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## ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

### **A Conversation with Mike Crapps, First Community Bank**

This year First Community Bank is celebrating its 20th anniversary. How do you deal with all of the changes in the world and survive the ups and downs of the banking industry? 1) you stick to your foundational core values and cultural beliefs and 2) “and you maintain your commitment to do the right thing and doing it in the right way, with great people”. [Read More](#)

### **Don Tomlin and Councilman Ed McDowell have been appointed to City Center Partnership’s Board of Directors**

City Center Partnership (CCP) announced Columbia City Council has appointed new members to the organization’s Board of Directors. [See More](#)

### **Gov. Nikki Haley’s Republican Address to the Nation**

Following is the full text of the Republican Address to the Nation by Gov. Nikki Haley (R-SC), as prepared for delivery. [See More](#)

### **Cypress Creek Renewables establishing solar power operations in Saluda County**

Cypress Creek Renewables, a company that specializes in the ownership and development of long-term solar energy projects, has taken first steps toward investing \$12 million in solar energy projects in Saluda County. [See More](#)

### **Restaurant Week Columbia This Week!**

Restaurant week is an eleven-day celebration of South Carolina cuisine at hundreds of participating restaurants starting today. Check out the interactive guide here. [See More](#)

## **Mollye Hudson joins CBRE Asset Services Group in**

### **Columbia**

CBRE Group, Inc. announced that Mollye Hudson has joined the Asset Services Group as a Real Estate Manager. Based in Columbia, South Carolina, she will manage a portfolio of commercial retail & office properties throughout the Midlands. [See More](#)

## **S.C. Chamber President Ted Pitts testifies on need to reform DOT**

South Carolina Chamber of Commerce President Ted Pitts today testified before the House Legislative Oversight Committee about the need to reform the DOT as it relates to a comprehensive infrastructure strategy [See More](#)

## **Charleston Harbor Deepening Project recommended for Congressional authorization**

The 52-foot Charleston Harbor Deepening Project was recommended to Congress for authorization this week, continuing the project's historic momentum through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) planning process. [See More](#)

## **McElveen elected Chair of Adams and Reese Executive Committee**

William "Bill" P. McElveen Jr. has been elected to Chair the Executive Committee of the law firm of Adams and Reese. McElveen will lead the multidisciplinary law firm with attorneys and advisors located in 16 offices across 15 markets throughout the southern United States and Washington, D.C. [See More](#)

## **Gov. Nikki Haley announces 2016 Education Reform Initiative**

Continuing her focus on statewide education reform, Governor Nikki Haley announced her 2016 Education Reform Initiative, which addresses some of the toughest issues facing education in South Carolina today – from basic governance and accountability, to building safe schools, addressing transportation needs, and providing students across the state with access to technology. [See More](#)

## **Richland County Council Re-elects Chair, Vice Chair for 2016**

At Richland County Council's first meeting of the year, members re-elected Torrey Rush to serve as Chair and Greg Pearce to serve as Vice Chair for 2016. [See More](#)

## **Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina hires Chynna Phillips**

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina announces Chynna Phillips as Project Assistant. [See More](#)

### **Gilbert High Principal and Athletic Director honored**

Gilbert High Principal Ann O'Cain and Athletic Director Barry Harley received recognition on Wednesday, January 13 as the 2015 3A Region 5 Principal of the Year and Athletic Director of the Year. [See More](#)

### **Are You Focused More On “Proving” Or “Improving”?**

Brian Maynor, Style Coach: "From everything I've read about 2016 it's clear the overriding theme is to make this the year of 'you' in every aspect of your life, but is that something we can control? Here are a few interesting insights they found on how age and gender affect self-improvement." [Read More](#)

### **Ways and Means Committee Begins Committee Work**

"The Ways and Means Committee and its subcommittees have been meeting since November on the impact of the historic flooding and to hear budget requests but now that the legislative session has arrived we begin fully our comprehensive and open deliberations to fund state government for fiscal year 2016-17." [Read More](#)

### **USC College of Nursing No. 1 in U.S. News online graduate program rankings**

The University of South Carolina's College of Nursing is ranked No. 1 in the nation for its online graduate programs in the 2016 U.S. News and World Report's Best Online Education Programs. [See More](#)

### **Derrick Stubbs Legacy of Leadership honored in SCACPA's Top 100 Influential People In Accounting**

Derrick, Stubbs & Stith, LLP, a Columbia firm providing accounting, auditing, taxation and business consulting, announced five of its accountants, including the firm's three founding partners, have been named to the South Carolina Association of CPAs' (SCACPA) list of 100 Influential People in Accounting. [See More](#)

### **Alzheimer's Association honors Campbell children & wife for advocacy in respite care**

Carroll Campbell, III and Mike Campbell both made an appearance at the January 7th event to accept the honor and plaques from Cindy Alewine, Alzheimer's Association South Carolina Chapter CEO and to also honor their father's dedication to the issue, even before he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. [See More](#)

