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# **Moving Forward Together**



BY GARY BLAKELEY

We are certainly living through challenging times. There is no doubt about it, the past few months have presented roadblocks and difficulties that many of us would never have imagined. The world has had to adapt to a lot of new guidelines and procedures, and

it can often feel like things will never go back to normal. I wrote in my last newsletter column about the benefits and responsibilities of membership with PAGE Cooperative. Not only do all of those benefits and responsibilities still hold true now, but also they may be more important than ever. Like you, here at PAGE, we are still working hard—and working with all of our members & suppliers—to weather the storm. We look forward to that continued collaboration with you.

Our members' revenue has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic & as such, PAGE's revenue has been impacted. Much like you, we are making it through, staying current with our financial responsibilities to our suppliers and moving our operations forward. We are finding ways to trim expenses and serve our members in the best ways we can. Our corporate office is taking plenty of precautions to keep our workers safe and healthy, including staggering the time we all spend on site. Since we are an essential business, we are still here for our employees, our members, and our suppliers, and we will continue to serve this

community throughout the pandemic and beyond.

Not only are we surviving through these historic times, we are doing our best to help membership and suppliers survive—and thrive—with a number of improvements that we are making. That being said, here at PAGE Cooperative, as always we will need your cooperation to move forward. There is no better time for us to help each other out.

# Weathering the Storms—with Technology

One of the big changes we have made recently is establishing a new website. It should help members & suppliers find information from PAGE more easily and efficiently. That being said, we want to make sure that it is doing what it is intended to do. We want to hear from you about the new site, and what is working well (and maybe not so well) for you. Not surprisingly, considering current world situations, we have not had a lot of feedback thus far. While we could always assume that no news is good news -- we would rather know what is working and what is not so that we can best serve our members and suppliers. Your suggestions for improvements and modifications to the website are absolutely welcome and needed. Please send them directly to me

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While talking technology, this is a good time to discuss other challenges we are meeting and

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upgrades we are making at PAGE. Recently, we had a brief issue with our servers that may have inconvenienced some members & suppliers.

During a particularly bad electrical storm, over 170,000 customers in our area lost power, and unfortunately, we were one of them. We had a 3-day electrical outage to our building while Pennsylvania Electric Company worked around the clock to restore power. During this downtime we still made sure that your needs were met—with some slight delays. This was a good learning experience for PAGE, and has pushed us to make a few improvements for the future.

For some time, we have discussed moving our servers to a COLO, or a collocation. This is a secure facility off-site that businesses often use to ensure that the computer and server hardware that keeps their operations running is safe, secure, and in proper working order at all times. This location will have building security, on-site environmental / temperature control & redundant backup power. By moving to a COLO, we can make sure that we are on-line and operational 24/7 with no future interruptions. We will be working on this move before year-end.

# **Bringing in the Best New People**

Speaking of changes, we would like to welcome a new Chief Financial Officer to PAGE Cooperative. Don Leininger joined us in March, just in time to meet the challenges of the pandemic. He is a top-drawer individual and an enthusiastic and integral part of PAGE's future. I know he would love to hear from our members about any needs, concerns, or suggestions you may have. This has obviously been a busy and immersive first few months for Don, but if any members need advice or assistance with weathering the current financial storm, Don would love to hear from you and reach out a helping hand. You can call **Don** at **800-468-9568 x176** or reach out in an email to **don@pagecooperative.com**.

# **Finding New Ways to be Better**

We are pleased to announce another exciting way that a PAGE Cooperative membership could benefit your business and revenue. Shortly we will be introducing a new program, PAGE+ Pricing, which will have positive impact for both members and suppliers. It will be an additional way for our members to save money and get the high-quality products that they need and expect from PAGE Cooperative suppliers,

and for suppliers to have better forecasts for product orders. Of course, for all of our members, we will continue to work to get the best prices possible. All of our members will continue to receive the optimum pricing that we provide, regardless of the quantity of product purchased, but we will have the opportunity to provide something extra, as well. We have been working with some of our larger suppliers to start the new PAGE+ Pricing program. Some members may be able, through volume purchase agreements, or sole supplier agreements, for PAGE to negotiate PAGE+ Pricing for them. The program is currently focusing on the three major spend categories for operations, i.e. newsprint, plates and ink. We hope that this will be a welcome opportunity for additional savings for our members at a time when such measures are needed for so many. Please contact me directly for additional information.

