

# Newspaper Acquisitions

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## Regional Publishers Expand Clusters Activity remains brisk

More than 100 titles have changed hands since we last updated on deal activity in April 2022. Small and medium-sized dailies and weeklies are still the subject of nearly all transactions as publishers of the larger dailies remain on the sidelines of merger and acquisition activity.

Regional publishers continue to expand strategically as opportunities arise, such as Paxton Media Group in the Southeast and Louie Mullen in the Upper Midwest.

CherryRoad also continues to grow, adding Massachusetts and Michigan – and soon Utah – to its growing list of states with operations.

### Shifting ownership in Arizona



Lake Havasu City-based River City Newspapers (RCN) acquired the daily Mohave Valley Daily News from Brehm Communications Inc. (BCI). The deal also included three weeklies – the Wickenburg Sun, Laughlin Times, and Needles Desert Star – as well as the direct mailed product Clippin' the River, the Laughlin Entertainer, and the Booster Advertiser.

In a separate transaction, RCN also acquired the Kingman Miner and the Central Printing Facility in Golden Valley from Prescott-based Western News&Info, Inc.

River City Newspapers is a partnership formed in 1995 between Western

News&Info, Inc. and Sierra Vista-based Wick Communications. RCN also publishes Today's News-Herald, a daily newspaper serving Lake Havasu City; the Parker Pioneer, a weekly publication in La Paz County; and Havasu: Arizona's Coastal Life, a quarterly lifestyle magazine.

"The addition of two operations stewarded by family companies into RCN speaks to the commitment our companies have in professional local journalism," said Francis Wick, Wick Communications' president and CEO.

Brehm Communications also announced it is selling its California newspapers to Gold Mountain California News Media Inc. and its Utah cluster to CherryRoad Media. Those transactions are expected to close in the near term.

### Paxton adds in four states

Paxton Media Group (PMG) completed two deals that included newspapers in Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, and Indiana.

In the larger transaction, PMG acquired The Cleveland (TN) Daily Banner, The Cookeville (TN) Herald-Citizen, The Cartersville (GA) Daily Tribune News, the Chatsworth (GA) Times, and The Jasper (AL) Daily Mountain Eagle.



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The newspapers all publish five days per week online and three days per week in print, except for the Chatsworth paper which publishes weekly. Other publications in the group include Walker Magazine, 385 Magazine, Bradley Essential, and Discover Bartow.

The operations had been owned by Cleveland Newspapers, Inc. and Cookeville Newspapers, Inc. for more than 65 and 47 years respectively. Through those years, Cleveland Newspapers. owned and operated daily newspapers in ten states.

In July, Paxton also acquired The Corydon Democrat and Clarion News, two well-established newspapers in southern Indiana. The Corydon Democrat was founded in 1856 and had been owned by O'Bannon Publishing Co. Inc. since 1907. The Clarion News has been owned by the company since 1992.

Paxton Media Group has been one of the industry's most steady acquirers in recent years. The family-owned media company is headquartered in Paducah, Kentucky, and is managed by fourth- and fifth-generation Paxton family members. The company owns more than 100 newspapers across the Midwest and Southeast.

## Grass Valley group changes hands again



Gold Hill California Media Inc. acquired the daily Grass Valley (CA) Union and related titles from Ogden Newspapers. Ogden had acquired the group as part of its acquisition of Swift Communications at the end of 2021.

The sale included the 158-year-old Union, Foothill Weekly, the twice-monthly Wildwood Independent, weekly Prospector, annual Best of Nevada County Magazine, and the annual Nevada County Visitors Guide.

The new owners have newspaper assets throughout the United States and Canada, including several in California. These titles include the Marysville (CA) Appeal-Democrat and the Lodi (CA) News-Sentinel, as well as a group in the southern part of the state.

It has also been announced that a company affiliated with Gold Hill is acquiring the California newspapers owned by Brehm Communications, which is expected to close this fall. That group is anchored by the Auburn (CA) Journal, which is just 25 miles from Grass Valley.

