FOCUSED ON YOUR STREET. NOT WALL STREET.

Think of your not-for-profit Touchstone Energy cooperative as your very own local energy advisor. After all, we’re owned by you and the other members in our community, which means you’ll always have a say in how your co-op runs. To learn more, visit TouchstoneEnergy.com.

YOUR SOURCE OF POWER. AND INFORMATION.
2 Cherokee County’s Eat Smart Move More Coalition Receives National Recognition
By W. Stuart Morgan III

27 Cyber Realities: Where We Are Now

31 The IMLA Report
Recent U.S. Supreme Court Actions Affect Local Government
By Charles W. Thompson Jr.
Executive Director and General Counsel, IMLA

36 A Roadside Guide to Bamberg County
The County’s Role in the American War for Independence
By Alexia Jones Helsley

42 County Update
The Cherokee County Eat Smart Move More Coalition received national recognition last year for successfully creating healthy lifestyles for children countywide.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)—the nation’s largest philanthropy dedicated solely to health—recognized the county’s Eat Smart Move More (ESMM) Coalition on the Foundation’s website on June 23, 2016. The website’s Signs for Progress section reported a 21 percent relative decline in the combined overweight and obesity rate for third graders and a 20.2 percent relative decline for first graders from 2012 to 2015. (See P. 4)

“Our county’s Eat Smart Move More Coalition is a grassroots effort that strives to teach our young people the importance of eating properly and exercising to live healthier lifestyles now as well as into adulthood,” said Holland Belue, Cherokee County Administrator. “These young people are the key to our county’s future—our leaders, educators and heads of households. They’ll begin filling positions as members of our county’s current workforce in the decades ahead. So, making healthy lifestyle decisions now could positively impact their lives and our county in the future.”

The RWJF’s Signs of Progress section profiles efforts by counties, municipalities and states that are helping children lead healthier lives. When profiling the Cherokee County ESMM Coalition, Signs of Progress credited the county’s coalition for taking an “all-hands-on-deck approach” to creating healthy environments for children and improving the health and wellness of children.

Signs of Progress highlighted some of Cherokee County’s successes:

- Super Saturday community field day events led by Gaffney High School students;
- Cooking Matters classes that teach local families how to shop for healthy, affordable food;
- School Garden Initiatives; and
- YMCA adoption of healthy eating/active living standards for afterschool programs.

The RWJF’s Signs of Progress section also mentioned that Cherokee County is developing a Pedestrian Master Plan, and facilitating discussions about Open Community use policies with schools to improve children’s health and wellness.

Signs of Progress concluded that collaboration among many leaders in Cherokee County is helping to create an environment where healthy choices are accessible, affordable and becoming the
norm for many families and children.

Cherokee County Council Chairman Timothy F. Spencer said, “Cherokee County is committed to working within the community to provide opportunities for residents young and old to be physically active, and the county’s Eat Smart Move More initiative is one of the key components to creating a healthy community.”

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

RWJF’s study, “The State of Obesity: Better Policies for a Healthier America,” released in September 2016, reported that the national childhood obesity rate in the United States was beginning to slow after decades of increasing. Still, the study emphasized that the childhood national obesity rates were still alarmingly higher than they were 25 years ago.

RWJF’s strategy is to help children grow up at a healthy weight, according to Jasmine N. Hall Ratiff, Program Officer, RWJF. The Foundation encourages communities to unite across sectors and create opportunities for children and families, to be more active and to eat healthy food. The Foundation also encourages leaders of counties, schools, health departments, businesses and health care organizations to work together on issues, including

(Continued on next page)
access to affordable and healthy food, and to find ways for citizens to become active.

“Many places are taking on this challenge. So, we wanted to recognize and share the stories of states, counties, cities and even school districts that have successfully used partnerships and seen their obesity rates drop,” Ratiff explained. “Cherokee County is one of the communities that’s demonstrating how the power of partnerships can lead to reduction in childhood obesity and ultimately healthier communities. Everyone in this county should be proud of the work they’re doing, and of the fact that childhood obesity rates in the county have declined in recent years.”

“Cherokee County is one of the communities that’s demonstrating how the power of partnerships can lead to reduction in childhood obesity and ultimately healthier communities.”
— Jasmine N. Hall Ratiff
Program Manager
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

**Eat Smart Move More South Carolina**

Eat Smart Move More South Carolina (ESM M SC) coordinates obesity prevention efforts, including those led by the Cherokee County ESM M Chapter (Coalition) and 24 other chapters representing 30 counties across the state. ESM M SC also supports community-led change and connects its partners—ESM M chapters—so

---

**Key Findings of Cherokee County Body Mass Index Reports**

The Cherokee County School District Body Mass Index (BMI) Project publishes reports that provide a wealth of information and data, including numerous charts and graphs illustrating health related trends. The graph (below) is one of the illustrations created from data collected for Cherokee County’s 2016 BMI Report, the BMI Project’s fifth. Although this particular graph was not published in the printed report, it is shown online in a Prezi presentation at:

https://prezi.com/m0ezmspxbjef/cherokee-county-2015-2016-bmi-report/

The graph illustrates a simple moving average to show the percentage of overweight and obese children from 2012 to 2016. The graph smooths out the data and provides a better, more consistent long-term forecast. Note the decline in percentage of overweight and obese first- and third-graders.

---

**Cherokee County Four Year Trend Data: Percentage of Overweight & Obese Children**

On June 23, 2016, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation used this bar chart in the Signs for Progress section of the Foundation’s website when highlighting the success of the Cherokee County Eat Smart Move More Coalition. The chart illustrates the 21 percent relative decline in the combined overweight and obesity rate for third graders and a 20.2 percent relative decline for first graders from 2012 to 2015.

---

NOTE: Data collected in the Cherokee County School District BMI Project and published in its reports is strictly for surveillance and not used for screening. Surveillance data is collected to help school officials and policymakers make informed decisions on how to address childhood obesity.
Creating and playing fun games, playing with a hula hoop and participating in sports like soccer are among the many ways that students in the Cherokee County School District are exercising. Exercise plays a major role in reducing the combined overweight and obesity rate for children.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation sent photographers to Cherokee County to photograph the many activities that the Cherokee County ESMM Coalition promotes and supports. The photos were published in Signs of Progress on the Foundation’s website. The top two photos were taken by Scott Powell for The Gaffney Ledger.
their members can share their successes and the lessons they've learned.

Beth Franco, Executive Director of ESMMSC, said the recognition that Cherokee County's ESMM Coalition received from the RWJF was well-deserved. She also emphasized why the coalition's work is so important now more than ever.

Franco referenced an article, “The Health Effects of Overweight and Obesity in 195 Counties over 25 Years,” published in the New England Journal of Medicine in June, which reported that 2 billion people worldwide suffer health problems related to being overweight and obese. The piece noted that, compared to 20 of the most populated countries in the world, the United States has the highest rate of obesity among children and young adults.

For the South as a region and South Carolina as a state, the news just gets worse. RWJF’s study, “The State of Obesity: Better Policies for a Healthier America,” released last year and referenced earlier in this article, reported that:

- Of 11 states in the United States with the highest obesity rates, nine are in the South.
- South Carolina, with an adult obesity rate of 31.7 percent, ranks 13th highest for adult obesity in the nation. The state also ranks 8th for Diabetes, reflecting the correlation of obesity to diabetes.
- Because Cherokee County ranks 29th among South Carolina’s 46 counties for the health of its residents, the county’s residents have reasons to be concerned.

After all, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that eliminating three risk factors—poor diet, inactivity and smoking—would prevent 80 percent of heart disease and strokes, 80 percent of Type 2 Diabetes, and 40 percent of cancer. These figures highlight why Cherokee County’s achievement lowering the county’s childhood obesity rate last
Christina Cody, who co-chairs the Cherokee County ESMM Coalition, recently became a semi-finalist for the prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Leadership Development Program. If chosen to participate in the three-year program, Cody would have an opportunity to develop high-level leadership skills through professional coaching, networking and an advanced leadership curriculum. The third year of the program includes the initiation of a bold Culture of Health Project.

Page Rogers, who also co-chairs the county’s ESMM Coalition, said “Christina’s participation in the Foundation’s three year Health Leadership Program would have tremendous impact on Cherokee County as she learns to advocate for systematic change to improve health and health equity through expanded community engagement practices.”
The Cherokee County ESM Coalition evaluates its efforts to reduce childhood obesity by closely monitoring the annual reports generated by the Cherokee County School District Body Mass Index (BMI) Project, according to Rogers.

“The strategic planning process led to our local mission, and the identification of three priority issues—healthy eating, active living (HE/AL) and tobacco use prevention. ... For the HE/AL objective, we then decided to focus on childhood obesity and to become a local chapter of Eat Smart Move More South Carolina.”

— Page Rogers Co-Chairman Cherokee County Eat Smart Move More Coalition

Bret Baronak (inset middle-right), Community Coordinator for Carolina Thread Trail, spoke on June 1st at the June meeting of Cherokee County’s Eat Smart Move More Coalition. The county’s ESM Coalition has met at 8:30 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Mary Black Health System facility in Gaffney, but will hold its monthly meetings elsewhere in the future. Representing Cherokee County at the meetings since the chapter was formed several years ago is Doris Pearson (inset bottom-right), Cherokee County Clerk to Council. (Photos by Stuart Morgan)
than the sample method to collect data, results of the BMI studies are considered to be highly reliable.

Public health professionals turn to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the nation’s health protection agency, and the RWJF for current science-based health research, meaningful reports that spark change, and best practice interventions. So, the fact that one of these respected agencies— the RWJF — noticed the BMI reports and highlighted the Cherokee County ESMM Coalition’s success online in the Foundation’s Signs of Progress section makes the recognition special.

“It’s an honor that we’ve caught the attention of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation,” said Rogers, who now co-chairs the Cherokee County ESMM Coalition. “We were notified by the Foundation in November 2015 that they wanted to build a web profile to recognize Cherokee County as a Signs of Progress location.

“I believe part of our success is the Coalition’s recognition that the environment where we live, learn, work and play has a significant effect on our health,” she added. “Through various initiatives, we strive to engage residents, schools, businesses and community leaders in systems and environmental approaches to make health an easier choice. Our ultimate goal is to create a healthy Cherokee County where all residents have plenty of opportunities to be physically active and have access to healthy, affordable foods.

Cherokee County’s ESMM Initiative

The Cherokee County ESMM Coalition has embraced the mission and the tag line of the S.C. Eat Smart Move More Coalition, “Making the Healthy Choice the Easy Choice,” since the coalition became an official ESMM chapter in September 2014. However, unlike the state ESMM Coalition, the Cherokee County ESMM Coalition also focuses on eliminating tobacco use.