We will continue in our efforts to bring members and suppliers together in a variety of ways. We encourage our suppliers to consider promotional opportunities through PAGE – using PAGE's accessibility to members via email blasts, interactive webinars, our newsletter and of course, our website. The best contacts here at PAGE to discuss these business-building opportunities are Marcy Emory, who can be reached at 800-468-9568 x182 or at marcy@pagecooperative.com or Sharon Shifflett at 800-468-9568 x177 or sharon@pagecooperative.com.

Things are undoubtedly hard right now. Our members & suppliers are doing their best to get through to the other side of a revenue crisis and build a better future for their companies and publications. We are in that boat with you—it has been a struggle for us in the same ways it has been a struggle for you – our collaboration can and will strengthen each other at this most difficult time. Please reach out to us, whether it is to find fresh ways to bring in money and save expense dollars or to brainstorm new ideas. We are confident that, with each other's help, we can come out of the other side of this pandemic better than when we started. This is a good time to let necessity be the mother of invention, and come together to innovate, improve, and strengthen so that we can meet the next challenges that await us. In the meantime, we are here for you to help in a variety of ways...that is what being a cooperative is all about.

# **Newsprint Transition**



PAGE is committed to saving members additional dollars. As part of this endeavor, and in order to have control over the negotiation process and eliminate associated fees, we have terminated our contract with Cox Newsprint Supply (CNS) effective July 31, 2020. PAGE leadership has now negotiated directly with all PAGE newsprint suppliers to achieve the current August pricing. The Cooperative, as a whole, has very strong purchasing volume, especially in relation to industry trends, and this allows us to secure better pricing for all of our members.

In addition to improved standard pricing for newsprint, PAGE now offers PAGE+ Pricing. For additional information on this special savings program, please contact Gary Blakeley (gary@pagecooperative.com) or Marcy Emory (marcy@pagecooperative.com).

Should anyone outside of PAGE (mills, brokers, or third-party buyers) contact you directly about newsprint pricing, we again encourage you to reach out to us.

PAGE has made tremendous progress over this past year and we are excited about this next step. As we make this transition to independent price negotiation with our newsprint suppliers, it will be key that we continue to collaborate and remain as one Cooperative - one buying group.

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# A PAGE Cooperative Staff Profile

# **Don Leininger**

Chief Financial Officer

PAGE Cooperative's new CFO, Don Leininger, comes to PAGE with a wealth of accounting experience and an enormous respect for the print news industry. The Pittsburgh native, who has lived in West Virginia and Virginia but currently resides in Lancaster, PA is a new and welcome addition to the PAGE team.

As CFO, Don is, as he puts it, "the financial conscience of the organization." His responsibilities include keeping track of the current financial realities of PAGE Cooperative while also forecasting what is to come. This means keeping abreast of any opportunities to improve the financial situations of members and mitigating any potential risks or pitfalls.

This is more important now than ever. Don started working at PAGE in March, just as the COVID-19 pandemic was beginning to upend the industry. Much of his work has been, and will be, to keep the organization stable throughout this difficult year.

Don has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Virginia Tech and has done financial work for a number of print media and manufacturing companies. He enjoys reading philosophy, which has an impact on his attitude toward business, especially right now. "You can't control the outside world, but you can control your reaction," he says.

Outside of the office, Don enjoys spending time with his family and getting outdoors, especially kayaking. He also enjoys biographies of historical figures. He is passionate about the art of print journalism. "With everything going on in the world today, local journalism, and journalism as a whole, is so important. I can't stress that enough."

