or because they are so

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in about their daughters having the opportunities
that their friends sons would have.

00:47:02:17 - 00:47:08:16
Right? Right.
Oh yeah. One you want the same thing 100% wasn't that way always.

00:47:08:16 - 00:47:15:15
So whenever you see past athletes
or you know that are girl dads, I love it.

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It's kind of funny because genuine, I feel like

00:47:18:21 - 00:47:21:17
we've been around a lot of sports parents in our lives,

00:47:21:17 - 00:47:27:17
and you would think that the past collegiate athletes
would be the most hardest driving.

00:47:27:20 - 00:47:31:04
You have to early age, specialize year round.

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Yeah, it's actually the opposite. Yeah.

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We're we're much more multisport oriented.

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We take breaks through the season for different seasons of sport.
You know, that's because we all did that right.

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You know.

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And it's the the ones that haven't experienced
or been the three sport athletes that in that develops you.

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So much more well-rounded as an athlete then specializing.

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And then you have the burnout.

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But if you have yeah, if you have parents that weren't athletes
or they wanted to be, but maybe they weren't,

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but now they want their kids to be, they seem to specialize
and they'll do anything to give them that opportunity.

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And it's like you let them be kids. Yeah. Just set them back. Yeah.
Let them be kids.

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Let them experience the different sports and.

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Yeah. And develop, you know, develop the skills and all those sports.

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That's why we've developed our, our Untamed Sports Academy
and the Untamed Sports Program so that we could be in this niche

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that is kind of off forgotten. Right.

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There's a there's a good recreation offering out there through cities
and recreation departments around the state, in the country.

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And then there's this, this travel and accelerated.
Right. Hyper specialized track.

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And it's like it's like once you get into that travel
accelerated track, everybody's trying to get to the top.

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And you miss the middle,
and the middle is the development, the miles, the multisport.

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It's we need to make sure that we have opportunities for kids to play at a higher level of competition, but not in a specialized early age.

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Right. And allow them to experience all the sports so they can decide later in life which, when they fall in love with. Right, right, right.

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And let them pick, you know, let them pick what they love. Right?

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Like if your girls don't pick basketball, that's okay.

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Maybe they pick volleyball, or maybe they pick track, you mean.

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And same thing for boys.

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Let them pick what they love to do, but expose them to the different sports.

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And then they can pick. Because if you don't love it,

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you're not going to excel in it.

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You're going to burn out.

You're going to, you know, it's it's great drudgery, right?

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It's the same concept of you're when you're going to decide what your vocation is going to be in future. Yeah.

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The old model is what am I passionate about. Yeah.

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Well what are you also good at.

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Right.

And that helps to breed success which helps to breed passion. Right.

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And that's a different it's aptitude based instead of passion based. Right.

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But you need to think about both. Yeah.

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And anyway I really appreciate that you came

I know, I know how about you didn't want to shower.

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It wasn't that I didn't want I didn't want to have to get dressed up.

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I didn't want to get gussied up and have to do my hair.

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And, you know, I could, because when I go out to the the studio, like, in my garage, I just put a welding helmet on so I don't have to.

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Right? Yeah.

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My clothes get burned,

you know, I get burns and stuff, but it's Friday night.

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I know, but anyway. Well, thanks for thanks for being here.

Thank you for having me.

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And I love what you're doing.

And the city's in good hands and appreciate that.

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And there's so many good things going on that,
the people need to recognize and

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and, you know, I talked about this.

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I'm sad at the criticism that goes on that instead of seeing the good
because there's so much good in our city, so much good in our city.

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There is.

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And it's the way it is in the world, whether you're coaching or. Yeah.

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And in my position there's it's easy to be a critic. It's
hard to be a leader.

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Yeah. And,

I really appreciate all of the heart and the hard work that you put in.

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And to be a leader city.

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I know that you were hard on Jaynee and all the other teammates
all those years, but that that is a blessing, right?

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It makes you a better person and makes you prepared
for the things that come to you in your life. Right?

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And it's not like, you know, we're abusive
and just know you held them to a high standard, right?

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You had high expectations in you
and you forced them to think the same way. Yeah.

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And now today that's

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there's women all over the country that played under you
who are absolute smashing successes in life, however they've chosen.

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And and that's a testament to you.

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You're an example of that too, from coming from a football program
and and pursuing something that you wanted to do,

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you know, after your fish and game. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

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And I know you're passionate about it. It was awesome.

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It was about loving it. And I, what a fun job. But still a lot of work.

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And I just have great respect for anybody that wants to be in politics,
because I don't want to be in politics.

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But I think people that are civic minded do,
and they're doing it for to better our city.

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And those are the type of people that we need in our government.

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I agree,
and there's actually more people like that than people who think.

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I get to rub shoulders with a lot of politicians and they're,
they're not all what you think.

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Yeah. There's a ton of people that just love where they live
and they just want to help their town and their city.

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Right. And, and that's

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as much as fun as I had doing the fishing game.

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This is way more fulfilling. Not nearly as fun.

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Yeah. Yeah, if that makes sense. No. Yeah,
but it's harder, more challenging. It's more purposeful.

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You get to see the benefits of all the hard work that you do,
and all the people that are working with you can accomplish.

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But it's that's what we do in Ogden. That's what we do in the state.

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That's what makes us great, right? Yeah. Great. Great, great.
Yes. So CT thanks for taking some time to come in.

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Thank you. Really appreciate it.
And thanks for being such a positive presence in Ogden.

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Thanks for building our city by building our people.

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Well thank you I,

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I'm fortunate to live here and I'm fortunate to be surrounded
by so many great people that have also impacted my life so well.

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It's not just what I've done, it's
what other people have done for me as well. That's right.

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See the selfless servant.

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Let's let's do a call to action. All right,
so every episode we end up with a with a call to action.

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And I'll say two things.

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First, if you see things it's easy to see the negative.

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It's easy to to grind on things and to be critical.

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And it's easy to wrap our minds around that.

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And when you do that, we become

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we become a reflection of it. Right?

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And the same can be said if you see positive things,
there's more positive things around you than there are negative.

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Yeah. But you have to see it and you can't see it
unless you remind yourself to see it, to feel it.

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And if you do that, you can be
it is all about mindset, right? Absolutely.

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So make sure when you're out there
that you're not just looking for the things to be critical of,

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what are the things that are that we're blessed to be around,

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and what can we do to help lift the things,
the challenges that are around us?

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We're not ignorant of those know for there, right?
So be a builder, be a lifter.

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Don't be a don't be a breaker. Yeah, right. But also

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look up Recycled Metal Art.

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Yeah. There you go. By Carla Taylor on Instagram
and Facebook. Instagram. Facebook. Yep.

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You won't be disappointed. She's super talented.
She's very modest about her talents and her abilities.

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But I promise you, if you look at the work that she does
and the art that she does, you'll find something that you love.

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And you would be able to support a local artist.

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Starving artists, the starving artist. There you go.

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That's today's episode.

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Carly Taylor, CT, coach CT

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thanks again for everything you are and everything you've been.
I am Ogden City Mayor Ben Nadolski

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And this is the Ogden Way. Until next time, get out there.

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Do great things and be a positive influence.