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## Journal sells to Tennessee company

### ► *American Hometown Publishing buys local paper*

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The Blackwell Journal-Tribune has been sold to American Hometown Publishing. This acquisition brings the company's holdings to five publications as part of its commitment to creating a network of weekly and smaller daily

newspapers.

The company, headquartered in Nashville, Tenn., bought the Journal-Tribune and the Guthrie News Leader Dec. 1 from Family Media Inc., owned by Jerry Turner of Miami, Okla.

Turner has owned the Journal-Tribune since February 2001 and the News

Leader since 2004. He said he had mixed feelings about selling the publications but has faith in the new owners.

"I truly believe the folks at Hometown will be good custodians of the (Blackwell) newspaper," Turner said.

He said he thinks American Hometown Publishing will bring improvements and will treat the staff and community with the respect they deserve.

Turner said he sees a great commitment to the Journal-Tribune by the community.

"I'm very appreciative to the commu-

nity of Blackwell that supported the newspaper and the staff for all their hard work," he said.

Turner sold the newspapers to pursue other opportunities in television and publishing.

American Hometown Publishing was founded in 2003 by Dan Hammond, chairman and chief executive officer, and Steve Young, currently a board member and formerly the senior vice president of sales and marketing for American Profile Magazine.

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The management team of American Hometown Publishing Inc. has more than 60 years experience in media at all levels, including publishing, advertising, marketing and management of community newspaper operations - in both private and public companies.

Hammond and Young created Publishing Group of

America and American Profile Magazine in 1999. The magazine is now the fourth largest weekly publication in North America.

As the second-largest publishing launch in U.S. history, American Profile's editorial content is about the good news of life in America's hometowns and has become part of the family in thousands of

communities including the News Leader in Guthrie.

The company is committed to keeping newspapers successful and growing by maintaining local focus and enhancing services to the communities that support them.

The company will continue to use existing staff members at both the Journal-Tribune and News Leader.