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## Styles Belcher: An Auctioneering Tradition in Memories



STYLES BELCHER

By Tamara Smart

While Knox County may be a great place to be from, for some it is also a great place to END UP. Knox is inundated with Texas tradition, from the farmlands to the oil field, and is a little known mecca for those who relish the Texan culture. In

1991, another hardcore Texas man came to Knox County to make his home and take care of his parents.

When Styles Belcher moved to Knox City, he brought with him the memories of many years of auctioneering stories to add to the depth of the wealth of

culture found in Knox.

In 1965, Styles began his career auctioneering, trying to emulate Gene Autry in the commercial which played during the Lone Ranger program as it advertised for Lucky Strike cigarettes with the final quip in the ad being "Sold to American". (Belcher never smoked, but always remembered Autry's auctioneering style in that commercial).

Mainly, in his years of over-the road auctioneering, Styles sold heavy road equipment, oil field equipment and over the road trucks. He traveled everywhere and from each auction took another story and added it into his memory bank.

Some of his favorite memories are told on a daily basis as he sits and reminisces with other retired gentlemen at the local cafes or in the store.

Belcher recalls one time in San Antonio selling a restored John Deere tractor to two men who bought it to drive it in a parade.

Unfortunately the fellows who bought the tractor didn't know how to operate one, yet this ignorance didn't stop them from wanting to buy it (which they did), and then go joy riding in it (which they also did). The friends got their newly bought tractor up in the barn where the equipment being auctioned was stored and then proceeded to run it into the wall... or rather through the wall... of the barn. Both men bailed before the tractor hit the side of the building, so it continued to run amuck causing a great deal of damage in its wake.

There was also an auction that Belcher called that there was a lady who kept out bidding herself. Finally, Belcher pulled the auction to a halt and inquired as to why the lady kept bidding, even when she already had the highest bid. Embarrassed, the lady admitted that she wasn't bidding, she was fanning herself as she was experiencing a very intense hot flash.

Being on the road was

stressful for Belcher. There were times that he ran from state to state auctioning whatever and wherever there was equipment to be moved. Once, he recalls, he sold an auction on Monday in Atlanta, Tuesday in Orlando, and Thursday in Tiago, North Dakota.

Once he called an auction in Munsie, Idaho where it was so cold (10 degrees) the microphones froze.

Belcher fondly remembers the thrill associated with big sells in the industry. One of the most vibrant memories for Belcher of this "rush" came when he sold 4 D9 Bulldozers in 4.5 minutes for 1 million each. There was a Pecan processing plant he sold once that went after only 3.5 minutes of auctioneering for \$1,200,000.

Because of his extreme experience with oilfield equipment; eventually, Belcher went on to appraise for the FDIC where he worked for a year and a half on the Vernon Savings and

Loan. In 984, during the oil field collapse, Belcher did 921 appraisals for the FDIC.

During his appraisal career, Belcher was able to work in some of the weirdest, "out of a novel" type of situations. Once, while working for a bank in Addison, Texas, Belcher went to see the largest lende of the bank. Apparently, he was also the biggest drug dealer in the area as well. When Styles went to meet this fellow, he was given an escort named "Bubba" who could've been a "stand in for Shaquille O'Neil. (Probably a sight to see this old cowboy standing next to Bubba).

Styles moved to Knox City after his parents, who resided here got into a horrific car accident. He was their caretaker until his father passed away in '99 and his mother died in '05. Now, Styles looks after the family farm and writes in his spare time. Currently, he is working on a book about his auctioneering days, which he hopes will be published in the coming future.

### Knox County Citizens to Participate in MLK Celebration in Sweetwater

The 4th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Program is now on the slate for Monday, Jan. 18, 2010. The 2010 Dr. King Event will not be the regular scheduled banquet, according to coordinator Rod Amos. "The 2010 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will present it's First African American/Black Play- Theatrical Production. We will present the most popular Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. plays in the United States. This most exciting play is called - "The Meeting". Our guest, that will be performing "The Meeting", will be David W. Carter High School Drama/Theatre Department. They will be presenting the "one act", 30 minute play, along with a great skit targeted to motivate/inspire "Generation Next" (youth and young adults) to step up and do the right things."

"We perform this play so that our generation can appreciate the contributions of Martin Luther King and Malcolm X," said members of the cast. "We need to educate our world so that we may understand our rich history and step into the promise of a bright tomorrow. Because of our forefathers' sacrifice and our brothers' courage to fight for our rights, we can now live the dream," they added.

A "Words of Expression" segment will be provided by several local and regional persons to fill in for the spot of a normal key note speaker.

Admissions to the annual program are as follows:

Adults ages 19 and over and Senior Citizens, presale \$10;

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### Knox City - O'Brien CISD Livestock Show to be Sunday January 10

Knox City- O'Brien CISD Livestock Show will take place on Sunday Jan. 10, at the Knox City Ag. Farm. The Show is open to Knox City Youth, 4-H, and FFA members, enrolled in Knox city- O'Brien School. Exhibitors need to be at the Swine Barn at the Knox City Ag Farm by 2:30 p.m. It is important that you know the

weight of your show animal before you get to the show in order to turn in your weights for entry. Weight cards will be provided.

