

From: Symmes, Brian <BrianSymmes@gov.sc.gov>  
To:  
Date: 11/20/2015 4:13:38 PM  
Subject: Afternoon Clips – Friday, November 20, 2015

---

## Afternoon Clips – Friday, November 20, 2015

### South Carolina News:

**Post and Courier:** Economic engine 'humming' in S.C.; jobless rate falls to pre-recession level

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151120/PC05/151129968>

Warren L. Wise

Even with flooding disrupting some services in South Carolina in October, the state still produced jobs, surprising a Federal Reserve economist. South Carolina's unemployment rate dropped for a fifth straight month in October to its lowest level in eight years, now down to a pre-recession mark. The rate fell to 5.6 percent, down from 5.7 percent in September, according to the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce.

**Associated Press:** SC unemployment falls to 5.6 percent, lowest since June 2007

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=5QmUJ2sj](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=5QmUJ2sj)

South Carolina's unemployment rate has fallen for the fifth month in a row. The South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce said Friday that the state's jobless rate was at 5.6 percent in October. That's a tenth of a percentage point down from its 5.7 percent mark in September.

**Easley Progress:** Hitt: County is not ready

<http://theeasleyprogress.com/news/2251/hitt-county-is-not-ready>

D.C. Moody

Hitt, appointed in 2011 by Gov. Nikki Haley, spoke about the state's successes in recruiting new business and manufacturers to the state, pointing out South Carolina has brought in \$5 billion in three of the last four years and what appears will be another added to the list as the state is expected to exceed \$5 billion in new development in 2015.

**Associated Press:** Feds want church shooting suspect friend tried in Charleston

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=b4K624Od](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=b4K624Od)

Bruce Smith

Federal prosecutors want the trial of Joey Meek, the friend of the man charged in the Charleston church shootings, to be held in the city where the shootings occurred, instead of 120 miles away in Columbia. Authorities say Meek, 21, failed to tell investigators all he knew about the plans of Dylann Roof to shoot nine black parishioners at Emanuel AME Church last June.

### S.C. Political News:

**The State:** Former SC Gov. Beasley says Trump will 'make America great again'

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article45626643.html>

Jamie Self

A former S.C. governor heaped praise on Republican presidential frontrunner Donald Trump at Wofford College of Friday, but says he has not endorsed any candidates. S.C. Gov. David Beasley introduced Trump before a crowd of a as the "next president of the United States" and "the man who is going to make America great again."

**Greenville News:** Trump to speak in Spartanburg today

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2015/11/20/trump-spartanburg/76097844/>

Rudolph Bell

GOP White House hopeful Donald Trump is not likely to take questions from news reporters during his appearance at Wofford College today, according to a staffer with his South Carolina campaign. The New York billionaire is due to take the stage at noon in what is his third appearance in the Upstate as a

presidential candidate.

**Post and Courier:** S.C. Medal of Honor recipient takes jab at Obama in new Bush ad

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151120/PC1603/151129966>

Schuyler Kropf

Retired Marine Maj. Gen. James Livingston of Mount Pleasant is one of four Medal of Honor recipients appearing in a new Jeb Bush for president video that ridicules President Barack Obama as commander in chief. "This is no reality show. This is serious business. This is about the livelihood of our kids and grandkids. This commander in chief requires training wheels," Livingston says in the video as the image transitions to a photograph of Obama in the Oval Office.

#### **Local News:**

**Post and Courier:** John Tecklenburg transitions from campaigning to governing

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151120/PC16/151129945>

Robert Behre

A week ago, John Tecklenburg and his wife Sandy quietly slipped into the How Art Thou Music Cafe and Tapas Bar on James Island, and he greeted the jazz trio and settled in behind their keyboard. He played the standard, "Don't Get Around Much Anymore," then gave the briefest of speeches, telling the small crowd he was running for mayor and, "Actually, I've been getting round quite a lot these days."

**The State:** Columbia hosts African-American Mayors Association Leadership Summit

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article45637692.html>

Sarah Ellis

Columbia is hosting the inaugural African-American Mayors Association Leadership Summit on Thursday and Friday. Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin was elected president of the association in May.

**Greenville News:** Is the downtown hotel market overheated?

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2015/11/19/downtown-hotel-market-overheated/76014142/>

Rudolph Bell

Tara Investments, a Charlotte hotel developer, was pondering where to build its next hotel when executives with the company visited relatives in Greenville and liked what they saw. They liked Greenville even more after doing some homework on the downtown hotel market and finding it stronger than expected, said Amit Patel, an associate with Tara Investments.

Brian Symmes

Cell: 803-673-9437

Office: 803-734-0304