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Nashville publishing firm buys Albrecht

American Hometown Publishing, a Nashville-based company formed to manage community newspapers nationwide, said it has acquired family-owned Albrecht Newspapers Inc., which includes three West Tennessee newspapers.

The deal is the first in its home state for American Hometown. The Albrecht newspapers, The Brownsville States-Graphic, The Covington Leader and the Chester County Independent (Henderson), have a combined cir-

ulation of 14,900, the company said.

Jay Albrecht, the son of retired Albrecht Newspapers president Joe Albrecht, will continue as publisher of The Covington Leader and group manager of the other two papers. Connie Albrecht, Joe's wife, will remain as manager of the corporate bookkeeping operation in Cookeville.

Danny Dean will continue as publisher of the Brownsville States-Graphic and Scott Whaley remains publisher of the Chester County Independent.

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