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Small ruminant production has steadily grown in Kentucky, and the state's farmers have realized the potential of raising sheep and goats. In fact, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture at 8:30 a.m. EST, followed reports that the Bluegrass state ranks No. 5 in goat production and is home to nearly 68,000 goats. Sheep numbers have increased more than 50 percent over the past 10 years, and now approximately 43,000 sheep graze Kentucky pastures.

The University of Ken- tional grazing tucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Program is teaming up with the Kentucky Sheep and Goat Devel- ardship for small ruminant opment Office, the Kentucky production

Small Ruminant Grazing Conference Goat Producers Association and the Kentucky Sheep and Wool Producers Association professor of parasitology at to offer the 2014 Kentucky the University of Georgia, Small Ruminant Grazing will discuss how grazing Conference at the Fayette management can reduce the County Extension office in parasite burden. Tom Keene, Lexington. Scheduled for UK hay specialist, will mod-Feb. 1, the conference will erate a producer panel at 1:30 offer many sessions for all p.m. about forage systems. levels of experience.

minants," said David Ditsch, p.m. FAMACHA is a proson Center for Appalachian ducers of small ruminants Resource Sustainability in diagnose parasite infection. Quicksand. "As in the past, we will present sciencebased research that producers can apply in their own operations." The daylong event begins with a welcome by an economics and marketing update at 8:40 a.m. Sessions begin at 9:15 a.m. Morning sessions will focus on forage management, reproduction and health management. Topics include:

• The agronomic and livestock benefits of rota-

• The KDA Hay Testing

• Environmental stew-



• Parasite management After lunch, Ray Kaplan, The regular meeting will "We have learning oppor- adjourn at 2:30 p.m. Particitunities for anyone who is pants can attend an optional interested in raising small ru- FAMACHA training at 2:45 director of the UK Robin- gram designed to help pro-

24, is \$25 for the conference religion, disability or national origin.

and an additional \$15 for the FAMACHA training. A copy of the program and registration form can be downloaded from the UK Robinson Center website at http://www2. ca.uky.edu/rcars. Those planning to attend the conference should send name, address, phone number and email address along with payment to UK Robinson Center for Appalachian Resource Sustainability, attn. Jackie Allen, 130 Robinson Road, Jackson, KY 41339.

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CryptoQuote

is **LONGFELLOW** One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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ADPG-QOGYPY KCAVS GPE

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SIP ABY AGPH.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: X equals W

XMRQ Z XDB VSTZQJ YEV D

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XDB D VYDBVRS VRBVRS.





Bob Watkins' Sports In Kentucky

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munity. Peace of mind. Wrong.

Just another ball coach who sang the feel-good tune Stepping Stone U. to alums, fans, prospects and players about commitment, dedication, responsibility and do-the-right-thing. The Kentucky sports person of chorus was same: Showme-the-money.

security, high place in com- best to Wyatt Earp in the that is polar-opposite to the motion picture Tombstone: "Bve."

Louisville football? Still

SPORTS PERSON OF

cream puff quality in November-December. At Yum Center UofL fans

get their money's worth: Memphis, SMU and Houston. UConn and South Florida on the road, and Cards close the month at home with Cincinnati.



Thursday, January 9th at 12:00 Noon

Estill Extension Board Meeting

The Estill County Extension District Board will have a meeting Thursday, January 9, 2014, noon, at the Extension Office. Afterwards, the Extension District Public Properties Corporation will meet. Cooperative Extension meetings are open to the public.

Thursday, January 14th @ 6:00pm **Grain Production Meeting**

Clark, Bourbon, Estill, and Madison County Extension will have a joint grain production meeting on Tuesday. January 14th, 6:00 p.m. at the Clark County Extension Office, 1400 Fortune Drive Winchester, KY. All grain producers are encouraged to attend.

Guest speakers include UK Extension grain specialist Chad Lee and weed specialist J.D. Green. They will discuss corn and soybean production including weed control, plant populations, and other timely topics.

A sponsored meal will be provided. In order to prepare for the meal, please call 723-4557 to pre-register no later than January 10th.

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Charlie Strong 'just business, man'; re-tally makes it Emma Talley



Bob Watkins

Happy New Year, Charlie Strong.

Football in Texas is like football in Brazil, nationalized and a little nutsy. Texas is a nation isn't it? And basketball is Little Brother too.

Meanwhile (most) Louisville football fans were gracious, wished their ex-coach well on his job jump. Media-types went along. Paid homage to a 25-million-dollar-man.

