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ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

EdVenture announces merger with Children's Museum of South Carolina

Officials with EdVenture and the Children's Museum of South Carolina (CMSC) announced that they plan to merge the two museums located in Columbia and Myrtle Beach, respectively, effective March 1. The combined museum will maintain the current two locations while pursuing plans to develop a new museum in Myrtle Beach, uniquely designed to better accommodate families with special needs. [Read More](#)

Nation's longest-serving zoo director announces retirement

Satch Krantz, president and CEO of Riverbanks Zoo and Garden, has announced plans to retire on June 30, 2017 marking the end of an era in Zoo history. Krantz, a native of Columbia, began his tenure at Riverbanks in 1973 as supervisor of the Zoo's animal hospital after graduating from Clemson University. [See More](#)

S.C. Department of Commerce releases state innovation plan

The South Carolina Department of Commerce announced the conclusion and release of the South Carolina Innovation Plan. A comprehensive look at the state of innovation in South Carolina, the plan is intended to provide direction on how best to encourage the growth of innovation and tech-related entrepreneurial activity within the state. [See More](#)

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

Brian Maynor, Style 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.

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Treasurer Loftis announces Robert L. Davis as new Commissioner of Bank Examining Division

State Treasurer Curtis Loftis announced that Robert L. Davis has been named Commissioner of the Bank Examining Division of the State Board of Financial Institutions.

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Traffic is up and airfares are down at Columbia Metropolitan Airport

For the first time in the airport's history, Columbia Metropolitan Airport has achieved five consecutive years of growth. [See More](#)

Connor featured in international military documentary

Colonel Bill Connor, U.S. Army Res., is a featured "expert commentator" for the military documentary program, "Ancient Assassins," currently airing on the American Heroes Channel (the Discovery Channel networks). [See More](#)

Lexington One announces Teacher of the Year finalists

Lexington County School District One proudly announces its five finalists for Lexington One District Teacher of the Year: Lexington Elementary First-Grade Teacher Jamie M. Hudson; Lexington High Mathematics Teacher Angie B. Freeman; Lexington Middle Seventh-Grade English Teacher Ivey F. Homer; Midway Elementary Physical Education Teacher Laura L. Gates and White Knoll High Mathematics Teacher Jay J. Sydow. [See More](#)

Join The Palladium Society and Historic Columbia for the 19th Annual Chili Cookoff

Bring your appetite to The Palladium Society's 19th annual Chili Cookoff from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Music Farm Columbia located at 1022 Senate St. [See More](#)

City of Cayce keeps rebranding campaign local

The City of Cayce's efforts to rebrand the City, their marketing materials, logos and other collateral is officially underway. [See More](#)

SBA seeks funding proposals to provide entrepreneurship training for service members, military spouses and veterans

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is inviting funding proposals from non-profit organizations, state, local and tribal government agencies, and institutions of higher learning to provide "Boots to Business" entrepreneurship training to service members, military spouses, and veterans. [See More](#)

Road closures due to railroad crossing maintenance

Norfolk Southern Maintenance will begin performing upkeep on all railroad crossings this week. Maintenance on railroads occur every seven years to ensure railroad safety. [See More](#)

Arts in Basic Curriculum Project website gets makeover

The Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) Project website (ABCProjectSC.com) has been transformed with a new design and streamlined content and will now serve as a digital hub for arts education in South Carolina. [See More](#)

First Community Bank welcomes new financial advisors

First Community Bank announce that Craig and Brandon Caldwell have joined its financial planning and investment advisory division, First Community Financial Consultants. [See More](#)

Virginia Adams joins Chernoff Newman as account manager

Chernoff Newman announced that Virginia Adams has joined the company as account manager. [See More](#)

Lexington District One teachers earn national certification

River Bluff High Social Studies Teacher Anastasia Sease earned her National Board Certification recently, while 12 Lexington County School District One teachers renewed their National Board Certification. Certifications remain valid for 10 years. [See More](#)

Carolina Financial Corporation announces proposed offering of common stock

Carolina Financial Corporation, the parent company of CresCom Bank, announced that it has commenced an underwritten offering of approximately \$40 million of its common stock. [See More](#)

Honeywell files lawsuit against Code Corporation claiming widespread patent infringement

Honeywell, an industry leader in scanning and productivity solutions, filed a lawsuit against Code Corp., a Salt Lake City, Utah-based company that manufactures bar code readers, in U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina, accusing the company of widespread patent infringement. [See More](#)

Communications firm Knight Enterprises LLC relocates in the Midlands

Newmark Grubb Wilson Kibler, a leading commercial real estate services firm, is pleased to announce that Senior Associate George Meetze represented the buyer, Bam Bam Realty South, LLC, on the purchase of 1333 Pineview Drive, which consists of a 14,300 square

The Wordless News

By Columbia illustrator, Maria Fabrizio: The story: Extent of Tennessee fire damage comes into grim focus [See More](#)

Tips To An Easier Life

Brian Maynor, Style Coach: Wouldn't it be great if life were just a little bit easier? I think so, and I'm sure you do too. Luckily there are quick and easy ways to make that happen that also have other advantageous side effects. [See More](#)

Shrimp, Collards, & Grits

Tom Poland: Back in August, Patricia Branning emailed me. She and a woman who represents authors had been talking and my name came up. [See More](#)

Think of it: You don't have to use potatoes in Shepherd's Pie

By Kay MacInnis: Stepping outside the box and trying something different to improve your health is not always easy. But just make up your mind and go for it! [See More](#)

You Can't Take It With You at the Town Theatre

January 20 - February 4: 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. [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](#)

Soda City Market

January 21 - Soda City is a weekly market focused on brain, body and belly. Each Saturday from 9am – 1pm on the 1500 block of Main Street in Columbia, SC, Soda City features local and regional food and craft vendors. [See More](#)

Winter Sidewalk Sale

January 27 - January 29: Devine Street and Five Points merchants are teaming up again to bring you Columbia's largest sidewalk sale, winter style! [See More](#)

2017 State of the City Address

January 31: Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin will give the 2017 State of the City address at 6 p.m. on Jan. 31 at the Darla Moore School of Business at 1014 Greene St. [See More](#)

St. Pat's in Five Points Line-Up Announcement Party

On June 17, Lambert Architecture + Construction, Agape Senior and Mashburn Construction accepted the Honor Award for 1614, 1620 & 1626 Main Street. [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

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