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## ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

### South Carolina a fully certified work ready state

Gov. Nikki Haley announced that the final two counties, Jasper and Richland, have received certification through the South Carolina Work Ready Communities (SCWRC) initiative, making South Carolina the first state in the nation to become fully certified as work ready. All 46 counties have met the specified workforce and education goals. [Read More](#)

### SCRA announces organizational transition

SCRA, a state-chartered organization that furthers South Carolina's technology economy, announced an organizational separation from its government contracting affiliate, Advanced Technology International (ATI), formerly SCRA Applied R&D. [See More](#)

### LS3P's Spectator Hotel tops Travel + Leisure's "Best Hotels" lists

The Spectator Hotel, a new boutique hotel designed by LS3P's Stephen Ramos, was named #1 Best City Hotel in the Continental US by Travel + Leisure's World's Best Awards survey. [See More](#)

### 2016 Business Lexpo

On August 4, The Greater Lexington Chamber and Visitors Center will host more than 60 local businesses at the 2016 Business Lexpo at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Lexington from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. [See More](#)

### Garvin Design Group welcomes two new Clemson grads to the firm

Garvin Design Group announced the recent hire of Clemson graduates, Alex Latham and Zach Whiteman. [See More](#)

### **How To Make Boredom Productive**

Brian Maynor, Style Coach: "No matter how exciting your job is, finding yourself bored at work is an inevitable. The question is do you know what to do when you are bored and how to make it productive?" [Read More](#)

### **First Thursday on Main St., Columbia**

July 7 @ 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm - On the first Thursday of each month, businesses in downtown Columbia participate in First Thursday on Main by keeping their doors open late, offering a mix of specials, events, entertainment, and more! [See More](#)

### **Columbia Bethlehem Community Center names new Executive Director**

Columbia Bethlehem Community Center welcomes Kara Simmons as its new Executive Director. [See More](#)

### **Richland County Government grant supports Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Columbia**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Columbia is honored to announce being selected by Richland County Council to receive a Discretionary grant from Richland County Government. [See More](#)

### **Lexington Medical Center welcomes W. Randal Westerkam, MD, FAAPMR, RMSK**

Lexington Medical Center welcome Randal Westerkam, MD, FAAPMR, RMSK, to its network of care. [See More](#)

### **Petco expands retail presence with new location in Lexington, SC**

In keeping with its fast-paced 2016 growth plan, which includes 26 new Petco stores and one new Unleashed by Petco year-to-date, Petco, a leading specialty retailer of premium pet food, supplies and services, will open five new Petco stores across the country in July. [See More](#)

### **Lexington Medical Center welcomes Roland "Trey" Craft, III, MD, FACS Doctor will practice at Lexington Surgical Associates**

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### **CMA workshop focuses on film photography**

The Columbia Museum of Art is offering a two-day workshop that will introduce basic black and white film techniques and practices through the use of medium format (120mm) film cameras. [See More](#)

### **Trustus Theatre announces Season 32**

Trustus Theatre is proud to announce its Season 32 line up including The Rocky Horror Show, the long awaited Marcus, or the Secret of Sweet, the third play in the Brother/Sister trilogy and a Trustus favorite, The Great American Trailer Park Christmas Musical among many others beginning in September. [See More](#)

### **Education leaders receive SCASA Lifetime Achievement**

#### **Award**

School leaders in Laurens and Irmo have been named as 2016 SCASA Lifetime Achievement Award recipients. [See More](#)

### **The Protocol School of Washington hires new Alumni and External Affairs Specialist**

The Protocol School of Washington (PSOW) —the only accredited business etiquette and international protocol school in the country— announces that Myra Andrews has been hired as the school's new Alumni and External Affairs Specialist. [See More](#)

### **West becomes Pelion Elementary School principal**

During the June 28, 2016 monthly meeting of the Lexington County School District One Board of Trustees, the board approved the promotion of Wendy S. West to the position of principal of Pelion Elementary School. [See More](#)

### **S.C. Attorney subject of cover story in ABA Journal**

Environmental attorney and global-expedition leader Tom Mullikin is the subject of a multi-profile feature in the July edition of the national ABA Journal – a leading national magazine (and the professional periodical for the American Bar Association) – for his global exploratory and environmental awareness-and-protection efforts worldwide. [See More](#)

### **Palmetto Health named “Most Wired” for the ninth time**

For the ninth time, Palmetto Health is being recognized as one of the “Most Wired” organizations by Hospitals & Health Networks magazine. [See More](#)

### **First Choice Community Center makes going back to school easy and fun**

Select Health of South Carolina and its First Choice Community Center will host the seventh annual Jump-Start Back-to-School event, featuring back-to-school information, health screenings, children's activities and backpacks with school supplies provided at no

### **Nexsen Pruet up four spots on largest law firms list**

Nexsen Pruet has climbed four spots on The National Law Journal list of the largest law firms in the nation — coming in at 211. [See More](#)

### **Lexington District One middle schoolers explore own DNA, family history at genetics camp**

Students in Lexington County School District One are proving you don't need an advanced degree or years of experience to study the complex science of genetics. [See More](#)

### **Top Grossing Movies – July 5, 2016**

Top Grossing Movies – Week of July 5, 2016 [See More](#)

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### **Drum Corps Returns to the Midlands**

July 8 @ 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm - Drum and Bugle Corps will return to the Midlands this Friday, July 8, at River Bluff High School. [See More](#)

### **Family Fun Day returns to the State Farmers Market**

July 9 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Are you looking for a fun, free event to take your family to this summer? Come out to the third annual Family Fun Day at the State Farmers Market in West Columbia on Saturday, July 9th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. [See More](#)

### **Free Workshop Provides Tips, Guidance for Project Planning in Richland County**

July 8 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - From land zoning to business licenses, an upcoming free workshop will provide the information residents need to successfully complete planning projects in Richland County. [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](#)

### [Kathleen Parker: Double-trouble for Trump](#)

"Watching Hillary Clinton beaming sidewise on stage as Elizabeth Warren took her text on Donald Trump brought the Wrigley twin ditty to mind: Double your pleasure, double your fun, with double good, double good, Doublemint gum." [Read More](#)

### [Robert Samuelson: The center sags, America groans](#)

"On this July Fourth, Americans are deeply disillusioned with politics and government. A Pew poll in late 2015 found that only 19 percent of people trust the government all or most of the time." [Read More](#)

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