

BOONE NEWSPAPERS, INC.

**P.O. Box 2370
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403**

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October 1, 2003

Top Hat Plan Exemption
Pension and Welfare
Benefits Administration
Room N-5644
U. S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20210

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Gentlemen:

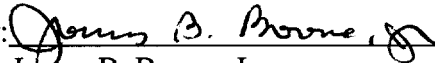
The following statement is filed pursuant to the recording and disclosure provisions of Part 1 of Title 1 of ERISA:

1. The name and address of Employer is:

Boone Newspapers, Inc.
Attention: Chairman
P.O. Box 2370
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403
2. The Taxpayer Identification Number for Boone Newspapers, Inc. is: 63-0330777.
3. Boone Newspapers, Inc. has established and will maintain a plan for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees, namely, the Boone Newspapers, Inc. Equity Sharing Plan Agreement – William T. Beckner.
4. There are six such plans with one employee in each. The other plans are the Boone Newspapers, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan – James B. Boone, Jr., the Boone Newspapers, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan – John M. Mathew, the Boone Newspapers, Inc. Equity Sharing Plan Agreement – Todd H. Carpenter, the Boone Newspapers, Inc. Equity Sharing Plan Agreement – David D. Churchill and the Boone Newspapers, Inc. Equity Sharing Plan Agreement – Douglas D. Phares.

PLAN ADMINISTRATOR

BOONE NEWSPAPERS, INC.

By:  _____
James B. Boone, Jr.
Its Chairman



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