It is also important, he says, for members and suppliers to reach out with any questions or ideas that can strengthen PAGE financially at this time. "For a cooperative, cooperation is a big part, but also communication and collaboration between everybody," he says. "The only way this works is if we work together."



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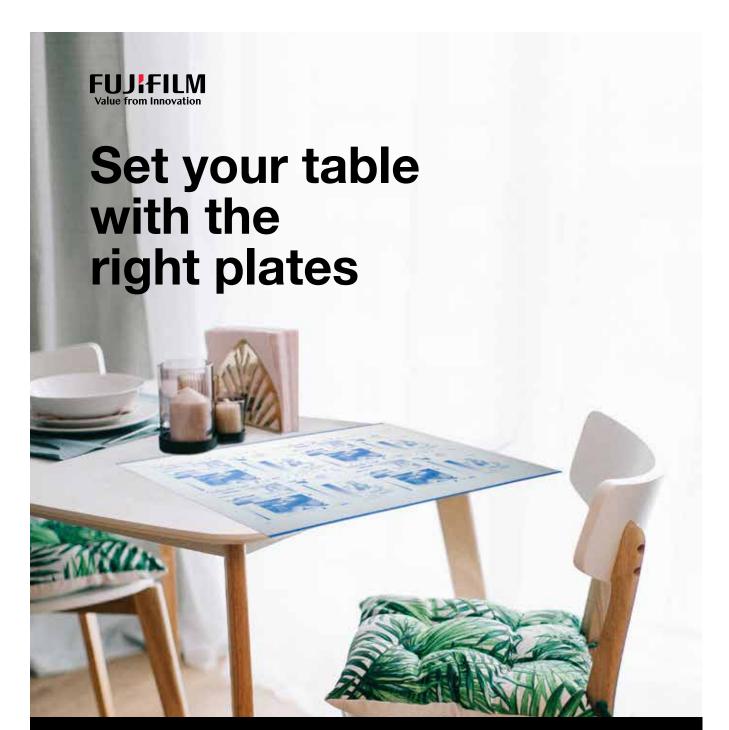
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Our new restaurant and business listing tool (released in May), allows business owners to update and maintain their listings in real time, with highlighted relevant features such as COVID protocols, outdoor seating, delivery, takeout, curbside pickup, and more. It also displays store hours, social media, payment methods accepted, images, descriptions, and more.

The new listings platform offers many of the same features as our market leading event calendars—including responsive design, multiple views, map search, keyword and category search, integrated admin dashboard, submission approvals, unlimited widget collections, customized business features, and built-in premium monetization.

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# **RE & Personal Property TAX SAVINGS Caused by COVID-19**

Take action NOW! The fallout from COVID-19 is having a devastating effect on Commercial/Industrial real estate, making it more important today than perhaps ever before, to have a firm grasp on the shifting value of these assets. In this climate, quantifying a loss of value and effectively appealing overassessment can result in savings of tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Equally important is determining utilization of FF&E. From idle under-utilized presses, to the ink and paper supplies at the facility, qualifying these assets as "diminished" in use during this period can significantly reduce tax liability. Moreover, in states that permit "intangible reductions," an annual savings of between 10 and 20 percent may be achievable by qualifying assets such as computer software and warranties.

The complexity and stakes of reducing business real estate and business personal property tax in the wake of COVID-19 are significant and the window to take effective action is extremely limited. The keys to success are being proactive and leveraging the proper expertise.

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# **Modern Public Notices**

Public notices clerks are required to carry an encyclopedic knowledge of the extensive rules for size, font, frequency, and required affidavits. Automation can save you time, money and bandwidth.

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iPublish already has 33 mastheads who have signed up live across the country on AdPortal Public Notices.

Public notices are under legislative threat, with a focus on digital away from print. AdPortal can serve both print and digital preparing the newspaper for the shift to digital if it occurs. Modernizing is critical to preserving this revenue category.

"Now anyone on AdPortal Public Notices can create a notice. You don't have to be an expert," said Brian Gorman, CRO of iPublish Media Solutions.

