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**WAYNE COUNTY WEEKLY NEWSPAPER JOINS
AMERICAN HOMETOWN PUBLISHING NETWORK**

FRANKLIN, Tenn. – Oct. 3, 2007 – American Hometown Publishing, a newspaper publishing network focused on preserving the integrity and autonomy of community journalism, recently added *The Wayne County News* in Waynesboro, Tenn. to its growing network.

The Wayne County News, a weekly publication founded in 1857 with a circulation of roughly 6,900, is published by Dan A. Cole, Jr. The paper has been in Cole's family since 1933 when his great grandfather, Harvey Bailey, purchased the publication. The paper was later run by his grandmother, Nelle Bailey Cole, and father Dan Cole, Sr. before Cole, Jr. took over operations in 1997.

"This paper has been in our family for many years and we take great pride in the product we produce," said Cole. "We feel confident that by joining the American Hometown Publishing family of newspapers, our lifetime readers and future subscribers will see a high-quality publication grow and become even stronger."

American Hometown Publishing acquires and manages community newspapers with circulations of 25,000 or less by forming partnerships with local publishers and growing their newspapers through proven revenue and market expansion efforts. American Hometown Publishing owns other community newspapers in Tennessee, including Trenton, Dyer, Humboldt, Brownsville, Covington and Henderson, as well as newspapers in Virginia and Oklahoma.

"*The Wayne County News* is a perfect example of the kind of newspaper our network is designed to help," said L. Daniel Hammond, president and CEO of

American Hometown Publishing. “This acquisition provides *The Wayne County News* the opportunity to improve the operations of the paper and build stronger relationships with its readers and the community.”

According to Hammond, the paper will maintain its local leadership and involvement while his company helps them improve their business operations, and build their readership through additional resources and expertise.

American Hometown Publishing’s founders have more than 60 years’ experience in all levels of the media industry – publishing, advertising, marketing and management of community newspaper operations.

About American Hometown Publishing

American Hometown Publishing, Inc. (www.americanhometownpublishing.com), based in Nashville, Tenn., is a growing network of weekly and small daily community newspapers with a circulation of 25,000 or less. Publishing partners continue local leadership and involvement while receiving financial interest in a growing company. American Hometown Publishing preserves local editorial independence, growing the newspaper through revenue increases, regional cooperation and market expansion.

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