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ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

Tourism to Congaree National Park creates \$5.1 Million in economic benefits

A new National Park Service report shows that 87,513 visitors to Congaree National Park in 2015 spent \$4.4 million in communities near the park. That spending supported 61 jobs in the local area and had a cumulative benefit to the local economy of \$5.1 million. [Read More](#)

Nichols, Sullivan selected to 2016 Super Lawyers list

The law firm of Bluestein Nichols Thompson & Delgado announced that partners John Nichols and Allison Sullivan were both recently recognized by Super Lawyers Magazine.

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Work Ready Initiative aims to put ex-offenders to work

Each year, approximately 10,000 people are released from South Carolina prisons. An important part of the release process is preparing individuals to re-enter society and reduce the likelihood of them returning. [See More](#)

Barnes Alford attorneys recognized in 2016 edition of “South Carolina Super Lawyers”

Barnes Alford attorneys Weldon Johnson, David Wolff, Kay Gaffney Crowe, Alan Reyner, Robert Strickland, Curtis Dowling, and Matthew Gerrald are honored to have been selected for recognition in the 2016 edition of “South Carolina Super Lawyers” magazine. [See More](#)

Accessories That Have Fallen Out of Fashion Yet Still Work Today

Brian Maynor, Style Coach: “With new and improved products being released every day, it’s easy to buy into the ‘newer is better’ mentality, but that’s not always the case. There are a lot of accessories that are still available and serve a purpose that modern options tend to overlook. Here are my top picks of accessories every professional should have in their wardrobe.” [Read More](#)

Gallivan, White & Boyd has sixteen attorneys recognized by Super Lawyers

The law firm of Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A. announced that sixteen of the firm's attorneys were selected for inclusion in South Carolina Super Lawyers 2016. [See More](#)

The Brookland Foundation 20th Annual Charity Golf Classic

June 17th - The Brookland Foundation is excited about their upcoming golf tournament. This year they invite you to participate in the 20th Annual Golf Classic. [See More](#)

Collins & Lacy attorney selected as a Platinum recipient for 2016 Compleat Lawyer Award

Collins & Lacy, P.C. announced co-founder Stan Lacy has been chosen as the Platinum recipient for the 2016 Compleat Lawyer Award, given by the University of South Carolina School of Law. [See More](#)

Dominion awards \$20,000 in environmental grants to two SC organizations

Continuing our long tradition of support for projects that protect and improve the environment, Dominion Resources has announced that it will award \$1 million in environmental grants through the Dominion Foundation to 67 organizations in 10 states and the District of Columbia. [See More](#)

National Park tourism in South Carolina creates \$105.9 million in economic benefit

A new National Park Service report shows that 1,519,262 visitors to national parks in South Carolina spent \$82.9 million in the state in 2015. That spending resulted in 1,297 jobs and had a cumulative benefit to the state economy of \$105.9 million. [See More](#)

A3 Communications earns spot as No. 2 fastest growing systems integrator

For the fourth consecutive year, A3 Communications, Inc., a leading information technology and security provider, has been named one of America's top 10 fastest growing systems integrators. [See More](#)

SCPA container volume climbs nearly four percent

South Carolina Ports Authority reported a 3.8 percent increase in twenty foot-equivalent unit (TEU) volume fiscal year to date, with 1.45 million TEUs handled since the period began in July. [See More](#)

Nominations sought for Lucy Hampton Bostick Award

The award honors Lucy Hampton Bostick, long-time head librarian in Richland County and former Richland Library director from 1928-1968. Bostick is credited with fostering interest in Southern literature and history, improving cultural life in Columbia, and promoting library appreciation throughout the state. [See More](#)

Governor Haley signs lifesaving hands-on CPR in schools bill into law

Governor Nikki Haley signed House Bill 3265 into law on Thursday, April 21, requiring all South Carolina students to learn hands-on cardiopulmonary resuscitation. [See More](#)

GSSM named top-performing U.S. school by The Washington Post

The South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics has been named one of "America's Top-Performing Schools with Elite Students" by The Washington Post. GSSM was the only South Carolina school included in the list. [See More](#)

More advertising secrets – The 2-Step Direct Response Advertising Strategy

Jerry Bellune: Want to quit wasting money on ineffective advertising? Don't we all? Our dollars should produce results. [See More](#)

