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## ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

### **A Conversation with Bob Smith, Phoenix Specialty Manufacturing**

Phoenix Specialty Manufacturing is a fourth-generation, family-owned company that has operated for almost 110 years – 50 of those years in South Carolina. It makes cutting-edge products that are made to exacting modern standards out of an array of high-tech material. And they are made for very specific, demanding tasks. Phoenix products can be found on the moon, on Mars, in Olympic bobsleds and NASCAR race cars. [Read More](#)

### **Beal, LLC to serve companies in financial distress**

Michael M. Beal has founded Beal, LLC to represent middle market businesses in financial distress in litigation, out of court restructurings and Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases. [See More](#)

### **What Do You Want?**

Brian Maynor, Style & Business Coach: "It's a question we ask and answer a hundred times a day, but do you really stop and think about your answer? For such a common question, it is deceptively simple when you take a second to actually think about 'what you want.'" [Read More](#)

### **United Way's Women in Philanthropy announces 2016-2017 executive committee members**

Women in Philanthropy (WIP) announced the following executive committee officers for the 2016-2017 term. [See More](#)

### **Columbia College P.L.A.C.E. Fellows Program receives grant from Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina**

The P.L.A.C.E. Fellows Program at Columbia College received its fourth \$25,000 grant from the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina. [See More](#)

### **A brand is a promise, an experience and a trusted friend**

By Ken Gasque: A brand is an experience we keep going back to because it makes us feel good. It says something about who we are. It is a promise that we are reminded of by smells, sounds, touch, taste and visuals. Find or create your brand or a brand will be created for you. [See More](#)

### **New Accounting Standards May Affect Whether or Not to Lease**

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) has issued new Accounting Standards Update 2016-02 "Leases (Topic 842)". The standard requires lessees to recognize lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet and disclose key information about leasing arrangements. [See More](#)

### **Edventure Children's Museum brings Chef Jeff Henderson, a nationally syndicated Food Network celebrity, author and motivational speaker, to South Carolina**

Chef Jeff Henderson will be the keynote speaker at EdVenture Children's museum second annual Impact Breakfast, and then travel across South Carolina visiting six schools and a prison facility as part of EdVenture's "BeABoss Youth Empowerment Tour" where he will speak to more than one thousand teens about his personal journey from incarceration to professional and personal success. [See More](#)

### **Lexington District One ends Title IX lawsuit**

Lexington County School District One's Board of Trustees and its administrators announced the settlement of a lawsuit brought against the district by Samuel L. and Tanya J. Light. [See More](#)

### **John Wagner & Friends at Newberry Opera House**

The John Wagner and Friends concert is scheduled for 3 PM Sunday, September 11, at the Newberry Opera House. [See More](#)

### **South Carolina I-77 Alliance wins Economic Development Marketing Award**

Just two years after its creation, the South Carolina I-77 Alliance has won a top award for one of the key elements of its economic development marketing. [See More](#)

### **Slif D. Ulrich, MD joins Midlands Orthopaedics and Neurosurgery**

Midlands Orthopaedics and Neurosurgery, PA, a member of Arcis Healthcare, LLC, announced that Dr. Slif Ulrich has joined the practice and is now seeing patients at the downtown and Irmo offices. [See More](#)

### **SC Secretary of State releases first-annual Professional Solicitor Report**

Secretary of State Mark Hammond announced the publication of the Division of Public Charities Professional Solicitor Report. [See More](#)

### **Palmetto Health Infusion Center first in United States to be accredited for providing patient-centered connected care**

The Palmetto Health Infusion Center has been accredited by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as the first infusion center in the United States to receive the Patient-Centered Connected Care (PCCC) recognition. [See More](#)

### **Electric Guard Dog, LLC Acquires Perimeter Security Systems, LLC**

The acquisition is one of many initiatives Electric Guard Dog plans to take since their own acquisition by Snow Phipps Group, LLC in June 2016. [See More](#)

