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ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

Greater Lexington Chamber CEO

Randy Halfacre to Retire

The Greater Lexington Chamber and Visitors Center announced today that President and CEO Randy Halfacre has decided to retire effective at the end of the year. Halfacre's decision will bring to a close a remarkable career of almost nine years of service working to grow the Chamber [Read More](#)

Statement from superintendent of Richland School

District Two regarding the incident at Spring Valley High School

Richland Two Superintendent Dr. Debbie Hamm's statement regarding the incident at Spring Valley High School. [See More](#)

Gov. Nikki Haley announces next Department of

Transportation Secretary

Governor Nikki Haley announced Christy Hall as the next Secretary of the South Carolina Department of Transportation. [See More](#)

Consumers' Choice Health Insurance Company agrees to wind down its operations

Consumers' Choice Health Insurance Company (Consumers' Choice) has agreed to a voluntary run-off and will not offer health insurance coverage in 2016. [See More](#)

Colonial Life awards \$26,000 to Richland One teachers

Colonial Life is awarding \$26,000 in grants to 32 teachers in Richland One through its Strong Schools Grant program. [See More](#)

Ms. Lauryn Hill will headline Famously Hot New Year in Columbia, S.C. Dec. 31

Ms. Lauryn Hill, the music world icon and five time GRAMMY-winning recording artist, will headline the free Famously Hot New Year celebration in downtown Columbia, S.C. on December 31, 2015, playing a full set for revelers leading up to the midnight countdown and fireworks at the S.C. State Capitol. [See More](#)

National Defense Briefs

NATIONAL DEFENSE BRIEFS is a series produced by National Defense Consultants, LLC, aimed at informing readers with timely military and homeland security news updates, trends, definitions, and short commentaries. Defense issues are inextricably connected to business. [See More](#)

Riley Institute announces 2015 Dick and Tunky Riley Excellence Award

A program aimed at attracting the best and brightest South Carolina students to teaching has won the 2015 Dick and Tunky Riley WhatWorksSC Award for Excellence. [See More](#)

Younger bosses – how to stay professional when your boss is younger than you

Brian Maynor, Style Coach: "When you look at most offices it's common to see multiple generations all working together, but the older employees are not always in charge." [Read More](#)

Richland County First to grant tax extension in wake of natural disaster

Richland County announced that the South Carolina Department of Revenue approved its plan to extend property tax payment deadlines (for non-vehicle taxes) an additional 30 days. [See More](#)

Tricks or Treats: Human Resources Challenges Ahead

The 2015 South Carolina State Fair has finished the year "SC Strong". The fair welcomed 429,947 visitors, including record setting numbers on the first Sunday and second Thursday. [See More](#)

Saluda River Club wins HBASC's Pinnacle Award for 2015 Community of the Year

On Friday, October 23, at the HBASC State Convention in Asheville, N.C., Saluda River Club, the most successful residential community in South Carolina located on the banks of the Saluda River, was honored by the Home Builders Association of South Carolina (HBASC) with the Pinnacle Award for 2015 Community of the Year. [See More](#)

Honda of Columbia Sponsors “Autos for Opportunities”

Billboard Blitz

Honda of Columbia is giving The Cooperative Ministry's Autos for Opportunities program a huge boost. From now through the end of November, The Midlands car dealership is sponsoring a billboard blitz, featuring the car donation program on 17 billboards throughout the Midlands. [See More](#)

Capital Angels To Host “How to Pitch Investors”

Workshop During Global Entrepreneurship Week

The event will be held on Wednesday, November 18th from 1:00-3:00 pm at the IT-ology Auditorium located at 1301 Gervais Street in downtown Columbia. [See More](#)

USC adds emergency management concentration to its

MPA degree

The University of South Carolina has added a concentration in emergency management to its Master of Public Administration degree that will expand the number of professionals in governmental, nonprofit and profit sectors who can plan for and respond to natural and man-made disasters. [See More](#)

Sonoco to officially open iPS Studio October 27

Sonoco, one of the largest diversified global packaging companies, will host the Grand Opening of its Innovative Packaging Solutions (iPS) Studio in Hartsville, S.C., October 27 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. [See More](#)

DHEC and ACS working together to help more women access Breast Cancer Screenings

With Breast Cancer Awareness Month under way, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and the American Cancer Society (ACS) are taking the opportunity to remind the public about the importance of breast and cervical cancer screenings. [See More](#)

Monument Capital Management acquires two multifamily properties in South Carolina

Monument Capital Management, one of the country's premier fully integrated real estate investment firms, has announced the acquisition of Peachtree Place and St. Andrews Apartments in Columbia, S.C. [See More](#)

City of Columbia Municipal Election Tuesday, November

3, 2015

The Richland County Elections & Voter Registration Office will open for absentee voting on Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at 2020 Hampton Street. Monday, November 2, 2015 is the last day for absentee voting for the City of Columbia Municipal Election. [See More](#)