Rogers and Christina Cody, the other co-chairman for the Cherokee County ESMM Coalition, partner with community leaders and focus on policy, systems and environmental (Continued on next page)
changes that influence people to make healthy choices. The local coalition meets the first Thursday of each month.

The Cherokee County ESMM Coalition’s meetings usually include guest speakers, who describe health-related topics of potential interest to the coalition. For example, the Carolina Thread Trail was the subject of a presentation made at the coalition’s June meeting.

Bret Baronak, Community Coordinator for Carolina Thread Trail, used a PowerPoint presentation to describe the Thread Trail Plan. Adopted in September 2012 by Gaffney City Council, the plan identifies 94 miles of walking and biking trails across 15 counties in North Carolina and South Carolina that will link more than 70 communities. The trail will create connections between natural destinations and area schools across Cherokee County.

Cherokee County ESMM Coalition members also discuss current programs and projects, and upcoming events and opportunities when they meet.

Whenever necessary, they also meet at other times. Immediately after the June meeting, for example, Cherokee County ESMM Coalition members met at the Gaffney Visitors’ Center to discuss a newly-created Access to Healthy Food Committee. Chaired by Kristina Harris, the new committee is designed to promote the Gaffney Farmers’ Market and increase access to healthy food by explaining the availability of the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program; Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children; and Farmers’ Market vouchers.

“Healthy communities require healthy environments—neighborhoods, schools, childcare centers and workplaces,” Rogers explained. “People need environments structured in ways that help them access healthy foods and easily incorporate physical activity into their daily routines.

“Creating healthy environments cannot be done in isolation by any one organization or group,” she added. “It requires coordinated and comprehensive efforts. Without a healthy environment, people are more likely to suffer from obesity or one of the many chronic diseases confronting residents of Cherokee County, including diabetes, cancer and heart disease.”

Cherokee County’s ESMM Coalition Reflects Cherokee County’s Concern

Again, the broad-based, communitywide assessment that Page Rogers facilitated in 2012 generated local interest in prioritizing healthy eating, active living and tobacco use prevention.

Last June, five years after local interest was generated to
address these issues, the Cherokee County ESM M Coalition’s success was recognized in a major way.

Yet, the coalition’s work continues. The coalition will continue to follow childhood obesity trends, and results will be published in the sixth annual BMI report. In September 2017, Rogers will again facilitate the process at all elementary schools within the Cherokee County school district. As always, the 2017 report’s findings will be presented first to the Cherokee County School District superintendent and her staff before it is shared with the school board and released to the Cherokee County ESM M Coalition and the public.

Still Looking for Partners

Doris F. Pearson, Cherokee County Clerk to Council, has represented the county as a member of the county’s ESM M Coalition since it first met in 2015. So, she has witnessed the development, work and success of the local ESM M coalition since then.

“The success of our county’s E at Smart M ove M ore Coalition,” Pearson said, “just shows that Cherokee County is concerned about the growing rate of child obesity, and that we’re willing to partner with others to ensure that our young children grow up at a healthy weight. We need to make everyone aware of the impact that healthy eating and physical fitness has on our society.”

Pearson is responsible for encouraging the county’s ESM M Coalition to move forward and bring new ideas to the floor. She is also responsible for reporting the local ESM M Coalition’s activities to Cherokee County Council.

“Our Coalition continues to grow and reach out to all organizations to focus on nutrition, promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyle choices for our children,” Pearson said. “We set goals, and we don’t stop until we meet them. In order for us to continue to work, we must continue to reach out to other organizations and concerned citizens to get a broader view of what must be accomplished to teach our young children, our future generation, the importance of eating healthier and becoming more physically active.

“I love our county’s E at Smart M ove M ore Coalition, and I believe we’re making a difference,” Pearson added. “I just look at the recognition we received last June from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. We still have a lot of work before us, but I have no doubt that we’ll achieve more of our goals as we continue to collaborate and make new partners.”
From a little sketch to a big success.

Synovus has been in the business of growing businesses for a while now. We know a good idea when we see it. So, whether it’s plans for expansion or a brand new endeavor, we have all the Business Banking products, services and expertise you will ever need. Talk to us today and discover how our input can help your output. We’re proud to serve you locally as NBSC.

1.800.708.5687 | synovus.com

Banking products are provided by Synovus Bank, Member FDIC. Divisions of Synovus Bank operate under multiple trade names across the Southeast.
From the hills in the Upstate to the sands of the Lowcountry, Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc., assists South Carolina counties by listening to their needs and delivering a product that exceeds expectations. At Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc., our clients are our highest priority. Through innovative project delivery methods, focus on quality, and unparalleled responsiveness, we help bring vision into reality.

- Industrial Park Master Planning & Design
- Water & Wastewater Planning & Design
- Solid Waste Management
- Stormwater Management
- Recreational Facilities
- Land Planning & Site Design
- Roadway Design
- Railway Design
- Site Certification
- Grant Application
- Construction Management

ON TIME. ON BUDGET. ON YOUR SIDE.

www.allianceCE.com
By combining our low-cost, reliable energy and diverse property portfolio with South Carolina’s low cost of doing business, creative incentive packages and unparalleled quality of life, Santee Cooper continues to help new businesses picture a better future – and continues to power South Carolina toward Brighter Tomorrows, Today.

EMPOWERING VISION

POWERING SOUTH CAROLINA

www.santeecooper.com/CF
A New Standard of Quality and Service in South Carolina

- Industrial Park Master Planning & Design
- Site Certification
- Solid Waste Management
- Stormwater Management
- Recreational Facilities
- Land Planning & Site Design
- Roadway Design
- Railway Design
- Water & Wastewater Planning & Design
- Grant Application/Administrative Assistance
- Construction Management

"Developing alliances one county at a time."
— Deepal Eliatamby, P.E.

www.allianceCE.com
## SCAC Corporate Supporters

SCAC appreciates its corporate supporters. If you would like to support the Association and receive sponsorship benefits, please contact the SCAC Office at (803) 252-7255. Sponsorship benefits are listed on page 34.

### PATRONS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ARIEL Third Party Administrators, Inc.</td>
<td>Columbia, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BB&amp;T Governmental Finance</td>
<td>Columbia, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brownstone</td>
<td>Columbia, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Duke Energy</td>
<td>Florence, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina</td>
<td>Cayce, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enterprise Fleet Management</td>
<td>Columbia, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GEL Engineering, LLC</td>
<td>Charleston, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture</td>
<td>Spartanburg, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Medshore Ambulance Service</td>
<td>Anderson, SC</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### SPONSORS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc.</td>
<td>Bluffton, Columbia and Greenville, SC; Charlotte, NC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Analog Digital Solutions, Inc.</td>
<td>Fuquay-Varina, NC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Archer Company, LLC</td>
<td>Rock Hill, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AT&amp;T</td>
<td>Columbia, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bamberg Board of Public Works</td>
<td>Bamberg, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Beaufort County Channel</td>
<td>Beaufort, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Becker Complete Compactor, Inc.</td>
<td>West Columbia, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Blanchard Machinery</td>
<td>Columbia, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative, Inc.</td>
<td>Pickens, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Celebrate Freedom Foundation</td>
<td>West Columbia, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clemson University Cooperative Extension</td>
<td>Clemson, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Coastal Electric Cooperative, Inc.</td>
<td>Walterboro, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Coast2Coast Discount Rx Card</td>
<td>Ponte Vedra Beach, FL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Collins Engineers, Inc.</td>
<td>Charleston, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Compass Municipal Advisors, LLC</td>
<td>Columbia, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Davis &amp; Floyd, Inc.</td>
<td>Charleston, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dennis Corporation</td>
<td>Columbia, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dominion Voting Systems</td>
<td>Denver, CO</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>E VAL Right of Way Analysts &amp; Consultants</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fairfield Electric Cooperative, Inc.</td>
<td>Winnsboro, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Five Star Computing, Inc.</td>
<td>Columbia, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Foundation Forward, Inc.</td>
<td>Morganton, NC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GOODWIN</td>
<td>MILLS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GovWorld Auctions, LLC</td>
<td>Greelyville, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Greene Finney &amp; Horton, LLP</td>
<td>Mauldin, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, PA</td>
<td>Charleston, Columbia, Florence, Greenville and Myrtle Beach, SC; Charlotte, NC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HDR Engineering</td>
<td>Columbia, Greenville, North Charleston, Rock Hill and West Columbia, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Holt Consulting Company, LLC</td>
<td>Columbia, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Horry County Solid Waste Authority</td>
<td>Conway, SC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Horry Electric Cooperative, Inc.</td>
<td>Conway, SC</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Welcome SCAC’s Newest Patron!

Oakbridge Consulting & Management, LLC (OBCM) is a full service Agency Construction Management firm formed in January 2015 by Paul Moscati and Eric Monroe. Based in Columbia, S.C., services offered include program/project management, estimating, scheduling, cost management, and public-private collaboration. OBCM is primarily focused on serving clients in county/municipal government, K-12, higher education, and healthcare sectors.

Did We Publish Your Photo?

Please e-mail SCAC’s Public Information Office at smorgan@scac.sc if you want to receive a copy of any photo we publish of you in County Focus Magazine or Carolina Counties Newsletter. We’ll e-mail you a FREE JPEG, so you can order your own prints!

IMPORTANT: You MUST identify whether the photo was published in the magazine or newsletter, and the exact location where it was published (including volume and issue number, and page number). JPEGs will ONLY be provided for photos that are published in SCAC’s publications after they are published. JPEGs are only available for photos taken since the SCAC switched to digital photography in 2009. Only photos selected for publication are processed, printed and archived.

Raymond Engineering-Georgia, Inc.
Greer, SC
South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, Inc.
Columbia, SC
South Carolina State Library
Columbia, SC
South Eastern Road Treatment, Inc.
Evans, GA
Spirit Communications
Columbia, SC
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.
North Charleston, SC
Stewart-Cooper-Newell Architects
Columbia, SC and Gastonia, NC
Thomas & Hutton
Columbia and Mount Pleasant, SC
Thompson Turner Construction
Sumter, SC
TraksUS
Mt. Pleasant, SC
Upstate South Carolina Alliance
Greenville, SC
Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc.
North Charleston, SC

OAKBRIDGE
Agency Construction Management

To promote more efficient county governments

To study, discuss and recommend improvements in government

To investigate and provide means for the exchange of ideas and experiences between county officials

To promote and encourage education of county officials

To collect, analyze and distribute information about county government

To cooperate with other organizations

To promote legislation which supports efficient administration of local government in South Carolina

For more information about the SCAC, please contact:

South Carolina Association of Counties
P.O. Box 8207
1919 Thurmond Mall
Columbia, SC 29202-8207
(803) 252-7255
smorgan@scac.sc

Purpose of the SCAC

Welcome SCAC’s Newest Patron!

