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ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

SCMEP announces appointment of new president

SCMEP, a non-profit resource for South Carolina manufacturing companies, announced that the Board of Directors has unanimously elected Chuck Spangler as President. Spangler has served SCMEP for 22 years and has assisted and trained thousands of manufacturing companies over his professional career to improve operational and financial performance.

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Gov. Nikki Haley requests expedited aid for South Carolina farmers

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](#)

Columbia College awards Medallion to Apple, Collier, and McIntyre

Three honorees received Columbia College's highest award, the Medallion, at a dinner and awards ceremony on Thursday, November 5. [See More](#)

Elliott Davis Decosimo's internship program consistently recognized as one of the Best in the Nation

Elliott Davis Decosimo is pleased to announce the firm was ranked second in the nation for best overall internships by Vault.com, an influential source of ratings and insights for students and professionals. [See More](#)

Nexsen Pruet Selects 2015 Diversity Scholars

Nexsen Pruet has awarded law school scholarships to three minority students who are planning careers in North and South Carolina. [See More](#)

Understanding your Job Offer

By Eileen Stevens: While a large salary may seem like the most important thing for you to consider, the additional benefits offered can be equally important. [See More](#)

USC names three as 2015 McCausland Fellows

Three young scholars who are considered rising stars at the University of South Carolina and in academia have been named 2015 McCausland Fellows in recognition for their research and imaginative teaching [See More](#)

Sowell Gray named top litigation firm; 5 members included in 2015 Super Lawyers Business Edition

Super Lawyers Magazine has named Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC, as a top litigation firm in South Carolina and recognized five members of the firm for inclusion in its 2015 Business Edition. [See More](#)

Transitions' moves 1,000th client into permanent housing

On November 17, Transitions announced that we have successfully moved our 1,000th client into permanent housing. [See More](#)

How to prepare for the first family event of the season

Brian Maynor, Style Coach: "No matter how many stressful, tension-filled or awkward family dinners we've had in the past we still like to believe in the idealistic holiday gathering where the mood is relaxed, and everyone is full of the holiday spirit while enjoying perfectly prepared food and jovial conversation. It's always nice to hope for the best, as long as you are prepared for reality." [Read More](#)

Barberitos opening in Lexington; On the heels of recent Columbia opening

Barberitos Southwestern Grille & Cantina® restaurant is coming to Lexington. Construction is underway and the store will open next year at 105 Saluda Pointe Court. [See More](#)

USC creates Center for Civil Rights History and Research

The University of South Carolina will establish a Center for Civil Rights History and Research to chronicle the contributions of the Palmetto State to the American civil rights movement. [See More](#)

Critical Sales Secrets – Let them discover your value

Business Advice from Jerry Bellune: "What happens if you tell your prospect about your value? They may not see this as a benefit to them." [Read More](#)

District Five awarded second consecutive USDA Farm to School grant

Lexington-Richland School District Five has been awarded its second consecutive U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm to School grant, totaling nearly \$100,000. [See More](#)

The S.C. Philharmonic: A Concert for Columbia

December 8th at 7:30 p.m. ~ A Concert for Columbia is dedicated to the City of Columbia, Richland County, and first responders who protected Columbia during the catastrophic flood. [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](#)

GHS Coach Harley announces retirement

Lexington County School District One Superintendent Karen Woodward announces that Barry Harley, athletic director and head football coach for Gilbert High, plans to retire effective June 30, 2016. [See More](#)

USC and Clemson fans invited to FREE Certified SC Grown tailgate November 28

The South Carolina Department of Agriculture is hosting their annual Certified SC Grown tailgate on Saturday, November 28 from 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. [See More](#)

Toys For Tots collection at Columbia Metropolitan Airport

Columbia Metropolitan Airport and the Paradies Airport Shop are partnering to "fill a truck" for Toys for Tots. [See More](#)

Forest Acres is Sweet for the Holidays

Forest Acres' signature 12th annual holiday event, Sweet Seasons, will kick off the holiday season on the rooftop of Richland Mall. [See More](#)

SCDOR Teams with IRS, State Tax Agencies, and Industry Leaders to fight Tax Refund Fraud

South Carolina Department of Revenue Director Rick Reames joined IRS Commissioner John Koskinen, tax preparation and software developer industry leaders, and other state tax agency executives in Washington, D.C. to announce important steps taxpayers can take to protect their personal and tax data online. [See More](#)

Family Christian® celebrates new path forward

Following a 12-month operational reorganization, along with a complete store and product overhaul, Family Christian® announced it is on the path to becoming a stronger retailer and supporter of faith-based causes. [See More](#)

USC School of Music's entrepreneurship lab hosts national workshop

Chamber Music America pre-conference workshop hosted by the University of South Carolina School of Music's Spark Music Leadership Laboratory and its award-winning SAVVY Musician in Action. [See More](#)

4-star Morningstar Rating continues for Wallick Investments, LLC

Wallick Investments, LLC announced Morningstar® continues to recognize Wallick Investments Core Growth Composite with a 4-star Morningstar Rating™ among mid-cap core/blend managers. [See More](#)

State Report Cards show Richland Two's graduation rates on the rise

As reported on the State Report Cards released on Nov. 18, 2015, Richland School District Two's graduation rates are rising and exceeding the state average. [See More](#)

Comedian Mike Goodwin to appear at the Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County

The Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County will bring a night of great, family-friendly and clean comedy to the stage of the Wood Auditorium on Friday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. [See More](#)

City accepting donations for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Honor the Dream Food Drive

The City of Columbia, Richland School District One and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Foundation have kicked off the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Honor the Dream Food Drive benefiting Harvest Hope Food Bank. [See More](#)

2015 Holiday Sales Opens December 4 in the Historic Douglas-Reed House at the Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County

Get ready for one of the best shopping experiences of the holidays at the Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County (FAC) — the 2015 Holiday Sales Show. [See More](#)

NAI Avant finalizes lease of office space on Lady Street

NAI Avant broker Peyton Bryant and senior broker Macon Lovelace recently represented Schmoyer and Company in the renewal and expansion of office space in 1330 Lady Street in Columbia, SC. [See More](#)

CREW Midlands – Fall Events Save the Date

CREW Midlands is delighted to announce our final two Fall events hosted at the Capital City Club. Please save the date for the following events. [See More](#)

Small Business Saturdays: #SelfieSaturdays

The City of Columbia's Office of Business Opportunities is partnering with local shopping districts for Small Business Saturdays. Citizens who shop in one of the seven designated districts and participate in #SelfieSaturdays could win a \$50 gift card! [See More](#)

Silver Bells at the Mashburn Home

Enjoy wine and appetizers at the lovely Mashburn home, lavishly decorated for the season. The Charleston Silver Lady, Dawn Corley, will bring her beautiful pearls for sale just in time for Christmas gift shopping. [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: Why Fannie and Freddie survived

"One of the most interesting and uncovered stories these days is the survival of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac — the giant housing entities created by the government and known collectively as the GSEs (for Government-Sponsored Enterprises)." [Read More](#)

Kathleen Parker: True Trump

"You can't drive far in these parts without seeing Ben Carson on a billboard, looking more like a man of the cloth than of the operating room." [Read More](#)

Sales Advice from Jeffrey Gitomer: Your name matters to your prospects. Or does it?

"Here is a question I've received more than a hundred times in one form or another: How do I make a (better) name for myself?" [Read More](#)

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