



Anderson Independent Mail promotes Stephen Mullins to editor

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CINCINNATI – Stephen Mullins, a respected South Carolina journalist and newsroom leader, is the new editor of *The Anderson (S.C.) Independent Mail*.

Mullins, who joined the Anderson newsroom in 2011 and now serves as managing editor, succeeds John C. Huff Jr., who announced his retirement last month. His professional accolades include being named Journalist of the Year by the South Carolina Press Association in 1989.

"Steve has been instrumental in leading the *Independent Mail* newsroom into the digital era and maintaining the staff's focus on quality storytelling and community service," said Mizell Stewart III, vice president/content for the newspaper division of The E.W. Scripps Company (NYSE: SSP), parent of the *Independent Mail*. "We are fortunate to have a leader of Steve's caliber and experience ready to step into the editor's role."

A U.S. Navy veteran, Mullins attended Marshall University and held reporting positions at *The Parkersburg News* and *Charleston (W.V.) Daily Mail* before heading to South Carolina to join *The Post and Courier* in Charleston, S.C. Over the course of 30 years there, Mullins was investigative reporter, metro editor, features editor, special projects editor and managing editor.

Mullins, 63, led the team that produced *The Post and Courier's* first news website and later managed a staff of 140 digital and print employees before joining the *Independent Mail* as senior editor.

During his tenure in Anderson, Mullins has helped launch the *Independent Mail's* "Your Hometown" initiative. While in Charleston, S.C., he co-authored "And Hugo Was His Name: Hurricane Hugo, A Diary of Destruction," a detailed account of the impact of the hurricane that struck the Carolina coast in 1989.

He is a graduate of Leadership Anderson, a past board member of the South Carolina Press Association, and a former member of the College of Charleston Student Media Advisory Board.

Mullins and his wife, Sharon, live in Pendleton, S.C.

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