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# Automated Image Enhancement With Claro Version 12

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# **Tribune Centralizes Workflow** With Prolmage NewsWayX

Virtual, remote connectivity has been proven a lifesaver for many companies and their employees during the COVID-19 pandemic. While not being a new concept, it became painstakingly clear how important it is to be digitally connected despite being physically apart. This same concept applies to ProImage's NewsWayX workflow products where virtual, cloud-based HTML5 technology is at the center of its core capabilities. This feature is one of the main reasons, the Tribune Publishing Company decided to install the NewsWayX Workflow System across all of their print sites.

But instead of upgrading their legacy workflow systems at each of their print sites, the Tribune Publishing decided to centralize their production workflow using one cloudbased hub.

This hub is integrated with Tribune's own, pre-existing cloud where now each print site can log into ProImage's central system and each manage their own production workflow - independent from each other. This central system - NewsWayX - is using HTML5 and is web browserbased enabling users to monitor production status from different print sites and from any location. Browsers allow newspaper production operators to access their NewsWayX workflow from anywhere. Staff can log in from different computers at work, the production area, and even from their laptops at home to monitor and work on production flow.



# ppi Media is a "Beacon of the Digital Economy"

Dr. Bernd Buchholz, Minister of Economic Affairs in Schleswig-Holstein, the most northern federal state in Germany, has been visiting the headquarters of ppi Media in Kiel, Germany. He pointed out that the printing industry was one of the first sectors of the economy to feel the full force of the digital transformation. "And I've now seen with my own eyes that the products developed by ppi Media are a key driving force for this global process - in both the planning and production of newspapers and other print products", said Minister Buchholz. The full story can be viewed at https://bit.ly/39xXmuB.

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# My News e-Edition Interface Redesigned

Presteligence, an industry-leading software developer and innovator, deployed a new interface for the **My News 360 e-edition**. The most notable changes are the option to view pages as a facing spread, a vertical toolbar, and side by side page(s) and stories.



## Double page e-Reader view with story listing

The redesign launched for the 300+ publications using the My News e-edition service.

Some other features include:

- Double page view so readers can see facing pages as a spread
- Side story view versus opening the story in a new window
- Thumbnail view of entire e-edition for easy access to pages
- Access to the archive from the e-reader view
- Access to online puzzles (crosswords/sudoku)
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Southern Lithoplate has always been proud of our PAGE partnership. Over these 30 years, together we have seen our industry innovate thru multiple technologies, competitors, economic storms, and now a global pandemic. While the advertising and print circulation facts before us are daunting, SLP passionately believes in the long-term viability of print advertising. Market declines will certainly result in a smaller market. However, as an American owned and privately operated company, Team SLP is determined to ensure PAGE Members enjoy access to affordable prepress hardware, prepress maintenance, workflow, and consumables for your print needs. As an innovator, SLP recently repurposed our chemical plants in NC and MI to provide you affordable liquidbased Hand Sanitizer. We will emerge, together, along with our Strategic Alliance Partners (CRON Americas & Presteligence). As our country returns to work, call 800-638-7990, to check out the Hand Sanitizer, we have your back.



# Need Help? Visit RBP Chemical Technology's Website

RBP Chemical Technology's website is an essential consumable search tool for printers. Utilize the site in selecting Pre-press, Pressroom, and Mailroom supplies that best match your needs. RBP's - Print Page includes two categories: Pressroom Chemicals / Pressroom Parts & Consumables.

Chemistry filters can assist in defining your search. For example, fountain solutions can be selected by sector/pH levels to populate a list of products with pertinent descriptions. Other tools include Press Parts Catalog, Troubleshooting Guide for common defects & request for electronic copies of Product Data Sheets and Safety Data Sheets. Please visit https://rbpchemical.com/pressroom-printing or contact Customer Support at cs@rbpchemical.net or 1-800-558-0747.



