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ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

Entrepreneur Minute with Jada Willis, Willis HR Advisory Group

Jada Willis is a Human Resources Consultant, Trainer, and Talent Finder with Willis HR Advisory Group, an HR consulting firm that specializes in professional staffing, training, and career development. She has built a business that has a personal commitment to every client that chooses to partner with WillisHR! Jada helps business owners eliminate headaches by hiring great employees, building a strategic HR plan, and serving as a trusted business partner. [Read More](#)

Smith named Airport Commissioner

Sociologist Emerson Smith has been appointed to the Richland County Airport Commission, which oversees the operation of the Jim Hamilton – L. B. Owens Airport. [See More](#)

SAFE Federal Credit Union letting the public choose its Feb. 5 big game commercial

SAFE Federal Credit Union plans to score brand awareness with a locally run commercial during the February 5 game between the New England Patriots and the Atlanta Falcons. [See More](#)

Common Mistakes To Avoid When Challenging The Status

Quo

Brian Maynor, Style & Business Coach: As engaged, forward-thinking and dedicated professionals we take ownership in our work that sometimes leads to challenging the status quo. [Read More](#)

\$380,000 in flood and hurricane recovery and rebuilding grants awarded by One SC Fund

The One SC Fund Grants Committee has announced the nonprofit recipients of the Phase Five grant awards for flood and hurricane recovery projects across South Carolina. [See More](#)

S.C. State Guardsman – constable – recognized by “The Greatest Show on Earth”

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Robert A. “Bob” Kuenzli, South Carolina State Guard (SCSG), was one of several first-responders recognized by the Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus, Fri. evening at the Colonial Life Arena in Columbia, S.C. [See More](#)

SCRA government affiliate is acquired

SCRA announced that it will sell its private, non-profit affiliate, Advanced Technology International to Analytic Services Inc., an independent public service institute in Falls Church, Virginia. SCRA expects the transaction to close on January 31. [See More](#)

Science and Mathematics Governor’s School to honor Dr. Barbara Speziale of Clemson University with Distinguished Research Leadership Award

The South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics (GSSM) will honor Dr. Barbara Speziale with its 2017 Distinguished Research Leadership Award during the School's 28th Annual Research Colloquium Saturday, February 4, 10 a.m., in Hartsville. [See More](#)

SCSBA’S Gwen Hampton selected for Riley Institute at Furman Diversity Leaders Initiative’s 10th Midlands class

South Carolina School Boards Association Director of Leadership Development Gwen J. Hampton, MSW, CMP is one of 44 leaders from across the Midlands and surrounding areas selected to participate in the 10th Midlands class of the Riley Institute at Furman’s Diversity Leaders Initiative (DLI). [See More](#)

Third annual Palmetto Panel to include state and national speakers

The 2017 Palmetto Panel will be Saturday, February 25th, from 9-5 at the Madren Center on Clemson’s campus. [See More](#)

IABC/SC announces 2017 Board of Directors

IABC/SC announces the 2017 Board of Directors. The Board consists of both returning members and new members. [See More](#)

MTC nursing students set state record for honors at state convention

The Midlands Technical College Student Nurses' Association (SNA) received seven state awards at the 65th Annual Student Nurses' Association of South Carolina State Convention on Hilton Head Island, setting a record for the most SNA awards ever earned by a college or university nursing program in South Carolina. [See More](#)

Gibbs Leaphart, Jr. named member of Sowell Gray Robinson

Sowell Gray Robinson Stepp & Laffitte, LLC announced B. Gibbs Leaphart, Jr., has become the firm's newest member. [See More](#)

Wilder Harte joins Richardson Plowden's Columbia office

Richardson Plowden & Robinson, P.A. announced that R. Wilder Harte has joined the Firm as associate attorney in the Columbia office. [See More](#)

Collins & Lacy, P.C. attorney selected in the 2017 class of honorees for the South Carolina Leadership in Law Awards

Collins & Lacy, P.C. announced Ashley Kirkham has been chosen as a 2017 South Carolina Leadership in Law Award honoree. [See More](#)

NAI Avant welcomes Melissa Broom as Marketing Coordinator for NAI Avant, Columbia