Oakbridge Consulting & Management, LLC (OBCM) is a full service Agency Construction Management firm formed in January 2015 by Paul Moscati and Eric Monroe. Based in Columbia, S.C., services offered include program/project management, estimating, scheduling, cost management, and public-private collaboration. OBCM is primarily focused on serving clients in county/municipal government, K-12, higher education, and healthcare sectors.
NEW VEHICLES.
TAILORED TO YOUR BUDGET.

Replace your department’s vehicles while staying under budget. Join the hundreds of government entities who have saved money and benefited from safer, more reliable vehicles by partnering with Enterprise Fleet Management.

- Receive a FREE customized fleet analysis with one-on-one consultation
- Generate more budget dollars for other services
- Easy planning with annual consolidated analysis
- Customize and upfit vehicles to be ready upon delivery
- Track and review all vehicle information with easy-to-use customer website

Initiate your FREE Fleet Analysis today!
Ken Germano | (803) 210-2501 | kenneth.g.germano@efleets.com
Keep your county beautiful with help from PalmettoPride

PalmettoPride would like to be your resource for community improvement, from grants to law enforcement needs. Our Litter Trashes Everyone marionette show is free to all public elementary schools, providing a fun, educational experience teaching children about litter and recycling. We can help you create a litter-free event. We have supplies for community cleanup events. We have a camera loan program for investigating illegal dumpsites and other litter hot spots. We can train your employees on the impact of blight with Broken Windows Training and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design. Our PalmettoPride grants can help you create litter eradication programs or create green spaces in your county.

We invite you to learn more about PalmettoPride, Keep South Carolina Beautiful, Adopt-a-Highway, Palmetto Prideways and all of our programs at www.palmettopride.org.
Building Stronger Counties for Tomorrow

Need Information? Visit SCAC’s Website at www.SCCounties.org

The South Carolina Association of Counties’ website is the primary Internet resource for information about South Carolina’s counties and issues affecting county government. The website is a dynamic tool that provides access to information about services such as education and training opportunities, research capabilities, and legal assistance.

Visitors to SCCounties.org will find conference schedules, legislative initiatives, and numerous Association publications. The website has information on key financial programs offered by SCAC, unique county-specific publications, legislative monitoring, and ad hoc surveys.

The site provides general information for all 46 counties—including contact information for county officials, links to county websites, and job postings. SCCounties.org is also a conduit to a number of other resources such as the National Association of Counties, the S.C. General Assembly, U.S. Congress, federal agencies, as well as national and state associations.

The SCAC staff remains ready to receive and assist with any special requests. To facilitate this communication, please refer to the SCAC staff list on page 23 or SCAC’s website to obtain respective email addresses.
**WHAT IS THE SCAC?**

South Carolina Association of Counties, chartered on June 22, 1967, is the only organization dedicated to statewide representation of county government in South Carolina. A nonpartisan, nonprofit organization with a full-time staff in Columbia, SCAC is governed by a 29-member Board of Directors selected by county officials at the Association's Annual Conference.

Counties have made tremendous progress since the enactment of the Home Rule Act in 1975. County government has also become more diverse in order to meet the increasing needs of its citizens. SCAC is dedicated to providing programs and services that equip county officials with the tools to govern effectively.

**CONFERENCES**

- SCAC provides many opportunities for county officials to meet and learn, among them:
  - **Mid-Year Conference** — Held in late winter in Columbia, this conference enables all county officials to become better informed about the Association’s legislative program. The Association also hosts a reception for all members of the legislature during this conference.
  - **Annual Conference** — Held in August, this conference is open to all elected and appointed officials. The conference includes a business session, general session, workshops, group meetings, and exhibits of county products and services.
  - **Legislative Conference** — Held in December, this conference allows members of the Legislative Committee to discuss and adopt a legislative program for the upcoming year. The committee is composed of each council chairman along with the Association’s Board of Directors.

**EDUCATION**

- The Association, in cooperation with the Joseph P. Riley Jr. Center for Livable Communities at the College of Charleston and the Strom Thurmond Institute at Clemson University, conducts the Institute of Government for County Officials (Level I, Level II, and Advanced levels).

  This certificate program helps county officials enhance their skills and abilities. Courses are offered at the Annual and Mid-Year Conferences and at the County Council Coalition Meeting in the fall.

  SCAC also sponsors a number of continuing education webcasts for county officials and employees throughout the year at no charge to counties. Within a few weeks after the live broadcast, county officials and employees are able to access the session as a video on demand via http://www.sccounties.org.

**FINANCIAL SERVICES**

- SCAC offers a number of financial services to its member counties. The Association sponsors two self-funded insurance trusts to provide workers’ compensation and property and liability coverage. The trusts are designed specifically to meet the unique needs of local governments.

  SCAC also offers the following services through affiliate organizations: GovDeals internet auction of surplus assets; Tax Management Associates, Inc. property tax audit services; and competitive purchasing discounts through Forms and Supply, Inc. and the U.S. Communities purchasing cooperative.

**LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

- SCAC provides legal assistance to county governments by rendering legal opinions, preparing amicus briefs, drafting ordinances, and consulting with other county officials.

  The Association provides support to counties involved in litigation that might affect other counties. It also sponsors the Local Government Attorneys’ Institute, which provides six hours of continuing legal education for local government attorneys.

**SETOFF DEBT PROGRAM**

- South Carolina counties are able to collect delinquent emergency medical services debts, magistrate and family court fines, hospital debts, as well as other fees owed to the counties through SCAC’s Setoff Debt Collection Program.

  Debts are submitted through the Association to the S.C. Department of Revenue to be matched with income tax refunds. The debt is deducted from a refund and returned through SCAC to the claimant.

**LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION**

- The S.C. General Assembly convenes each January in Columbia and adjourns sine die in May. One in every four bills introduced affects county governments.

  SCAC monitors each bill as it is introduced and keeps its members up-to-date on all legislative activity with a weekly Friday Report. The Association also dispatches Legislative Alerts and publishes Acts That Affect Counties each year.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

- SCAC publishes an annual Directory of County Officials listing addresses and telephone numbers of county offices and their elected and appointed officials. The Association also publishes Carolina Counties Newsletter five times a year to keep the Association’s membership informed about legislation and various county news. County Focus Magazine is published four times a year and features articles on county trends, innovation, and other subjects of interest to county officials—including a “County Update” section.

**RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

- SCAC provides research and technical assistance in many areas to those counties that request it. The Association staff annually responds to hundreds of inquiries from county officials ranging from simple requests for a sample ordinance to more complex questions requiring considerable research. The Association also develops technical research bulletins and conducts surveys on a variety of subjects. Regular publications such as the Wage and Salary Report, Home Rule Handbook, A Handbook for County Government in South Carolina, and Case Law Affecting Local Government are made available to county officials.

  SCAC’s website address is: http://www.sccounties.org

  The site provides county officials with the latest information on SCAC programs, services and meetings as well as legislative information, research and survey results, and links to other local government resources.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Title</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Robert E. Lyon Jr.</td>
<td>Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:blyon@scac.sc">blyon@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Michael B. Cone</td>
<td>Executive Director</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:scac@scac.sc">scac@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Robert E. Benfield, ARM, AINS</td>
<td>Risk Manager</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:rbenfield@scac.sc">rbenfield@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nilda A. Padgett</td>
<td>Director of Administrative Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:npadgett@scac.sc">npadgett@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mary E. Williams</td>
<td>Administrative Assistant</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:mwilliams@scac.sc">mwilliams@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Robert S. Croom</td>
<td>Of Counsel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:rcroomb@scac.sc">rcroomb@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>John K. DeLoache</td>
<td>Senior Staff Attorney</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:jdeloache@scac.sc">jdeloache@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jennifer M. Haworth</td>
<td>Webmaster</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:jhaworth@scac.sc">jhaworth@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dana T. Homesley</td>
<td>Administrative Assistant</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:dtomlinson@scac.sc">dtomlinson@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pearlena A. Khalif-Govan</td>
<td>Administrative Assistant</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:pkhalif@scac.sc">pkhalif@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lang K. Kohel, ARM, AIC</td>
<td>Workers’ Compensation Claims Manager</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:lkohel@scac.sc">lkohel@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Robert J. Lyon, CPM, CPPB</td>
<td>IT/Procurement Director</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:rlyon@scac.sc">rlyon@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>W. Stuart Morgan III</td>
<td>Public Information Director</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:smorgan@scac.sc">smorgan@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alexander W. Smith</td>
<td>Staff Attorney</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:asmith@scac.sc">asmith@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rick K. Ucinski</td>
<td>Field Representative</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:rucinski@scac.sc">rucinski@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Timothy C. Winslow</td>
<td>Deputy General Counsel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:twinslow@scac.sc">twinslow@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tish F. Anderson</td>
<td>Deputy Director of Administrative Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:tanderson@scac.sc">tanderson@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anna B. Berger</td>
<td>Director of Research and Training</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:aberger@scac.sc">aberger@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Leslie M. Christy-Jennings</td>
<td>Special Projects Coordinator</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:ljennings@scac.sc">ljennings@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Robert C. Collins, CPCU, CIC</td>
<td>Director of Insurance Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:rcollins@scac.sc">rcollins@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>John D. Henderson, ARM, ALCM</td>
<td>Director of Risk Management Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:jhenderson@scac.sc">jhenderson@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Caroline Deeevy, CIC, AAI, CISR, CRIS, INS</td>
<td>Insurance Trusts’ Assistant Coordinator</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:cdeeevy@scac.sc">cdeeevy@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S. Ruthie Duvall</td>
<td>Special Program Coordinator</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:rduvall@scac.sc">rduvall@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>John V. Jervey, AIC</td>
<td>Property &amp; Liability Claims Manager</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:jjervey@scac.sc">jjervey@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>James F. Knox</td>
<td>Staff Attorney</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:jknox@scac.sc">jknox@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>M. Kent Lesesne</td>
<td>Senior Staff Attorney</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:klesesne@scac.sc">klesesne@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Owen A. McBride</td>
<td>Staff Attorney</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:omcbride@scac.sc">omcbride@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nilda A. Padgett</td>
<td>Director of Administrative Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:npadgett@scac.sc">npadgett@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Susan Turkopuls</td>
<td>Senior Research Associate</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:sturkopuls@scac.sc">sturkopuls@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anna B. Berger</td>
<td>Director of Research and Training</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:aberger@scac.sc">aberger@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jennifer M. Haworth</td>
<td>Webmaster</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:jhaworth@scac.sc">jhaworth@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dana T. Homesley</td>
<td>Administrative Assistant</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:dtomlinson@scac.sc">dtomlinson@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pearlena A. Khalif-Govan</td>
<td>Administrative Assistant</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:pkhalif@scac.sc">pkhalif@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lang K. Kohel, ARM, AIC</td>
<td>Workers’ Compensation Claims Manager</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:lkohel@scac.sc">lkohel@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Robert J. Lyon, CPM, CPPB</td>
<td>IT/Procurement Director</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:rlyon@scac.sc">rlyon@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>W. Stuart Morgan III</td>
<td>Public Information Director</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:smorgan@scac.sc">smorgan@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alexander W. Smith</td>
<td>Staff Attorney</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:asmith@scac.sc">asmith@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rick K. Ucinski</td>
<td>Field Representative</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:rucinski@scac.sc">rucinski@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Timothy C. Winslow</td>
<td>Deputy General Counsel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:twinslow@scac.sc">twinslow@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tish F. Anderson</td>
<td>Deputy Director of Administrative Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:tanderson@scac.sc">tanderson@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anna B. Berger</td>
<td>Director of Research and Training</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:aberger@scac.sc">aberger@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Leslie M. Christy-Jennings</td>
<td>Special Projects Coordinator</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:ljennings@scac.sc">ljennings@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Robert C. Collins, CPCU, CIC</td>
<td>Director of Insurance Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:rcollins@scac.sc">rcollins@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>John D. Henderson, ARM, ALCM</td>
<td>Director of Risk Management Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:jhenderson@scac.sc">jhenderson@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Caroline Deeevy, CIC, AAI, CISR, CRIS, INS</td>
<td>Insurance Trusts’ Assistant Coordinator</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:cdeeevy@scac.sc">cdeeevy@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S. Ruthie Duvall</td>
<td>Special Program Coordinator</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:rduvall@scac.sc">rduvall@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>John V. Jervey, AIC</td>
<td>Property &amp; Liability Claims Manager</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:jjervey@scac.sc">jjervey@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>James F. Knox</td>
<td>Staff Attorney</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:jknox@scac.sc">jknox@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>M. Kent Lesesne</td>
<td>Senior Staff Attorney</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:klesesne@scac.sc">klesesne@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Owen A. McBride</td>
<td>Staff Attorney</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:omcbride@scac.sc">omcbride@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nilda A. Padgett</td>
<td>Director of Administrative Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:npadgett@scac.sc">npadgett@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Susan Turkopuls</td>
<td>Senior Research Associate</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:sturkopuls@scac.sc">sturkopuls@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anna B. Berger</td>
<td>Director of Research and Training</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:aberger@scac.sc">aberger@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jennifer M. Haworth</td>
<td>Webmaster</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:jhaworth@scac.sc">jhaworth@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dana T. Homesley</td>
<td>Administrative Assistant</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:dtomlinson@scac.sc">dtomlinson@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pearlena A. Khalif-Govan</td>
<td>Administrative Assistant</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:pkhalif@scac.sc">pkhalif@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lang K. Kohel, ARM, AIC</td>
<td>Workers’ Compensation Claims Manager</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:lkohel@scac.sc">lkohel@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Robert J. Lyon, CPM, CPPB</td>
<td>IT/Procurement Director</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:rlyon@scac.sc">rlyon@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>W. Stuart Morgan III</td>
<td>Public Information Director</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:smorgan@scac.sc">smorgan@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alexander W. Smith</td>
<td>Staff Attorney</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:asmith@scac.sc">asmith@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rick K. Ucinski</td>
<td>Field Representative</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:rucinski@scac.sc">rucinski@scac.sc</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
GEL SUPPORTS YOUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

