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## ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

### **A Conversation with Tim Hardee, System President, SC Technical College System**

Meet the new president and executive director of the SC Technical College System, Dr. Tim Hardee. Comprised of 16 colleges located strategically across the state and two internationally-renowned statewide programs: readySC™ and Apprenticeship Carolina™, the SC Technical College System is dedicated to furthering economic and workforce development in South Carolina. [Read More](#)

### **Local orthodontist dispels myths and reveals how a smile can change lives in new book**

In her new book, "Improve Your Smile, Transform Your Life: A Guide to Orthodontics for Adults", Dr. Leslie Pitner, D.D.S., M.S., provides research-backed evidence on the positive psychological impact of the smile, dispels common myths about orthodontics and reveals the latest advances in treatments and technology that make having a beautiful smile easily attainable. [See More](#)

### **McNair welcomes LaTasha Blair as Director of IT**

McNair announced LaTasha Blair as its Director of Information Technology. LaTasha rejoins the firm after having previously worked as the firm's Technical Services Manager from 2006 to 2012, and most recently from Lexington Medical Center, where she was the hospital's IS Support Services Manager. [See More](#)

### **How Age & Experience Work Together, Even If They Are Years Apart**

Brian Maynor, Style & Business Coach: When you read about mentoring and coaching there are two main stereotypes that keep appearing. One is that older workers contribute general wisdom, and the other is that younger workers can only offer expertise when it comes to technology. [Read More](#)

### **Mayor Benjamin to accept award for \$120,000 childhood obesity prevention grant at USCM conference**

Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin will accept the 2017 United States Conference of Mayors' (USCM) Childhood Obesity Prevention Award at 1 p.m. on Wednesday in Washington, D.C.

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### **Cost Knowledge – Job Costing Can Play an Important Role for Small Business**

By Larry Ventimiglio: Small businesses often get themselves into financial difficulty simply because small business owners tend to have difficulty distinguishing between what the business “needs” versus what the owner “wants”. [See More](#)

### **Columbia Ranks First in South Carolina in Livability in EngenuitySC's Third Annual Midlands Regional Competitiveness Report**

Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin and USC President Dr. Harris Pastides Announce Results of EngenuitySC's 2016 Midlands Regional Competitiveness Report; Midlands Business Leadership Group Makes Related Announcement. [See More](#)

### **Feeding the Ego Monster: #2 of the Six Mistakes Smart Leaders Make**

By Mike DuBose and Blake DuBose: As part of the research for our book The Art of Building a Great Business, we spoke to a number of local and national businesspeople about strategy, teams, leadership, and other topics. [See More](#)

### **USFibers expanding Edgefield County manufacturing facility**

USFibers, a manufacturer of recycled polyester fiber, today announced plans to expand its current operations in Edgefield County. The company intends to create more than 20 jobs to accommodate its continued growth and expand its product offerings. [See More](#)

### **Law enforcement agencies, local church join hands for Operation Clean Slate**

The Richland County Sheriff's Dept. (RCSD) in partnership with the City of Columbia Police Dept. and the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church is again launching OPERATION CLEAN SLATE, offering those Midlands-area citizens with outstanding arrest warrants to wipe their slates clean, expedite the judicial process and start life afresh. [See More](#)

### **EdVenture partners with Dominion Carolina Gas Transmission and the Dominion Foundation to distribute donated books in Richland, Darlington and Orangeburg Counties**

EdVenture will partner with Dominion Carolina Gas Transmission and the Dominion Foundation to distribute books to children in Richland, Darlington and Orangeburg counties.

[See More](#)

### **Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough's Ed Mullins inducted into Warren E. Burger Society**

The National Center for State Courts (NCSC) has inducted Edward W. Mullins, Jr., partner emeritus in Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP's Columbia, S.C. office, into the Warren E. Burger Society, which honors individuals who have volunteered their time, talent, and support to NCSC. [See More](#)

### **Midlands Mayors converge at Za's on Devine for COR Table for Six Event**

Mayor Steve Benjamin, along with six mayors from the Midlands Regional Mayors Forum, will gather to dine at Za's on Devine with professionals at the Columbia Opportunity Resource (COR) event, Table for Six (TF6), on Feb. 9, 2017. [See More](#)

### **Leslie Simpson joins MGC's Columbia office**

McAngus Goudelock & Courie, a regional insurance defense firm, announced the addition of Leslie Simpson to the firm's workers' compensation team in Columbia. [See More](#)

### **Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc. opens new youth drop-in center**

The Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc. (MIRCI) is holding a press conference to celebrate the grand opening of the new Youth Drop-In Center located at 1433 Gregg Street at 2:00pm on Thursday, January 26th. [See More](#)