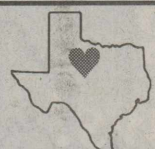
There will be classes for pigs, goats, and rabbits. If you have any questions, you may contact Mr. Nelson at 940-657-5171. Show will begin around 3:00 p.m.

### CORRECTION

In last week's article about the happenings in Knox County during the 2009 year, The fact the Knox County Cleaners has reopened under the new ownership of Jim and Tammie Dillon was inadvertently left out. The Knox County Cleaners ARE open for business. Their hours are from 8 am until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 am until noon on Saturday. They are located at 323 N. Central Ave. in Knox City.



Raquel Acevedo jumps one in for 3 for the Lady Stangs on Saturday's District game. The Lady Stangs beat the Lady Moguelettes, but the Mustang men suffered a loss to the Mogul team. For more pictures, check out the sports pages. (Photo by Tamara Smart)



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# OPINION



## The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

### Endless Possibilities

I love small towns. It's in small towns where the individual stands out. Small towns nurture their own. I've yet to see or hear of a homeless person in any small town I'm affiliated with where attempts to help were not made. Simply put, the vast majority of rural Americans are compassionate.

Business owners in small towns tend to be compassionate as well. They support schools, civic groups, athletic teams, etc... Believe me when I say small business owners take care of their own.

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am an Honorable Discharged Vietnam Veteran who has been turned down 15 times for compensation and pension. I know of others who have been denied their benefits also. I know if all the veterans would let their congressman know how they feel about this injustice, it could be taken care of. I am going to write all of them plus the President. I don't like the way our country is treating us, the veterans. Many have died for this country. We have to pay the VA for medical treatments, medicines, and travel to hospitals. I know that all need to wake up and see this is wrong Veterans, if you won't or can't write

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Thank you,  
Jimmy Huff  
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US Navy Vietnam Veteran

## CHANGE is a Bowl of Cherries... with a pitter

By Rob Kall

Pardon me if I stretch this metaphor too far.

The cherry season has returned and sweet, juicy cherries are back, at about \$4.99 a pound.

I used to be allergic to cherries. Not any more. I used to accept the fact that I had to deal with the cherry pits. Then I got a pitter. I can pit a dozen cherries in two minutes and add them to all kinds of food and now, I think of cherries differently. Imagine if we could have Democrats without the "pits."

Last year I received a cherry pitter for my birthday and I've put it to great use. The cherry pitter is a very simple but also wonderfully handy device that takes a fruit that forces you to bite, chew, then spit out one pit at a time and turns it into a fruit that you can add to all kinds of foods, with no fear of biting into a pit. Imagine if the Democrats were the same-- if we could trust them.

Then, I heard on one of the Sunday talk shows or was reminded of the phrase "life is just a bowl of cherries." In this case, they were saying it wasn't.

So I took the cherries I bought last night, put 'em in a bowl and as an afterthought, since the cherry pitter has changed my relationship with cherries, threw the pitter into the image.

Then, I started playing with some of the one and two dollar and free iPhone photo image processing apps I've picked up recently. There's the one that creates the images that look like the Obama logo.

I put the cherries with the pitter with the word hope. Nah. Then, I put it with the word CHANGE and it hit me. The pitter pulls the pits out of cherries. That makes it easy for me to add them to cereal, oatmeal, yogurt, pastries, ice cream, kugel (get it at Wegmans or a Jewish Deli.) etc. You have to try hot oatmeal with 15-20 cold pitted cherries. Same with yogurt with a dozen cherries-- forget about the eeny weeny bit of fruit



# CHANGE

soaked with sugar they put on the bottom.

We need a "pitter" for the congress to get rid of the blue dogs and the sell outs to the banksters and insurers. Jane Hamsher's been doing extraordinary work on it. Markos Moulitsas has been standing up to the Democrats. This is where the nation needs to go. We need battalions of pitters in every state, way ahead of the primaries, to chop out the DINOs, blue-dogs and sellouts-- the Liebermans and Baucuses, Mary Landrieus, Ben Nelsons, Barney Franks and Nancy Pelosis who have betrayed their base or operated in a cowardly, impotent manner or as failed leaders. Whoever says Harry Reid did a brilliant job is a whitewasher. If the health reform legislation comes out of conference with serious improvements, then I'll change my tune on Reid and Pelosi. So far, they fit the profile as backstabbers of the middle class.

Some cherries have pits so big they won't go through the hole in the pitter. You have to dislodge them, tear the cherry apart a bit in the process. Maybe the Democratic party has to be torn apart a bit,

face a bit of chaos as well. It looks like this November, unless the Dems do some major improvements very fast, they will be simply decimated. They'll be replaced by disgusted voters who, justifiably, felt betrayed. Those Democrats will be replaced by far worse right wing extremists who will accelerate the death of the American middle class. I'm not saying the current batch of Democrats, especially some of the committee heads, are not helping to destroy the American middle class, but the right wingers will speed up the process.

So, what we need are some Democrat pitters. You can get a cherry pitter at Hamacher Schlemmer. You can BECOME a Democrat pitter. If you're a progressive, you have it in you. Find that pit ejector and start putting it into action.

