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NEWS RELEASE

Hughes named president and publisher of the Anderson (S.C.) Independent-Mail

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CINCINNATI - Frank "Butch" Hughes III, who joined the Anderson (S.C.) Independent-Mail earlier this year as general manager, will become president and publisher of the newspaper, effective Jan. 1.

Hughes succeeds Fred Foster, who will become the newspaper's publisher emeritus. Foster, who has been publisher of the Independent-Mail for 15 years, will represent the newspaper through continued community involvement. Hughes will assume responsibility for the newspaper's day-to-day operations.

The Independent-Mail is owned and operated by The E. W. Scripps Company.

"These changes are part of a long-anticipated transition for Fred, who is one of our industry's great leaders and mentors," said Mark Contreras, senior vice president/newspapers for Scripps.

"Butch Hughes joined Fred at the Independent-Mail as general manager in July and their partnership in a very short time has proven to be very fruitful," Contreras said. "This is a well-deserved promotion for Butch, who is a top-notch professional with a high level of drive, integrity, creativity and a passion for delivering industry-leading results."

Hughes, 51, came to the Independent-Mail after serving two years as general manager for The Commercial Appeal in Memphis. He began his career at the Knoxville News Sentinel in 1979 as a switchboard operator while attending the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He subsequently worked in the ad service department, in retail sales and as a major accounts representative before being promoted to sales manager in Knoxville.

Hughes also served as advertising director at the San Luis Obispo (Calif.) Telegram-Tribune in California when it was still a Scripps newspaper in the mid 1990s and as advertising director at the Scripps-owned Evansville (Ind.) Courier & Press. Hughes returned to Knoxville as advertising director in 1999. The Commercial Appeal, News Sentinel and Courier & Press are all Scripps newspapers.

Foster has served as president and publisher of the Independent-Mail since 1991. Prior to that he was publisher of the Bridgewater (N.J.) Courier News (1985-89); and the Utica (N.Y.) Observer Dispatch (1989-91). He began his newspaper career in 1965 selling advertising for The Evening Telegram in Herkimer, N.Y.

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