# Splice Solutions Expands Tape and Tab Options

Splice Solutions **www.splicesolutions.com** has a new updated website! Splice continues to expand its offerings of splice tapes and tabs to the industry. Current offerings include the Orafix line of repulpable tapes single and double sided. Additionally always in stock 3M 9990 straight line splice tape with foil detection in stock. For additional details, please contact **Bob Kelsey** at **774-260-1465**.

# Star★Key

# Estimating and Job Tracking Software – New Version

Star\*Key Software, creator of the Presstimator estimating software program for newspapers and commercial web offset printers, is releasing a major update to its standalone estimating and job tracking application.

The new version includes many new user-requested features including:

- Scheduling: The Presstimator automatically calculates the amount of time required for each process included in a job and estimated times are sent directly to the Scheduler. Several views (e.g., Month, Work Week, Gantt, etc.) of the scheduled events are available and grouped by Resource, along with full Reporting capabilities.
- Paper Inventory: Track the number of rolls on hand of each type of paper and easily adjust the number of rolls when receiving shipments from your paper vendor(s). When completing a job in the Presstimator, the number of rolls in inventory will be automatically reduced by the calculated number of rolls required to produce the job. The Auditor will catch if you don't have enough rolls on hand. Optional interfaces (standalone Windows app or browser-based) are available so the inventory can be adjusted by employees without a need to be trained on the Presstimator.

As a complete estimating and job tracking solution, the Presstimator can help you save time and make money. Visit **presstimator.com** for more information.



# Looking For Successful and Proven Audience Development Ideas?

Steel City Corp., best known for their complete line of home delivery and single copy supplies, recently completed sharing "50 Ideas in 50 Days" at the BEEN THERE SAW THIS page on the Steel City Corp. website: www.scity.com.

A PAGE Preferred Platinum Supplier, Steel City Corp. has been providing circulation and distribution supplies to the publishing industry for over 80 years. The sharing of ideas has historically been well received and the "50 Ideas..." promotion increased visits to the website page.

Steel City Corp. also sends a monthly e-newsletter to over 1000 industry professionals with ideas and industry updates.

For additional information regarding Steel City Corp. products, the idea-sharing or to subscribe to the FREE e-newsletter contact **Jim Smith**, National Sales Manager: **1-800-321-0350** or **jsmith@scity.com**.



# Accounts Receivable Management More Challenging During Economic Downturn

In the face of increased uncertainty, it may be useful to review what we know for sure and what the practical implications are for credit and collection managers. In difficult times, accounts are more perishable and collection recovery of past-due receivables decreases.

Many companies, during economic downturns, extend the time they will allow an account receivable to age before they engage in formal collection efforts. Failure to engage in timely collection efforts on accounts, some of which are higher-than-average risk to begin with, can have a severely negative impact on a company's cash flow and bottom line. The longer an account languishes on the books, the more it costs to keep it there and the less likely it is to be collected at all.

Here are a few tips to help your organization maintain a healthy cash flow in these difficult times:

- 1. Monitor troubled industries. Regularly review financial magazines, newspapers, and financial websites to help you stay abreast of industry developments.
- 2. Watch for "red flags" that can signal potential collection problems. Have the customer's paying habits changed?
- Form a partnership with a third-party collector. A good collection agency can improve your bottom line while preserving your relationships with your customers.

For more information, visit **szabo.com**.

# **TECNIVIA**

TECNAVIA ADVERTISING NETWORK

# Print Replica and Programmatic in Publishers Recovery Plans

In these latest of challenging times, with advertisers reducing or cancelling schedules and subscribers depending on their trusted local newspapers more than ever, Publishers are turning to their print replica solution.

In North America, Tecnavia is helping multiple Publishers within several groups utilize various strategies including assisting some that were forced to reduce print distribution on certain days but keeping the curated print version for online access. The cost savings of printing and distribution combined with keeping subscribers attached is vital for sustaining their operations.

