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## ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

### Akebono Brake Corporation

#### Expanding Midlands Operations

Akebono Brake Corporation, a leader in advanced brake and friction material development production, is expanding its existing Lexington County operations. The company is investing more than \$40 million in the project, which is expected to create 100 new jobs in West Columbia, S.C. over the next five years. [Read More](#)

### Providence Hospitals announces new executive leaders

Providence Hospitals and LifePoint Health today announced the appointment of executive leaders for the two-campus Columbia hospital system. Scott Campbell will assume a key leadership post serving as lead administrator for Providence Hospitals, and Phil Young will serve in a supporting role as lead administrator for the Northeast campus. [See More](#)

### Andrea Tanner named new director of USC journalism

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Andrea Tanner is the new director of the School of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of South Carolina. Tanner has been serving as interim director since July. [See More](#)

### Rogers Townsend & Thomas law firm relocates to Main St.

NAI Avant recently represented Rogers Townsend & Thomas, PC in leasing ±20,000 SF of Class A space in downtown Columbia, SC. [See More](#)

### Columbia City Council and Junior League Move Ahead on Roy Lynch Park

Columbia City Council met at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 15. Under the heading "CONSIDERATIONS OF BIDS AND AGREEMENTS" No. 19 was to approve the purchase of playground equipment and installation at Roy Lynch Park. The park is only a .79 acre neighbor next to Logan Elementary and serves recreational purposes for the school. [See More](#)

### **The Casual Pint enters Columbia**

The Casual Pint, a craft beer franchise, brings its unique craft beer experience to Columbia, South Carolina. [See More](#)

### **Murphy Grantland's Anthony Livoti elected Treasurer of the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association**

Murphy Grantland announced Anthony Livoti, shareholder, has been elected as Treasurer of the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association, the pre-eminent defense attorney association in South Carolina. [See More](#)

### **Ameris Bank announces appointment of Laurens Nicholson to South Carolina Community Board of Directors**

Ameris Bank Regional President Richard Sturm announced the recent appointment of Laurens Nicholson to the Ameris Bank – South Carolina Community Board of Directors. [See More](#)

### **9 Tips: Financial safety online**

By Stephen J. Scott: We continue to hear about major retailers and governments having large data breaches. Security threats are growing as we continue to spend more of our lives online. What can be done to improve your financial safety online? [See More](#)

### **Holiday Office Etiquette**

Brian Maynor, Style Coach: "When it comes to mixing work with food and gifts there are some special rules you need to remember." [Read More](#)

### **Prysmian Group launches the "Make it" recruitment program for engineers with manufacturing experience**

Prysmian Group, world leader in the energy and telecom cable systems industry, is launching the "Make It" recruitment program, aimed at engineers and technical staff with manufacturing experience. [See More](#)

### **Nexsen Pruet celebrates 11th Next Steps Class**

On Friday, December 4th, 27 Chapin Middle School girls were recognized for their completion of Nexsen Pruet's 11th Next Steps Program. The students, who were chosen by their teachers and staff based on leadership qualities and potential, were honored at a luncheon at the firm's Columbia office. [See More](#)

### **District Five school's "Project Au-some" growing empathy, understanding about autism**

A Lexington-Richland District Five school has launched a new pair mentorship program aimed at growing empathy and understanding about students with autism. [See More](#)

### **NAI Avant brokers sale of ±71,424 square foot steel manufacturing facility**

NAI Avant senior brokers Nick Stomski, SIOR and Rob Lapin, as well as Lee Bussell, recently finalized the sale of a manufacturing facility located at 3792 Platt Springs Road in West Columbia. [See More](#)

### **Truematter welcomes Squarespace expert and seasoned front-end developer**

Truematter welcomes Kris Black, interactive designer, front-end developer, and illustrator to their Columbia, South Carolina team. [See More](#)

### **Phillips Staffing adds Tonia Thompson as Human Resources Specialist**

Phillips Staffing, one of South Carolina's largest and fastest-growing staffing and human capital solution providers, has added Tonia Thompson as a Human Resources Specialist. [See More](#)

### **Columbia Museum of Art Contemporaries announces 2016 Silver Screen Affair**

The Columbia Museum of Art Contemporaries announced an Old Hollywood-theme for their annual fundraising gala scheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2016 from 7:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. [See More](#)

### **State Museum Kicks Off Holiday Season with Month-Long WinterFest Celebration**

The South Carolina State Museum is officially kicking-off the holiday season with a month-long WinterFest celebration with great shopping events, holiday shows and movies and family-friendly events taking place throughout the month of December. [See More](#)

### **Community Broadcasters, LLC purchases four radio stations from Glory Communications, Inc.**

Alex Snipe, President and owner of Glory Communications, Inc., has sold four of his radio stations in the Florence, Sumter and Orangeburg, South Carolina markets to Community Broadcasters, LLC, headquartered in New York and co-owned and operated by Jim Leven and Bruce Mittman in partnership with Northwood Ventures in Long Island, NY. [See More](#)

### **Truematter welcomes content strategist and story writer to the team**

Truematter welcomes Bailey Lewis, content strategist, copywriter, and local story writer to their Columbia, South Carolina team. [See More](#)

### **An Irish Christmas Concert With Kristyn and Keith Getty and Special Guest Ricky Skaggs ~ December 18 @ 7:30 pm**

Contemporary Christian hymn writers and Northern Ireland natives, Kristyn and Keith Getty will be performing at the Township Auditorium Friday, December 18th at 7:30 pm with special guest Ricky Skaggs. [See More](#)

### **W.J. Keenan High School named state winner in \$2 million Samsung contest**

W.J. Keenan High School is the South Carolina state winner in the 2015-2016 Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest, a \$2 million nationwide competition to increase interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) by challenging students to help address community needs. [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: Cybergeddon**

"When it comes to cyberwar and cyberterrorism, we need to think the unthinkable, says veteran TV journalist Ted Koppel. And for Koppel, the unthinkable is this: Someone hacks into the nation's electric power grid and causes large parts of it to crash for a prolonged period." [Read More](#)

### **Kathleen Parker: Waging war outside the box**

"Americans looking for a Snuggly Bear and a blankey to ease their anxieties about the Islamic State will have to become more comfortable with ambiguity and uncertainty." [Read More](#)

### **Sales Advice from Jeffrey Gitomer: Out of touch or out of their minds? Maybe both!**

"In a survey conducted by a BIG benefits management company (a management and human resource consulting firm), they asked 365 CEO's and sales management executives, "What are the three key factors that separate high performing sales professionals from moderate to low performing sales professionals?"" [Read More](#)

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