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ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

State House Report: Top Three Things You Need to Know

Senate Finance Debates The State Budget - The Senate Finance Committee this past week and some of the funding for the K-12 Education, Higher Education and Criminal Justice state agencies. ; Roads Bill Passes House; Heads Back To Senate - The House amended H. 3579 by a vote of 113-6 last week and sent it back to the Senate. ; Ethics Bill Woes - Last week, the SC Senate set several of the Ethics bills to the Special Order calendar, meaning they will get priority for debate. [Read More](#)

Six Providence Hospitals nurses receive 2016 Palmetto Gold Award

Each year the South Carolina Nurses Foundation recognizes 100 nurses who exemplify excellence in practice and commitment to the profession. [See More](#)

Ellipsis Technologies teams with Bill Mahoney and WTM Development

Ellipsis Technologies, which launched its Human Presence technology in 2015, announced that Bill Mahoney, former CEO of SCRA and current CEO of WTM Development, will join Ellipsis as a Senior Advisor to the Board of Directors. [See More](#)

Family Connection Annual Concert & Auction

May 1 @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Family Connection of South Carolina, a statewide nonprofit that serves families of children with disabilities and special healthcare needs, will host its Annual Benefit & Auction on Sunday, May 1 at The Hall at Senate's End. [See More](#)

Want to be an All-Star Employee? Follow These Simple Steps

Brian Maynor, Style Coach: "Close your eyes; think about your office for a moment and picture an all-star employee. Chances are they will immediately jump to mind. Here are the most common behaviors exhibited by truly great employees that everyone can adopt, especially if you're trying to make the all-star team yourself." [Read More](#)

Souper Bowl of Caring Tackle Hunger Columbia Luncheon

April 28 @ 11:30 am - 1:00 pm - The first Souper Bowl of Caring Tackle Hunger Columbia Luncheon will be held on April 28th, 11:30am at Seawell's. We will join together to honor our founder Rev. Dr. Brad Smith for his decades long dedication to those in need. [See More](#)

Collins & Lacy welcomes Kelsey Brudvig

Collins & Lacy, P.C. announced Kelsey Brudvig has joined the firm's Columbia office as an associate practicing in the areas of retail & hospitality law and professional liability defense. [See More](#)

Bobbitt breaks ground on new Johnsonville Fire Station

A groundbreaking ceremony was recently held for Johnsonville Fire Department's new 10,736-square-foot, four-bay fire station and department headquarters. [See More](#)

Four new Palmetto Military Employers recognized at second annual OPE Midlands Summit

Employers, hiring managers, veteran employment representatives and military service members met Thursday in Columbia to learn more about how to recruit and retain military hires through Operation Palmetto Employment (OPE), South Carolina's military employment initiative. [See More](#)

Columbia College Koalas win AAC Lacrosse Tournament Championship

Stellar goalkeeping from senior Natalie Dubas and four goals from junior Kendra Blackstock lifted second-seeded Columbia to the 2016 Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) Women's Lacrosse Tournament championship, defeating top-ranked Tennessee Wesleyan 8-5 on Saturday, April 16. [See More](#)

SCSBA statement regarding Superintendent Bennett

The following is a statement by Scott Price, Executive Director of the South Carolina School Boards Association, concerning the death of Newberry County School District Superintendent Bennie Bennett. [See More](#)

CABTEQ Solutions establishing operations in York County

CABTEQ Solutions, a South Carolina-based company, which specializes in commercial cabinetry, is establishing operations in York County. The company is investing \$3 million in the facility, which is expected to create 125 new jobs. [See More](#)

1x1 Design awarded AIA South Carolina Design Awards

1x1 Design announced that three projects have received recognition by the South Carolina chapter of the American Institute of Architects. [See More](#)

Dr. Lindsay Cash joins Bela Family Dentistry

Dr. Lindsay Cash has joined the Bela Family Dentistry team in Irmo, SC. [See More](#)

Providence Hospitals Development Foundation named Stephen Kyle Jones as scholarship recipient

Providence Hospitals Development Foundation named Stephen Kyle Jones as the 2016 Dr. Preston A. Jones Memorial Scholarship recipient. [See More](#)

Lantern Parade & More at 701 CCA

A long wall of lanterns by 701 CCA's artist in residence Janke Klompmaker is part of 701 CCA's current exhibition, Dadadesque, and you can get your hands on one of them during the Artista Vista lantern parade. [See More](#)