GEL will Help You Close the Deal with upfront review and strategies for…

- Identifying Permits Your Prospects Will Need
  - Air Emissions
  - Wetlands Fill and Mitigation
  - Industrial Wastewater
  - Site Permits

- Time Frames and Costs to Acquire Construction and Operating Permits

- Brownfields Site Assessment and Remediation

- Civil Site Design for Industrial Development

- Wastewater Treatment and Plant Emissions Testing

- Operational Compliance Monitoring

GEL will Get You to the Ribbon Cutting by…

Providing a Full-Range of professional design and consulting services

- Environmental
- Engineering
- Surveying

CONTACT  Jim Posda  james.posda@gel.com  (843) 769-7378
Geoff Lewis  geoff.lewis@gel.com  (843) 769-7378
Putting our energy into South Carolina’s future.

sceg.com

DEDICATED to a Better South Carolina
**History of the Trusts**

The S.C. Workers’ Compensation Trust (SCCWCT) dates back to Nov. 1, 1984, when 11 counties began the fund with less than a half million dollars. More than 30 years later, the SCCWCT has grown to include 42 counties plus 47 additional agencies with ties to county government. The Property & Liability Trust (SCCP&LT) began on Aug. 1, 1995, with four members. The membership has grown to include 16 counties and 10 county-related agencies.

**Boards of Trustees**

The Trusts were designed by and for county government with the goal of providing insurance to counties at the lowest rates possible, while providing services uniquely tailored to the needs of county governments. The Boards of Trustees are made up of county officials who are elected by the SCAC’s Board of Directors. Although not a requirement, both boards currently share the same membership.

**Risk Management**

Because member contributions (premiums) are based both on the accident histories of the individual counties (experience modifiers) and on the membership as a whole, both Trusts employ very aggressive risk management strategies. The philosophy adopted by the Trusts is that, if accidents are caused, they can be prevented. Risk Management services are provided by the SCAC staff. The payoff is lower premiums and a safer working environment.

**Claims Administration and Management**

Ariel Third Party Administrators provides workers’ compensation claims administration for the Workers’ Compensation Trust. The SCAC staff provides claims administration for the Property & Liability Trust and provides the administration of both Trusts.
Cyber Realities: Where We Are Now

The following article is reprinted with permission from Alliant Insurance Services*.

New Opportunities

Modern business is conducted in a highly networked, data-rich environment. Dynamic and developing technologies are currently and continually being leveraged for increased operational capabilities. Corporations have the ability to transport data far and wide, allowing for business to be conducted easily at small and large scales, locally and globally.

Networked infrastructures keep assets—tangible and idea-based—interconnected and integrated, streamlining resource organization and facilitating internal collaboration. This improved structuring forms the foundation for automation that can free employees from some of the more time-consuming, bureaucratic aspects of their jobs, giving them more time to do the work that keeps businesses growing.

Technological advances are not only a boon to intra-corporation functions, but also provide new avenues for engagement between companies and their customers and clients. Computer networking, data analytics software, electronic transactions and digital media communications—all of these cyber developments are becoming standard aspects of running an organization. They are being adopted because they are seen as materially improving the conduct of modern business.

New Risks

Opportunity and innovation do not come without challenges. In any business endeavor, the other side of opportunity is risk, and this is no less true of running a business with technological enhancements. A bigger cyber presence means more cyber exposure.

Innovation often outpaces regulation, and so companies tend to have new capabilities before knowing the best way to implement their use and adopt best-use policies. Advanced capabilities may also not initially be very secure, and such technology requires continual monitoring and upgrades to find and remediate vulnerabilities. These kinds of system changes take time for employees and other network users to adjust to, which introduces further opportunity for error.

There are many exciting trends in current business technology, but the potential benefit of each one must be measured against the facts of each trend’s inherent weak points. Exploitation of these vulnerabilities cannot be seen only as a distant possibility, but must be viewed as a constant threat. Building awareness and preparing for challenges are critical elements of a successful risk management strategy.

Current Trends in Business Technology: Bring Your Own Device

With the near ubiquity of portable, network-enabled device ownership, there is growing appreciation among businesses for the institution of Bring-Your-Own-Device (BYOD) policies. When employees supply their own work devices (laptops, smartphones, tablets, etc.), the company saves money, no longer having to worry about purchasing and continually upgrading the equipment its employees need to do their jobs. These policies also benefit employees who would have and did buy such devices on their own.

*Alliant Insurance Services, headquartered in Newport Beach, Calif., specializes in providing solutions that protect clients against losses and claims caused by cyber attacks, one of the newest risks companies have faced in recent years. One of the nation’s leading distributors of diversified products and services and operating a national network of offices, Alliant has provided solutions for many other risks during the past 90 years. For more information, visit: www.alliant.com

The following article is reprinted with permission from Alliant Insurance Services*.
own in the first place, in the sense that employees get to work on devices with which they are familiar and comfortable. This convenience does not come without a price.

First among issues involving BYOD policies is the risk of loss or theft of such devices, as they often do not have the security provisions standardized through company devices. As well as being more susceptible to displacement, employee-owned and maintained devices may lack adequate security software and applications, making such devices more susceptible to malicious digital exploitation and attacks. Interfacing insecure non-company work devices with company-maintained internal devices comes with the risk of transmitting malware and computer viruses from the less secure personal device to the company network.

Remote Access

Part of the appeal of BYOD policies is that they are part of a wider technological movement of remote access. It is increasingly common and relatively easy for employees to work outside of the traditional office environment as more and more devices and programs allow for people to work wherever they are. Remote access to a common digital location also streamlines collaboration, in the sense that employees can jointly access resources without having to physically transport or exchange them. Troubles with remote access arise when employees try to gain access through insecure networks or insecure devices—malicious software can slip into the company’s secure digital spaces in this way.

Cloud Storage

While BYOD policies externalize the costs of acquisition and maintenance of work devices, cloud storage services allow companies to externalize the costs of data storage. Businesses can save money and effort by hosting information with a third party as opposed to acquiring and maintaining internal company servers—in many cases, the fees for cloud storage are significantly less than the expense would be for internal storage capabilities. This service helps many companies stay focused on their main business goals, and negates the need for internal specialists on technologies that are not their consumer product. Trusting a third party with sensitive information may save money, but it also comes with some uncertainty as to the security of the cloud service. Even if sensitive data is exposed when the cloud storage company experiences a data breach, the ultimate responsibility for the security of that information lies with the business to which the information was originally and officially entrusted.

Digitized Records

BYOD policies, remote access capabilities and cloud storage services all involve the access, use and maintenance of digital information and digital records collected and compiled by or on behalf of a company. The ability to store information about employees, customers, clients and/or patients allows for a smoother general operation of business. Payment and compensation can be dealt with quickly and efficiently, interactions with clients can be tailored to their specific characteristics and needs, financial and medical information can be accessed easily and completely in emergencies. In this context, however, knowledge is both an advantage and a vulnerability. The more records a company has to use, the more information it also has to lose. The value of sensitive records means that there are constantly external and internal parties looking to profit from the illicit access and distribution of such records.

Web Presence

Though not as recent a development as BYOD, remote access, or cloud storage, Internet expansion is a project for many companies, and for good reason. Online, companies can be constantly available to their customers and clients through their web sites and social media accounts. They can provide customers with information in accessible, easy-to-understand formats, in the digital spaces their customers frequent. Having an interactive web site enables a company to solicit additional feedback on products, present testimonials from current customers for prospective clients to view, provide news and reports as part of transparency measures, and preview new products and services. Social media presence—Facebook pages, Twitter accounts, and so on—gives companies a space in which to interact with disparate consumers in real time, and allows for companies to get a sense of the word-of-mouth commentary on their products.