## Texas and North Carolina titles sold to Street Media

McElvy Partners LLC sold its media and marketing company with operations in Houston, Dallas, and Charlotte to Street Media. The company's divisions included community

newspapers, shoppers, digital services, commercial printing, and events.



The acquired operations included The Greensheet, a free shopper distributed across Houston and Dallas; two respected community newspapers outside of Houston, The Leader and the Fort Bend Star; and The Weekly, a group of community weeklies serving upscale neighborhoods south of Charlotte, North Carolina. The Texas group also publishes the monthly Fort Bend Business Journal magazine.

The deal also included Core Digital Brands, a digital service division; Texas Printers, a commercial printing division; and McElvy Partner Events.

Street Media's other operations include LA Weekly, Irvine Weekly, and the Bay Area Marina Times in California; the Village Voice in New York City; and The Laker/Lutz News in Florida.

## WV News keeps growing

WV News acquired the Pomeroy (OH) Daily Sentinel, Gallipolis (OH) Daily Tribune, and the Point Pleasant (WV) Register from AIM Media Midwest.

The company also purchased the Mineral Daily News Tribune, Jackson Star, and Jackson Herald in West Virginia from Gannett earlier this year.



With its most recent purchases, WV News now owns more than a dozen newspapers in West Virginia, Maryland, and Ohio. It is headquartered in Clarksburg, West Virginia where its production facility is located. The company also operates a statewide website, wvnews.com.

## Mullen closes four more deals



J. Louis Mullen acquired The Lennox Independent and Tea Weekly in southeastern South Dakota from Independent Publishing, LLC. The group also publishes community guides for Tea, Lennox, and nearby Worthing, and provides printing and design services for local businesses.

The newspapers had been operated by members of the Schmidt family since 1997.

This year the Tea paper was named "Best of the Dakotas" during the SDNA/NDNA convention in its circulation category.

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Mullen also acquired The Gladwin County (MI) Record & Beaverton Clarion from Adams Publishing Group, three eastern Iowa weeklies from the Tubbs family, and a weekly in New Jersey.

Established in 1877, The Gladwin County Record is the oldest continuously operated business in Gladwin County. APG acquired the paper as part of a larger transaction in 2014, but it did not geographically align

with any of the company's 15 strategic multimedia operations.

The eastern Iowa weekly titles acquired from the Bill and Linda Tubbs included The North Scott Press, The Wilton-Durant Advocate News, and The West Liberty Index.

Mullen's most recent acquisition, just announced this month, was his first on the Eastern Seaboard. He acquired the weekly Hammonton Gazette from publisher Gabriel Donio and Editor-in-Chief Gina Rullo.

Louie Mullen, part of a second-generation newspaper family, now owns more than 30 newspapers in eight states. He has acquired more than a dozen titles during the last two years. Mullen also sits on the board of the National Newspaper Association.

### KPC sold to Ogden

Ogden Newspapers, through its partnership with Journal Gazette Co. in the Fort Wayne Newspapers company, acquired KPC Media in Indiana.

The deal included The News Sun in Kendallville, The Auburn Star, The Angola Herald Republican, The Post and Mail in Columbia City, The Garrett Clipper, Albion New Era, Churubusco News, Greater Fort Wayne Business Weekly, Indiana/Fort Wayne Community Newspapers, and KPC Phone Books and Directories.

Fort Wayne Newspapers is a partnership between The News Publishing Co., owned by The Ogden Newspapers of Wheeling, West Virginia, and the Journal Gazette Co. Fort Wayne Newspapers operates Fortwayne.com, publishes Fort Wayne Magazine and is the business agent for The Journal Gazette newspaper. The Journal Gazette newsroom operates independently of Fort Wayne Newspapers.

