

Ownership, communities and circulation

Wick Communications • Western News&Info • River City Newspapers

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Why the neighboring communities matter

The central development is overlapping ownership among newspapers serving Sedona, the Verde Valley and neighboring northern Arizona communities. Several mastheads can remain in place while their owners share business interests. That does not establish whether their newsrooms will merge or whether editorial decisions will become more centralized.

Operation	Ownership and role
Wick Communications	Wick family; based in Sierra Vista. Announced buyer of Larson Newspapers. [1, 2]
Western News&Info	Soldwedel family; based in Prescott Valley. Owns the Courier group and holds a continuing stake in River City. [2, 4]
River City Newspapers	50/50 joint venture of Wick and Western. Their partnership dates to 1995. [2]

The local transition at a glance

Publication / group	Announced change
Sedona Red Rock News and The Journal	Larson Newspapers to Wick; closing scheduled December 1, 2026. Kyle Larson is to help lead the transition. [1]
Verde Independent; Camp Verde Bugle; Williams-Grand Canyon News; Navajo-Hopi Observer	Western to the jointly owned River City operation on December 1, 2026. [2]
Kudos	Also named among River City additions in its subsequent management announcement. Arts and entertainment publication. [3]

How to read this reference: Circulation figures are historical unless stated otherwise. They represent copies or subscriptions, not total readership or website traffic. Edition labels reproduce the historical source and do not establish current publishing frequency. “Not verified” means a reliable figure was not established. Source numbers link to the reference list on page 5.

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Current operations, followed by the announced Larson additions. Shared River City holdings are listed separately on page 3. [4-7]

Publication	Principal communities / focus	Circulation found
Arizona Daily Sun	Flagstaff; surrounding Coconino County	7,712 daily; 7,354 Sunday (2022). [8]
Herald/Review	Sierra Vista, Bisbee, Fort Huachuca; broader Cochise County	4,392 daily; 6,364 Sunday (2022). [9]
Eastern Arizona Courier	Safford; Gila Valley / Graham County	4,125 Wednesday; 3,700 Saturday (2022). [10]
The Copper Era	Clifton, Morenci; Greenlee County	Not verified
Green Valley News & Sun	Green Valley; southern Pima County	Not verified
Sahuarita Sun	Sahuarita	Not verified
Nogales International	Nogales, Rio Rico; Santa Cruz County	980 (2022). [11]
The Daily Territorial	Tucson / Pima County; legal notices and business information	Not verified
Flag Live!	Flagstaff; arts, entertainment and culture	Not verified

Announced additions | December 1, 2026

Publication	Communities	Circulation found
Sedona Red Rock News	Sedona, Village of Oak Creek and surrounding area	4,295 print; 428 electronic subscriptions (2022). [12]
The Journal	Camp Verde, Cottonwood and the Verde Valley	Current combined figure not verified

Names and merged titles: The sale announcement calls the Larson sister publication “The Journal.” The Arizona Media Association directory lists “Camp Verde Journal/Cottonwood Journal Extra” together. Do not assume two current newsrooms or add separate circulation figures without confirmation. [1, 4]

Bisbee Daily Review is part of the Herald/Review. Douglas Dispatch, Benson’s San Pedro Valley News-Sun and Willcox’s Arizona Range News stopped separate print publication in 2020 and joined the countywide Herald/Review edition. The Weekly Bulletin in Sonoita remains in reference listings associated with Nogales International, but its current standalone status was not firmly established. [9, 11, 13]

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Publication	Principal communities	Circulation found
The Daily Courier	Prescott and surrounding Yavapai County	10,875 daily; 13,760 Sunday (2022). [14]
Prescott Valley Tribune	Prescott Valley; Dewey-Humboldt	Not verified
Chino Valley Review	Chino Valley; Paulden and surrounding area	Not verified

The Tribune and Review are associated with the Courier operation; three names do not establish three independent newsrooms. No additional current, wholly owned Western newspapers outside Arizona were verified. [4, 15]

River City | Shared Wick-Western ownership

Publication	State / principal communities	Circulation found
Today's News-Herald	AZ Lake Havasu City	Not verified
Kingman Miner	AZ Kingman and surrounding Mohave County	3,904 (2022). [16]
Mohave Valley News / Mohave Valley Daily News	AZ Bullhead City, Fort Mohave and river communities	5,190 daily; 5,567 Sunday (2022). [17]
Parker Pioneer	AZ Parker; La Paz County	Not verified
The Wickenburg Sun	AZ Wickenburg and surrounding area	Not verified
Needles Desert Star	CA Needles and Colorado River area	Not verified
Laughlin Nevada Times / Laughlin Times	NV Laughlin	Not verified