Maintaining a web site and a social media presence can get complicated. A web site is a publication platform, and laws regarding copyright, trademark, and so on are just as applicable when it comes to materials posted to one’s site. Social media interactions can provide a host of information and commentary from customers and other outside parties, but it is important to remember that the content presented by such parties through social media platforms is owned by those parties, and cannot be reused or repurposed without their explicit consent.

Finding the Right Balance

Clearly, the goal for modern business when it comes to technology is to balance the opportunity with the exposure to optimize the benefits of continuing advances. Having an understanding of the complexities of the dynamic modern business environment is the first step in finding ways to mitigate barriers to further success. Being afraid of the risks inherent in networked landscapes is probably excessive, but companies cannot afford to be ignorant of these risks, either.
Experience Counts.

SCAC’s insurance staff members have 103 combined years of experience running SCAC’s successful S.C. Counties Workers’ Compensation Trust and S.C. Counties Property & Liability Trust.

Robert Collins, CPCU, CIC
Director of Insurance Services since 2013
rcollins@scac.sc

John Henderson, ARM, ALCM
Director of Risk Management Services since 1991
jhenderson@scac.sc

Robert Benfield, ARM, AINS
Risk Manager since 1993
rbenfield@scac.sc

Lang Kohel, ARM, AIC
Workers’ Comp Claims Manager since 2013
lkohel@scac.sc

John Jervey, AIC
Property & Liability Claims Manager since 1997
jjervey@scac.sc

Pam Collins, ARM
Program Coordinator since 1992
pcollins@scac.sc

Caroline Deevey, CIC, AAI, CISR, CRIS, INC
Insurance Trusts’ Assistant Coordinator 2017
cdeevey@scac.sc

Advantages of S.C. Counties Property & Liability Trust

● No charge for mid-term additions to your insurance schedules.
● Claims are handled by SCAC staff.
● Cyber Liability coverage is included.
● No coinsurance penalty for Real Property, Contractors Equipment or Electronic Data Processing Equipment.
● No vacancy provision.
● Coverage for law enforcement dogs.
● Coverage for Crime (employee dishonesty).

Unique Law Enforcement Services

● Law Enforcement and Detention Center Risk Management and Inmate Supervision Classes approved by the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy for Continuing Law Enforcement Education Credit
● Detention Center Staffing Needs Assessments
● Law Enforcement and Detention Center Policy and Procedure Manual Reviews
● Free Online Law Enforcement and Detention Center Training (In the Line of Duty)

SCAC’s insurance staff members are already familiar with your county, its employees and operations. You already have experienced our workers’ compensation benefits.

Now is the time to review your property and liability insurance coverages.

For a property and liability insurance proposal, please contact Robert Collins at 1-800-922-6081 or rcollins@scac.sc.
You need solid, reliable and comprehensive tax software you can count on now and in the future. QS/1® serves South Carolina's local governments with innovative tools that help them operate efficiently – our modules for auditor, assessor, treasurer and delinquent tax are integrated for seamless information sharing. Ongoing software updates ensure full compliance with current regulatory requirements.

We back all of our systems with the local, well-grounded support we’ve offered county governments for more than 50 years. We are constantly evolving to meet your real and personal property tax needs and keep your operations rock solid.

To learn more about QS/1 and what five decades of governmental solutions can do for you visit qs1gov.com or call 866.857.9507.
At the end of each U.S. Supreme Court term, the Court decides its most controversial cases. Like the rest of us, it puts off until the last its most difficult tasks. With the vacancy on the Court lingering until many of its cases had already been argued, this year’s late breaking cases included only a few really significant decisions affecting local government, but two of those may be monumental.

Murr v. Wisconsin ought to be considered one of the most significant cases for local government that the Court decided this year and when it comes to the use of eminent domain, one of the most significant cases in many years. The State and Local Legal Center and IMLA teamed up to file an amicus brief that the court cited twice in its decision. IMLA members contributed by helping our amicus authors catalogue hundreds of ordinances that addressed the merger of non-conforming lots to show both the long history of these provisions and their near universality.

As in many areas of the country, waterfront property in Wisconsin provides a great location to live and vacation. Before many local governments, especially in rural areas, began implementing land use plans, owners of land along rivers, lakes or the sea sought to maximize the value of their property by either dividing the land into lots and selling the lots or laying out plats and subdividing the land for future sale or development. In some areas, mountain property affords a similar attraction and owners there did much the same. Often, these areas have some of the most difficult soils for wells and septic systems.

As planning and zoning became more prevalent and as some areas changed from undeveloped to developed, local governments recognized that some lots might be too small and they established minimum lot sizes. When I was a County Attorney, often lack of water and sewer service meant properties needed to be supported by wells and septic systems where the size of a lot and the density of lots could shape how well the property and others in the same watershed might be supported. Lots too small or too densely packed could overwhelm the subterranean water supply so that wells would dry up or where septic systems failed they could not be restored. To address individual property rights while attempting to remediate the problem of density and these oversized lots, communities adopted measures that tried to eliminate non-conforming lots without obliterating a person’s investment in a property. The common regulatory choice directed that if non-conforming lots came into common ownership, then the lots were merged for zoning and subdivision purposes and could not be separated as individual building lots except in conformity with the regulations.

Such was the law in Wisconsin. The Murr’s parents bought a lot along the river for a vacation cottage. They later bought another lot but titled it in their business. So, while they held the lots in separate title, the lots were not merged under Wisconsin law. Ultimately, both properties came into the common ownership of the Murr’s children and under St. Croix County and Wisconsin law were deemed merged. The Murr’s sought a variance, but were denied and then filed a claim that the property was “taken” and their Fifth Amendment right to compensation denied. The Wisconsin Supreme Court concluded that the state law did not effect a “taking,” and the Murr’s sought and the Supreme Court granted certiorari.

The Takings Clause of the Fifth Amendment prohibits the government from “taking” private property for public use without “just compensation.” That restriction seems pretty clear, but when has the government “taken” property? In the context of this case the question included whether the court should look at each individual lot as a separate piece of property or if it ought to combine the properties to determine if limitations on one parcel amounted to a taking. Justice (Continued on next page)
Kennedy, writing for the majority in a 5-3 decision applied a three-factor test which led to the conclusion that the lots should be viewed as one parcel.

First, state law and local ordinance treat the property as one for a “specific and legitimate purpose.” As the Court noted, citing the SLLC/IMLA brief: “The merger provision here is ... a legitimate exercise of government power, as reflected by its consistency with a long history of state and local merger regulations that originated nearly a century ago.” Again citing the SLLC/IMLA brief, the Court further noted that focusing only on lot lines would “frustrate municipalities’ ability to implement minimum lot size regulations by casting doubt on the many merger provisions that exist nationwide today.”

Second, the physical characteristics of the property in this case indicate the parcels should be combined for purposes of takings analysis. The lots were contiguous along their longest edge, are covered with rough terrain which limits use, and are located on a highly regulated river. Justice Kennedy noted that these were not properties separated by distance, with the government claiming that despite that distance they should be viewed as one, rather the properties adjourn and have a common boundary.

“Third, courts should assess the value of the property under the challenged regulation, with special attention to the effect of burdened land on the value of other holdings. Though a use restriction may decrease the market value of the property, the effect may be tempered if the regulated land adds value to the remaining property, such as by increasing privacy, expanding recreational space, or preserving surrounding natural beauty.”

In this case, one lot brings prospective value to the other; the “special relationship of the lots is further shown by their combined valuation.” One lot appraised at $40,000; the other at $373,000; but the combined lots appraised at $689,300. The restriction on using the individual lots is mitigated by the benefits of using the property as an integrated whole, allowing increased privacy and recreational space, plus an optimal location for any improvements.

This relationship is evident in the lots’ combined valuation.

Looking at the parcels as a whole, the Court concluded no compensable taking occurred in this case. The Murrs could still build a bigger house on the combined lots, and they cannot claim they “reasonably expected to sell or develop their lots separately given the regulations which predated their acquisition of both lots.” The effect of the regulation was insignificant. Finally, the governmental action was a reasonable land-use regulation, enacted as part of a coordinated federal, state, and local effort to preserve the river and surrounding land.

Wisconsin argued that a bright line test should apply that would focus on property rights as defined under state law. In other words, if the state law merges lots into one, then the takings analysis should consider the unitary parcel only. The Court did not buy that argument claiming that doing so would allow states or local government to define property in ways that would limit their liability for takings under the Federal Constitution. The Murrs on the other hand sought to have the Court simply look at the lots as defined by their deed boundaries. This the majority declined to do and this seemed to be the major stumbling block for the dissenters.

Shortly after the Court announced this astounding victory, it confused us. The Supreme Court denied certiorari in a case it had held for almost a year pending a decision to grant certiorari. That case, U.S. vs. Lost Tree Village Corp. involved the question of whether a small lot of apparent wasteland left unbuildable amidst a several thousand lot subdivision was “taken” when the Corps of Engineers denied a wetlands permit for filling it. Many thought that by deciding in Murr that the two tracts constituted a single parcel that in Lost Tree, the Court would similarly conclude that the small remaining lot was part of the overall development and should not be treated as a stand along parcel. While decisions to deny certiorari do not establish law or precedent, the decision to deny certiorari in Lost Tree tends to make the result in Murr a bit murky. But, this is why decisions to deny certiorari cannot hold too much weight; perhaps, each of the members of the majority recognized that Justice Gorsuch might join the three dissenters and then they could capture a fifth vote to reverse the Murr holding if Lost Tree came before the Court; while the dissenters and Justice Gorsuch viewed the prospect of getting a fifth vote as slim, so shied away as well. So for now, in a case involving a regulatory taking “[b]ecause our test for regulatory taking requires us to compare the value that has been taken from the property with the value that remains in the property, one of the critical questions is determining how to define the unit of property ‘whose value is to furnish the denominator of the fraction.’” To answer this question, the Court instructs that three factors must be considered: (1) the treatment of the land under state and local law; (2) the physical characteristics of the land; and (3) the prospective value of the regulated land.

In another significant decision, the Court concluded that a Missouri policy that prevented religious schools from participating in a grant program open to secular schools violated the First Amendment. In Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia, Inc. v. Comer, the Supreme Court held 7-2 that Missouri violated Trinity Lutheran Church’s free exercise of religion rights when it refused, on the basis of religion, to award the Church a grant to resurface its playground with recycled tires.

Trinity’s preschool ranked fifth among 44 applicants to receive a grant from Missouri’s Scrap Tire Program. Missouri’s Department of Natural Resources (DNR) informed the preschool it didn’t receive a grant because of its policy directed at enforcing the Missouri Constitution that prohibits public funds from being used “directly or indirectly, in aid of any church, sect, or denomination of religion.”

