

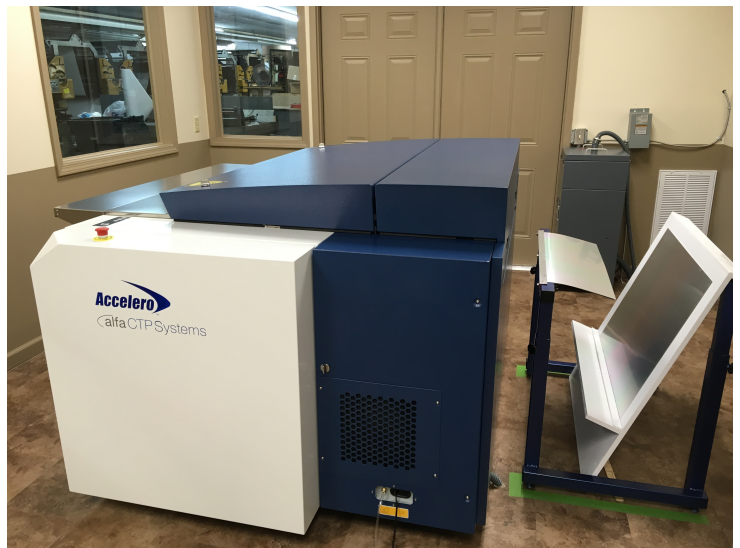
## Monticellonian installs Accelero News CTP

The Advance-Monticellonian's heritage dates back to the 1870s and is one of the oldest companies in Arkansas; but notwithstanding its strong links with the earliest days of the state, it recently updated its pre-press operation with the latest computer to plate technology from alfa CTP Systems.

In mid-August, the company installed alfa's Accelero News thermal CTP and RIP Express II workflow, allowing them to image imposed pages directly to a processless plate, eliminating many time-consuming steps in production and the need for an expensive plate processor. "The resulting operation is



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simple, direct and clean and has greatly improved our pre-press operation", said Tom White, president of Drew County Newspapers, the parent company of The Advance-Monticellonian.

Making the transition from a film based workflow to "processless" CTP enables the paper to skip a generation of plate technology, avoiding the cost and inconvenience of a liquid chemical based post-imaging, plate processor, which are notoriously unpopular with those that have clean and maintain them.

Now, pages go from screen, to CTP to press in a fraction of the time it would have taken to image and strip film. Four pieces of equipment (film setter, film processor, plate burner, plate processor) have been replaced by one CTP and there is no longer any film or chemistry to buy.

The only additional piece of equipment required was a stacker to catch the plates as they exit the CTP. The pictures on this page show an ingenious device, designed and built by Tom White which serves the purpose perfectly.

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