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ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

Bruce Williams named Chief Executive Officer of the YMCA of Columbia

The YMCA of Columbia announces Bruce Williams as the new Chief Executive Officer as of Dec. 1, 2015. Recently retired from BB&T Insurance, Williams is a longtime YMCA member and has served on the YMCA of Columbia Board of Directors for a number of years, including holding the position of Board President. [Read More](#)

Gov. Nikki Haley and Marcia Adams announce Department Of Administration's Real Property Plan

Governor Nikki Haley and Marcia Adams, Director of the South Carolina Department of Administration (DOA), announced the results of DOA's comprehensive inventory of state-owned real estate assets and the agency's Real Property Plan for managing those assets in a way that could potentially save South Carolina taxpayers millions of dollars. [See More](#)

Boise Cascade Company expanding Chester County operations

Boise Cascade Company (NYSE: BCC), one of the largest producers of plywood and engineered wood products in North America and a leading U.S. wholesale distributor of building products, is expanding its existing operations in Chester County. The company is investing \$23.5 million in the facility, creating 52 new jobs in Chester, S.C. [See More](#)

South Carolina Chef Ambassadors

Governor Nikki Haley named chefs Teryi Youngblood of Passerelle Bistro in Greenville, Ramone Dickerson of 2 Fat 2 Fly & Wing City in Columbia, Orchid Paulmeier of One Hot Mama's on Hilton Head Island and Forrest Parker of Old Village Post House in Mount Pleasant as the 2016 South Carolina Chef Ambassadors. [See More](#)

Mayor Benjamin to Address Harvard Kennedy School Leadership Conference

Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin will join mayors and public policy leaders from across the nation today in Cambridge, Massachusetts as a panelist at the Harvard Kennedy School's Seminar on Transition and Leadership for Newly Elected Mayors. [See More](#)

Crafty Feast

Crafty Feast, the Midlands' largest independent craft fair, will provide "one-stop shopping" when more than 110 juried vendors from across the Southeast will come together to sell their handmade goods at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center in Columbia, S.C. on Sunday, December 13, 2015 from 12 to 6 p.m.; admission is \$3 and free for kids 10 and under. [See More](#)

Collins & Lacy attorney elected president of SCDTAA Young Lawyers Division

Collins & Lacy, P.C. announced Claude Prevost has been elected president of the Young Lawyers Division of the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association. [See More](#)

SC Bar receives funding to implement professional development program for teachers

The SC Bar Law Related Education Division announces that funds will be available in South Carolina to provide professional development for middle and high school teachers in civics and government, focusing on the Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights and the rights and responsibilities of citizens. [See More](#)

Callison Tighe helps Harvest Hope Food Bank meet unprecedented need

In a year of unprecedented need for South Carolina, local law firm Callison Tighe & Robinson donated \$15,000 to Harvest Hope Food Bank. [See More](#)

How To Mix Coworkers and Cocktails Like a Professional

Brian Maynor, Style Coach: "With lots of parties, lunches, events and cocktail receptions taking place in the next few weeks mixing business and pleasure is the name of the game this season, but these are ordinary social situations. Here are a few tips to keep in mind when mixing coworkers and cocktails so that you remain professional and come through with your reputation intact." [Read More](#)

Pawmetto Lifeline launches 2016 Pin Ups & Pets Calendar, Harley Haven & Studio O2 host launch parties

Pawmetto Lifeline announced that their year-long collaboration with local Roller Derby organizations has concluded and resulted in an extended 14-month calendar to highlight and promote the mission of saving homeless pets. [See More](#)

Select Health of South Carolina Celebrating 20 Years

Founded in 1995, Select Health of South Carolina and First Choice, the state's first and largest Medicaid health plan, are celebrating 20 years of helping people get care, stay well and build healthy communities. [See More](#)

Riverbanks and PalmettoPride partner to ramp up recycling

Guests visiting Riverbanks Zoo and Garden will soon notice more recycling bins located throughout the park. One-hundred additional containers will be placed in the Zoo and Garden with support from PalmettoPride. [See More](#)

Accreditation Assessment Team invites public comment

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive December 12, 2015 to examine all aspects of the Columbia-Richland Communications Center's policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Sr. Assistant City Manager S. Allison Baker announced. [See More](#)

Cason Development Group develops Orangeburg Taco Bell

Bell

Cason Development Group announces the development of a new Taco Bell restaurant at 3259 St. Matthews Road in Orangeburg County. [See More](#)

Ogletree Deakins recognized as a Top 30 Law Firm for Client Service in BTI's Client Service A-Team 2016 Report

Ogletree Deakins announced that the firm has been recognized as a top 30 law firm for client service in BTI Consulting Group's Client Service A-Team 2016 report. [See More](#)

Jingle Arrgh the Way Comes to the FAC

Get ready for those uproarious, rambunctious, mischievous pirates from the show How I Became a Pirate that have sailed back into port in a hilarious new holiday musical. [See More](#)

Westwood High School named Arts Integrated High

School

Westwood High School announced that it has been named an Arts Integrated High School by the Arts and Basic Curriculum Project. [See More](#)

Five Points Rotary Club presents SC tee shirt to Governor

Haley

The Five Points Rotary Club embraced a project to sell tee shirts to create awareness and raise money for SC Flood Victims. Rotarians throughout District 7770 helped support this cause. [See More](#)

Boeing grant provides culinary training for District Five cafeteria workers, students

Cafeteria workers in Lexington-Richland School District Five are sharpening their skills, thanks to an initiative and grant funded by Boeing. [See More](#)

CRA issues call for nominations

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](#)

Wine and Windows on Devine Street

Looking for ANOTHER great night of shopping? Visit Devine Street for "Wine and Windows" on Thursday, December 10th from 5-7pm. [See More](#)

Edward Arron & Friends

The Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County brings Edward Arron & Friends to Camden for the second concert of the three-part Chamber Music Series. [See More](#)

Historic Columbia Holiday Happy Hour

The Holiday Happy Hour, this month's installation of HC's popular imbibing social event, takes place at the beautiful Seibels House warmly decorated for the holidays. Come dressed in festive attire (and thinking cap) for Holiday Trivia and a Christmas carol guessing game. [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: Generational warfare, anyone?

"An enduring puzzle of our politics is why there isn't more generational conflict. By all rights, younger Americans should be resentful." [Read More](#)

Kathleen Parker: Deranged and dangerous

"Predictably, the killing rampage at a Colorado Springs Planned Parenthood facility has prompted a political scrimmage of the usual sort." [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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