“That policy, in the Department’s view, was compelled by Article I, Section 7 of the Missouri Constitution, which provides: “That no money shall ever be taken from the public treasury, directly or indirectly, in aid of any church, sect or denomination of religion, or in aid of (See IMLA, P. 34)
Justice. Preserved.

Designed by William Augustus Edwards and constructed in 1914, the York County Courthouse holds an honored spot on the National Register of Historic Places. To restore, renovate and preserve this icon of South Carolina’s heritage and justice system, York County turned to a trusted partner in historic architectural design:

(800) 671-0621
www.scn-architects.com
Two complimentary tickets to attendIMLA made against any church, sect or creed thereof, as such; and that no preference shall be given to nor any discrimination made against any church, sect or creed of religion, or any form of religious faith or worship.””

Trinity sued the DNR claiming it violated the Church's First Amendment free exercise of religion rights.

Chief Justice Roberts recounted a long history of cases that work between the joints of the Free Exercise Clause and the Establishment Clause by noting that over 50 years ago, the Court had concluded that denying a benefit based on religion amounted to a violation of the Free Exercise Clause:

“... The Court put it more than 50 years ago, “[i]t is too late in the day to doubt that the liberties of religion and expression may be infringed by the denial of or placing of conditions upon a benefit or privilege.” Sherbert, 374 U.S., at 404; see also McDaniel, 435 U.S., at 633 (Brennan, J., concurring in judgment) (T he “proposition—that the law does not interfere with free exercise because it does not directly prohibit religious activity, but merely conditions eligibility for office on its abandonment—is ... squarely rejected by precedent”).”

Thus, the Department's policy gave Trinity Lutheran an unconstitutional choice: participate in the benefits program or stop operating as a church. Such a choice expressly discriminated against religion and that discrimination is subject to the most "exacting scrutiny," which the Department could not support by merely wanting to avoid religious establishment concerns.

The Court concluded the opinion with a powerful statement after recounting the historical plea by a Maryland legislator to its General Assembly in 1818 to eliminate a ban on Jews holding public office: "The consequence is, in all likelihood, a few extra scraped knees. But the exclusion of Trinity Lutheran from a public benefit for which it is otherwise qualified, solely because it is a church, is odious to our Constitution all the same, and cannot stand."

A’s A manda Kellar, IMLA’s D irector of Legal A dvocacy and its A micus program, put it: "Whether this case is really just about “a few extra scraped knees,” is up for debate. The J ustices disputed the breadth of this case as only four J ustices joined in the following footnote: “This case involves express discrimination based on religious identity with respect to playground resurfacing. We do not address religious uses of funding or other forms of discrimination.” J ustices T homas and G ors uch wrote separately to indicate they did not concur with this footnote as they believed it put too narrow of a scope on the decision. ...

“Though this case involves a state grant program, this case will surely result in more litigation for local governments as they also provide grants. Is this case really just about a playground and some "scraped knees," or is Justice Sotomayor right that the Court’s ruling profoundly changed the relationship between church and state? Some commentators are already wondering what this case means for school voucher programs and whether it will require state and local governments to include religious entities in these programs. While these questions linger, one thing seems clear, we can expect more litigation as a result of this opinion.”

IMLA’s Amicus program supports local governments in a wide variety of issues important to local autonomy and protecting local governments from expanded liability. We are engaged in courts around the country supporting cities and counties in cases involving H ome R ule and preemption, tort liability and attacks on municipal governance. This past year, IMLA filed Amicus briefs in over 30 cases in state courts, federal courts and in the Supreme Court of the United States.

IMLA helps local government attorneys whose municipalities are members and supports local government throughout the U.S. as an Amicus in many cases at the U.S. Supreme Court, in federal circuits and in state supreme courts. IMLA also provides local government attorneys with a forum to seek help and to gain understanding of the law. IMLA offers a number of low-cost programs to help attorneys and city/county managers keep abreast of emerging issues and to refresh their knowledge of local government law. For more information, contact Chuck Thompson at cthompson@imla.org or (202) 742-1016.
Providing BLS, ALS, specialty care and critical care transports

Proudly servicing the following counties:

Abbeville
Aiken
Anderson
Barnwell

Cherokee
Chesterfield
Darlington
Dillon
Edgefield

Florence
Georgetown
Greenville
Greenwood
Horry

Laurens
Lexington
McCormick
Newberry
Oconee

Pickens
Richland
Saluda
Spartanburg

Call us 877-409-6303 or find us online medshore.com
A Roadside Guide to Bamberg County
The County’s Role in the American War for Independence

By Alexia Jones Helsley
www.historyismybag.com

Bamberg is one of South Carolina’s late 19th century counties. Created in 1897 from Barnwell County, Bamberg lies in the upper coastal plain. During the American Revolution, the area was part of Old Orangeburg District. It was also a hotly contested area between Loyalists and Patriots. One of those contests provides a vivid window on the dark days of internecine conflict in the Carolina interior.

Lost Columbia: Bygone Images of South Carolina’s Capital City
(Charleston: the History Press, 2008)

Lost Columbia combines an overview of the turbulent history of Columbia with rare and little seen images of the city’s destruction in 1865, the Assembly Street farmers’ market, the changing face of Main Street and lost institutions and neighborhoods.

Lost Columbia is available in bookstores such as Barnes & Noble, from Amazon.com, or by mail from AJ H Historical Enterprises, P.O. Box 3683, Irmo, SC 29063.

Rush’s Mill

The site of Rush’s Mill lies on the county line between Bamberg and Barnwell counties. Located on George’s Creek, the area was the focus of Loyalist-Patriot conflict in the waning months of the Revolution in South Carolina. Despite the surrender of British Lieutenant General Charles Cornwallis at Yorktown on Oct. 19, 1781, fighting continued in South Carolina until Dec. 14, 1782. The British were reluctant to surrender Charleston, their “Crown Jewel,” and consequently, the British and their Loyalist allies did not evacuate Charleston until Dec. 14, 1782, more than a year after Yorktown.

During those anxious months, there were numerous skirmishes across the state with Patriot and Loyalist casualties. Although documentation is limited, traditionally, one of the Patriots who died during this time was George Hartzog. Most family historians claim a 1730s birthdate for Hartzog, a German or German-speaking Swiss immigrant, who came to South Carolina, settled in present-day Bamberg County, and married. The colony of South Carolina granted George and his brother, Tobias, hundreds of acres of land on the waters of the Edisto River. George’s land was on Pen’s Branch. The Hartzog brothers were Patriots, and Tobias furnished corn, beef and other supplies for the American cause.

Details of the encounter at Rush’s Mill are sketchy. According to some sources, George Hartzog clashed with Loyalists near modern Olar while defending a slave. The Loyalists allegedly were torturing the slave, threatening to hang him, if he did not disclose the location of Patriots in the area. During the intervention, Loyalists captured George Hartzog, and a Loyalist named Blitchington stabbed him to death.

During the 18th century, several Blitchingtons (variant spellings) lived in South Carolina. In 1767, one of them, William Blitchington received a grant from the colony for 300 acres on the Edisto River in Colleton County.

The murder of George Hartzog left his second wife, Catherine, a widow. In 1784, the State of South Carolina paid her for furnishing beef and sheep for the Patriot cause during the American Revolution. Catherine’s father, Adam Snell, was also a Patriot. In 1775, the Provincial Congress
Historically, Greenville County owes much to its natural advantages of scenery, location, and abundant water, but it was the story of George Hartzog's sacrifice that reverberates through the years. In 1898, his great-granddaughter wrote a letter retelling the story to a relative. In 2003, the Morris Family Reunion erected a memorial to George Hartzog. In part, the memorial states: "According to family tradition, toward the end of the American Revolution, George Hartzog was routed from his home in Blackville, South Carolina, was captured and executed by a Tory at Rush's Mill in 1782."

The American Revolution was a desperate struggle for independence. The death of George Hartzog puts a human face on the cost of liberty.

The Continental Association was a non-importation agreement created by the Continental Congress in response to the Coercive Acts. The Coercive Acts were a series of acts enacted to punish Boston for destroying tea during the Boston Tea Party. Among other actions, the acts closed the port of Boston. The Continental Congress planned to use the trade embargo to force Parliament to rescind the acts.

The story of George Hartzog's sacrifice reverberates through the years. In 1898, his great-granddaughter wrote a letter retelling the story to a relative. In 2003, the Morris Family Reunion erected a memorial to George Hartzog. In part, the memorial states: "According to family tradition, toward the end of the American Revolution, George Hartzog was routed from his home in Blackville, South Carolina, was captured and executed by a Tory at Rush's Mill in 1782."

The American Revolution was a desperate struggle for independence. The death of George Hartzog puts a human face on the cost of liberty.
Quality Services,
Quality People,
South Carolina Values

- Experienced Staff *(All Lines)*
- Reports to Meet Your Needs
- Network Savings to Reduce Claims Costs
- Tailored Services
- Designated Adjusters for Your Account

**ARIEL TPA**

**Physical Address:**
1205 Colonial Life Boulevard West
Columbia, SC 29210

**Mailing Address:**
PO Box 212159
Columbia, SC 29221

www.ArielClaims.com

**Contact Information:**
Toll-Free Phone......... 1-855-222-6379
Toll Free Fax .......... 1-855-328-9307
Local Phone .......... 803-365-0050
Fax ..................... 803-365-0098
Placement of customer funds through the ICS service or CDARS service is subject to the terms, conditions, and disclosures set forth in the agreements that a participating institution’s customer enters into with that institution, including the applicable Deposit Placement Agreement. Limits apply, and customer eligibility criteria may apply. Program withdrawals are limited to six per month when using the ICS savings option. If a depositor is subject to restrictions with respect to the placement of funds in depository institutions, it is the responsibility of the depositor to determine whether the placement of the depositor’s funds through ICS or CDARS, or a particular ICS or CDARS transaction, satisfies those restrictions. CDARS, ICS, and Insured Cash Sweep are registered service marks of Promontory Interfinancial Network, LLC.

Safe, Smart, Flexible Solutions for Managing Public Funds.
Across the United States, local and state governmental organizations use the Insured Cash Sweep®, or ICS®, and CDARS® services to access multi-million-dollar FDIC insurance through a single bank relationship, safeguard taxpayer money, keep the amount of their deposit local, and eliminate the burden of ongoing collateral tracking.

What could be easier? See if your bank offers ICS and/or CDARS, or find one of the thousands that do.

ICSandCDARS.com
Celebrate Freedom Foundation’s exciting Student Outreach and Recruitment (SOaR™) Program visits dozens of schools across the Southeastern U.S. every year with more than 10,000 students participating annually.

The Foundation is a nonprofit educational and historical 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to educating children, especially those deemed to be underserved and to have special needs.

