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ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

South Carolina recognized as National Champion for achievement in foreign direct investment

Governor Nikki Haley and the South Carolina Department of Commerce announced that the State of South Carolina has once again been recognized for achievement in foreign direct investment (FDI). This week, fDi Magazine announced the Palmetto State as its national champion. [Read More](#)

Sowell Gray attorney Alexis Lindsay named to Board of Directors for Congaree Vista Guild

Alexis Lindsay, an attorney at Sowell Gray, has been named a new member of the Board of Directors of the Congaree Vista Guild. [See More](#)

Colliers International sells 120,557 square foot Control Center to Dominion Carolina Gas Transmission

A Colliers International team consisting of Chuck Salley, SIOR, Dave Mathews, SIOR, Sam Myers, and Philip Vann represented the buyer, Dominion Carolina Gas Transmission (DCGT), in the purchase of a former bank Control Center at 121 Moore Hopkins Lane in Columbia, SC for \$2.4 million. [See More](#)

USC student awarded Gates Cambridge Scholarship

Eric Bringley, a senior in the South Carolina Honors College and Irmo High School graduate, has been named a Gates Cambridge Scholarship winner, one of the top international scholarships in the world, and will pursue a doctorate in chemical engineering at the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom. [See More](#)

American Basketball Association announces Columbia expansion team: Carolina Cougars

Carolina Cougars LLC announced that a partnership of Todd Miller and Allen Franklin, has acquired the League's 200th expansion club. [See More](#)

Collins & Lacy attorney selected for South Carolina Bar 2016 Leadership Academy

Collins & Lacy, P.C. announced Kerri Rupert has been selected into the South Carolina Bar Association's 2016 Leadership Academy. [See More](#)

Local FASTSIGNS® again recognized among top centers in the country

Local sign and visual graphics provider FASTSIGNS® of Columbia – Harbison Blvd. was once again named one of the top centers out of more than 600 locations worldwide at the 2016 FASTSIGNS International Convention, which was recently held in Orlando, Florida. [See More](#)

Columbia attorney Amy L.B. Hill joins Gallivan, White and Boyd

Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A. announces that attorney Amy Hill has joined the firm as a partner in the firm's Columbia, South Carolina, office. [See More](#)

Councilwoman Julie-Ann Dixon promotes R2 Ready to Read Book Drive

Richland County citizens will have the opportunity to provide books to our youngest residents during the month of February. [See More](#)

IntelliSystems hosts free HIPAA compliance and security seminar

IntelliSystems is holding a free HIPAA compliance and security seminar on Thursday, February 18th entitled "What every practice manager and doctor must have in place now to run a compliant, profitable, and secure practice." [See More](#)

Bobbitt repurposes city arena to be diverse event space

Bobbitt Design Build recently renovated the City of Camden's City Arena at the corner of Broad and Bull Streets to serve as a robust event venue. [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](#)

NAI Avant announces top producers for fourth quarter 2015, Columbia, SC

NAI Avant announced the top producers for the fourth quarter of 2015 for their Columbia office. The fourth quarter's top producer is senior broker Roger Winn. [See More](#)

Free will planning workshops help you plan your legacy

Everyone needs a will. Amazingly, only 44 percent of Americans have one*. Central Carolina Community Foundation, in partnership with local organizations and their fundholders, is hosting Will University on various dates throughout February and March.

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USC to host panel of national journalists on primary politics Tonight

The University of South Carolina will host some of the nation's top political journalists for a panel about presidential primary politics Feb. 16, just days before South Carolinians head to the polls for its first of two primaries. [See More](#)

New Deckle Edge Literary Festival

The inaugural Deckle Edge Literary Festival brings author readings, book signings, panel presentations, exhibitors and writers back to the Midlands February 18-21. [See More](#)

Historic Happy Hour at Mann-Simons

Enjoy libations and light refreshments as archaeologists share stories of discoveries made at the property during recent excavations that have revealed the exciting narrative of this well-known African American family's time in Columbia. [See More](#)

Two District Five educators named SCBEA Teachers of the Year

Two educators from Lexington-Richland School District Five have been named Teachers of the Year by the South Carolina Business Education Association. [See More](#)

Clemson Extension expands agribusiness program

The Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service has hired two agricultural economists to buoy the expansion of an agribusiness assistance program at the university's Sandhill Research and Education Center (REC) in Columbia. [See More](#)

NAI Avant Closes Sale of Lexington, SC Restaurant

NAI Avant senior brokers Roger Winn and Paul Hartley, SIOR, and NAI Avant broker Paul Paschal, recently represented the seller, RanDam Properties LLC in the sale of a ±7,531 square foot, fully-equipped restaurant space, formerly known as Gilligans. [See More](#)

St. Pat's in Five Points now offering in-store pre-sale

tickets

Starting on Monday, February 15, patrons can find tickets for sale to one of the largest St. Patrick's Day celebrations in the southeast. [See More](#)

Stantec receives Engineering Excellence Award from ACEC-SC for Hutchinson Square Master Plan

Stantec won an Engineering Excellence Award in the Studies, Research, and Consulting category for Hutchinson Square Master Plan. [See More](#)