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## Thanks for Reading The Knox County News!



Named for the historic FW&D Engine 501, The 501 is always exactly 501 words and dashes long, whatever the topic. Welch,

The human condition. for virtues, the Rand-Novelist's distinguish themselves and their work when they address it. But if you really want to know what makes people tick, read the classifieds.

Speaking of novels, I've been listening and listening and listening to Ayn Rand's "Atlas Shrugged" on compact discs -- 42 discs in all. I'm currently on the 37th. Rand has been on her sturdy soapbox from the start, using clearly drawn characters in her novel to get her survival-of-the-fittest philosophy across definitively. Appearance-wise, the main physical trait of the good guys and gals is a lack of flab. In fact, Rand is so firm on that point that I think someone could file a lawsuit charging her with discrimination or stereotyping or something. But as for my flabby self, I've got better things to do -- like read the classifieds.

I've been reading all the ads through an Ayn Rand filter. After 40 hours of "Atlas Shrugged," you would be too.

If you've never read Rand, let me clue you in with a quote from disc No. 37:

"... life is a value to be bought and ... thinking is the only coin noble enough to buy it." (Forgive me, but the "Thrifty Nickel" logo comes to mind.)

Rand, who is speaking through the voice of one of her heroic non-flabby characters, John Galt, expounds by stating the axiom "Existence exists" and saying the only choice people need to make is the choice "to live."

Well, I think I thought that already.

There's more. Reason, purpose and self-esteem are the three values that comprise morality. As

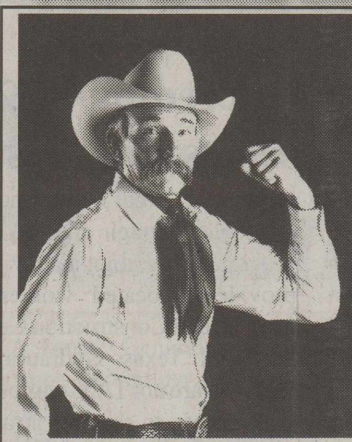
for virtues, the Rand-Novelist's distinguish themselves and their work when they address it. But if you really want to know what makes people tick, read the classifieds.

When you boil it all down (I'm saving you some reading), I think what Rand really admired most in people was gumption -- "shrewd or spirited initiative and resourcefulness" in dictionary terms. All Rand's characters seem to be defined either by having it or not. The only two misguided characters who redeem themselves in "Atlas Shrugged" (at least so far) do it by having the gumption to think.

Anyway, when I peruse the classifieds wearing my Ayn Rand glasses, I see people Rand would have liked. It takes gumption to place an ad. I see capitalism unfettered. Rand is known as a capitalist par excellence of the laissez-faire variety. When I take off my Ayn Rand glasses, I spot a few characters who probably have gumption but lack honesty and integrity -- con artists, if you please. Like I said, capitalism unfettered. Either way, the classifieds are the makings of a novel of Randesque proportions -- a description of the human spirit and essence of existence described by what people buy, sell and trade, meaning everything from artisan breads to wolf-American Pit Bull cross puppies to oil derricks.

Speaking of the human condition, it's a great time of year to buy a like-new fitness machine that somebody else bought a year ago to fulfill a New Year's resolution.

In the final analysis, there's no excuse for flab.



## ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

## THE TEXAS THANK YOU TOUR

I made the trip to Texas this fall and was able to revisit a couple of monumental memories, just to see if they were real.

When I was going to veterinary school in Colorado I worked summers in the feedlots managed by Diamond A Cattle Co. The second year I hired on at the 50,000 head yard in Thermal, CA. Yes. Thermal... a summer job. I was batchin', eating greasy tacos and renting a room with no air conditioning. Occasionally one of the men on the doctor crew would take me home with him for lunch. I'm sure his wife thought of me as a stray dog... "Can't you feed him out on the porch, Simon!"

But he and I sat at his little kitchen table with bowls of chile colorado, using homemade tortillas she handed hot from the stove which we used as spoons. It is still one of my finest dining experiences.

He moved to Rockport, TX. I went by to see him for the first time in thirty years. It was important to me to let him know that, to this day, I have never forgotten his kindness.

I also swung by the little town of Schroeder. Several years after working for Simon, I had fallen on hard times. Red Steagall, western singer and Texas treasure, invited me to go with him to play a dance at Schroeder Hall. It was humbling for me. I was kinda star struck. We loaded in his new Cadillac. During the five-hour drive from Ft. Worth, I soaked up his wisdom and companionship. When we arrived at Schroeder Hall, we could have been in Kenya, for all I knew. I'd not paid any attention to the road or the scenery. Red said, "Bax, do me a favor."

I said, "Anything." It would give me a way to show my gratitude. He dug a ball of car keys out of his pocket bigger than a hippopotamus cud! "Would you mind holding these while I'm singing? I hate to carry this big wad around."

"Of course," I said obsequiously. We walked off. Well, I didn't want to go to the dance with that big wad of car keys in my pocket either! I peeled off the Cadillac key and threw the wad on the car's floor mat. At midnight I hooked up with another ride who was going to San Antonio. I went into the dance hall and said my goodbyes to Red and went to get my bag out of his car. It was then I realized that Cadillacs had two keys; one for the door and one for the ignition. I had kept out the wrong one! It was 3:00 am before the locksmith arrived from Victoria.