SOaR™, CFF’s educational program, emphasizes the necessity of STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) in middle schools and high schools. It connects the classroom with real world jobs and career fields. The program’s mission is to help build a workforce that can compete globally for jobs in the future, and to ensure America’s technological advantage in a global environment. STEM subjects provide skills and competencies greatly needed here in the Southeast, across the nation and globally.

For more information about CFF’s SOaR™ Program, which generates interest in STEM subjects like nothing else can, please contact:

Celebrate Freedom Foundation
2833 Aviation Way
West Columbia, S.C. 29170-5106
(803) 708-4752
info@cff-soar.org

www.GoCFF.org
**The Palmetto Directory**

**Businesses selling products and services to South Carolina’s counties**

Also see advertising index, page 48

---

**Alliance Consulting Engineers**

Bluffton, SC | Charleston, SC | Charlotte, NC | Columbia, SC | Greenville, SC

- Industrial Parks
- Land Planning & Site Design
- Water & Wastewater
- Roadways
- Railways
- Recreational Facilities
- Solid Waste Management
- Construction Management

---

**Educating children, promoting lasting patriotism and honoring the military — past, present and future**

For more information, please contact: (803) 408-4752 or info@cff-soar.org

www.GoCFF.org

---

**GEL Engineering LLC**

**Environmental** **Engineering** **Surveying**

Civil Site/Infrastructure Design
Industrial Construction/Operating Permits
Brownfield Assessment/Redevelopment

---

**Oakbridge Consulting & Management**

Program Management | Project Management
Cost Management | Estimating | Scheduling | Public-Private Collaboration

---

**The Total Software Solution**

QS/1 is a long-time leader in providing counties tax and financial management software and services. QS/1’s more than 550 employees serve hundreds of local governments and utility districts every day.

866.857.9507 qa1gov.com

---

**BB&T Governmental Finance**

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR OPPORTUNITIES
CALL ANDY SMITH, 803-251-1328, IN COLUMBIA, SC.

BANKING INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

---

**McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture**

www.mcmillanpazdansmith.com

---

**QS/1**

©2017, J M Smith Corporation. QS/1 and the QS/1 logo are registered trademarks of the J M Smith Corporation.
- Counties Reporting in This Issue of County Update:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>County</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Abbeville</td>
<td>Greenwood</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aiken</td>
<td>Hampton</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Allendale</td>
<td>Horry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anderson</td>
<td>Jasper</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>Bamberg</em></td>
<td>Kershaw</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Barnwell</td>
<td>Lancaster</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Beaufort</td>
<td>Laurens</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Berkeley</td>
<td>Lee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Calhoun</td>
<td>Lexington</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Charleston</td>
<td>Marion</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cherokee</td>
<td>Marlboro</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chester</td>
<td>McCormick</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chesterfield</td>
<td>Newberry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>Clarendon</em></td>
<td>Oconee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Colleton</td>
<td>Orangeburg</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Darlington</td>
<td>Pickens</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dillon</td>
<td>Richland</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dorchester</td>
<td>Saluda</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Edgefield</td>
<td>Spartanburg</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fairfield</td>
<td>Sumter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Florence</td>
<td>Union</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Greenville</td>
<td>Williamsburg</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>Georgetown</em></td>
<td>York</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Bamberg County
  - In June, Bamberg County hired Mary Tilton as Public Information Officer and Keep Bamberg County Beautiful Coordinator. She replaces Mallory Biering, recently hired as Director of the Keep South Carolina Beautiful and Community Outreach Program Manager for Palmetto Pride, based in Columbia. Tilton will manage Bamberg County’s website and...

---

- SCAC Presidents

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>President</th>
<th>County</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2016</td>
<td>Julie J. Armstrong</td>
<td>Charleston County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2015</td>
<td>John Q. Atkinson Jr.</td>
<td>Marion County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2014</td>
<td>James R. Frazier</td>
<td>Horry County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2013</td>
<td>Joseph R. Branhaim</td>
<td>Chester County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Charles T. Edens</td>
<td>Sumter County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2011</td>
<td>Joseph B. Dill</td>
<td>Greenwood County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2010</td>
<td>R. Carlisle Roddey</td>
<td>Chester County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2009</td>
<td>Diane B. Anderson</td>
<td>Laurens County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2008</td>
<td>L. Gregory Pearce J. r.</td>
<td>Richland County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2007</td>
<td>K.G. “Rusty” Smith J. r.</td>
<td>Florence County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2006</td>
<td>Belinda D. Copeland</td>
<td>Darlington County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2005</td>
<td>Waymon Mumford</td>
<td>Florence County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2004</td>
<td>Barrett S. Lawrimore</td>
<td>Charleston County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2003</td>
<td>Gonza L. Bryant</td>
<td>Greenwood County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2002</td>
<td>James A. Coleman</td>
<td>Laurens County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2001</td>
<td>Steve S. Kelly Jr.</td>
<td>Kershaw County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2000</td>
<td>James H. Rozier Jr.</td>
<td>Berkeley County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1999</td>
<td>Polly C. J. Jackson</td>
<td>Lancaster County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1998</td>
<td>Robert R. Nash Sr.</td>
<td>Pickens County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1997</td>
<td>Alzena Robinson</td>
<td>Bamberg County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1996</td>
<td>Betty T. Roper</td>
<td>Clarendon County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1995</td>
<td>George E. Bomar</td>
<td>Greenville County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1994</td>
<td>Raymond C. Eubanks J. r.</td>
<td>Spartanburg County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1993</td>
<td>William L. McBride</td>
<td>Beaufort County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1992</td>
<td>Belle J. Kennette</td>
<td>Greenwood County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1991</td>
<td>James R. McGee</td>
<td>Orangeburg County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1990</td>
<td>Kenneth R. Huckaby</td>
<td>Spartanburg County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1989</td>
<td>Lowell C. (Butch) Spires</td>
<td>Spartanburg County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1988</td>
<td>David K. Summers J. r.</td>
<td>Lexington County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1987</td>
<td>Danny E. Allen</td>
<td>Spartanburg County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1986</td>
<td>O.V. Player J. r.</td>
<td>Sumter County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1985</td>
<td>Sue H. Roe</td>
<td>Aiken County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1984</td>
<td>Charlie I. Crews</td>
<td>Hampton County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1983</td>
<td>J. James P. Whitlock</td>
<td>Pickens County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1982</td>
<td>Lonnie Hamilton III</td>
<td>Charleston County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1981</td>
<td>Alfred B. Schooler</td>
<td>Georgetown County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1980</td>
<td>Howard A. Taylor</td>
<td>Charleston County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1979</td>
<td>Marjorie H. Sharpe</td>
<td>Lexington County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1978</td>
<td>Berry L. Mobley</td>
<td>Lancaster County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1977</td>
<td>E.E. Johnson</td>
<td>Hampton County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1976</td>
<td>Harold L. King</td>
<td>Darlington County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1975</td>
<td>J. Jack Q. Gerrald</td>
<td>Horry County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1974</td>
<td>Arthur H. Burton</td>
<td>Charleston County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1973</td>
<td>James O. Thomason</td>
<td>Spartanburg County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1972</td>
<td>J. Hugh McCutchen</td>
<td>Williamsburg County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1971</td>
<td>John L. Greer</td>
<td>Union County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1969-70</td>
<td>J. Mitchell Graham</td>
<td>Charleston County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1967-68</td>
<td>Charles W. Lawrimore</td>
<td>Georgetown County</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
social media pages, create and disseminate county press releases to the local media, and assist with public education and awareness of county news and events. She previously served as coordinator for Bamberg County’s Keep Bamberg County Beautiful program, and will continue to work with the program’s board members and volunteers in their beautification and litter reduction efforts. She will provide assistance in grant writing, administration, public education and outreach.

Before moving to Bamberg, Tilton served as Executive Director of Back Bay Restoration Foundation in Virginia Beach where she created the first Junior Refuge Biologist program with the nearby Back Bay Wildlife Refuge. She increased organizational grant funding by more than 75 percent while working closely with local government to create plans to preserve rural areas of Virginia Beach, and supervised a group of volunteers, who helped in beautification and cleanup efforts. She also worked as a science educator for students attending the fifth through twelfth grades, and community college.

Tilton received her Bachelor’s degree in Biology from the University of New Hampshire and Master’s of Science degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Science from Virginia Tech.

- In May, the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control’s Bureau of Environmental Health Services awarded Bamberg County a grant for $14,644. The Mosquito Control Grant provides funds to purchase additional insecticides and improved spraying equipment. The grant also funds training in effective mosquito control procedures. The grant application was prepared by Bill Johnson, Bamberg County’s Director of Operations, and Mallory Biering, former Keep Bamberg County Beautiful Coordinator.

- In April, Bamberg County hired Farrell Pulaski as Environmental Officer to replace David Harley, who recently accepted a position with the Bamberg County Sheriff’s Department. Pulaski, who began working for the county in April, will enforce the county’s litter ordinances, and help Keep Bamberg County Beautiful’s education programs.

A U.S. Navy veteran, he previously worked for the S.C. Department of Corrections for five years. He also worked for the S.C. Department of Natural Resources (SC DNR) for 24 years, serving his last five years as a Deputy Wildlife Officer. While working for SC DNR, Pulaski served in many areas across the state, including Colleton, Dorchester, Beaufort, Jasper, Orangeburg, Calhoun and Bamberg counties.

You can register and pay online for SCAC conferences at www.sccounties.org/meetings.
Purpose of the SCAC

- To promote more efficient county governments
- To study, discuss and recommend improvements in government
- To investigate and provide means for the exchange of ideas and experiences between county officials
- To promote and encourage education of county officials
- To collect, analyze and distribute information about county government
- To cooperate with other organizations
- To promote legislation which supports efficient administration of local government in South Carolina

For more information about the SCAC, please contact:

South Carolina Association of Counties
P.O. Box 8207
1919 Thurmond Mall
Columbia, SC 29202-8207
(803) 252-7255
smorgan@scac.sc

Beaufort County

- The Beaufort County Library System held a ribbon-cutting on May 22 at the Bluffton Branch Library in Bluffton. The state-of-the-art bookmobile distributes popular books, audiobooks, and DVDs to more than 40 scheduled stops across Beaufort County. The bookmobile will also make "Special Occasion" stops at community events and popular attractions. Customers will be able to check out and return library materials, request items from library branches, pick up holds and requested materials, apply for a new library card, get assistance from an onboard librarian, and more. The Beaufort County Library System offers many interesting programs and activities. For more information, visit BeaufortCountyLibrary.org and FriendsoftheBeaufortLibrary.com.

Charleston County

- The Charleston County Zoning and Planning Department received a Preservation Service Award at an awards ceremony for the county’s Historic Architectural Survey Update. The ceremony was held on June 16 at the S.C. State House.

