

Sue Stephens To Retire As News Director Of WVTM 13

Newsroom Leader Caps Nearly Four-Decade Broadcasting Career Including 18 Years with Hearst Television



Birmingham, AL (June 28th, 2021) – Sue Stephens, a highly respected broadcast industry veteran who has served since 2015 as News Director of WVTM 13 announced today that she will retire in August.

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Stephens will cap a career in television broadcasting that began in the early 1980s and took her to markets ranging in size from Charleston to Atlanta to Albuquerque; concluding in Birmingham at WVTM 13. Sue spent the last 18 years with Hearst Television.

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“After 40 years in broadcast journalism, it is difficult to encapsulate Sue’s contributions to our industry including her 18 years with Hearst Television,” said WVTM 13 President and General Manager, Susana Schuler. “Sue has been instrumental in shaping the success of WVTM’s news operation over the last six years to set the highest standards in covering locally relevant news, owning breaking news and weather coverage, and working to reflect our community in building the market’s best news team.”

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“Six years ago, I stepped in as News Director at WVTM 13. Together my team and I have faced challenges, overcome obstacles and celebrated victories,” said WVTM 13 News Director, Sue Stephens. “I’m proud of all we accomplished here and grateful to end my career at WVTM. Leaving the station will be hard but I know it is in capable hands to continue our mission of informing the viewers of Central Alabama.”

Under Sue’s newsroom leadership, her teams have won numerous Edward R. Murrow awards, Emmys, State Broadcaster Association awards including four Station of the Year awards during her Tenure at KOAT in Albuquerque and winning Station of the Year at WVTM in 2020.

Stephens began her career in radio after graduating from Ohio University then transitioned to television where she’s been a photographer, director, producer, news manager, and news director.

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Stephens plans to retire to the Mobile area and spend her time traveling. Her successor at WVTM 13 will be named later.

About WVTM 13

WVTM 13 is a broadcast and digital media company serving the communities of Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, Anniston, and all of Central Alabama. Each week, the station produces 43-hours of WVTM 13 News coverage, in addition to delivering a wide range of national news, sports, community service, and entertainment programming across multiple platforms—WVTM 13, wvtm13.com, WVTM 13 mobile, and MeTV Birmingham. Founded in 1949, WVTM 13 is Alabama’s longest-operating television station. WVTM 13, Birmingham’s NBC affiliate station, is owned by Hearst Television. Follow us on Facebook ([wvtm13](https://www.facebook.com/wvtm13)), Twitter ([@wvtm13](https://twitter.com/wvtm13)) and Instagram ([@wvtm13](https://www.instagram.com/wvtm13)).

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