### CherryRoad lands in Michigan and Mass.

CherryRoad Media expanded into Michigan and Massachusetts with the acquisition of three Michigan weeklies from Sunrise Printing & Publishing, Inc. and three weeklies in Massachusetts from Gannett Co., Inc.

The Michigan titles include the Arenac County Independent

in Standish, the Ogemaw County Herald in West Branch, and the Oscoda County Herald in Mio. The Perlberg family had owned the newspapers for decades.

The Massachusetts titles include The Millbury-Sutton Chronicle, The Grafton News, The Landmark of Holden and the Leominster Champion. The Landmark had been scheduled to shut down just a week after the sale was announced.

CherryRoad now publishes newspapers in 12 states, which will soon increase to 13 – it has been announced that CherryRoad is acquiring the Utah newspapers owned by Brehm Communications, which is expected to close this fall.

### Paxton on the sell side

Paxton Media Group sold the 142-year-old weekly Sumter Times, the county seat weekly in Sumter, Florida, to D-R Media. The weekly fit perfectly with D-R Media's other weekly paper in the market, the Sumter Sun Times.

Paxton had acquired the Sumter Times as part of its acquisition of the Landmark Communications newspapers in Florida in 2021.

### Daily sold after 140 years

The Gaines family sold the Bowling Green (KY) Daily News to Carpenter Newsmedia LLC, an affiliate of Boone Newspapers Inc.

The transaction included the Daily News, the Country Peddler weekly shopper, Bowling Green Home and Lifestyles, South Central Kentucky Homes, and the Auction Guide magazine.

The Gaines family had owned the operation for 140 years.

Boone Newspapers owns or manages more than 90 newspapers and other publications in 12 states, including several in Kentucky.

### Weeklys increases to 15 titles



Dan Pulcrano's Weeklys newspaper group acquired the 157-year-old Healdsburg Tribune in Sonoma County from the Sonoma County Local News Initiative in May, which had announced it would cease publishing the weekly at the end of April.

Pulcrano founded his first newspaper, the Los Gatos Weekly, in 1982 and opened Metro Silicon Valley three years later. His company has been starting and acquiring newspapers in Northern California ever since.

The Tribune is the 15th newspaper under his ownership, and his second in Sonoma County. Pulcrano bought the bi-weekly Sonoma County Independent in 1994, took it weekly and rebranded it as the North Bay Bohemian in 2000. Weeklys also publishes the Pacific Sun in neighboring Marin County.

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# A Year Later

During the past two years, many newspapers have been acquired by independent owners. This new feature in our newsletter checks in with these owners a year later to learn about their transition and the community's response.



Jim O'Rourke

Jim O'Rourke's career in the media industry began when he started delivering newspaper routes in Philadelphia at the age of nine. He worked his way up from the circulation sales/operations side of the business into top roles for some of the nation's largest media companies. Jim set out to build his own media company in 2018 and brings a contrarian mindset to strategically transition legacy newspaper media companies to digital.

Jim has grown his company rapidly, completing 11 acquisitions in less than four years. O'Rourke Media Group now operates in six states and publishes 24 publications and hyperlocal websites. Jim has bucked the clustering trend, acquiring properties that are spread from Vermont to Minnesota, Delaware, Wisconsin, Arizona, and as of a year ago, New Mexico.

We took some time to sit down with Jim to learn about his first year publishing the Las Vegas (NM) Optic and his experience transitioning the paper to new ownership after having been owned by a large corporation for decades.

## **About a year ago you acquired the Las Vegas (NM) Optic. What were the first changes you made?**

We moved quickly on getting a new website up and running. What was in place wasn't suitable for building and engaging with our readers online. The Optic had about 9,000 Facebook followers at the time, which is really quite fascinating in a market this size, but literally zero traffic to its website. We currently have over 300,000 page views and 50,000 users per month. Our team did a great job with moving quickly on this project.

Also important to note is we increased the pay for each of our employees in Las Vegas, added a new customer service rep, and bolstered local news through increased freelance (currently recruiting for a full time local reporter).

