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Nashville-based community publishing network launches

Nashville-based American Hometown Publishing (AHP), a publishing network focused on community journalism, was launched this week with the acquisition of three family-owned newspapers in Virginia and two newspapers in Oklahoma, AHP officials announced Thursday.

AHP was funded by a group of investors led by The Solidus Company (Townes Duncan, president), Petra Capital Partners (Michael W. Blackburn, partner) and Burch Investment, among others

Daniel Hammond created American Hometown Publishing and is the founder of Publishing Group of America and *American Profile*, a weekly magazine that covers the positive news about life in smaller U.S. communities. Hammond serves as publisher and CEO of AHP, which will acquire and manage community newspapers of 25,000 circulation or less.

Other AHP leaders include Steve Young, director; Ron Fryar, vice president of operations; Michael Hull, vice president of finance; and Stephanie Jameson, director of human resources.

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