### **District Five teacher nominated for National LifeChanger of the Year Award**

Spring Hill High School marketing teacher Norma Brown has been nominated for the 2016-2017 National LifeChanger of the Year award. [See More](#)

### **Council Chair to serve in key support role for Fort Jackson's 100 Year Anniversary**

Dickerson, the District 2 representative and recently elected County Council Chair, was unanimously approved to serve as an honorary board member for the Gateway to the Army Association (GTTA) last month. [See More](#)

### **Irmo High School band director recognized nationally as one of "50 Directors Who Make a Difference"**

Irmo High School band director Roger Simpson has been recognized nationally by the School Band and Orchestra (SBO) magazine in their 19th annual "50 Directors Who Make a Difference" edition. [See More](#)

### **Hill Construction Company completes Columbia's newest premier event facility**

Construction is complete on StoneBridge Gardens and Events, Columbia's newest premier event facility. [See More](#)

### **Mary Braaten joins Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Sumter**

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage announced that Mary Braaten, an experienced real estate professional, has affiliated a sales associate with its Sumter branch office. [See More](#)

### **Riverbanks partners with SCDNR in support of species conservation**

Riverbanks Zoo and Garden is working with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) to help safeguard the endangered gopher tortoise. [See More](#)

### **Columbia City Ballet presents Swan Lake with full S.C. Philharmonic Orchestra**

Graceful swans, a dashing prince and a moonlit lake become immersed in the world of breathtaking beauty with Columbia City Ballet's adaptation of the quintessential classical ballet of Swan Lake. [See More](#)

### **UpstateBizSC: Ascend Performance Materials expanding Greenwood County operations**

Ascend Performance Materials (Ascend), a global provider of high-quality fibers, chemicals and plastics, is expanding its Greenwood County operations. To accommodate its continued growth, the company is projected to invest \$3.8 million and create 20 new jobs. [See More](#)

### **New Richland County Utilities Manual highlights State standards**

The Richland County Utilities Department (RCU) is unveiling a new online resource to help developers ensure community water and sewer systems are designed and constructed to County standards. [See More](#)

### **House introduces long-term, sustainable road funding bill**

House Speaker Jay Lucas (District 65-Darlington) issued the following statement after the introduction of H.3516. [See More](#)

### **NAI Avant facilitates ±3,956 square foot office lease renewal on Sunset Boulevard in West Columbia**

NAI Avant senior brokers Roger Winn, SIOR and Nick Stomski, SIOR recently represented the landlord, AREI (CBP), LLC in the lease renewal at 3223 Sunset Boulevard in West Columbia. [See More](#)

### **FLOCK donating books to Davis Early Childhood Center**

House of Raeford's non-profit organization, FLOCK, is donating over \$2000 dollars worth of books to Davis Early Childhood Center for Technology. [See More](#)

### **Early Detection Critical to Treating Glaucoma**

Glaucoma is a major cause of vision loss worldwide. It affects more than 3 million people in the United States—nearly half of whom are unaware they have the disease. [See More](#)

### **Decoda Cello Quartet with special guest Winifred Goodwin to perform at the Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County**

Governor Nikki Haley requested assistance from United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Thomas Vilsack in expediting crop insurance payments to South Carolina farmers whose crops were damaged by statewide flooding. [See More](#)

### **CMA Jazz on Main**

January 20: Combine the energy and swing of traditional American jazz with the rich harmonies and dark chromaticism of gypsy music, and one just begins to scratch the surface of the wonderful complexity that is Gypsy Jazz. [See More](#)

### **Town Theatre's You Can't Take It With You**

January 20: Welcome to the Vanderhof's home wherein lives a slightly batty New York City family. Grandpa lives for sheer joy rather than for achievement, ambition or financial gain. Daughter Penny labors without distinction as a would-be playwright of melodramas while her husband, Paul, spends his days making fireworks in the cellar. [See More](#)

### **Wrongful Convictions Focus of Free Community Forum**

January 23: As Richland Library gets ready to recognize Black History Month, join us 6 p.m. , Monday, January 23 for a free community forum – I Have a Problem with That: Wrongful Convictions. [See More](#)

### **Columbia Chamber 2017 Public Policy Reception**

January 26: The Columbia Chamber strives to promote issues that are important to the business community, regional growth and economic development. [See More](#)

### **Top Grossing Movies**

Top grossing movies this week. [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: Obama's (tentative) legacy**

"It is far too early to render final judgment on the Obama presidency. All the chatter about his "legacy" overlooks two obvious realities." [Read More](#)

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