## **You have operations in several states. Why New Mexico?**

We love these small markets in areas like Las Vegas. We have a lot of success with improving the basic business operations while layering in our digital strategy at a pace that makes sense to readers and advertisers. Revenue is on the upswing in Las Vegas, we're efficient, and can maintain a very healthy profit margin. We're also excited about expanding our business in New Mexico.

## **Did you immediately integrate the operating systems that you inherited into your own systems?**

Yes, we have developed a pretty strong playbook for doing this quickly post-acquisition. The ad system was

done day one, circulation moved into the cloud in month one, the website was done in the first three months, and they now use our technology to support other processes and business functions. We also provided new and upgraded equipment for our employees there.

## **How did the community react to your ownership after many years of ownership by Landmark Communications?**

I think overall positively. The community really just expects a great news product. We recently changed to a weekly publishing frequency from Wednesday-Friday. We were very transparent with explaining to the community why this was a good change for them. The reception was quite positive, we didn't lose any subscribers or advertisers, and we now publish a strong 24-page weekly loaded with local news.

## **How often do you visit the property?**

Originally, a few times per month. Now, I try to get over that way every three months or so.

## **Las Vegas, New Mexico was in the news heavily this spring because of the large forest fires all around it. How has that impacted your operation?**

It was a pretty scary situation there for people. We ended up not publishing a print newspaper on a Wednesday in early May, but other than that, our team did a fantastic job with putting contingencies in place to maintain operations remotely.

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### Public radio provider acquiring Texas newspaper

In September, KERA, the public radio provider for North Texas, announced it plans to acquire the Denton (TX) Record-Chronicle.

The Record Chronicle has been owned by the Patterson family since the 1940s.

The deal is expected to be complete in 2023. The transaction is being facilitated by The National Trust for Local News, a nonprofit that works to preserve local ownership of news organizations.

We'll be watching to see if public media organizations acquiring local newspapers becomes a larger trend – it was just in January 2022 that Chicago Public Media purchased the Chicago Sun-Times, partnering the paper with its public radio station, WBEZ.

### Virginia weekly changes hands

HD Media purchased the Virginia Mountaineer, a weekly newspaper in Grundy, Virginia.

The Mountaineer has been the newspaper of record in Buchanan County, Virginia, for a century, and had been owned by the Bartley family.

The move expands HD Media's footprint from its core in the southern half of West Virginia. HD Media publishes the Charleston Gazette-Mail and Herald-Dispatch, the dailies in West Virginia's two largest towns, as well as the weekly Coal Valley News, Lincoln Journal, Lincoln News-Sentinel, Logan Banner, Putnam Herald, Tri-State Weekly, Wayne County News and Williamson Daily News.

### Paddock expands chamber business

Paddock Publications' subsidiary Town Square Publications acquired assets of Target Marketing, a Kentucky-based chamber of commerce map publishing company.

The acquisition broadens Town Square's nationwide footprint and makes it the largest specialty marketing company serving chambers of commerce in the U.S. with guidebooks, community resource guides and general marketing needs.

### One month, two new family owners

At the end of April, it was announced that for the second time in less than a month, Iowa's Le Mars Daily Sentinel, the Shopper's Guide, and the Remsen Bell had a new owner.

Iowa Information Media Group, owned by the Wagner family, purchased the papers from Hallmark Media II, which had acquired the products from Rust Communications earlier that month. The proximity of Le Mars/Remsen to Iowa Information's existing properties offered obvious synergies.

Iowa Information also expanded in the region in 2021 with its purchase of The Osceola County Gazette-Tribune and 4 County Shopper.

In an article published in the Daily Sentinel, Jeff Wagner stressed the importance of finding synergies and savings with the rapid pace of change in the publishing industry and noted growing through acquisition is the best way the company can do that while continuing to serve its audience.

