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## *News Leader* has new ownership

coffee," Guthrie resident Wilbur Harned said. "It's nice. The people are so nice here. They go overboard to make sure you feel comfortable. We never hear a complaint about the food."

The couple said that they work at the shop everyday, but one of their sons works part time on the weekends.

Shelby added that owning their own business provided more flexibility for the family, and Steve is able to spend more time with the family.

The Lewis's have made Guthrie their permanent home.

"We feel we are a vital part of the community," Steve said. "We enjoy meeting people."

DGs has been featured in Discover Oklahoma, and they were also mentioned in Southern Living magazine as a place to stop for coffee.

DGs coffee is open from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. from Monday through Thursday. And on Fridays from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. On Saturdays the shop is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and they are closed on Sundays. Steve and Shelby said for the month of December they will be extending their hours on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and they will closer earlier for Christmas' Eve and New Year's Eve.

Steve enjoys golfing on his spare time, and Shelby enjoys gardening.

"Our business is an extension of our home," Steve said.

### *Nashville, Tenn. group looks to enhance local newspaper operation*

BY JOE GRAY

GUTHRIE NEWS LEADER

The *Guthrie News Leader* 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 *News Leader* and the *Blackwell Journal-Tribune* Dec. 1 from Family Media Inc., owned by Jerry Turner of Miami, Okla. Turner has owned the *Journal-Tribune* since February 2001 and *News Leader* since 2004. He said he has 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 Guthrie 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 *News Leader* by the community.

"I'm very appreciative to the community of Guthrie 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.

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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*.

The management team of American Hometown Publishing Inc. has more than 60 years of 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, 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 only 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*.