Columbia Chamber honors ten at 2nd Annual Yellow Jasmine Awards

The Columbia Chamber honored ten individuals and organizations for their contributions to the greater Columbia region. [See More](#)

Doctors Care opens new Lexington location

Doctors Care P.A., South Carolina's largest urgent care company, announces the opening of its newest urgent and family care center in Lexington County. [See More](#)

Richland County Council recognizing Unsung Heroines

Richland County Councilwomen Joyce Dickerson and Julie-Ann Dixon are seeking nominations for the 2016 Richland County Distinguished Community Leadership Award. [See More](#)

Top HOA management industry credentials earned by Southern Community Services

Two members of the senior leadership team at Southern Community Services (SCS) have been awarded the highest credential status in the international homeowner association management industry. [See More](#)

Four of Broadway's Hottest Stars Bring 'Camp,' 'Glee' and 'Wicked' Talent to Harbison Theatre

Four of New York City's brightest stars are taking a night off from their packed schedules to visit Columbia, S.C., to share songs and stories from their incredible careers in a one-night-only, live performance at Harbison Theatre at Midlands Technical College on March 5th.

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The Rotary Club of Lake Murray-Irmo continues their dedication to Adopt-a-Highway

On February 6th, 2016 dedicated volunteers of The Rotary Club of Lake Murray-Irmo spent their Saturday morning cleaning up litter from our adopted highways in Irmo. [See More](#)

National Title “Super-alliance” Opens Doors for Business

A dozen national title insurance agencies and settlement services law firms have aligned as a national consortium to be called “The 12th Floor Group.” [See More](#)

Trade fair offers small and minority businesses chance to expand opportunities

The South Carolina Office of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification (SMBCC) and the Division of Procurement Services of the South Carolina Fiscal Accountability Authority invite owners of small and minority businesses to the “Take it to the Next Level” 2016 Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification Forum. [See More](#)

Small Business Disaster Recovery Loan Program public service announcement

If you are a small business owner whose business was impacted by the 2015 flood, you may qualify for a Disaster Recovery Loan. [See More](#)

Richland County elections & voter registration

The Richland County Voter Registration & Election office will hold the Republican Presidential Preference Primary on Saturday, February 20, 2016, 7:00 am – 7:00 pm and the Democratic Presidential Preference Primary on Saturday, February 27, 2016 7:00 am – 7:00 pm. [See More](#)

Sage Mill Industrial Park designated as AT&T Fiber Ready

As part of AT&T’s continuing efforts to drive economic development and investment in South Carolina, AT&T and representatives from Sage Mill Industrial Park and Aiken’s Economic Development Partnership announced that Sage Mill Industrial Park has been designated AT&T Fiber Ready. [See More](#)

Principal Architect for Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture Comes to Columbia

The Columbia Design League, in partnership with the Friends of African American Art and Culture (FAAAC) and the American Institute of Architects Greater Columbia (AIAGC), presents a design presentation featuring Phil Freelon on Friday, February 26. [See More](#)

District Five holds Transition Fair for families of special needs students

Lexington-Richland School District Five held its second annual Transition Fair Feb. 9, offering resources to families of special needs students. [See More](#)

Lexington County's Register of Deeds to retire at end of year

Debra Gunter, who has served 20 years as Lexington County's Register of Deeds, will retire from the post at the end of the year. [See More](#)

Science and Mathematics Governor's School celebrates 18 National Merit Finalists

The South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics (GSSM) announces that the 18 members of the class of 2016, who were named National Merit Semifinalists, were recently named National Merit Finalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. [See More](#)

SCDOT prepares roads and bridges for winter weather

SCDOT crews have prepped equipment and materials statewide. Crews in the areas of greatest threat continue pre-treating. [See More](#)

Carolina Classic Home & Garden Show, March 11-13

Clyde Nettles, Inc. presents the 50th Annual Carolina Classic Home & Garden Show at the SC State Fairgrounds Friday, March 11 through Sunday, March 13, 2016. [See More](#)

BI-LO donation provides emergency meals to Senior Resources' Meals on Wheels clients

Senior Resources received a \$8,700 grant from the BI-LO Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the parent company to BI-LO grocery stores. [See More](#)

Wild careers begin at Riverbanks Zoo and Garden

Riverbanks Zoo and Garden is seeking qualified candidates for a number of seasonal positions in the Zoo's food and retail division. Riverbanks will host a job fair for interested individuals on Saturday, February 20. [See More](#)

[Events around Columbia and the Midlands](#)

See business and after hours events here. [Read More](#)

[Political cartoons from Robert Ariail](#)

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[Robert Samuelson: The crash of 2016?](#)

"You cannot understand the vulnerable state of the U.S. and global economies — and nervous stock markets — without coming to grips with the crash of “emerging-market” countries.” [Read More](#)

[Kathleen Parker: Hillary’s golden tongue](#)

"As speaking fees go, Hillary Clinton’s allegedly scandalous \$200,000 per engagement is chump change compared with Donald Trump’s \$1.5 million." [Read More](#)

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