"We believe in the future of journalism and feel strongly about the role a newspaper plays in a thriving community. Le Mars is that kind of town and we are committed to a news product that reflects that vibrancy," he added.

Iowa Information's other titles include The N'West Iowa REVIEW, The Sheldon Mail-Sun, Sioux Center News, The Osceola County Gazette-Tribune, Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner, The Golden Shopper, Sioux Center Shopper, Area-Wide Advertiser, OKOBOJI Magazine, DISCOVER! and the website nwestiowa.com.

### Florida Weekly sold

The Hoffmann Family of Companies, a Naples-based organization of more than 85 companies in the United States and internationally, acquired Florida Media Group, LLC, publishers of nine newspapers with more than 220,000 weekly readers.

The newspapers included Bonita Springs Florida Weekly, Charlotte Florida Weekly, Fort Myers Florida Weekly, Key West Florida Weekly, Naples Florida Weekly and Palm Beach Florida Weekly, along with the Ave Maria Sun, Babcock Ranch Telegraph, and the Wellen Park Journal.

Florida Weekly's staff members have won more than 190 awards from the Florida Press Association, the Society of Professional Journalists and the Florida Newspaper Advertising and Marketing Executives Association.

Hoffmann said its new media group plans to expand throughout the United States in smaller communities where hometown newspapers have been lost, and to acquire struggling newspapers that may be unable to maintain their legacy format.

### Hurd buys more in Indiana

Heartland Media Group acquired two Indiana newspapers that had been owned by the Heuring family since 1898.

With the addition of The Press-Dispatch of Petersburg and the South Gibson Star-Times of Fort Branch, Heartland Media Group, owned by Don Hurd, now operates 22 newspapers in Indiana reaching approximately 250,000 readers every week.

### Gannett sells in Iowa and Indiana

The owners of the Southeast Iowa Union acquired four weekly newspapers from Gannett Co., Inc. in August.

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# Newspapers & Automobiles

## What do the Ford, Chrysler, Scripps, Booth and Kuser families have in common?

They all were pioneers in automobile manufacturing in the early 1900s. Three of these families were perhaps better known as newspaper owners.

In the early years of the automobile, and much before Ford's mass-produced assembly-line products, cars were essentially handmade by relatively small start-up businesses comprised of inspired innovators with venture capitalist backing, much like the IT start-ups of the early 21st century.

Of the several thousand makes of automobiles manufactured in the United States in the early to mid-1900s, only one is known to have borne the name of the newspaper-family member who designed and produced it: Scripps-Booth.

James Scripps Booth, the innovative eldest son of Ellen Scripps and James Booth, designed and built more than 7,000 Scripps-Booths in Detroit from 1912 to 1918 before selling the company to Billy Durant and his newly created General Motors. Booth was the eldest son of George Booth, the president of the Detroit News, and his wife, Ellen Scripps Booth, of the Scripps family that owned the News and several other large dailies.

George Booth left the News in 1921 to found Booth Newspapers, which over the next five decades grew to publish a total of eight medium-sized dailies in Michigan and Parade Magazine. In 1976 the company was sold to Newhouse for \$305 million.

Fascinated by automobiles and skilled as an artist, James designed and built his first prototype car at the age of 20, a two-wheeled, V-8-powered "Bi-Autogo," with possibly the industry's first fold-down armrest. Having cost the Booth family \$25,000 to hand-build, the project was abandoned to focus on the newest and far less expensive fad, the two-seater (front and back) cyclecar, of which about 400 were produced. As World War I was breaking out in Europe, however, James shifted his emphasis to his first successful automotive venture, the Scripps-Booth Model C, a four-cylinder two-seater aimed at the "light luxury" market, of which ultimately some 6,000 were sold. This model was the first in automotive history to feature the horn in the center of the steering wheel.

