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## ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

### **Columbia Fireflies unveil uniform jerseys and announce 2016 coaching staff**

Winners of Name the Team contest introduced at Wednesday's event. The Columbia Fireflies unveiled their uniform jerseys and introduced the winners of the "Name the Team Contest" at a press conference at the South Carolina State Museum. The Fireflies, in conjunction with the New York Mets, also announced their coaching staff for the 2016 season. [Read More](#)

### **Record-setting activity brings new retailers and restaurants to Columbia**

Columbia, South Carolina's retail market continued to improve and grow through 2015 as retailers and developers invested in the market. Developers and retailers are turning to new construction and redevelopments to meet the significant demand for space. [See More](#)

### **Haley, White, Spearman announce workforce training collaboration**

Governor Nikki Haley, House Ways and Means Chairman Brian White, State Superintendent Molly Spearman and business leaders from around the state announced a collaborative and comprehensive effort to strengthen South Carolina's workforce. [See More](#)

### **More than 10,000 South Carolinians find work in December, unemployment rate remains at 5.5 percent**

The December unemployment rate remained unchanged from November at 5.5 percent. However, the number of people working in South Carolina grew by 10,111 people, pushing South Carolina's employment level to 2,147,642, a historic high. [See More](#)

### **Mind Games – Subtle Ways To Build Confidence And Get What You Want At Work**

Brian Maynor, Style Coach: "There is something to be said for walking fearlessly into a room or situation and feeling nothing but courageous. That attitude often results in killer presentations, dynamic results and can propel you ahead in the office race, but for some people it's a lot easier to achieve than for others." [Read More](#)

### **Sima Patel elected to South Carolina Women Lawyers Association Board**

Nexsen Pruet attorney Sima Patel has been named to the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association (SCWLA), effective January 1, 2016. She will serve a two-year term. [See More](#)

### **Good Credit Can Save You Money!**

By Mike DuBose and Blake DuBose: Surprising Ways to Improve Your Personal and Business Scores. The ultimate goal should be a debt-free business and personal life, but having some credit is also important. [See More](#)

### **Chapin We Care names Alecia Klauk as new executive director**

The Board of Directors for Chapin We Care Center has named Alecia Klauk of Chapin as its new executive director for the organization. [See More](#)

### **Legal Marketing Association's Southeastern Chapter announces its 2016 Board of Directors**

The Legal Marketing Association's (LMA) Southeastern Chapter announces its board of directors for 2016. The Southeastern Chapter is one of the largest in the international organization of LMA, covering nine states and serving more than 450 members throughout the region. [See More](#)

### **Seth Zeigler named new Police Chief for Town of Chapin**

The Town of Chapin has hired Seth Zeigler to lead its Police Department, beginning February 8, 2016. Zeigler, a Chapin native, most recently served as Captain of the Patrol Division for the West Columbia Police Department. [See More](#)

### **Blueprint for a better South Carolina**

The 2016 Legislative agenda of the S.C. African-American Chamber of Commerce. [See More](#)

### **NARENCO establishing solar power operations in Allendale County**

National Renewable Energy Corporation, a leading renewable energy independent power producer focused on development, engineering, procurement, construction and operations

### **Richland Penny Program presents Annual Report**

The Richland Penny Program presents its 2015 Annual Report for the Richland County Transportation Sales Tax Program. This is the first year of operations of the transportation penny under the Program Development Team. [See More](#)

### **Columbia Children's Theatre kicks off its Altered Visions Tour with William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet**

What happens when your star-crossed lovers carry cell phones, use iPads and sing 1960's love songs? That's right! It's Columbia Children's Theatre's Altered Visions Tour production of Romeo and Juliet. [See More](#)

### **Lexington One counselors named South Carolina School Counselors of the Year**

The Palmetto State School Counselor Association named two Lexington County School District One counselors as a School Counselor of the Year for 2015. [See More](#)

### **Closing costs in Richland County among lowest in South Carolina**

Closing Costs are a crucial aspect of buying a home, and in its second annual study New York financial technology company SmartAsset shows where they are lowest. [See More](#)

### **Fewer teachers graduating, more teachers leaving**

According to the results from the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement's (CERRA) Fall 2015 Supply and Demand Survey, the gap between teacher supply and teacher demand continues to widen. [See More](#)

### **RBHS students finalists in World Series of Innovation challenge**

River Bluff High students are finalists in a global World Series of Innovation challenge for students that required the students to design an app for a smartphone or tablet computer that would encourage people of all ages to volunteer in their communities. [See More](#)

### **Ten Central Carolina Technical College employees honored with State Service Awards**

Ten Central Carolina Technical College employees were honored with State Service Awards during the Area Commission meeting held Thursday, January 21. [See More](#)

