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ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

A Conversation with Carl Blackstone, President & CEO of the Columbia Chamber, and John Singerling, President of Palmetto Health, The 2016 Columbia Chamber Gala

On Thursday, September 29, 2016, the Columbia Chamber honored five individuals at the 114th Annual Gala, presented by BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina, at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center at 6:00 PM. Honorees include the 2016 Ambassador, Small & Minority Business Advocate, Young Professional, Military Advocate and Diplomat of the Year award winners. [Read More](#)

Midlands Technical College Foundation receives donated vehicles so education can continue

One year after the October 2015 floods destroyed more than half of the automobiles the Midlands Technical College Automotive Technology program uses to train students, Nissan North America and the Dick Smith Automotive Group has donated new vehicles. [See More](#)

Tips On Talking (Or Not Talking) Politics At Work

Brian Maynor, Style & Business Coach: "In case you weren't aware, we are in the middle of a presidential political campaign season. While most elections tend to bring out strong opinions and polarizing views this one has taken the cake." [Read More](#)

Restaurant Week Columbia

October 13-23 - Restaurant Week Columbia starts this week. For a searchable list of the participating restaurants, click here. [See More](#)

Fireflies nominated for two MiLBY awards

Nominees for the 2016 Minor League Baseball Yearly Awards – or MiLBYs (pronounced Mill-bees) – have been announced and the Fireflies are featured in two categories. [See More](#)

Why should I want to brand?

By Ken Gasque: There are several reasons for developing a brand: greater ROI, build equity in the business, create new opportunities, competitive advantage, and survival to name a few. [See More](#)

New technology competition for college students; CTC and USC technology students launch regional event

The growing Carolina Technology Conference will welcome college students from across the Southeast to the inaugural “Carolina Regional Technology Competition,” one of the first of its kind in the Midlands. [See More](#)

Green Cloud offers free services for businesses impacted by Hurricane Matthew

Green Cloud Technologies, a Greenville, SC-based channel-only cloud technology solutions provider, is offering disaster relief for its reseller partners and their customers with businesses impacted by Hurricane Matthew. [See More](#)

Scott and Company to speak at ERG Executive Summit

South Carolina accounting and consulting firm, Scott and Company LLC, is pleased to announce Tony Perricelli, CPA will be a speaker for the ERG Executive Summit on Friday, November 18, 2016. [See More](#)

South Carolina United Ways to help with Hurricane Matthew relief and recovery

United Ways throughout South Carolina are working to help with relief and recovery efforts following Hurricane Matthew. [See More](#)

Sistercare benefit to support survivors of domestic violence

Sistercare will hold the 14th annual Song Bird Café to benefit domestic violence survivors in the Midlands on October 20th. [See More](#)

City of Cayce issues update in Hurricane Matthew aftermath

The City of Cayce issued the following updates in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew. [See More](#)

South Carolina-based country band, Greg Payne and The Piedmont Boys, releases new album

Greg Payne and The Piedmont Boys, South Carolina-based country band, announced the release of their new album “Natural Born Rebel” on October 10th. [See More](#)

Residents reminded of statewide burn ban

The S.C. Forestry Commission has a statewide burning ban in effect until further notice. [See More](#)

NAI Avant announces top producers for third quarter 2016, Columbia, SC

NAI Avant announced the top producers for the third quarter of 2016 for their Columbia office. The third quarter’s top producer is senior investment broker Dail Longaker. [See More](#)

County of Lexington: “Build Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop” hosted by the Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium

Representatives from the Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium will present information on stormwater runoff, rainwater harvesting and how to make the rain barrel before helping each attendee to build one to take home. [See More](#)

Voter registration deadlines extended

All South Carolina voters will now have more time to return voter registration applications for the 2016 General Election. This will provide additional opportunity for citizens to register who are affected by voter registration office and post office closures related to Hurricane Matthew. [See More](#)

Entrepreneur Secrets – A sports agent’s expensive mistake

Jerry Bellune: Have you ever been betrayed in a negotiation? You negotiated in good faith, the other party didn’t? If so, you will identify with this story. [See More](#)

Top Grossing Movies – October 10

Top grossing movies this week here. [See More](#)

[Hemophilia of SC Annual Turkey Trot 5K Run](#)

November 5 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm - The HSC Turkey Trot is the Chapter's 5K Walk/Run fundraiser which is held in the late fall during the Thanksgiving holiday season. Hosted by Hemophilia of South Carolina, the Turkey Trot is the Chapter's biggest fundraiser. [See More](#)

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[The 11th Annual Ray Tanner Home Run](#)

The Ray Tanner Home Run, scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2016, marks the 11th straight year for the event. [See More](#)

[10th Annual Fur Ball Moonlight Gala](#)

October 15 - Pawmetto Lifeline requests your support for the 10th Annual Fur Ball scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2016 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. [See More](#)

[Events around Columbia and the Midlands](#)

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

[Political cartoons from Robert Ariail](#)

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[Robert Samuelson: The new reactionaries!](#)

"A reactionary is someone who wishes to return, usually unrealistically, to an earlier and more appealing era. We have two reactionaries running for president." [Read More](#)

[Kathleen Parker: Thinking dangerously](#)

"When I first heard that some Elon University students were protesting my invitation to speak on campus and saying my thoughts were "dangerous," I was, of course, thrilled and immediately amended my bio." [Read More](#)

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