The success of the Model C encouraged James to design and produce a larger four-passenger "cloverleaf roadster" model powered by a V-8 engine in late 1916, just a year after Cadillac introduced America's first V-8. Some 1,500 of the more luxurious Model Ds were sold in 1916 and 1917, including a few chauffeur-driven town cars built on the Model D chassis.

Scripps-Booths lost their distinctive cachet after the acquisition by General Motors. The V-shaped German-silver radiator disappeared, as did the sweeping curves of the body that enabled the Scripps-Booth to stand out in an era of boring, boxy design.

In 1976, shortly before moving to Michigan from Washington, DC, to become an executive with the Detroit Free Press, Lee Dirks – the founder of Dirks, Van Essen & April – acquired one of the three remaining Model D cloverleaf roadsters. The car had been found rusting in the fields outside of Richmond, VA, in the 1960s by an amateur restorer from New Jersey, who after eight years' work won a "national first" in its category with the car in the hobby's annual awards event in Pennsylvania.

This summer, having enjoyed the car for nearly half of its life, Lee sold it to Ralph Booth of Grosse Pointe Farms, MI, the grand-nephew of James Scripps-Booth. The car (photo below) has at last returned to the family of its birth.



The other newspaper family in the automobile manufacturing business were the Kusers of Trenton, New Jersey. Randolph George Kuser married into the Kerney family, which owned the Trenton (NJ) Times. As a bit of a sideline venture, Randolph George Kuser partnered up with Ferdinand Roebing Washington to manufacture the Mercer Raceabout, which some would say was the first true sports car.

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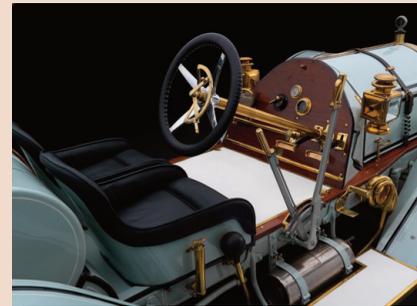
The Mercer Automobile Company was founded in 1909 and occupied a manufacturing plant on a site formerly associated with the Kuser family brewery, which was another sideline venture of the family. The name Mercer came from Mercer County, New Jersey, where the car was manufactured.

Within a short time, the company was successfully producing the “Mercer Speedster,” described by the Trenton Evening Times in April, 1910 as “... one of the classiest and snappiest cars in the world.” A more than 100-year-old copy from an advertisement in Vanity Fair magazine said the car, “...gives a thrill of pleasure to the man or woman who drives it, because it is willing, eager and gentle...”

The car easily transformed from a touring car to a racing car, and comfortably handled high speeds of the day (60-70 mph) thanks to a low center of gravity. Soon after the Mercer Raceabout debuted it earned both public accolades and won prizes in races around the country. Many enthusiasts believe the Mercer Raceabout to be one of the finest sportscars ever built.

The company continued successfully until 1919, when a variety of factors led to its eventual demise, yet the prestige remains. There were about 5,000 cars built during the company’s 10-year lifespan. The few Mercer Raceabouts that survive today are highly valued by private collectors, including Jay Leno. A 1911 Mercer Raceabout sold at auction recently for \$2.5 million.

The Kuser family sold the Trenton Times to the Washington Post in 1974 for \$15 million. The next generation of the Kusers ventured to Ohio in the 1950s, acquiring newspapers in Troy and Napoleon, Ohio. The Troy Daily News was sold in 1998 and the Napoleon Northwest Signal was sold in 2003.



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The titles, the oldest of which dates to 1856, include the Belle Plaine Star Press Union, Marengo Pioneer Republican, Williamsburg Journal Tribune, and the Poweshiek County Chronicle Republican. The papers serve portions of Iowa, Benton, Poweshiek, and Keokuk counties.

Over the summer Gannett also sold the weekly Indianola (IA) Record-Herald. The paper was acquired by Amy Duncan, former editor and publisher, and her husband Mark Davitt, a former managing editor of the paper.

