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ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

New ownership for MPA Strategies, LLC; company rebrands, adds staff

MPA Strategies, LLC, formally McKay Public Affairs, LLC, has come under new ownership and management. Ashley Hunter, the former Vice President of the agency has assumed the role as the agency's new owner and Chief Executive Officer. [Read More](#)

Red Ventures breaking ground on \$90 million campus expansion in Lancaster County

Red Ventures, a technology-enabled sales and digital marketing company, has broken ground on the expansion of its existing Lancaster County operations. The company is investing \$90 million to construct a new facility, named RV4, and generate approximately 1,500 new jobs. [See More](#)

One Columbia Board announces recipient of 2015 Stephen Morrison Visionary Award

One Columbia for Arts and History announced Mr. William Starrett, executive and artistic director of Columbia City Ballet, as the recipient of the Stephen G. Morrison Visionary Award. [See More](#)

Collins & Lacy Ranked Tier 1 in 2016 "Best Law Firms"

Collins & Lacy, P.C. announced the firm has been recognized in the "Best Law Firms" 2016 list, just released by the U.S. News – Best Lawyers®. [See More](#)

South Carolina Power Team promotes Angelyn Thomas to Project Manager

South Carolina Power Team is pleased to announce the promotion of Angelyn Thomas to project manager. In this role Angelyn will focus on new industry recruitment and job growth in the South Carolina Power Team service territory. [See More](#)

Ogletree Deakins named a “Law Firm of the Year” for fifth consecutive year

Ogletree Deakins, one of the largest labor and employment law firms representing management, announced that the firm has been named a “Law Firm of the Year” for the fifth consecutive year. [See More](#)

LowcountryBizSC: A Conversation with John Darby, President & CEO, The Beach Company

On the horizon in the Charleston area is the Kiawah River Plantation comprising 2,000 acres with over 1.5 miles of Kiawah River frontage. Importantly, The Beach Company has giving back to the local community as “part of its DNA.” [See More](#)

Moore Taylor’s S. Jahue Moore named Greater Cayce West Columbia Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year

Moore Taylor Law Firm announces that S. Jahue (Jake) Moore has been named Greater West Columbia Chamber of Commerce’s Citizen of the Year for his commitment to West Columbia’s Beautification Foundation and improving many areas of the city. [See More](#)

Buses

By Temple Ligon : In early 1990, I announced my candidacy for mayor here in Columbia. My main issue was the bus system, then run by SCE&G under an agreement committed at the beginning of the century. [See More](#)

Still Hopes Episcopal Retirement Community wins national innovation award

Still Hopes Episcopal Retirement Community announced it has been honored with the LeadingAge 2015 Innovation in Care and Services Award. [See More](#)

The great weight debate

Brian Maynor, Style Coach: "As hard as employers try to combat incivility and discrimination among coworkers, there is still one common cause that remains prevalent as well as legally and socially acceptable and that’s your weight." [Read More](#)

NBSC names Preston to local Board of Directors

NBSC, a division of Synovus Bank, announced the appointment of Tommy Preston, Jr. to its South Carolina Local Board of Directors. [See More](#)

A Devine Night Out

The Devine Street Association presents “A Devine Night Out” – Columbia’s FIRST event of the holiday season on Thursday, November 12th, 5-8pm. [See More](#)

Roaring Twenties themed restaurant opens in Columbia

Empire Supper Club and Lounge, a twenties themed restaurant, has opened at 920 Lady St, in the Vista. [See More](#)

Debunking offshore drilling in South Carolina

Op-Ed By Terry Munson: The second worst thing that could happen to Georgetown County on the energy front is to have no oil/natural gas jobs materialize. [See More](#)

SC BlueChoice names Lloyd Kapp medical director

Lloyd M. Kapp Jr., M.D., has been named medical director for BlueChoice® HealthPlan of South Carolina. [See More](#)

Quackenbush Architects’ Robyn Fisher selected for Leadership Columbia 2015-2016 Class, Named Midlands Director for SC American Institute of Architects

Robyn Fisher, architect at Quackenbush Architects + Planners, was recently selected to join Leadership Columbia Class of 2016. [See More](#)