On my Texas tour I hunted up Schroeder Hall. It was still there and still had a dance hall. I stared at the light pole in the gravel parking lot and had a nostalgic chill. I remember, in my embarrassment that I insisted on paying for the locksmith.

I also remember he said, "Okay" just a little quicker than I'd expected!

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July 7, 1924-Dec. 21, 2009

Frank died early on Monday, Dec. 21, after a short battle with cancer.

He was born in Knox-City TX to Frank and Alpha Mae Nance. He was a member of the US Marine Corps from 1941-45 and fought in the Pacific Theater in World War II. In 1946, he moved to California where he worked as an electrician until his retirement in 1986.

He is survived by his son, Joe Nance (Barbara), his daughter, Edythe Watts (Randy) both of Turlock, 5 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and a sister, Bobbie Leach of Midland TX.

Services were held December 24 at Lakewood Memorial Park in Hughson CA.

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## US Department of Labor announces grant exceeding \$2.2 million to assist Texas workers

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$2,201,214 grant to assist about 500 workers affected by layoffs at multiple companies in the construction and manufacturing industries in central and southeastern Texas.

"Texas construction and manufacturing workers have contributed immensely to our nation, and they deserve our support," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "This grant will help ensure that the affected workers receive the employment and retraining services necessary for securing jobs in new and emerging local industries."

Awarded to the Texas Workforce Commission, the grant will be operated by the Central Texas Workforce Board. It will provide dislocated workers from Alcoa Inc. and Zachry Holdings Inc., all of whom are also certified as eligible for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA), with access to "wrap-around" and supportive services, such as dependent care and transportation

assistance, that are not available through the TAA program. The grant also will provide dislocated workers from Becon Construction Co. Inc. and Texas Hydraulics Inc. who are not TAA-eligible with access to the full array of dislocated worker services available.

Layoffs at the companies covered by the grant took place between September 2008 and April 2009.

Of the \$2,201,214 announced today, \$1,021,902 will be released, initially. Additional funding up to the amount approved will be made available as the state demonstrates a continued need for assistance.

This grant will be funded by resources made available for National Emergency Grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

National Emergency Grants are part of the secretary of labor's discretionary fund and are awarded based on a state's ability to meet specific guidelines. For more information, visit <http://www.doleta.gov/NEG>.

## Where is Mrs. Knox County?

Melissa Pocza, Mrs. Texas 2009, recently competed at Mrs. America. Who will she crown as her successor? The search is on...Mrs. Texas is proud to announce its search for married women residing in TEXAS who wish to receive the honor of representing their community in our 2010 State Competition. Selected applicants will receive an official title and banner and become their community's representative. The State Competition will be held at the Historic Palace Theater, June 10-12, in Corsicana, TX.

Feelings are strong in promoting Mrs. Texas with elegance, grace and dignity. Fifty percent of the points to achieve the title of Mrs. Texas are determined by an interview with each contestant. There will also be evening gown and fitness competitions. Husbands are included and acknowledged in the competition, with each contestant escorted by her husband during the evening gown competition.

Mrs. Pageants allow women who have devoted much of their current lives to family, marriage, and career to showcase their accomplishments and reach out to other women like themselves. The woman who is crowned as Mrs. Texas 2010 will then go on to represent the great state of Texas in the only nationally televised pageant for married women, Mrs. America.

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## God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor O'Brien Baptist



### Encouraging Words for Discouraging Days:

Many of you will remember the television sitcom that lasted for years called, "Hee Haw". Roy Clark, Buck Owens, Grandpa Jones, Minnie Pearl and many more made us laugh and forget for a moment the hard times of our day.

Many Christians have experienced deep discouragement; not just your typical bad day, but heartrending pivots that jerk the emotional slats out from under you. Whether the discouragement has come from personal failure, the loss of a loved one, or the constant battle with sin, we all need a fresh reminder that God is in charge-no matter how deep our pain takes us.

In the book of Job, we meet a man who could not have more tragedy come into his life. He lost his wealth, his business, and his children all in one day. A very short time later his health was threatened with excruciating pain and loss of any hope. His wife even turned against him and told him to curse God and die. If there were any circumstance which seemed absolutely hopeless it would have to be Job's.

Today, many Christians feel that in their own way they can relate to Job, but can they still worship God? Too many are Christians who follow a "Hee Haw" theology, "Gloom, despair and agony on me-e! Deep dark depression, excessive misery-y! If it weren't for bad luck I'd have no luck at all! As Christians we have every promise of God, all the love of God, and the security of eternal life. Job knew God and knew him well. He totally trusted God with everything, because He knew that everything he possessed came through the hands of God.

Job 1: 20 Then Job arose, and rent his robe, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped;

Job 1:21 and he said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: Jehovah gave, and Jehovah hath taken away; blessed be the name of Jehovah.

Job 1:22 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

The promises of God come through worshipping Him! God awaits our worship of Him and always promises to reward our faithfulness and integrity. I pray that you experience the love of God in every way every day.