In addition to the cost savings, the print replica has the added benefit of driving traffic, generating more page views/screen views, ad impressions, and therefore creating new online revenues. The increased traffic is helping to offset the lower advertising cop's we are seeing. The Tecnavia Advertising Network (TAN) has provided critically needed revenues for Publishers.

If you are not taking advantage of the cost savings and increasing revenues with your print replica or our TAN advertising network, contact us to get more information.

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# **Most Popular Suppliers By Number Of Members Purchasing**

- Steel City Corp. 1.
- 2. Southern Lithoplate
- 3. Resolute Forest Products
- 4. Central Ink Corp.
- 5. RBP Chemical Technology
- 6. Finzer Roller, Inc.
- 7. Hamilton Circulation Supplies
- Eastman Kodak Company

- Fujifilm Graphic Systems USA
- 10. PDI Plastics
- 11. Miller/Bevco
- 12. TownNews.com
- 13. C&W Pressroom Products
- 14. White Birch Paper Company

15. Flint Group

# **Top Members By Purchasing Amounts**

1.	Susquehanna Printing Company	Lancaster	PA	9. Prescott Newspapers, Inc. Prescott Valley	ΑZ
2.	The Concord Monitor	Concord	NH	10. Sun Coast Media Group Inc. Charlotte Harbor	FL
3.	Trib Total Media, LLC	Tarentum	PA	11. Valley Newspapers Phoenix	ΑZ
4.	Independent Newsmedia, Inc.	Dover	DE	12. The Star Democrat Easton	MD
5.	ECM Publishers	Coon Rapids	MN	13. The Indiana Gazette Indiana	PA
6.	HD Media Company LLC	Charleston	WV	14. Richner Communications Inc. Garden City	NY
7.	Epoch Press Inc.	Wayne	NJ	15. Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal Tupelo	MS
8.	The Santa Fe New Mexican	Santa Fe	NM		
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# **Top Members By Suppliers Used**

1. Press-Enterprise	Bloomsburg	PA	9. Sun Coast Media Group Inc.	Venice	FL
2. Valley Newspapers	Phoenix	AZ	10. Prescott Newspapers, Inc.	Prescott Valley	ΑZ
3. Iowa Information Inc.	Sheldon	IA	11. Daily Astorian	Astoria	OR
4. East Oregonian	Pendleton	OR	12. The Courier	Findlay	ОН
5. Susquehanna Printing Company	Lancaster	PA	13. News Tribune	La Salle	IL
6. Sun Coast Media Group Inc.	Charlotte Harbor	FL	14. Richner Communications Inc.	Garden City	NY
7. The Greeneville Sun	Greeneville	TN	15. Booster/Mohave Valley News	Bullhead City	ΑZ
8. The Indiana Gazette	Indiana	PA			

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# **CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN**

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PAGE continues to add talent and depth to our most critical leadership positions. In addition to our new CEO, Gary Blakeley, who joined us in March of 2019, we now have a new CFO, Don Leninger, who joined us in March of this year.

Don couldn't have started at a more challenging time, as Pennsylvania's economy was largely shut down during his first month on the job. As a result, our cooperative instituted distancing and remote working policies in order to keep our employees safe. Yet at the end of the day, it was not exactly the most desirable environment for any employee starting off on a new career path.

But challenges are nothing new to Don and that's one of the reasons why he took this role. Don faces each challenge head on with a work ethic that rivals that of our CEO. Please take a moment to read Don's profile which is included in this edition. And speaking of new roles, Marcy Emory will now

be focusing her efforts on the critical mission of expanding member purchasing in a more strategic manner as PAGE pursues market share growth.

I couldn't be more proud of the team being assembled at PAGE. After years of contraction we are now focused once again on growth. For obvious reasons, we don't want to share unaudited financial results, but I do believe our members will be pleased when they review the results of the financial progress made thus far. And even though we're now a 36 year-old cooperative, it's all starting to feel very new again. There is an air of enthusiasm with a lot of exciting projects in motion. Our members have a right to demand more from our cooperative and the pieces are being put into place to deliver just that.



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