Duncan and Davitt already published the Indianola Independent Advocate online news site. The staff of that title will serve the Record-Herald, and the online stories will appear in the Record-Herald print edition.

"Between the two of us, we worked at the Record-Herald for close to 50 years," Duncan told the Des Moines Register. "Mark and I love providing readers with great coverage of Warren County online. We're excited to give them the option of getting that news in print as well."

### Other news

Trib Total Media acquired the quarterly magazine Shady Ave, which serves the East End neighborhoods of Pittsburgh, from Nancy Polinski Johnson.

Jim McGauley sold the weekly Baker County Press in MacClenny, Florida, to his longtime advertising director,

Jessica Prevatt. Prevatt has been with the Press since 1998 and plans to expand the operation.

Fargo-based Flag Family Media acquired the McKenzie County Farmer, the county’s oldest business, from the Shipman family. The transaction is the company’s first purchase of a non-radio entity and adds The Farmer to a group that includes two radio stations in North Dakota, as well as three stations in Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

Sunshine Communications, a division of the Sunshine Initiative Public Benefit Corporation, acquired the Claremont Eagle Times from Sample News Group, as well as the Argus Champion, which stopped publishing in 2020. Sunshine Communications, owned and operated by Jay Lucas, also publishes the online Newport Times.

The Valley News & Views in Drayton, North Dakota was acquired by Bob and Diane Simmons, owners of Simmons Multimedia Stations and the Borderland Press. The operation had been owned by Lesa Van Camp, who had announced she would be closing the paper if a buyer was not found.

The Colorado Springs Independent, a weekly known as the Indy, is being acquired by Sixty35Media, a new nonprofit. The deal will include the Colorado Springs Business Journal, the Southeast Express, the Pikes Peak Bulletin in Manitou Springs, The Transcript legal publication and two newspapers under Colorado Springs Military Group: The Fort Carson Mountaineer and the Space Orbital for Schriever Space Force Base. ■

# Dirks, Van Essen & April Transactions

## April - September 2022

### OGDEN NEWSPAPERS SOLD

GRASS VALLEY (CA) UNION  
 FOOTHILL WEEKLY  
 WILDWOOD INDEPENDENT  
 PROSPECTOR  
 BEST OF NEVADA



TO GOLD HILL CALIFORNIA MEDIA INC.

### AIM MEDIA MIDWEST SOLD

POMEROY (OH) DAILY SENTINEL  
 GALLIPOLIS (OH) DAILY TRIBUNE  
 POINT PLEASANT (WV) REGISTER



TO WV NEWS

### INDEPENDENT PUBLISHING SOLD

THE LENNOX (SD) INDEPENDENT  
 TEA (SD) WEEKLY



TO J. LOUIS MULLEN

### MCELVY PARTNERS SOLD

THE GREENSHEET  
 HOUSTON AND DALLAS, TX  
 THE LEADER  
 HOUSTON SUBURBS  
 FORT BEND (TX) STAR  
 FORT BEND (TX) BUSINESS JOURNAL  
 THE WEEKLY  
 CHARLOTTE, NC



TO STREET MEDIA

### ADAMS PUBLISHING GROUP SOLD

THE GLADWIN COUNTY (MI) RECORD



TO J. LOUIS MULLEN

### CLEVELAND NEWSPAPERS SOLD

CLEVELAND (TN) DAILY BANNER  
 COOKEVILLE (TN) HERALD-CITIZEN  
 CARTERSVILLE (GA) DAILY TRIBUNE NEWS  
 CHATSWORTH (GA) TIMES  
 JASPER (AL) DAILY MOUNTAIN EAGLE



TO PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

### BREHM COMMUNICATIONS SOLD

MOHAVE VALLEY (AZ) DAILY NEWS  
 THE WICKENBURG SUN  
 LAUGHLIN TIMES  
 NEEDLES DESERT STAR



TO RIVER CITY NEWSPAPERS