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# BENJAMIN SPORTS

# Monday Moguls




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Lady Stangs block & steal ball from the Mogulettes in a recent victory.



Photo by Tamara Smart

The Lady Moguls rush to the hoop.



Photo By Tamara Smart

Freshman Mustang, Matthew Acree, sends one up to the hoop during the first district game of '10 versus the Munday Moguls.

# BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

**Editor's Note: The Benjamin News was inadvertently omitted last week. We apologize to our readers and to Gladene Green.**

Wow! What a Christmas we had with the snow, cold wind & just plain 'ole miserable conditions. Sure changed a bit of plans for lots of folks but we all made the best of it & made it o.k. and very thankful there were no serious mishaps around here (at least that I am aware of). Most everyone heeded advice of the TV & radio guys & just stayed home- Some were able to get going before the "worst" set in. And then waited to

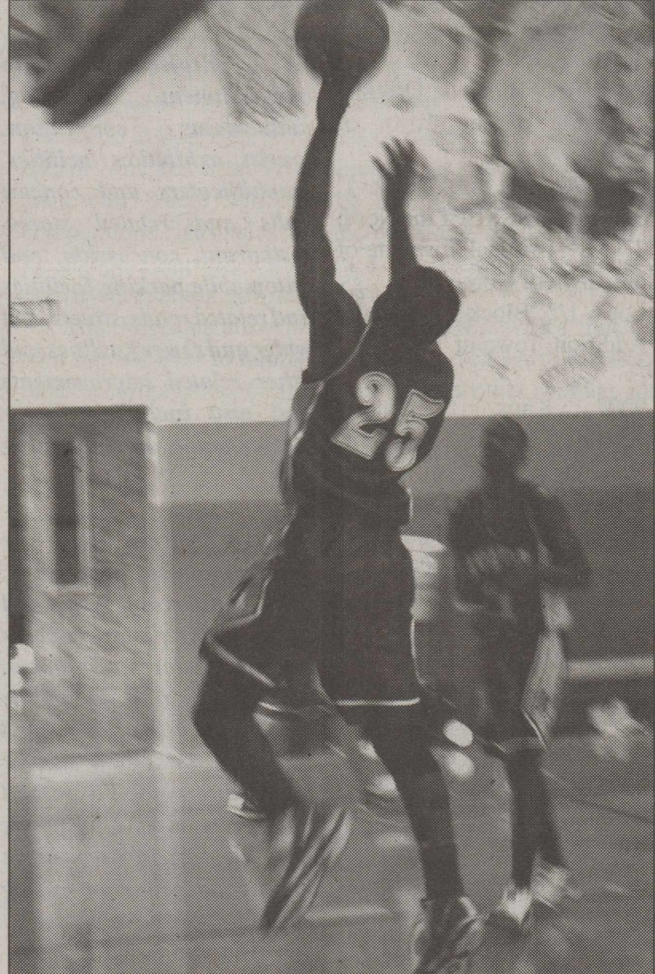


Photo By Tamara Smart

The Munday Mogal Men played a fierce game at Benjamin on Saturday picking up the win.

return home til things cleared up a bit. And there will be lots of late Christmas gatherings next week- A combo of New Years and Christmas.

**About Our Ill**

Bud Conner had a Christmas in the hospital. We admitted on Wed. nite suffering from pneumonia. He was released Sat. but still does not feel well. Is on some strong antibiotics so hopefully he will feel better soon. Of course, he's much better than when he was admitted but a good ways from being up to par.

Mary Bohannon who has been a resident of the Munday Nursing Center several months, is a patient in a Wichita Falls Hospital. She is undergoing some tests and hopefully Drs. will get to the cause of the problem she has had for quite a while & she will begin to feel better. Of course, we wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

**Here N There**

Despite the cold weather, Charles & Linda Griffith had a houseful on Christmas Day including Linda's brother, William Collier of Lockhart, Ricky & Lori LaShomb and Devon Jones of Lubbock (Devon is going to school at Tech0-. Matt Tyson, a student at Tulane University in New Orleans & Bukie & Kemp Jones, Blake & Kamryn of Benjamin- Daughter Amy & her family were unable to be here. She's a nurse and had to work!

Lorene Powers spent Christmas with her kids & grand-kids in Midland.

Jessica Moorhouse of Abilene was here for Christmas with her parents, Mike & Debbie, her brother, Will & her sister & family Liz, Nathan, & Taylor Herring in Munday. There were all to be in Seymour with Mike's mom, Bobbeye, on Fri but other family members- (a brother in Okla. & a brother in Lubbock & their families) were unable to get here so they have postponed their gathering.

We were to get together on Sat, 26th, but the folks "up north" couldn't make it. There in Childress & Amarillo were "snowed in" like everyone else. But better to stay at home than to take the chance on the treacherous roads.

Bud Conners family had their Christmas at the café in Knox City. The crowd was much smaller than usual. The weather, other commitments plus Bud's hospitalization was a real factor. His daughter, Kim, cooked steaks for those present. Enjoying the meal and the gift exchange were Keith & Pam Conner, Casey, Lacey & Carson Conner all of Midland, Bob & Stephanie Brannan and family of Lubbock, Michele & Jimmy Barrientez & family, Hazel Stockton, Samijo & Shelby Russell, Kim Moore & Mark Brown, all of Benjamin.