### **Travis Wright joins Columbia, South Carolina Branch of Mortgage Network**

Travis Wright has joined Mortgage Network Inc., one of the largest independent mortgage lenders in the eastern U.S., as a loan officer in the company's Columbia, South Carolina branch office. [See More](#)

### **Coker College Receives 10 Year Accreditation from Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges**

Coker College has received its 10-year accreditation with no follow up required from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. [See More](#)

### **Colla Voce Presents a Concert of Sacred Jewish Music Tonight**

Colla Voce presents a concert of sacred Jewish music sung in Hebrew on Thursday, January 28 at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. Directed by Dr. Larry Wyatt, Columbia's community chamber choir is comprised of professional musicians. [See More](#)

### **Devine Street Sidewalk Sale January 30th**

Start your Spring off right by Saving Money and Shopping Local From 9am -6pm on Saturday, January 30, 2016, go visit the merchants of Devine Street for their first BIG sale of the year! [See More](#)

### **EdVenture Children's Museum presents FROST January 30th**

EdVenture Children's Museum presents FROST, a winter gala, on January 30 at 7pm. Please join us for a magical evening of falling snowflakes, chilling cocktails and exquisite cuisine. [See More](#)

### **The MGC Long Run February 6th**

The MGC Long Run returns to #famouslyhot Columbia, SC on Saturday, February 6. The MGC Long Run joins forces with the USO South Carolina for a second year, helping celebrate the USO's 75th anniversary. [See More](#)

### **Richland County, Forest Acres team up for special recycling event**

Richland County Solid Waste & Recycling and the City of Forest Acres are hosting a joint recycling and paper shredding event for residents. [See More](#)

## **Free income tax help at The W.R. Rogers Adult Education**

### **Center**

It's tax time and everyone could use a break. Richland Two's W.R. Rogers Adult, Continuing & Technology Education Center has some good news for taxpayers. [See More](#)

## **South Carolina Angel Network announces record 2015**

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The South Carolina Angel Network (SCAN) announces its record results for 2015. Last year the organization expanded from three angel groups to eight, with more than 220 members across active angel investor networks now operating in Aiken, Anderson, Asheville (NC), Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, Rock Hill and Spartanburg. [See More](#)

## **TJX Foundation awards \$5,000 grant to support Meals on Wheels January 28, 2016**

The TJX Foundation, the philanthropic arm of TJX Companies (T.J. Maxx, Home Goods and Marshall's) this week granted \$5,000 to Senior Resources to help combat the issue of senior hunger. [See More](#)

## **During Holiday Travels, Local Organizations Gather Donations for Care Kits**

Families with children in the pediatric intensive care and pediatric intermediate intensive care units at Palmetto Health Children's Hospital will have one less thing to worry about this year, thanks to "Care Kits" created by local woman Christy Sears—and a group of companies and nonprofits who provided items to fill the kits this holiday season. [See More](#)

## **Big Names Hit the Stage at the Southern Spring Home & Garden Show**

Along with 18 beautifully landscaped gardens, stylish designer rooms and exhibits showcasing the best in landscaping, building, remodeling and decorating, recognized experts in their fields are a perennial part of the appeal. [See More](#)

## **Richland One Hall of Fame Induction Gala set for February**

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The 12th annual Richland One Hall of Fame Induction Gala will be held Saturday, February 13 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street. [See More](#)

## **Take A Newspaper. Take Some Scissors: Original Solo Performance Pieces**

To the day on the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Cabaret Voltaire in Zurich, Switzerland, 701 Center for Contemporary Art marks the occasion with seven short, experimental solo theater performances in the center's artist loft turned makeshift performance space. [See More](#)

## **University of South Carolina Daybook and Lookahead,**

**Jan. 28**

USC works to preserve Marine Corps' film history. Painter Salvador Dali focus of annual Solomon Tenenbaum lecture. S.C. Law Review symposium Feb. 4 – 5 to focus on cyberattacks and civil liability. USC College of Engineering and Computing hosts K-12 Open House and Expo Feb. 20. [See More](#)

## **Classic French comedy with a 'New Vaudeville' twist: Scapin at USC's Longstreet Theatre, February 19-27**

The University of SC Department of Theatre and Dance will present the outrageous comedy Scapin, February 19-27 at Longstreet Theatre. Show times for Scapin are 8pm, Wednesdays through Saturdays, with additional 3pm matinees on Sunday, February 21 and Saturday, February 27. [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: Why economic growth lags**

"It's only January, but what may be the year's most important book on economics has already been published. Called "The Rise and Fall of American Growth: The U.S. Standard of Living Since the Civil War," it argues that we can't expect new technologies to rekindle rapid economic growth." [Read More](#)

## **Kathleen Parker: Daddy Trump is looking out for you!**

"So you say you want a daddy for your president? OK, so maybe you didn't say it, but on a subliminal level, you may have felt it, especially if you're a Republican primary voter leaning toward Donald Trump." [Read More](#)

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