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ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

A Conversation with Wade Douroux, President/CEO, Resource Financial

A cool entrepreneur story. Wade Douroux started Resource Financial Services in 2008. In 2012, the company was ranked number 227 on Inc. magazine's list of the 500 fastest-growing private companies in America. It was subsequently purchased by a large regional bank. Now, three years later Wade and his fellow mortgage bankers are back in business, independently, as Resource Financial Mortgages and Insurance. [Read More](#)

South Carolina ranks 2nd in % solar job growth nationally

The Solar Foundation (TSF), an independent nonprofit research and education organization, today released state-by-state data from its annual National Solar Jobs Census series via the State Solar Jobs Census Map. [See More](#)

Williamson honored as State Employee of the Year by S.C. Association of Regional Councils of Government

The S.C. Association of Regional Councils of Government named Jimmie Williamson, Ph.D., president of the SC Technical College System, as State Employee of the Year. [See More](#)

Jason Speake joins South Carolina Power Team as Senior Project Manager

South Carolina Power Team announces the addition of Jason Speake to its Global Business team as senior project manager. In his new role Jason will focus on new industry recruitment and job growth in the South Carolina Power Team service territory. [See More](#)

Should you outsource CMO duties?

Kelly Coulter: 5 situations where an outsourced CMO is the best investment you can make. Whether you plan to use an outsourced CMO for a short period, or long-term, here are some situations in which it's an appropriate solution to consider. [See More](#)

Cupcakes to sandwiches

SWEET: A Cupcake Company will add gourmet sandwiches to its gourmet cupcake and specialty cake lineup beginning Mar. 1. [See More](#)

Doug Bridges named REALTOR® of the Year

Central Carolina REALTORS® Association of South Carolina recently named Doug Bridges 2015 REALTOR® of the Year. [See More](#)

Molina Healthcare of South Carolina donates \$30,000 to support EdCeptional Kids

EdVenture Children's Museum announced that Molina Healthcare of South Carolina will serve as the presenting sponsor of the museum's EdCeptional Kids program. [See More](#)

State Chamber, SCMA, Business Community release statement following hearing on H.4555 Bill to repeal Right to Work law

The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce President Ted Pitts, the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance President Lewis Gossett, and President & CEO of Cox Industries, Mikee Johnson, released the following statement following the hearing for H.4555, Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter's bill to repeal South Carolina's right to work law which would allow unions to solicit membership and interfere with many employees' ability to choose whether or not to join a union. [See More](#)

Through The Looking Glass – How A Promotion Changes Everything

Brian Maynor, Style Coach: "In the professional world hard work, dedication and success are rewarded with promotions that raise you through the ranks. For some it happens very quickly, while others spend years making the climb." [Read More](#)

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina recently selected two Benedict College students for their 2016 President's Fellow Program

Fellows are exposed to all aspects of philanthropy including grantmaking, financial management, community building, public policy and issue driven initiatives. " [See More](#)

OBO launches Small Business Disaster Recovery Loan

Program

The City's Office of Business Opportunities (OBO) is launching the Small Business Disaster Recovery Loan Program. [See More](#)

Richland County facility upgrades set to improve services, amenities

Richland County residents will have greater and improved access to County services and public facilities as several major building and renovation projects reach completion in the coming months and remainder of the year. [See More](#)

Newmark Grubb Wilson Kibler hires Research Director

Newmark Grubb Wilson Kibler, a leading real estate services firm, announces the hiring of John Anderson as the new Research Director. [See More](#)

Five Points continues Centennial celebrations with documentary short video, more beautification projects

Five Points' 100th birthday initiatives have been so fruitful, and growth in the dining and retail sectors has been so notable, that the shopping and dining district – Columbia's original village neighborhood – will continue Centennial festivities into 2016. [See More](#)

Judge Casey Manning to give keynote at Kids' Chance of South Carolina Gala

Judge Casey Manning of S.C.'s Fifth Judicial Circuit will give the keynote address to members of the state's legal and medical communities at the annual gala for Kids' Chance of South Carolina on February 20. [See More](#)

Charles Lewis to discuss the role of money in presidential campaigns February 11th @ 7:30 pm