Jack (Corky) Barker braved the weather & made it home to spend Christmas with his mom, Jonnie Williams. Corky lives at Plano & left by mid-morning on Christmas Day to have plenty of time to get home- He made it safe and sound.

Dutch and Imagean Young had their kids, Mike and Tina Young & their grandkids of Gainsville, Anthony and Jessica Lamb of Wichita Falls & Deann Lamb of Benjamin. Mike & Tine came on Wed. & left early on Christmas Eve & it took several hours to get back home but they too made it without any accidents.

Gloria West spent Christmas with her daughter, Betty Parker and family in Aspermont. Her other daughter, Cathy Tomlinson & her daughter, Penny, who live in the Denton area were there on Christmas Day. They had started on Christmas Eve but the weather & roads got so bad that they stayed the nite in Olney & came on in Fri. They all got home, thankfully, on Sat. The Parkers daughter, Sabra Turner & her husband, Samuel, who live in KS were also there.

Dorothy Spikes said she & penny stayed right at home on Christmas thankful for heat and food. Her sons, Rusty at Holiday & Gary at Seymour & their families were snowed in at their homes as were Tony & Kendra Hunter & girls & Heddy

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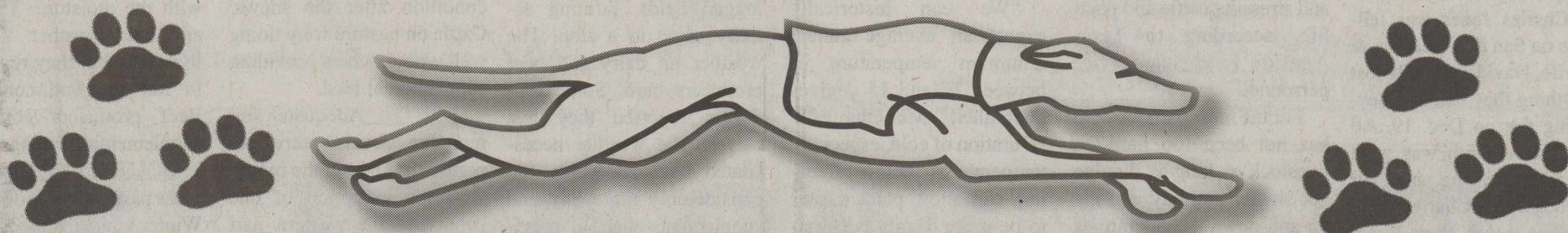
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# KNOX CITY SPORTS



## John Madden's Keys To Super Bowl And Tailgating Success

(StatePoint) John Madden is a passionate man but nothing brings out the "BOOMS" or "BAMS" in him quite like the Super Bowl and a good tailgate party. Whether it is offering an honorary turkey leg to commemorate a great performance, or highlighting a local team's tailgating rituals, Madden knows all about mixing food and football.

Fresh out of retirement and with the Super Bowl approaching, Madden is still talking the game as he unveils the inaugural "Madden Most Valuable Protector's Award presented by Prilosec OTC," an award to recognize the best offensive line in the NFL. Fans are encouraged go online and vote for their favorite offensive line at [www.Madden-ProtectorsAward.com](http://www.Madden-ProtectorsAward.com).

Powerful Protection Is Key  
Throughout his career, Madden has always heralded the unsung heroes on an offensive line. He knows that while most attention is typically focused on the quarterback, running back and wide receiver, it's the powerful protection from the linemen that can make or break a game.

Alongside his passion for the game, Madden has shared his love for a good tailgate spread in his cookbook, "John Madden's Ultimate Tailgating." Making the most of your Super Bowl party means enjoying the foods you love. NFL fans who want tough protection against frequent heartburn, or heartburn that occurs two or more days a week, can take a 14-day course of Prilosec OTC two weeks leading up to an event so they can enjoy both the game and the foods they love.

Fans can try out Madden's Sicil-

ian BBQ Chicken at their own tailgate or football party for the big game:

### JOHN MADDEN'S SICILIAN BBQ CHICKEN

#### Mom's Marinade:

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 teaspoons oregano
- 3 cups white wine
- 8 large garlic cloves, sliced thin
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- Dash of lemon pepper
- Freshly ground pepper
- Salt

#### Other Ingredients:

- 12 pieces of chicken, legs and thigh connected
  - Salt
  - Pepper
  - 1. In a large jar mix the marinade ingredients. Shake well. Let stand at room temperature 1 hour.
  - 2. Make very hot charcoal fire or preheat gas grill. Salt and pepper chicken pieces. Place chicken on grill skin-side up. When cooked halfway, turn over and cook the other side until it is just done but no more than that.
  - 3. When done, place the chicken in large roasting pan. Pour marinade over chicken evenly. Cover pan with foil or lid, sealing tight.
  - 4. Place pan on grill or in oven for 20 minutes at 350 F. Serve hot.
- For more information on John Madden's MVP Award or to vote for your favorite offensive line, visit [www.Madden-ProtectorsAward.com](http://www.Madden-ProtectorsAward.com).