Western titles scheduled to join December 1

Publication	Principal communities	Circulation found
Verde Independent	Cottonwood and the Verde Valley	2,267 print; 233 electronic subscriptions (2022). [18]
Camp Verde Bugle	Camp Verde and surrounding area	Separate figure not verified
Williams-Grand Canyon News	Williams; Grand Canyon area	Not verified
Navajo-Hopi Observer	Navajo and Hopi communities; Flagstaff area	15,000 (2022); not necessarily paid. [19]

Ownership sources: [2, 3, 20]. River City also has specialty products, including Laughlin Entertainer and Havasu: Arizona's Coastal Life; Kudos is named in the new management announcement. These are distinct from general-interest newspapers. [3, 20]

Wick | Publications outside Arizona

Publication	Communities / status	Circulation found
Argus Observer	Ontario / Malheur County, Oregon; nearby southwestern Idaho	4,987 in Oregon association listing; year unspecified. [21]
The Wenatchee World	Wenatchee, East Wenatchee; north-central Washington	15,001 (2022). [22]
Quincy Valley Post-Register	Quincy / Quincy Valley, Washington. Reporting operation listed; print status needs clarification. [23, 24]	Not verified
Wenatchee Valley Business World	Wenatchee Valley, Washington; business specialty publication. [23]	Not verified

Older listings: Payette, Idaho's Independent-Enterprise was folded into the Argus Observer in 2020. Washington's Douglas County Empire Press closed in November 2025. Some company brand pages still display these names. They are not counted here as active standalone newspapers. [25, 26]

2026 sale announcements | Former Wick portfolio

These titles appear on older Wick lists. The announcements below should be considered before treating them as current holdings; this reference is not a transaction-closing audit. [27-29]

Publication	Town / state	Announced buyer
Sidney Herald	Sidney, MT	Forum Communications
Williston Herald	Williston, ND	Forum Communications
Daily News	Wahpeton, ND / Breckenridge, MN	Forum Communications
News Monitor	Hankinson, ND	Forum Communications
Capital Journal	Pierre, SD	Forum Communications
Daily Leader	Madison, SD	Forum Communications
Daily Journal	Fergus Falls, MN	Forum Communications
Montrose Daily Press	Montrose, CO	Grand Junction Media / Seaton
Delta County Independent	Delta, CO	Grand Junction Media / Seaton
Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman	Wasilla / Mat-Su Valley, AK	Mat-Su Sentinel

Midwest sale announced January 2026; Colorado sale announced April 2026; Frontiersman sale announced May 2026. Circulation for divested titles was not compiled. [27-29]

Sources and verification notes

Click a source title to open it. Company announcements establish the ownership changes; directories establish publication identities. Most 2022 circulation figures below are reproduced in secondary reference entries citing the Arizona Newspapers Association directory or other circulation records. The underlying 2022 ANA directory was not directly accessible in this review. Obtain current publisher statements before using these figures for advertising decisions or combined audience estimates.

01. Red Rock News: Larson sale announcement, Oct. 5, 2026
02. Wick: Western titles moving to River City, Oct. 5, 2026
03. Wick: Jay Curran / River City portfolio, Oct. 7, 2026
04. Arizona Media Association: membership directory, 2025
05. Wick: current markets page (may retain legacy brands)
06. Wick: Arizona Daily Sun / Flag Live! brands
07. Wick: Green Valley News / Sahuarita Sun brands
08. Arizona Daily Sun: historical circulation reference
09. Herald/Review: historical circulation and merger history
10. Eastern Arizona Courier: historical circulation reference
11. Nogales International: circulation and Weekly Bulletin reference
12. Sedona Red Rock News: historical circulation reference
13. Senses: Cochise County print consolidations, September 2021
14. Daily Courier: historical circulation reference
15. Western / Ad King: company website list (2018 policy)
16. Kingman Miner: historical circulation reference
17. Mohave Valley Daily News: historical circulation reference
18. Verde Independent: historical circulation reference
19. Navajo-Hopi Observer: historical circulation reference
20. National Newspaper Association: River City acquisitions, 2022
21. Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association: Argus Observer
22. Wenatchee World: historical circulation reference
23. Wick: Wenatchee and related publication brands
24. Report for America: newsroom listings
25. Argus Observer: Independent-Enterprise consolidation history
26. Spokesman-Review: Empire Press closure, Nov. 20, 2025
27. Wick: Midwest sale announcement, January 2026
28. Wick: Colorado sale announcement, April 2026
29. Wick: Frontiersman sale announcement, May 2026

Scope: a researched reference inventory, not a corporate legal register or complete list of every supplement, shopper, website or broadcast property. No combined circulation total is presented because the figures are not comparable and may overlap.