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## ON THE MOVE IN THE LOWCOUNTRY

### Late Senator Clementa Pinckney honored with Wilkins Award

Furman University's Riley Institute has announced that the late South Carolina Senator Clementa Pinckney is this year's recipient of the David H. Wilkins Award for Excellence in Legislative Leadership. Sen. Pinckney, who also served as pastor of Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, was among the nine people killed in the shootings that took place at the church in June. [Read More](#)

### S.C. Department of Commerce announces new International Strategy and Trade Division

The South Carolina Department of Commerce announced the establishment of a new International Strategy and Trade Division. [Read More](#)

### Export-Import Bank reauthorized by Congress

U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham, a leading proponent and one of the most outspoken supporters of the Export-Import (EXIM) Bank, said he was pleased that the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate are sending legislation which puts the bank back in business to President Obama. [Read More](#)

### Manufacturers applaud passage of Ex-Im reauthorization

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) applauded the passage of legislation that included a multiyear reauthorization of the U.S. Export-Import (Ex-Im) Bank. [Read More](#)

### Diamonds Direct names general manager for new Mt. Pleasant location

Diamonds Direct, a direct diamond importer based in Charlotte, N.C., will bring in Ayelet Gilady as general manager for its new Mt. Pleasant location, opening in mid-December. [Read More](#)

## **SCDOT reviews flood damage & costs with SCDOT**

### **Commission**

Interim SCDOT Secretary Christy A. Hall reported the damage costs to South Carolina's Highway System as a result of the 1,000 year flood stands at \$137 million. [Read More](#)

## **Crop insurance claim clarifications for South Carolina**

### **Farmers**

Pursuant to a request by South Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Hugh Weathers, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA) has released a memorandum related to crop insurance claims resulting from flooding and wet harvest conditions. [Read More](#)

## **AgFirst Farm Credit Bank announces results of 2015**

### **Director elections**

AgFirst Farm Credit Bank has elected William Robinson of St. Matthews, S.C., as its newest Director. He will serve a four-year term, which will expire Dec. 31, 2019. [Read More](#)

## **Pack Like A Pro – With The Season Of Travel Upon Us These Tips Will Help Save Your Time And Your Sanity**

By Brian Maynor, Style Coach: "Traveling is inevitable this time of year, whether it's business, personal or both, and with all the other added stresses packing can push you over the edge. Save your sanity and the spirit of the season with a few genius hacks that you can use all year. Here is the perfect packing checklist to give you one less problem to worry about." [Read More](#)

## **InnoVision Advisory Board celebrates 17th Annual**

### **Awards Celebration**

Doug Kim, shareholder with the McNair Law Firm, P.A. and the Chair of the InnoVision Advisory Board, recognized the following entities for their accomplishments and award-winning status presented at the 17th Annual InnoVision Awards Celebration. [Read More](#)

## **Amanda Diehl joins CresCom Bank as Vice President and Internal Auditor**

CresCom Bank, the community bank leader within the Carolinas, continues its growth with the addition of Amanda Diehl as the bank's newest vice president/internal auditor. [Read More](#)

### **South Carolina ranks 6th for Construction Business Climate according to ABC's Merit Shop Scorecard**

South Carolina is an excellent place for contractors to do business according to a scorecard launched by Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC). [Read More](#)

### **USA eShop continues to grow European sales for US manufacturers**

USA eShop LLC, an ecommerce business that exclusively sells 'Made in USA' products in Europe, has shown an average 25% increase in sales per month since August of this year. [Read More](#)

### **Of Mice and Men opens at Threshold Repertory Theatre this January**

Threshold Rep, Charleston's professional theatre company brings the heart-wrenching classic, Of Mice and Men to the stage this January. [Read More](#)

### **Donaldson named Discovery Education Program Champion**

Jessica Donaldson, Pre-Engineering teacher at Cane Bay Middle School and member of the Discovery Educator Network, has been named a Discovery Education Program Champion for the 2015-2016 school year. [Read More](#)

### **South Carolina State Treasurer Curtis M. Loftis, Jr. launches Financial Education Program with Charleston Elementary Schools**

South Carolina State Treasurer Curtis M. Loftis, Jr. joined educators from Orange Grove Charter School to launch the Future Scholar Financial Literacy Program, an interactive, web-based financial education initiative for elementary-aged students. [Read More](#)

### **The Brandon Agency continues to grow, adding four new team members to its media department**

The Brandon Agency, the largest and most awarded privately held integrated marketing communications firm in the Carolinas, has expanded its media department with the addition of two media planner/buyers and two media coordinators. [Read More](#)

### **Santa Claus is Coming to California Dreaming**

California Dreaming will be hosting a special complimentary dinner for Camp Happy Days families who have children battling cancer on Sunday, December 6th from 4:30 – 6:00 PM.

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### **Save and Sea the Magic at the South Carolina Aquarium while helping local flood victims**

It's the perfect opportunity to help neighbors who've lost so much after historic flooding hit the Lowcountry this past October. [Read More](#)

### **CresCom Bank expands, adds three new team members**

CresCom Bank, the community bank leader within the Carolinas, has added three new team members to its Charleston and North Myrtle Beach markets. [Read More](#)

### **Verizon's wireless network ranked No.1 for overall performance in Charleston, S.C., by RootMetrics®**

Verizon customers in Charleston are enjoying all of the benefits of America's most reliable network, according to the Metro RootScore® Report, conducted by Seattle-based RootMetrics. [Read More](#)

### **Children's Village and Holiday Potpourri spices Magnolia's Christmas scene**

A Children's Village, holiday train rides and an assortment of child-friendly and pet-lover activities will make the Christmas season bright at Magnolia Plantation and Gardens. [Read More](#)

### **See What's Going on Around the Lowcountry**

Events around town. [Read More](#)

### **Commercial Real Estate Activity in the Lowcountry**

See more commercial real estate transactions, announcements and activity in the Charleston area. [Read More](#)

### **Political Cartoons by Robert Ariail**

LowcountryBizSC publishes Ariail cartoons almost daily. [See More](#)

### **Sales Advice from Jeffrey Gitomer: It's that time of year: "Call me back after the holidays."**

"Humbug. Salespeople hate holidays. Holidays are an excuse for decision makers to put buying decisions on hold. But the worst of them are the Christmas to New Year." [Read More](#)

### **Op-Ed from Kathleen Parker: Crazy is as crazy does**

"One week, Beirut and Paris; the next week, Mali. The nightmare is young. Where next?" [Read More](#)

### **Op-Ed by Robert Samuelson: The new battlefield**

"The horrific massacre in Paris reminds us of the Achilles' heel of American foreign policy. Ever since World War II, our foreign policy has rested on an oft-silent presumption that shared prosperity is a powerful and benevolent force for social stability, peace and (often) democracy." [Read More](#)

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