

# Advance

## Florence County Progress Newsletter

Issue 10

November 2018

### American Pickers to Film in South Carolina

Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz and their team are excited to return to South Carolina! They plan to film episodes of the hit series American Pickers throughout our area in January 2019.

American Pickers is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique “picking” on History Channel. The hit show follows Mike and Frank, two of the most skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America’s most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.



As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, Mike and Frank are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, the Pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. The pair hopes to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America’s past along the way.

Mike and Frank have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they’ve never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them. American Pickers is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to: [americanpickers@cineflix.com](mailto:americanpickers@cineflix.com) or call 855-OLD-RUST.

PO Box 100549, Florence, SC 29502 | 843-676-8796  
[www.florencecoprogress.com](http://www.florencecoprogress.com)

## MUSC Acquires Carolinas Hospital System

During a special, called meeting, the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Board of Trustees voted to purchase four community hospitals from subsidiaries of Community Health Systems, one of the largest publicly traded hospital companies in the United States. The hospitals being acquired are:

- Chester Regional Medical Center, an 82-bed, licensed facility.
- Carolinas Hospital System in Florence, a 396-bed, regional, acute-care facility.
- Springs Memorial Hospital in Lancaster, a 225-bed, all private-room facility.
- Carolinas Hospital System - Marion, located in Mullins, a 124-bed acute-care facility providing a variety of inpatient and outpatient services, as well as a 92-bed nursing center.

“As the state’s leading academic health center, we must be prepared for the future,” said David J. Cole, M.D., FACS, president of MUSC. “MUSC is committed to providing the best health care possible for our communities and state through strategic partnerships and our emerging MUSC Health network,” Cole added.

In calendar year 2017, the four hospitals combined delivered care through more than 129,000 emergency department (ED) visits, 159,000 outpatient visits (excluding ED visits), 18,800 hospital admissions and 339,000 clinic visits with physicians. Once the acquisition is completed, MUSC will employ more than 16,400 team members throughout the state.

“This transaction is the first time MUSC has acquired other hospitals,” said Charles W. Schulze, CPA, chairman of the MUSC board. “The additions will increase the size and scale of the MUSC Health network, and in today’s environment, larger, more efficient health care systems can deliver greater value to patients and have a positive impact on population health,” he said.

“We look forward to welcoming the patients, families and employees of these hospitals into the MUSC Health network,” said Patrick J. Cawley, M.D., MUSC Health CEO and vice president for health affairs, at the university. “Through affiliations with other hospitals and health systems across South Carolina, and through our robust telehealth network, MUSC’s clinical outreach allows us to serve the citizens of our state no matter where they are. The purchase of these four hospitals is the natural extension of our mission to preserve and optimize human health in South Carolina,” Cawley added.



## Women of Progress Networking Event



Women of Progress enjoyed networking, shopping and learning about this season's styling trends at Mosaic Thursday, November 8.

## Member News

### HillSouth

HillSouth's CTO and Co-founder, Andy Patel, was nominated for and awarded South Carolina's Inaugural CIO Award.

The South Carolina CIO Awards presented by Greenville Business Magazine, Columbia Business Monthly and Charleston Business Magazine with Acumen IT recognized 14 South Carolina-based CIOs, CISOs and IT directors who have shown leadership in their organization delivering through strategic implementation of enterprise wide IT systems that add business value and innovation in the private and public company sectors. Patel accepted his award at the ceremony at the South Carolina State Museum on Thursday, November 1.

Patel, an alumnus of the University of South Carolina, has over 15 years of experience in Enterprise IT as well as a background in analytical chemistry, solid state physics and electrical engineering.



## New Members

### Seminar Brewing Co., Florence



Seminar Brewing is a partnership of four brewers: Bryan Fisher, Travis Knowles, Shawn Steadman and John Mattheis, along with business partner and project manager Dave Peters. Collectively, the brewers have more than twenty-two years of brewing experience. They've spent the last four years fine-tuning their hand-crafted ales and are now brewing them for Florence, Myrtle Beach, Charleston, Sumter, Columbia, Lexington, Aiken, Greenville and Rock Hill.

Contact Trevor Carter at [trevor@seminarbrewing.com](mailto:trevor@seminarbrewing.com) or 843-665-9200.

## Upcoming Events

### **Y'all Together SC - Giving Tuesday**

**Tuesday, November 27**

**Waters Building**

**3-7 PM**

Help HopeHealth and Together SC kick off the giving season by visiting the Eastern Carolina Community Foundation's Donation Station and Open House at the Waters Building in downtown Florence. During this event, you can learn more about local nonprofit organizations and how they serve the community as well as make donations. HopeHealth will be accepting new toys for kids ages 2-10 for the annual Children of Hope program.

For more information, email [tstrauss@hope-health.org](mailto:tstrauss@hope-health.org) or call 843-245-2291.

### **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Wish List Spa Party**

**Forum Spa**

**Tuesday, November 27**

**3:30-7:30 PM**

Join the Forum Spa for an evening of complimentary mini-spa services, light hors d'oeuvres, wine and champagne. During this event, enjoy specials on gift certificates, spa packages and spa memberships.

Reservation is required. Please register using the link

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07efswbb3w1b19216c&oseq=&c=&ch=>.

**Holiday Open House  
The Spa at McLeod  
Thursday, November 29  
12-6 PM**

Take a moment to visit The Spa at McLeod (located on the concourse of McLeod Regional Medical Center near the McLeod Choice Pharmacy) to enjoy some holiday treats while you experience a complimentary chair massage, skin analysis and hand treatment. Samples and door prizes will also be available.

For more information, call 843-777-3200.

**Florence County Progress Holiday Networking Event  
Seminar Brewing Company  
Thursday, December 13  
5:30-7:30 PM**

Eat, drink and be merry with Florence County Progress at the annual Holiday Networking Event! Locally brewed beer, other beverages and a variety of food will be available for guests to enjoy. Also enjoy live, festive music by Prettier Than Matt.

To RSVP or for more information, email [cpacket@florenceco.org](mailto:cpacket@florenceco.org) or call 843-676-8796.