S.C. State Fair closes with a Blue-Ribbon year

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Attorney John E. Cuttino named President-Elect of DRI – The Voice of the Defense Bar

Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A. announced that Columbia attorney John E. Cuttino has been named President-Elect of DRI–The Voice of the Defense Bar. [See More](#)

NAI Avant Facilitates 135,675 Square Foot Office Building Sale in Columbia, SC

NAI Avant senior brokers Jeff Hein, SIOR, and Roger Winn, Jr., recently brokered the sale of ±135,675 square feet of office space known as Broad River Commons. [See More](#)

Mayor Steve Benjamin endorses Andy Smith for at-large City Council seat

During a press conference in front of Columbia City Hall, Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin formally endorsed local non-profit leader Andy Smith for the Councilmember at-large seat in the November 3, 2015 general election. [See More](#)

NBSC to provide financial assistance to three organizations for flood recovery

NBSC, a division of Synovus Bank, announced that it will make a cash donation to the Low Country South Carolina Chapter of the American Red Cross, United Way of the Midlands, and the Central Carolina Community Foundation (CCCCF) in support of their ongoing response to the South Carolina floods. [See More](#)

South State Bank announces Disaster Recovery Loan programs

In response to the recent floods in South Carolina, South State Bank has developed disaster recovery loan programs to provide relief to individuals who live in the communities impacted by the floods. [See More](#)

Providence Hospitals' Cardiac Rehabilitation Program certified by industry leader

Providence Hospitals is proud to announce that it has once again achieved recertification of Cardiac Rehabilitation Program by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation. [See More](#)

USC looking for parents to participate in family program study

The University of South Carolina's Parenting and Family Research Center is looking for parents of young children with behavior challenges to participate in a three-month program called Triple P. [See More](#)

Rooftop Rhythms set to honor officer Greg Alia, Oct. 29

Rooftop Rhythms, hosted by the City of Forest Acres, the popular, free neighborhood event, offering local food and local businesses celebrating the City of Forest Acres, will take place Oct. 29th. [See More](#)

Additional disaster recovery center opens in Calhoun County to help South Carolina flood survivors

A new disaster recovery center is open in St. Matthews to help South Carolina flood survivors. This Calhoun County center is open 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM seven days a week until further notice. [See More](#)

Vista Neighborhood Association to Host City Council Candidate Forum

The Vista Neighborhood Association will host a city council candidate forum for at-large candidates in the Nov. 3 election at City Club at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28th. [See More](#)

NAI Avant announces top producers for third quarter 2015, Columbia, SC

NAI Avant announced the top producers for the third quarter of 2015 for their Columbia office. [See More](#)

Communication Scholarship honors Eugenia McAlpine

Lewis

The family of a trailblazing advocate for Coker College has established the Eugenia McAlpine Lewis Endowed Scholarship in Communications. [See More](#)

United Way of the Midlands requests volunteer data for federal disaster funding

United Way of the Midlands is asking for the community's help in collecting volunteer-service data on behalf of Richland County and City of Columbia to help secure a federal match to offset the cost of relief and recovery efforts. [See More](#)

Soda City Market to bring its second annual OktoberFest to Main

Soda City Market has announced that it will hold its annual Soda City OktoberFest on Saturday, October 31 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the 1400-1500 block of Main Street in downtown Columbia. [See More](#)

SCE&G Donates \$100,000 to help low-income customers through Project Share

To help further support customers in need, SCE&G is contributing \$100,000 to the South Carolina Governor's Office Division of Economic Opportunity through the company's Project Share program that helps low-income families needing assistance with their energy bills. [See More](#)

New GASB guidelines on tax abatements

New accounting requirements that go into effect in December will change the way local governments must report economic development incentives on their financial statements. [See More](#)

Newmark Grubb Wilson Kibler deal at 610 Clemson Rd

Newmark Grubb Wilson Kibler, a leading real estate services firm, is pleased to announce the recent sale transaction of 9,800 SF office/warehouse at 610 Clemson Road in Columbia, SC for \$675,000. [See More](#)

Advertising myths exposed: Myth #9 – Newspaper ads are a waste of money

Business Advice from Jerry Bellune: "I agree. The wrong kinds of ads do waste your money." [Read 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 flight from reality

"We have all manner of policy proposals from the Democratic and Republican presidential candidates, but there's a sobering disconnect between what they're advocating and the large problems the country actually faces." [Read More](#)

Kathleen Parker: A woman in full

"With the latest poll numbers tallied and political pundits having spoken, a consensus has emerged: Hillary Clinton won the first Democratic debate and, barring a Benghazi pinata exploding with revelations, has cinched the nomination." [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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