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JOURNAL COMMUNICATIONS INC

CIK: **1232241** | IRS No.: **200020198** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
SIC: **2711** Newspapers: publishing or publishing & printing

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REPORTING OWNER

DITTER JAMES J

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person DITTER JAMES J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol JOURNAL COMMUNICATIONS INC [JRN]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Vice President		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/29/2005			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person		
C/O JOURNAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 333 WEST STATE STREET			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) MILWAUKEE, WI 53203								
(City) (State) (Zip)								

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	04/29/2005		C		27,000	A	\$ 0	27,000	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Class B Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	⁽²⁾	04/29/2005		C		27,000		⁽²⁾	⁽²⁾	Class A Common Stock	27,000	\$ 0	35,000 ⁽¹⁾	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. On April 28, 2005, Journal Communications, Inc. filed Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation that combined the Class B-1 Common Stock and Class B-2 Common Stock into a single class of Class B Common Stock.

2. The Class B Common Stock is convertible into Class A Common Stock (subject to certain limitations specified in the Issuer's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation) on a 1-for-1 basis at no cost.

Signatures

By: Russell E. Ryba, Attorney-In-Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person

05/02/2005

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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