### **SAFE's Carrie Young a finalist in Carolinas League CUaware competition**

Carrie Young, Executive Assistant at SAFE Federal Credit Union, has claimed the CUaware Protégé competition title for the Columbia Chapter of the Carolinas Credit Union League. [See More](#)

### **Search under way for South Carolina's top youth volunteers of 2017**

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards begins its search for South Carolina's top youth volunteers of 2017. [See More](#)

### **Collins & Lacy, P.C. co-founder part of national Workers' Compensation Professors blog**

In addition to contributing to Collins & Lacy, P.C.'s Workers' Compensation blog, the firm's co-founder, Stan Lacy, is now an author of a national workers' compensation professors blog, which includes posts from university professors from around the country. [See More](#)

### **Colonial Life offers new juvenile life insurance plan**

Parents and grandparents have a new option to begin a lifetime of affordable protection for children through a new juvenile whole life insurance plan from Colonial Life. [See More](#)

### **State Street Baptist Church begins renovations**

Good City Architects, an architecture and interior design firm based in Greenville, S.C., has completed the design of renovations to State Street Baptist Church. [See More](#)

### **President Clark to keynote Freshman Convocation Sept. 8**

SC State University will celebrate its newest class of scholars by hosting its annual Fall Convocation, which will be held 3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8 in Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center. [See More](#)

### **Advertisement of vacancies on various boards and commissions**

The City of Columbia is accepting applications to fill several vacancies on the following boards and commissions. [See More](#)

### **West Nile virus detected in Columbia-area mosquitoes; DHEC urges residents to prevent mosquito bites**

The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), Richland County and the City of Columbia announced that a sample of mosquitoes trapped in the Shandon area has tested positive for West Nile virus. [See More](#)

### **Lexington Medical Center Foundation Launches “Campaign for Clarity”**

The Lexington Medical Center Foundation plans to raise \$3 million to make revolutionary new breast cancer equipment available throughout the hospital’s network of care. [See More](#)

### **Aflac and Palmetto Health Children’s Hospital add 4 heroes to Duckprints Wall of Fame**

Aflac and Palmetto Health Children’s Hospital proudly presented Duckprints Awards to four heroes who have left their footprints in the fight against childhood cancer. [See More](#)

### **Short-Term Energy Outlook**

U.S. regular gasoline retail prices are expected to decline from an average of \$2.18/gallon (gal) in August to \$1.92/gal in December. For the year, U.S. regular gasoline retail prices are forecast to average \$2.08/gal in 2016 and \$2.26/gal in 2017. [See More](#)

### **S.C. State Guard hosts fifth-annual Hurricane Hike**

The S.C. State Guard will host the fifth-annual Hurricane Hike in-and-around historic Camden, S.C., Sat., Sept. 10, 2016. The public is invited. [See More](#)

### **Southern Exposure New Music Series presents FretX**

September 8 @ 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm - Southern Exposure kicks off its 2016-17 season by stretching the limits of sonic possibility in each of four contrasting instrument groups – strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion – with the virtuoso, genre-bending guitar duo FretX. [See More](#)

### **Russian Fireworks**

September 9 @ 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm - Familiar faces are set to light the fuse on some Russian Fireworks and set off a new South Carolina Philharmonic Masterworks Series on Friday, Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m. at the Koger Center for the Arts. [See More](#)

### **2016 Walk To Defeat ALS**

In running shoes, on scooters, wheelchairs and strollers, hundreds of local residents will partake in the 2016 Walk to Defeat ALS on Saturday September 10, 2016 at Columbia Canal and Riverfront Park, 312 Laurel, Columbia. This incredible event is designed for anyone who wants to make their mark against ALS. [See More](#)

### **Top Grossing Movies – September 5**

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](#)

### **Kathleen Parker: Trump can't fake love of 'the blacks'**

"When Donald Trump says he has a great relationship with "the Blacks," I wonder if he also gets along well with the Smiths. We know he's tight with the Whites." [Read More](#)

### **Robert Samuelson: Is ending poverty impossible?**

"Don't expect a second War on Poverty, regardless of who wins the election." [Read More](#)

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