Photo Courtesy Daveine Clark

Reagan Clark was the high scorer, earning 13 points, in the Houndettes battle against Paint Creek on Saturday. The Houndettes won the game 42-27.

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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2009

	General Fund	SSA Special Education	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,007,249	\$ 869	\$ 80,097	\$ 1,088,215
State Program Revenues	1,859,612	250,584	134,453	2,244,649
Federal Program Revenues	5,852	30	633,241	639,123
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>2,872,713</b>	<b>251,483</b>	<b>847,791</b>	<b>3,971,987</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
<b>Current:</b>				
Instruction	1,552,822	107,120	367,195	2,027,137
Instructional Resources and Media Services	24,515	-	-	24,515
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	13,841	1,858	9,505	25,204
School Leadership	3,160	129,643	42,865	175,668
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	178,166	-	4,136	182,302
Health Services	33,057	40,859	95,022	168,938
Student (Pupil) Transportation	509	-	-	509
Food Services	109,975	-	-	109,975
Extracurricular Activities	4,221	-	209,153	213,374
General Administration	190,294	-	-	190,294
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	225,718	-	-	225,718
Debt Service:				
Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	-	-	65,000	65,000
Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	-	-	26,552	26,552
Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	-	323	323
Capital Outlay:				
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	60,646	-	-	60,646
Intergovernmental:				
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	76,130	-	60,899	137,029
Other Intergovernmental Charges	33,000	-	-	33,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,903,738</b>	<b>298,554</b>	<b>883,015</b>	<b>4,085,307</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(31,025)	(47,071)	(35,224)	(113,320)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>				
Transfers In	-	-	36,596	36,596
Transfers Out (Use)	(36,596)	-	-	(36,596)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(36,596)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,596</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>(67,621)</b>	<b>(47,071)</b>	<b>1,372</b>	<b>(113,320)</b>
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,056,796	458,519	27,513	2,542,828
<b>Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)</b>	<b>\$ 1,989,175</b>	<b>\$ 411,448</b>	<b>\$ 28,885</b>	<b>\$ 2,429,508</b>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.  
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**BENJAMIN**

Eaton (Penny's daughter) at the Hunter home at Knox City. The little girls did finally get over here for a visit but mostly everyone stayed in. Charles Jones was telling us on San that their son & his wife, David & Wendy lost everything they had in a devastating fire on Dec. 19. All they got out with was what they were wearing and their two dogs. As Charles said, as bad as it was, there was a bright side, because they got out uninjured. And are now dealing with their insurance co. David & Wendy live in Run Away Bay near Bridgeport.

I was pleasantly surprised on Christmas Day when I received a call from Sharon Mowery. Sharon & her family lived here in the 70's. Her husband, Phil, was a coach here. She now lives in Kingfisher, OK. Phil died in 1975. It was good to hear from her. She plans to visit here in June if all goes according to her plans.

Eva Flores from Knox City called to say she & her husband, Joe, were involved in an accident on Christmas Eve. Were coming from Ft. Worth & near Loving they hit ice & snow and lost control of their car (possible totaled). She & Joe spent the nite in an Olney Hospital with no serious injuries. She was driving & lots of bushes and small trees were along the way, but she hit the big tree! Doesn't it always happen like that? Just thankful they were not hurt any worse.

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# Winter chill races through the Lone Star State

**COLLEGE STATION --** A big chill came to Texas, stalling winter forage growth and stressing cattle and plant life, according to [Texas AgriLife Extension Service](#) personnel.

For the most part, the cold has not been too hard on livestock as long as they've got shelter and hay, but the up-and-down temperatures have been hurting them. Much of the cold has been accompanied by moisture, either as rain or snow. The moisture has generally been good for wheat and small grains already planted, but bad for those producers who were late getting small grains planted, according to reports from AgriLife Extension offices throughout the state.

In other areas, notably South Texas, the wet weather has greatly improved the agricultural situation, stimulating cool-season forage growth and raising soil moisture levels in anticipation of spring planting.

But it's not a blessing in wetter areas, such as [Trinity County](#), southwest of Lufkin, reported Armon Hewitt, AgriLife Extension agent.

"Cold, wet weather in Trinity County is creating an environment in which producers are having to feed hay, which is in very short supply, at an alarming rate," Hewitt said. "Thus far, the winter has been the worst we've had in many years. Hay feeding sites must be changed frequently because of the abundance of rainfall and muddy conditions."

This situation in [McLennan County](#) is also wet, and similar to that throughout much of the Central AgriLife Extension district, said Shane McLellan, AgriLife Extension agent, Waco.

"We've had an up-and-down of cold weather," McLellan said. "We had a few cold spells, then we had several days of warm weather, then back into the cold spells, with non-traditional, non-historic, arctic weather later in the week."

It's not as hard on the cattle as it has been on plant life, he said. McLennan County and the Waco area are in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's plant hardiness zone 8a. Plant hardi-

ness zones are geographical regions defined by climate ranges.