NAI Avant announces the addition of Melissa Broom to its marketing team. Bringing with her years of marketing experience, Broom will work closely with the Columbia brokers and marketing team to effectively convey messages across many platforms. [See More](#)

Ford chosen to head SCBIO Board of Directors

Erin Ford, an experienced life science executive and economic development professional has been named chair of the Board of Directors for South Carolina Biotechnology Industry Organization (SCBIO) for 2017. [See More](#)

DJJ officer earns top honor from SC Criminal Justice Academy

One of SCDJJ's own graduated with top honors from the SC Criminal Justice Academy. [See More](#)

UpstateBizSC: Lear Corporation expanding operations in Spartanburg County

Lear Corporation, a leading global supplier of automotive seating, is expanding its existing operations in Spartanburg County to accommodate its continued growth. The company will be adding equipment and upgrading existing infrastructure, bringing more than \$7.7 million in new capital investment. [See More](#)

Teri Leigh Teed Fine Art Photography selected for inaugural NC Artists Count exhibition

Teri Leigh Teed, a multi-dimensional, award winning artist based in Sylva, North Carolina, has been selected as one of the featured artists in the western North Carolina "Artists Count" project, which is hosting a series of exhibitions to highlight the rich visual contributions made by area artists. [See More](#)

LES school counselor named Elementary School Counselor of the Year

The Palmetto State School Counselor Association honored a Lexington County School District One employee with one of its top awards during the 2017 annual conference. [See More](#)

Van Cliburn silver medalist joins USC Symphony Orchestra on February 21

Joyce Yang, a Van Cliburn International Piano Competition silver medalist and Avery Fisher Career Grant recipient, showcases her colorful musical personality in solo recitals and collaborations with the world's top orchestras. [See More](#)

Free Ask-A-Lawyer web chats next week

The SC Bar Ask-A-Lawyer program, which coordinates volunteer lawyers in a regional effort to assist the public with its legal questions, will host statewide web chats next week on Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 5-7:30 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 9, from 4-6 p.m. [See More](#)

Columbia Heart launches redesigned, more patient-friendly website

Columbia Heart announced the launch of their redesigned, more patient-friendly website. Additional features have been added to make the website a full-service resource for the public, referring doctors and their cardiology patients. [See More](#)

City Council vision statement's winning hashtag

We heard your voices and the votes are in. City Council's official hashtag for their vision statement will be #EnvisionColumbia! [See More](#)

Adean Foulks named Hospitality Employee of the Year by the Capital City/Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism Organization

On Tuesday, January 24, 2017, the Capital City/Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism Organization honored Adean Foulks for outstanding visitor service at the Wingate by Wyndham Columbia/Lexington. [See More](#)

Entrepreneur Secrets: 7 strategies of a national champion

Jerry Bellune: Don't know who Dabo Swinney is? You must have been asleep for the last month. [See More](#)

You Can't Take It With You at the Town Theatre

January 26: Welcome to the Vanderhof's home wherein lives a slightly batty New York City family. Grandpa lives for sheer joy rather than for achievement, ambition or financial gain. [See More](#)

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District Five Annual Teacher Recruitment Event

February 4: Lexington-Richland School District Five will hold its 2017 Teacher Recruitment Event on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Irmo Middle School, 6051 Westcott Road, Columbia, SC 29212 from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Pre-registration is available through February 1. [See More](#)

Family Promise of the Midlands Havana Nights Gala

February 4: Family Promise of the Midlands is holding its fundraising gala and auction, Havana Nights, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 in the Hampton Room at Michael's Cafe and Catering, 1620 Main St., Columbia. [See More](#)

Top Grossing Movies

Top grossing movies this week. [See More](#)

Events around Columbia and the Midlands

See business and after hours events here. [Read More](#)

Political cartoons from Robert Ariail

Published on MidlandsBiz.com almost daily. [See More](#)

Robert Samuelson: The real truth about Washington

““For too long, a small group in our nation's capital has reaped the rewards of government while the people have borne the cost. Washington flourished, but the people did not share in its wealth.” — President Donald Trump, Jan. 20. Washington is not a swamp.” [Read More](#)

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