Lyn Long recognized for community service, character essay contest

Mayor Skip Wilson proclaimed Tuesday, November 3 “Lyn Long Day in Chapin” this morning at the monthly meeting of the Chapin Woman’s Club at the Chapin Branch Library in recognition of her longtime service to the Chapin community and her leadership in coordinating the Character Trait of the Month essay contest. [See More](#)

Colonial Life once again named top benefits partner in national awards

Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Company once again has been named the top benefits carrier by brokers across the country. [See More](#)

SCRA announces true and fair 2015 audit results

SCRA announced results from its Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 annual public audit. For the 32nd consecutive year, SCRA received an unmodified opinion on its financial report of consolidated operations. [See More](#)

Richland County Council is engaging citizens in shaping local government policies

Richland County Council provides a wide variety of Boards and Commissions that encourages its members to participate in discussions that affect and shape the future of the County. [See More](#)

Building Industry Charitable Foundation makes \$10,000 donation to United Way of Sumter

The Building Industry Charitable Foundation made a \$10,000 donation Monday to United Way of Sumter, Clarendon and Lee Counties Flood Relief Fund. [See More](#)

Citizens urged to report flood-exposed archaeological and paleontological sites

The recent historic flooding in South Carolina may have exposed archaeological and paleontological sites. [See More](#)

Call for Artists: 701 Center for Contemporary Art Seeks Artists for Columbia Open Studios 2016, Deadline Friday, December 18

Visual artists in Richland and Lexington Counties can now register to participate in Columbia Open Studios, presented by 701 Center for Contemporary Art. [See More](#)

Midlands organizations partner to honor and assist homeless Veterans

United Way of the Midlands, Dorn VA Medical Center (VA) and Transitions will host SC Stand Down, an event to honor homeless Veterans, on Friday, Nov. 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Transitions, located at 2025 Main Street. [See More](#)

City of Columbia's Main Street ICE opens Thanksgiving Day

Grab your family and friends, and head down to Boyd Plaza for the opening day of Main Street ICE! The City of Columbia's outdoor ice skating rink, located at the corner of Main and Hampton streets, returns for another year of fun for the whole family. [See More](#)

Walmart hires more than 2,751 U.S. Veterans in S.C. since launch of its Veterans Welcome Home Commitment

Walmart announced that it has hired more than 2,751 veterans across South Carolina since the launch of its Veterans Welcome Home Commitment in May of 2013, which guarantees a job offer to any eligible U.S. veteran honorably discharged from active duty since that time. [See More](#)

The Cooperative Ministry Receives Multi-Year VITA Grant

For the first time ever, The Cooperative Ministry has been awarded a multi-year VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) IRS grant. [See More](#)

Providence Hospitals receives 5 MacCom awards

Providence Hospitals announced that it has received five 2015 MarCom Awards in the annual international competition for marketing and communication Professionals. [See More](#)

Benedict Cumberbatch leads new generation of theatre makers in Hamlet screening

Emmy Award®-winning actor Benedict Cumberbatch makes his encore appearance on the big screen at Harbison Theatre at Midlands Technical College for a grippingly fresh revival of the classic Shakespearean tragedy, Hamlet, on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

[See More](#)

EdVenture's Halloween Happening sets record attendance at museum

EdVenture Children's Museum welcomed a record breaking number of guests on Saturday, Oct. 31 during EdVenture's Halloween Happening. [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: Grading the budget deal

"Give it a B-minus. The budget deal reached by congressional leaders has much to recommend it. Its biggest virtue, assuming it's passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama, is that it will end the threat of a national default." [Read More](#)

Kathleen Parker: Jeb's fight club

"When all else is failing, reinvent yourself. This is the new strategy of Jeb Bush's campaign. He's not going to be so nice anymore." [Read More](#)

Sales Advice from Jeffrey Gitomer: Thought dedication. You decide what to think, and how to react.

"What is the importance of attitude? Every person, you included, wants to achieve more, earn more, find happiness, be successful, and be fulfilled. At the root of all these elements is attitude. Positive attitude. Your positive attitude." [Read More](#)

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