- The Zoning and Planning Department was awarded a Federal Historic Preservation Grant from the National Park Service in 2015 to fund an update to the Charleston County Historical and Architectural Survey, last conducted in 1992. The department formed a subcommittee to assist with a survey update to preserve the local community by documenting more than 1300 resources, focusing on the historical significance of African American communities in the unincorporated areas of Charleston County.

- The award, presented by Governor Henry McMaster, was sponsored by the Office of the Governor, the S.C. Archives and History Foundation, the S.C. Department of Archives and History, and The Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation. The award recognizes excellent accomplishments in preservation, rehabilitation, and interpretation of the state’s architectural and cultural heritage. Awards were presented in six categories: Honor, Stewardship, Preservation Service, Heritage Tourism, Elected Official Honor Award and the Governor’s Award.

- In preparation for Hurricane Season, which began on June 1, the Charleston County Emergency Management Department announced that public could find copy of the new 2017 Charleston County Hurricane Guide by clicking on the “Are You Ready?” banner on the front page of the county’s website at http://www.charlestoncounty.org/ and downloading an Emergency Management Department smart phone app at https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/index.php

The S.C. Emergency Management Division has also published a 2017 South Carolina Hurricane Guide for residents across South Carolina at http://www.scemd.org/component/content/article/26-guides-and-brochures/142-south-carolina-hurricane-guide. Copies of the state hurricane guide are provided at South Carolina welcome centers, Walgreens, and some Departments of Motor Vehicles.

- Charleston County held two events in June approaching hurricane season:
  1) June 6—Charleston County Council recognized Cathy Haynes, who retired in June, for her 35 years of service with Charleston County Government. Her service includes five years as a paramedic and 30 years with the Emergency Management Department. Her most noteworthy responses include those to Hurricane Hugo, Hurricane Floyd, the 2010 repatriation of U.S. citizens from Haiti, the unprecedented floods that devastated the state in October 2015, and the 2016 evacuation and response during Hurricane Matthew.
  2) June 7—Charleston County conducted its annual EOC exercise. The county’s Emergency Management Department, which simulated monitoring and responding to a hurricane, offered interviews and photo opportunities for the media.

- BoomTown, a real estate software development company, will expand its existing Charleston County operations. With an expected joint capital investment of approximately $20.7 million, the company plans to hire additional employees to accommodate the company's growth.

Founded in 2006 and headquartered in Charleston, BoomTown is a software development company that offers a robust sales and marketing system for real estate professionals. The system includes a customized real estate website integrated with local MLS data, personalized online advertising, client success management, and a cutting-edge CRM (Customer Relationship Management System) with marketing automation. The BoomTown platform is used by over 20,000 of the top-producing real estate brokers across the US and Canada.

The company’s new 50,000 square foot headquarters, located at 1505 King St. in Charleston, employs more than 250 employees. The company, which began hiring in January, encourages applicants to visit the company’s career page at www.boomtownroi.com.

- Charleston County officials attended
a ceremony on May 15 to launch the construction of the county’s new $30 million Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). Located on Palmetto Commerce Parkway in North Charleston, the new recycling center is the culmination of a multi-year development process.

The 57,000 square foot recycling center, designed to meet future regional recycling needs, is expected to be completed in June 2018. It will include a multi-media education center, modern recycling equipment, and administrative offices. The MRF project is managed by Charleston County Facilities Management Department.

Cherokee County
- Cherokee County Council Vice Chairman Rufus Foster Jr. died on June 22. He served on Cherokee County Council for almost 32 years.

Clarendon County
Clarendon County presented service awards from May to July to the following county employees: (May) 15 Years—Lynden Anthony, CFO, Finance Department; 5 Years—Vida McFadden, Records Clerk, Assessor Department; (June) 15 Years—Louis Hilton, Landfill Supervisor, Public Works Department; 15 Years—June Gloria Dean Garris, Corporal, Detention Center; 10 Years—Herman Floyd, Sergeant, Sheriff Department; 10 Years—Charlie Major, Sergeant, Detention Center; 10 Years—William Stone, Lieutenant, Sheriff Department; 5 Years—David Wells Sr, Sheriff Department; (July) 15 Years—Robert Pegram, Battalion Chief, Fire Department; 10 Years—Helen Gamble, Clerk II, Family Court; 5 Years—Robin Locklear, Associate Judge, Magistrate Department; 5 years—Tiffany Wells, Accounting Specialist, Clerk of Court Department.

Georgetown County
- Georgetown County Treasurer Loretta Washington-Cooper retired recently after serving the county treasurer’s office for more than 45 years. She plans to focus on the ministry and leading a small church she and her husband established on Greentown Road. Washington-Cooper started working for the Treasurer’s Office as a part-time file clerk shortly before graduating from Howard High School in 1972. She began working full-time, and after several promotions was eventually promoted to deputy treasurer. The late former governor, Carroll Campbell, appointed Washington-Cooper to fill the county treasurer position until the next election after D.Z. McKenzie died while serving as such in 1989.
- Lt. Michelle Denise Gore King, 53, died on May 21. The first female deputy hired by Georgetown County, she served the Sheriff’s Office for more than 25 years. She was Supervisor of Judicial Operations.
- James William “Bill” Nichols, 74, a long-time Georgetown County council member, died on May 19. He became Georgetown County Sheriff’s Office’s first public information officer, and retired as such. He once owned and operated the WGTN and WAZX radio stations.
- Georgetown County held a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 9 for its new $1 million Fleet Services maintenance facility on Highway 51. The 12,000 square foot facility, constructed by the county’s Public Services Department, will be used to house, service and repair county vehicles and vehicles from several other agencies, including the Georgetown County Water and Sewer District. The building includes six work bays, a two-story office and... (Continued on next page)
conference area, a parts room, tire mounting room and lubricant storage room. A 500 square foot wash down rack is located adjacent to the facility.

- Georgetown County recognized county employees at the 24th Backhoe Rodeo, an American Public Works Association competition held in Georgetown on May 25. Participating in the Backhoe Rodeo were operators from Georgetown County, Berkeley County, Charleston County, the City of Charleston and City of North Charleston.

  Kevin Brown of Charleston County won first place for the second consecutive year. Wade Wilder of Georgetown County Parks and Recreation, won second place. Harold West of the Georgetown County Public Works Division won third place. Brown and Wilder will advance to the state competition later this year.

  The county presented awards for outstanding job performance to Sharon Moultrie, Matt Miele and Scott Walker. Moultrie, who has worked in the Public Services department for 26 years, received the Leadership Award. Walker, who also works for the Public Services department, received the Green Earth Award for his efforts promoting environmental responsibility and sustainability. Miele, who works for the Public Works Division, received the Team Player Award.

**Horry County**

- Horry County Auditor Lois Eargle was sworn into office on June 30 at the Horry County Government & Justice Center in Conway by S.C. Secretary of State Mark Hammond. Eargle is serving her seventh consecutive term.

- The Horry County Museum and the L.W. Living History Farm host a broad range of programs and events. For more information, visit the museum’s website at [www.horrycountymuseum.org](http://www.horrycountymuseum.org) and the living history farm at [www.horrycountymuseum.org](http://www.horrycountymuseum.org).

- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released its FY 2017 Work Plan in May that included $16 million in funding for the Myrtle Beach Shore Protection Project. The funds will be used to complete renourishment in the City of Myrtle Beach. This is in addition to $35 million in federal funds that has already been allocated to the Myrtle Beach Shore Protection Project for the City of North Myrtle Beach, the Town of Surfside Beach, and the Garden City sections of Horry and Georgetown Counties.

- The Myrtle Beach Shore Protection Project was authorized for construction by the Water Resources Development Act. The project covers three reaches: Reach 1 (generally the City of North Myrtle Beach), Reach 2 (generally the City of Myrtle Beach), and Reach 3 (the Town of Surfside Beach, unincorporated Horry County south of Myrtle Beach State Park, and a small segment of Georgetown County). The project provides for periodic beach renourishment to provide shore protection to one of the nation’s most popular tourist destinations (17.9 million visitors annually) and over $3.5 billion in improved property. Beach renourishment is paid 65 percent by the federal government and 35 percent by the
Want to know “Who’s Who” in South Carolina county government? If so, order a copy of the 2017 Directory of County Officials by contacting:

South Carolina Association of Counties
Public Information Office
P.O. Box 8207
Columbia, S.C. 29202-8207
(803) 252-7255
Email: smorgan@scac.sc
School, was honored for demonstrating a willingness to protect tomorrow’s environment today through his tireless efforts to clean up in the community.

- The Horry County Board of Architectural Review & Historic Preservation held its annual Historic Preservation Awards ceremony on May 16 at the McCown Auditorium in the Horry County Museum in Conway. The ceremony showcased historic preservation efforts throughout Horry County during the last year. A presentation was also made on the S.C. Century Farm program.

The following were also recognized:
- O’Neal Smalls with Freewoods Farms for the education and preservation of the activities and practices of African-American farms.
- Surfside Beach Historical Society for telling the story of the Ark Plantation through Surfside Living History Day.
- Hillary Howard for years of historic preservation activities in Conway.
- Tommy Simpson for the renovation of an iconic Conway mural.
- Graham Brothers Farm Supply for the preservation of their historic feed mill.
- Sallie and William Goldfinch for the rehabilitation of their historic home.
- Tammi and Alex Hyman for the rehabilitation of their historic home.

Students for their participation in the annual High School Historic Sites & Structures Video Contest.

Businesses that have been honored by the Legacy Business Recognition Program.

Agricultural businesses that have received approved permits.

- The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have upgraded Horry County to a Class 7 rating in the National Flood Insurance Program’s (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). Horry County was previously rated as a Class 9. CRS is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. The CRS program also recognizes a community’s efforts to reduce flood risk, facilitates accurate insurance ratings, and promotes the awareness of flood insurance.

Lancaster County

- Lancaster County has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the county’s annual financial report (CAFR). The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the U.S. and Canada presented the award in March. It’s the highest recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting that a county and its management can achieve.

An entrant’s CAFR is judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR. The GFOA, headquartered in Chicago, Ill., with offices in Washington, D.C., is a major professional association that services the needs of nearly 19,000 appointed and elected local, state and provincial-level government officials and other finance practitioners.

- Lancaster County Auditor Cheryl Morgan, who served Laurens County for 36 years, including 28 years as auditor, recently retired. Susan Hunter Wall was elected as the new auditor.
Need flexible, cost-effective + creative space to address your county’s needs?

Choose McMillan Pazdan Smith, a studio-based architecture, planning and interior design firm with a strong history and extensive knowledge working with local counties to design public buildings of all sizes—both new and renovated. We have the expertise to meet your space + budget needs.

Charleston
Tom Hund, AIA
843.566.0771

Greenville
Joe Pazdan, AIA
864.242.2033

Spartanburg
Ron Smith, AIA
864.585.5678