Charles Lewis, journalist and educator, is the speaker for the University of South Carolina's Baldwin Business and Financial Journalism Lecture today. [See More](#)

Short-Term Energy Outlook

North Sea Brent crude oil prices averaged \$31/barrel (b) in January, a \$7/b decrease from December and the lowest monthly average price since December 2003. [See More](#)

DHEC awards eight South Carolina Schools as Champions of the Environment

Eight schools won grants to support innovative efforts to educate the next generation of environmental stewards, the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control announced. [See More](#)

NAI Avant arranges lease renewals on ±12,613 SF of suburban office space

NAI Avant senior broker Roger Winn represented the landlord in multiple lease renewals at Parklane Centre in Columbia. [See More](#)

Local Harley-Davidson® Dealer recognized for outstanding performance

Harley Haven was awarded with the Harley-Davidson Motor Company prestigious Gold Bar & Shield Circle of Excellence Award for the 2015 calendar year. [See More](#)

City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department provides updates on parks, facilities damaged during October flood

The City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department continues repairs at several parks and facilities that were damaged during the October 2015 flood. [See More](#)

John Denver Tribute comes to Camden, SC

The Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County (FAC) is proud to be a producing sponsor for this special fundraising event for Habitat for Humanity of Kershaw County. [See More](#)

Municipal Association of SC elects new officers, board member

Walterboro Mayor Bill Young has become president of the Municipal Association of SC. Young was elected president by the Association's board at its December meeting to fill the unexpired term of the former president who became ineligible to serve. [See More](#)

Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter Society of South Carolina celebrates 50 years

Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) Society of South Carolina celebrates 50 years of promoting excellence in the insurance industry through ethical behavior and continuing education. [See More](#)

Graham opposes Obama Budget and Obama Proposal on MOX Funding

U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina) made this statement on the Obama Administration's decision to terminate the MOX program at Savannah River Site and the Obama Administration's budget submission to Congress. [See More](#)

U.S. Chamber's 4th Annual International IP Index finds Global IP Environment continues upward trend

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce released its 4th annual International IP Index, "Infinite Possibilities," which found that half of the 38 economies benchmarked recognized the benefits of intellectual property (IP) and strengthened their IP system, in turn improving their overall score from last year's Index. [See More](#)

NAI Avant represents law firm in ±10,998 SF lease renewal

NAI Avant senior brokers Paul Hartley, SIOR, and Roger Winn, as well as NAI Avant broker Paul Paschal, recently represented the tenant in a lease renewal at Synergy Business Park. [See More](#)

Richland One to celebrate 20th anniversary of district's Challenger Learning Center

For 20 years, a spirit of adventure and a love of science and math, along with the help of a space flight simulator, have "transported" thousands of students, teachers and visitors across the solar system at Richland One's Challenger Learning Center, the only one of its kind in South Carolina. [See More](#)

SC BlueCross, SC BlueChoice start Maternity Blue Distinction Program, recognize South Carolina hospitals for delivering quality, affordable maternity care

In an effort to help prospective parents find hospitals that deliver quality, affordable maternity care, BlueCross®BlueShield® of South Carolina and BlueChoice® Health Plan of South Carolina announce the first hospitals in South Carolina to receive the Blue Distinction® Center and Blue Distinction Center+ for Maternity Care designations under the Blue Distinction Specialty Care program. [See More](#)

Unleash The Beauty Women's Expo presented by TAG Makeup Artistry

TAG Makeup Artistry is announcing their signature event, Unleash The Beauty Women's Expo presented By TAG Makeup Artistry. [See More](#)

Federation for American Immigration Reform launches TV ads across South Carolina

The Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) launched TV ads across South Carolina encouraging presidential hopefuls to focus more attention on helping struggling Americans and less on making it easier for illegal aliens to take jobs, commit crimes and get in-state college tuition. [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: It's still the economy, stupid!

"In 1992, James Carville popularized the adage "It's the economy, stupid." If the economy is ailing, people tend to vote against the party in the White House." [Read More](#)

Kathleen Parker: Oh, Donnie boy

"If you ask Donald Trump fans what they like about him, there's an excellent chance they'll say, "Because he's not politically correct." But this is only true if you misunderstand the meaning of political correctness, as Trump himself apparently does." [Read More](#)

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