"We can historically expect an average annual minimum temperature of between 10 and 15 degrees Fahrenheit," McLellan said. "Duration of cold, especially temperatures below freezing, can allow plant tissues to be more deeply penetrated by low temperatures. This can harm what I will refer to as plants marginal to our area such as oleander, some palms and even perennials such as lantana."

McLellan said the extent of the damage may not become apparent until March or early April when buds open. He did not expect oaks, pecans, hollies and others plants to be damaged because "they are well suited to the extremes of our area." The following summaries were compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters:

**CENTRAL:** Soils remained soggy, making it difficult for farmers and ranchers to get into fields. Some wheat was not planted because of heavy rains. Some producers planted oats in place of wheat. Cold weather increased the need for beef producers to provide supplemental feed to livestock. Hay was in short supply.

**COASTAL BEND:** The outlook for the 2010 crop season was much improved by recent rains. However, below-normal temperatures and rain held up most field work. Producers continued supplemental feeding of livestock because standing forage was scarce due to freezing temperatures a couple of weeks earlier.

**EAST:** Cold temperatures across the region slowed winter forage growth to a crawl. Most counties reported from adequate to too much soil moisture. Livestock were in fair to good condition with producers providing supplemental feed. Feral hogs continued to be a problem.

**FAR WEST:** Pecan harvesting fell behind schedule because of a late freeze. All cotton was harvested and processed by gins. Soil moisture was very low due to high winds and cold weather.

**NORTH:** The soil mois-

ture ranged from adequate to surplus. Because of cold temperatures and waterlogged fields, farming activity came to a stop. The weather hit dairy and beef producers hard. Some producers reported they lost calves. The weather necessitated livestock being fed considerably more hay and supplements than in previous winters. Hay supplies were currently holding, but a shortage was anticipated before spring. Winter wheat was still being planted over the holidays. Because of the wet conditions, only about 50 percent of the fields typically put into wheat and oats were planted. The winter pastures that were planted were in fair to good condition. Overstocking has caused some pastures to deteriorate. The pecan harvest neared completion. Cotton was in fair condition with the harvest nearing completion. Peach producers were pruning trees. Rangelands and pastures were in fair to good condition.

**PANHANDLE:** Weather was cold with some snow. Soil moisture levels were short with little moisture received from the snow. The cotton harvest was nearly complete, and some producers were starting to prepare fields for spring planting. Irrigated wheat was reported in good condition, and stocker cattle were put on it to graze. Dryland wheat needed moisture and producers were only allowing limited grazing on it. Cattle were in good condition, but rangeland was in poor condition. Most producers were providing supplemental feed.

**ROLLING PLAINS:** Winter hit hard, bringing several inches of snow and blizzard-like conditions. Two snow storms helped to replenish soil moisture levels. This moisture was needed by some of the more mature stands of winter wheat that have been grazed as well as the emerging stands. Winter wheat began to perk up after receiving some moisture, but some producers worried that it came too late. Most of the cotton has been harvested, with surprisingly good yields after a dry

growing season. A few cotton modules remained in the fields. Pastures were in good condition after the snows. Cattle on pasture were doing well with ranchers providing supplemental feed.

**SOUTH:** Adequate soil moisture levels were reported throughout the region with the exception of one county in the western part of the region. The northern part of the region had light rain followed by cool, dry conditions. Wintery weather in the eastern part of the region limited forage production except for winter oats. However, the outlook for the 2010 crop season was much improved as a result of nearly constant rain. In the western part of the region, growers were actively harvesting both fresh-market and processing spinach. The cabbage harvest was ongoing. After irrigation, onions made good progress. The sugarcane, citrus and vegetable harvests continued in the southern part of the region. Producers were providing supplemental feed at a steady pace. Stock water tank levels remained low. Livestock remained in fair condition.

**SOUTH PLAINS:** From 2 inches to 8 inches of snow fell. Cold temperatures ranged from highs in the 20s and lows in the single digits. Soil moisture was short to adequate. A few cotton gins completed their 2009 season, and it was expected that the rest of the region's gins would finish processing soon. Winter wheat was in fair to good condition, and should improve thanks to the moisture from the snow.

Pastures and rangelands were in fair to good condition and also should improve with the moisture. The wet and cold weather stressed livestock, but they remained in fair to good condition. Beef producers continued supplemental feeding.

**SOUTHEAST:** Bermuda grass pastures went dormant. Winter-annual grass growth was good thanks to plenty of moisture. Clover was emerging in many pastures. Rain continued to replenish the groundwater supply. Topsoils were saturated. Pastures were in poor condition in some area because of continued overstocking. Wet conditions continued to delay spring crop preparations. Livestock were doing well, considering the conditions. A hard freeze in Montgomery County damaged many trees.

**SOUTHWEST:** Close to 70 percent of the 17 inches of rain that fell during the year came in the last four months of 2009, making a big difference to the agricultural situation. The forage situation significantly improved. The rain made both small-grain planting for winter pastures and early spring row-crop planting possible. The rain delayed the fall vegetable and pecan harvest. A hard freeze in early December damaged some spinach that was ready for harvest. However, growers were able to quickly resume the harvesting of spinach, cabbage, carrots, lettuce and broccoli thanks to the relatively dry weather that followed. The pecan harvest remained behind schedule but was nearly complete.

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