NAI Avant facilitates sale of ±9,029 square foot office building

NAI Avant senior brokers Jeff Hein, SIOR and Roger Winn recently represented the seller, Centrum Drive, LLC, in the sale of their ±9,029 SF freestanding office building. [See More](#)

ERA Wilder Realty hires new agent Jacqueline Davis joins firm

ERA Wilder Realty recently announced the addition of Jacqueline Davis to its team of real estate sales professionals serving consumers in the Chapin area. [See More](#)

Registration now open for Coker College Summer Theatre Camps

Registration is now open for Coker College's annual summer theatre camps for kids of all ages. The theatre program will host two-day camps this year: "Disney's Sleeping Beauty KIDS" and "Disney's Mulan Jr." [See More](#)

Spring Valley Named one of America's most academically challenging High Schools by The Washington Post

For the third year of the past four, Spring Valley High School has been named by The Washington Post as one of America's Most Challenging High Schools in the nation. [See More](#)

Health Education Consultants participating in Midlands

Gives

Health Education Consultants, Inc. will be again participating in Midlands Gives on May 3, 2016. [See More](#)

SCSL staff to visit City Roots Farm as part of 'Book to Action' program

South Carolina State Library staff members will be getting their hands dirty and exercising their green thumbs as they volunteer at Columbia's City Roots Farm on Wednesday morning. [See More](#)

Charleston's Adaeze Aninweze become first Winthrop student to receive Boren Scholarship

Winthrop University senior Adaeze Aninweze, a chemistry major originally from Nigeria, has won the National Security Education Program David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarship for Study Abroad. [See More](#)

City of West Columbia creates Internet Purchase Exchange Zone

The City of West Columbia has created an Internet Purchase Exchange Zone for members of the public to use as a meeting place to exchange goods purchased on the internet. [See More](#)

Yonkey-Clayton elected to second term with American College Dance Association Board

Marcy Jo Yonkey-Clayton, assistant professor of dance at Columbia College, has been elected to serve a second term on the national board of directors of the American College Dance Association for the Southeast region. Her three-year term of service on the board extends from July 1, 2016 until June 30, 2019. [See More](#)

SCDOT Receives 2 Awards During April Commission Meeting

The South Carolina Department of Transportation received two awards on Thursday, April 21, 2016, including a top honor for using recycled materials to repair roads. [See More](#)

Souper Bowl of Caring Tackle Hunger Columbia Luncheon

April 28 @ 11:30 am - 1:00 pm - The first Souper Bowl of Caring Tackle Hunger Columbia Luncheon will be held on April 28th, 11:30am at Seawell's. We will join together to honor our founder Rev. Dr. Brad Smith for his decades long dedication to those in need. [See More](#)

'Imagine Workshop' to Help Develop Mill District Plans

April 27 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Residents are asked to use their imaginations to help create a vision for the newly defined Capital City Mill District. [See More](#)

2016 Administrative Professionals Conference

April 28 @ 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Midlands Technical College is proud to present an exciting lineup for the 2016 Administrative Professionals Conference. Join us in celebrating National Administrative Professionals Week, while learning tips and tools from dynamic industry professionals that can help you power up your career. [See More](#)

Italian club hosts Vegas Night fundraiser April 30

Bella Italia Lodge 2808, which hosts the popular Italian Festival in Columbia each fall and celebrates the heritage and culture of Columbia's Italian community, will host Vegas Night on Saturday, April 30, from 6 – 10 p.m. [See More](#)

Sweet & Savory Fundraiser for Palmetto Place Children's Shelter

April 28 - Palmetto Place Children's Shelter's Sweet & Savory fundraiser will be from 6-9 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at the South Carolina State Museum Planetarium Lobby. [See More](#)

Five After Five

April 28 - The Five Points Association announces the return of the Five After Five concert series. The 2016 season brings both classic elements of the series, as well as new features that everyone will enjoy. [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: The least ugly economy

"Among the world's major economies, America's is "the least ugly," as Adam Posen, head of the Peterson Institute for International Economics, puts it. So it is. The American economy is plodding along at about a 2 percent annual growth rate, which is much slower than most past periods, but compared with most other economies, looks stellar." [Read More](#)

Kathleen Parker: Karma tastes rich in new, humane economy

"As the human circus of presidential politics has plodded along for what seems a decade now, a revolution has been taking place in the ever-more-dignified animal kingdom." [Read More](#)

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