South Carolina imposes sales tax on optional damage waiver fees

A South Carolina administrative law court ("Court") ruled that optional damage waivers purchased with equipment rentals were subject to sales tax. [See More](#)

Changes in non-ethanol gasoline

As we head into the summer driving season, the South Carolina Department of Agriculture's Consumer Protection Division wants you to be aware of some changes happening at the pump. [See More](#)

BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina named in Forbes' List of America's Best Employers

Forbes magazine included BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina in its annual ranking of America's Best Employers. The company was one of four BlueCross companies included, ranking 15th in the insurance sector, and coming in at 380th overall out of 500 employers. [See More](#)

More advertising secrets – Your Direct Response Check

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Jerry Bellune: Do you believe advertising is a waste of money? It is if you advertise the way most businesses do. [See More](#)

Lower Richland High School and EngenuitySC host third “Dress for Success” business etiquette student showcase, April 26

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) committee at Lower Richland High School (LRHS) will partner with EngenuitySC to host the third annual “Dress for Success” business etiquette showcase on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. at LRHS. [See More](#)

Leadership Columbia Class of 2016 hosts Open House “Renovation Reveal” and reception at Autism Academy of South Carolina, April 29

The Leadership Columbia Class of 2016 will host an Open House at the Autism Academy of South Carolina (AASC), 1505 Blanding St. in downtown Columbia, S.C., for AASC families, staff and supporters and members of the public Friday, April 29, 2016, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

[See More](#)

Safrit receives 2016 Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award

Sarah Jo Wood Safrit, Coker College class of 1971, has been named the 2016 recipient of the Coker College Alumni Association’s Distinguished Service Award. [See More](#)

Nauful selected to participate in 2016 Riley Institute Diversity Leaders Initiative Program

Adams and Reese partner Tara Nauful is one of 42 leaders selected from sectors across South Carolina to participate in the 2016 Spring Midlands Class of the Riley Institute at Furman University’s Diversity Leaders Initiative (DLI) program. [See More](#)

Lewis receives 2016 Outstanding Young Alumni Award

Kenneth Lewis, Coker College class of 2001, has been named the 2016 recipient of the Coker College Outstanding Young Alumni Award. [See More](#)

Dale Carnegie Training announces a new franchise in South Carolina

Herbert L Drayton III and Ingrid Tugwell became the newest franchise owners with Dale Carnegie Training® today. Their territory covers Charleston and Columbia and four counties in Georgia. [See More](#)

Easley, SC Teen to promote “Be Your Best Self” message during nationwide outreach event

Tara Moore, Distinguished Young Woman of SC, will join with young women across the nation April 25-29 in celebrating National Be Your Best Self Week, a national outreach event sponsored by Evonik and presented by Distinguished Young Women. [See More](#)

A Step in the Right Direction-Homelessness Awareness Walk

April 30 @ 10:30 am - Transitions in partnership with Zion Community Foundation will host their 4th Annual Homelessness Awareness Walk, “A Step in the Right Direction”. [See More](#)

The 2016 Behance Portfolio Review of South Carolina

April 30 @ 9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Behance Portfolio Reviews bring artists and creatives together in a casual environment for lively critiques and fun networking. This is your opportunity to develop your creative profession and connect with both emerging and established artists from all across South Carolina. [See More](#)

Girls on the Run 5k

Girls on the Run of Columbia is in need of volunteers and running buddies for the GOTR 5k. We have lots of fun volunteer opportunities available. [See More](#)

Lourie Center Offers African Dance Workshops

The Lourie Center is offering three African Dance Workshops on Saturday April 30. [See More](#)

25th Annual Artista Vista

Artista Vista, the Midlands' most celebrated gallery crawl, returns from Thursday, April 21 – Saturday, April 23, 2016. Vista galleries will open their doors from 5-9 p.m. Thursday, April 21, and for regular gallery hours April 22-23 for this free, signature Vista gallery crawl. [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: Brazil's nightmare

“Woe is Brazil. As the summer Olympics approach in August, Latin America’s largest country — with a population of 206 million and an economy that is 40 percent of the region’s total — is caught in a harsh slump and faces a political crisis that could result in its president being impeached. How did this happen? What does it mean?” [Read More](#)

Kathleen Parker: Pope Bernie

"Imagine emerging from a rocky political week only to announce, as Bernie Sanders did, that, oh, by the way, the Vatican called. Actually, it was the Pontifical Academy of Social Science, but close enough, I suppose." [Read More](#)

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