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ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

South Carolina export sales top \$30 billion in 2015, achieve sixth consecutive record year

For the sixth consecutive year, the State of South Carolina has set a record for total export sales. Gov. Nikki Haley, the South Carolina Department of Commerce and the South Carolina Ports Authority announced that the State's 2015 export sales totaled \$30.9 billion, according to data from the U.S. Department of Commerce. [Read More](#)

SC Bar Foundation names Seiner Executive Director

The South Carolina Bar Foundation welcomes Megan Sweeney Seiner as the Foundation's new Executive Director, effective February 15, 2016. Seiner will work with the Bar Foundation's Board of Directors in advancing justice to all South Carolina citizens through the programs and services offered by the nonprofit's grantee organizations. [See More](#)

Growing demand for healthcare services drives medical office market

Demand for healthcare services has been increasing over recent years as the population ages and the Affordable Care Act provides healthcare access to more people [See More](#)

Nelson Mullins awards Inaugural Diversity Scholarship to Harvard 2L Derecka Purnell

Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP has awarded its first Diversity Scholarship to Derecka Purnell, a second-year student at Harvard Law School. [See More](#)

Richland County Council approves contracts for construction of sidewalk projects under the Richland Penny Program

Richland County Council approved awarding contracts for the construction of three sidewalk projects under the Richland Penny Program during their regular session meeting. [See More](#)

Mashburn Construction welcomes new employee

Dave Balderson joins Mashburn's Columbia office in Healthcare Business Development.

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The Best Tips For Interpreting And Seeing Beyond First Impressions

Brian Maynor, Style Coach: "When we first meet someone it's natural to expect them to be on their best behavior: impeccable manners; excellent communication skills, and the perfect blend of relaxed, rehearsed responses with sincerity and authenticity, but how do you know what is real and what isn't?" [Read More](#)

Collins & Lacy Attorney to Present at National Hospitality Law Conference

Collins & Lacy, P.C. attorney and Retail and Hospitality Law Chair Christian Stegmaier will present at the 14th Annual Hospitality Law Conference on February 23, 2016 in Houston, Texas. [See More](#)

State of South Carolina hires CBRE to sell surplus properties

The South Carolina Department of Administration selected CBRE as the exclusive agent for the sale of more than 45 surplus properties totaling approximately 690 acres. [See More](#)

The Blake at Woodcreek Farms senior living community breaks ground in Greater Columbia

Construction is underway and The Blake at Woodcreek Farms is scheduled to open in early 2017. [See More](#)

Clemson and USC students to come together to help community pool devastated by flood

When it comes to volunteer service, love of community trumps school rivalries at Murraywood Swim & Racquet Club. On Saturday, February 20, 2016, fraternities and sororities from both Clemson and USC, long-time rivals, will come together to help the Club, which was devastated by the October 2015 flood, take great strides towards recovery. [See More](#)

'Midlands Gives' new headquarters for May 3 Giving Day: home of the Fireflies, Columbia, S.C.'s new Spirit Communications Park

Central Carolina Community Foundation is partnering with the Columbia Fireflies to house the new headquarters for Midlands Gives, the 24-hour online giving challenge on Tuesday, May 3rd in the brand new Spirit Communications Park in Columbia, S.C. [See More](#)

Blue Ribbon Committee to assist county in flood recovery efforts

A group of Richland County residents began meeting this month to assist County officials with a comprehensive plan for flood recovery efforts following the October 2015 flood event. [See More](#)

South Carolina launches Nurse-Family Partnership Pay for Success Project

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley, Christian Soura, Director of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, state officials, and leaders from the private sector announced the nation's first Pay for Success project aimed at improving health outcomes for mothers and children living in poverty, and the first Pay for Success project of any type in the South. [See More](#)

American Red Cross, City of Columbia calls on Columbia to give blood

The American Red Cross is calling on the Columbia community to join a lifesaving team by giving blood. Mayor Steve Benjamin, the City of Columbia and the American Red Cross is encouraging people to score one for life at the Sixth Annual Columbia Lifesavers "Hoop it Up" blood drive on Friday, Feb. 26th. [See More](#)

YMCA of Columbia launches 2016 annual campaign – Jerri Spurrier to chair

The YMCA of Columbia is launching its annual campaign in hopes of raising \$400,000 to ensure that everyone in the Midlands has access to vital community programs and resources that support youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. [See More](#)

Ben Ham Gallery opens doors after renovations with new look

The Ben Ham Gallery, a leading exclusive fine-art photography gallery based out of Hilton Head, S.C., has reopened the Charleston gallery after renovations to the interior design. [See More](#)

Master Minds: Ben Franklin's success secret

Jerry Bellune: Benjamin Franklin should be your role model. He had a curious mind and explored many pursuits. [See More](#)

26th Annual Midlands Heart Ball set for February 20th

The American Heart Association will host the 2016 Midlands Heart Ball this Saturday, February 20th at 6:30 pm at the South Carolina State Museum. [See More](#)

Acclaimed contemporary Christian music group to perform at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Irmo, SC

As part of a continuing goal to bring great art to Irmo through its Palmetto Artist Series, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church will soon host music group Point of Grace, one of the Top Ten best-selling acts in Contemporary Christian music history. [See More](#)

Kids' Chance of South Carolina "Denim and Diamonds Gala"

Kids' Chance of South Carolina, a statewide nonprofit organization that provides scholarships to the children of injured workers in S.C., will commemorate 23 years of giving at the "Denim and Diamonds Gala." [See More](#)

LTSS to hold Art for Faith's Sake celebration

The Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (LTSS) invites campus and community members to attend its Art for Faith's Sake Celebration, scheduled for Thursday, March 3. [See More](#)

SC State Library and BiblioBoard to launch Indie SC at Deckle Edge Festival

This informative session, held at the Columbia Museum of Art, is free and open to the public. [See More](#)

John Denver Tribute in Support of Habitat for Humanity

Join acclaimed performer Jim Curry for this tribute to the music of one of the most beloved singer/songwriters ever to grace the stage. [See More](#)

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