Just business, man.

Strong helped elevate UofL football into a player on a national stage. The Cardinals won all but two games last two years, pummeled a couple big dogs at the end of each and were headed to greener grass, Atlantic Coast Conference.

He involved himself in the community, became a celebrity, insisted his student-athletes behave, and, from all accounts, brought to the Commonwealth a role model extraordinaire in Teddy Bridgewater.

But, 25 mill. just business, man.

Media, certainly in Jefferson County, gave Strong a free pass for job jumping. No call to account for his clandestine meeting Texas Director of Athletics Steve Patterson.

All of it led me to believe Strong was a different brand of ball coach. Happy with his program's grow-

 $\sqrt{\text{Expendable, UofL re-}}$ 2014.

 $\sqrt{\text{Expendable}}$, sweetheart extension with UofL to end serving sports person of the of decade.

Just business, man.

ESPN talking heads and others media swooned. "25 million for five years, wow!"

ing on the back burner, athlete-students who still want to know, "where's mine?" And, "why do I have to sit out a year when ball coach job jumps?"

Ignored in the Strongto-Texas story, the Cardicynical as an internet poster on Sunday: "I appreciate what he's done for the proof coaches using UofL as a stepping stone job. It's getting old. I hoped he'd be different, but I guess I was wrong.'

A Sports In Kentucky reader offered a cautionary note: "from my experience dealing with men from Texas, Strong is in for a culture shock. There's the USA and then there's Texas. And, they'll tell you that," he wrote. "The football job at Texas is like Alabama and Ohio State. You better not can enjoy a fun run in Janulose and fans prefer you win ary. Seven winnables, four them all by 30."

So, in the end Louisville's two on CBS Television. Secret Santa has gone to Texas.

Last word for Strong

YEAR REVISITED

the year. A week ago Louisville's Secret Santa seemed a natural. St. Nick had given a turnees and 25 high school \$13,000 gift for kids' Christand JUCO commits for mas in Louisville's west end anonymously.

> This week, A more devear in Kentucky is Emma Talley.

Talley was SEC freshman golfer of the year at University of Alabama and second tion, Ray Harper at Western team All-American in 2012. Big money for ball The Princeton and Caldwell coach, bigger money for County native won the 2013 institutions. While, simmer- U.S. Women's Amateur championship.

Beyond the wins and accolades, here's the best part: After winning the U.S. Women's tourney, Talley told reporters, while she hopes to play professionally one day, "I can't wait nal faithful who must be as to get back to school. Right now I just love college. Roll He was 74. Tide!"

Postscript. A reader, Dengram, but I'm getting tired nis Stephens of Princeton, took note that three of my five 'nominees' for sports person for 2013 were Teddy Bridgewater, Rick Pitino and Secret Santa in Jefferson County, and wondered if "Sports In Kentucky had become Sports for Greater moved. Louisville (area)."

WILDCATS & CARDINALS

Now that the Wildcats have grown up, says John Calipari, Big Blue Nation at home. Three on ESPN,

Best tests: Tennessee Jan. 18 and at LSU Jan. 28.

For Louisville January from Kentucky? Maybe is man-up time. The Cardiing national image, financial Curly Bill Brocius said it nals faces a six-game stretch

READERS (RIGHT) WRITE

Question: "Since Brad Stevens left Butler and Shaka Smart at VCU is high profile, who's the best college basketball coach out there who too few of us know about?"

Answer. Without hesita-Kentucky is outstanding. To watch the twice-to-the-NCAAs-lately Hilltoppers execute is a joy. Move, move, unselfish and play together all while their coach exemplifies "this ain't about me" decorum on sidelines, is entertaining college ball for those who matter. Fans.

EVERLY BROTHERS

Phil Everly left last week.

In Kentucky, our loss is profound. The Everly Brothers in their prime were more than the very best. A God-given blend of humility and harmony they were a song bird. Never mind their estrangement. They were ours, Kentuckians.

This week, our world is

NEW ARRIVALS IN TEXAS

Hours before Texas introduced its new football coach in Austin, Rease James Daugherty arrived at a hospital in Houston. Our third grandchild, nine pounds, five ounces, was born at 3 a.m. Monday, January 6. Thus, my resolution

-I hope 2014 is the happiest year of our lives.

And so it goes.



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People are very

things — as long as they're exactly like the old ones. – Charles Kettering

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certain small home appliance, you might say I

was a toaster tester.

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