### **Irmo man donates \$50,000 to Lexington Medical Center Foundation generous gift honors his late wife**

The Lexington Medical Center Foundation received a \$50,000 gift Tuesday from an Irmo man who wanted to recognize the hospital and its staff members for the outstanding care they provided to his wife. [See More](#)

### **Celebrity Chef Jeff Henderson of “Flip My Food” to be keynote speaker at Youth Summit on EdVenture’s Youth Day**

EdVenture announced that its inaugural Youth Summit has been rescheduled due to the recent flood for Saturday, Jan. 23rd at the museum. [See More](#)

### **Science and Mathematics Governor’s School to host statewide robotics scrimmage**

Students at the South Carolina Governor’s School for Science & Mathematics (GSSM) are hosting a FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Scrimmage for the 2016 Game Challenge entitled “Res-Q” on Saturday, January 16th. [See More](#)

### **Devine Street Sidewalk Sale**

Start your Spring off right by Saving Money and Shopping Local from 9am -6pm on Saturday, January 30th with the merchants of Devine Street for their first BIG sale of the year! [See More](#)

### **D&W Fine Pack expanding Upstate operations**

D&W Fine Pack, a Mid Oaks Investment portfolio company, is expanding its manufacturing operations in Laurens County. The company’s \$20 million investment is expected to create 60 new jobs in Fountain Inn, S.C. over the next five years. [See More](#)

### **“Right to Try” Bill receives warm reception in SC Senate**

A subcommittee of the Senate Medical Affairs Committee gave the “Right to Try” bill (S.929) a unanimous 5-0 vote today, picking up a new co-sponsor in the process. Senator [See More](#)

### **Alex Irwin represented the seller for an \$8.75 million industrial building sale/leaseback**

Newmark Grubb Wilson Kibler, a leading real estate services firm, is pleased to announce the recent sale and leaseback transaction at 2486-2550 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, SC. [See More](#)

### **AT&T employees mentor 1 million hours, surpassing goal**

In less than 4 years, AT&T\* employees provided students with 1 million hours of mentoring, here in South Carolina and across the globe. [See More](#)

### **Trucking Association supports fuel-tax hike, regular review of DOT**

The President & CEO of the South Carolina Trucking Association supports an increase in the state's portion of the gasoline and diesel tax to improve the condition and safety of the state's roads and bridges. [See More](#)

### **New Exhibition to Open at Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County's Bassett Gallery**

The Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County (FAC) will open the 2016 Bassett Gallery with a new exhibition beginning January 28, 2016. [See More](#)

### **District Five adult education program expands offerings with weekend class, new location**

Adult education students in Lexington-Richland School District Five now have more options for attending classes and earning their diploma. [See More](#)

### **Historic Happy Hour at Hollings Library**

Historic Columbia hosts its first Historic Happy Hour of the New Year with USC's Irvin Department of Rare Books and Special Collections and Crouch Distilling in the Ernest F. Hollings Special Collections Library. [See More](#)

### **Electronics Recycling Event**

Acceptable materials include: Computers (and accessories), TVs, DVD players, VCRs, Fax Machines, Copiers, Gaming Systems, Phones, Microwaves, Stereo Equipment and more. [See More](#)

### **National Theatre Live strikes gold with Treasure Island Screening at Harbison Theatre**

Robert Louis Stevenson's classic literary story of murder, money and mutiny is brought to life on the big screen at Harbison Theatre at Midlands Technical College in the National Theatre Live matinee screening of Treasure Island, concluding Harbison Theatre's new four-show National Theatre Live screening series. [See More](#)

### **CMA Jazz on Main Showcases the Talents of Vocalist Maria Howell**

The Columbia Museum of Art's CMA Jazz on Main series returns in 2016 with a special guest, vocalist Maria Howell. Howell joins Artistic Director Noel Freidline and his quartet to honor "Great Ladies of Song" on Friday, January 22. An actress and singer, Maria Howell is best known on screen for her riveting solo in the 1985 film The Color Purple. [See More](#)

### **Events around Columbia and the Midlands**

See business and after hours events here. [Read More](#)

## Political cartoons from Robert Ariail

Published on MidlandsBiz.com almost daily. [See More](#)

### Robert Samuelson: The Republicans' civil war

"The Donald Trump phenomenon ranks as the great political story of 2015 — and maybe 2016 — but could it simply be a subplot of a bigger story: what commentator David Frum, once a speechwriter for President George W. Bush, calls the Republican party's "internal class war"? Yes, argues Frum." [Read More](#)

### Kathleen Parker: Obsessed with guns

"It is axiomatic that congressional Republicans will oppose anything smacking of "gun control," which may as well be read as "Your mama.""[Read More](#)

### Sales Advice from Jeffrey Gitomer: Out of touch or out of their minds? Maybe both!

"In a survey conducted by a BIG benefits management company (a management and human resource consulting firm), they asked 365 CEO's and sales management executives, "What are the three key factors that separate high performing sales professionals from moderate to low performing sales professionals?"[Read More](#)

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