



Anderson Independent Mail editor announces his retirement after distinguished career

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CINCINNATI –John C. Huff Jr., editor of the *Independent Mail* in Anderson, S.C., since 2008, has announced his retirement after a newspaper career that dates to his first paper route more than 55 years ago.

The *Independent Mail* is owned by The E.W. Scripps Company (NYSE: SSP).

“John leaves behind an award-winning team of journalists with a great commitment to their community, craft and each other,” said Susan Kelly-Gilbert, publisher and chief revenue officer of the *Independent Mail*. “For me personally, he has been a great guide and support in learning the community and the newspaper over the last two years. We will miss his strong voice, keen insight and passion.”

Huff’s successor as editor of the *Independent Mail* will be announced in the next several days. He will remain to assist with the newsroom’s leadership transition through early December.

During Huff’s tenure, the *Independent Mail* won more than 100 awards in the South Carolina Press Association’s annual journalism competition.

“John is one of our most thoughtful and talented newsroom leaders,” said Mizell Stewart III, vice president/content of the Scripps newspaper division. “The standard of excellence demonstrated by the *Independent Mail* staff on digital and print platforms is among the best in our company.”

Huff’s early career included experience in production and advertising sales before he took a daily newsroom reporting job while still a student at Duke University. He has been a reporter or editor at several papers in the Carolinas as well as *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *the Dallas Times Herald* and *The Orlando Sentinel*, most frequently serving as city editor, special projects editor or chief editor.

Huff, 65, is a Nieman Fellow of Harvard University and a graduate of the Advanced Executive Program at Northwestern University. For several years

he was a frequent speaker, panelist or guest at international journalism, technology and futurism conferences in Europe and Asia.

Before joining the *Independent Mail*, Huff served as editor of the *Washington (N.C.) Daily News*, the *New Bern Sun Journal* and *The Post and Courier* of Charleston. He is a native of Greenville, S.C., and plans to remain in the Upstate.

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