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## ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

### Equal Pay for Equal Work

Two top employment scholars in law and human resources from the University of South Carolina discuss the impact that President Obama's executive action to ensure equal pay for women will have on businesses and employees. [Read More](#)

### Paul V. Fant, Sr. recognized as United Way Humanitarian of the Year

United Way of the Midlands will recognize Paul Fant, Sr. as the 2015 Humanitarian of the Year Award recipient at United Way's annual Humanitarian of the Year Dinner and Award Ceremony on Feb. 25 at the University of South Carolina Alumni Center. [See More](#)

### South Carolina State Museum wins South Carolina Governor's Cup Award

The South Carolina State Museum was awarded the prestigious Governor's Cup Award, South Carolina's top award for travel and tourism. [See More](#)

### Five Free Tools to Help You Grow Your Small Business

There is only one common piece of advice I have received from nearly every mentor, friend, and peer when starting our company: Keep overhead low. [See More](#)

### Columbia Businesswoman honored with 2016 Enterprising Women of the Year Award

Enterprising Women magazine has honored Columbia businesswoman, Lasenta Lewis-Ellis, with the 2016 Enterprising Women of the Year Award. [See More](#)

### **Action Plans that Drive Business Part 1: Creating Goals**

By Kelly Coulter: Call me crazy, but I believe there are only 3 reasons for marketing your company: to grow, to reduce costs by creating volume, or in preparation to sell the company. [See More](#)

### **Public finance tax attorney Tom Havener joins Pope Flynn**

Tom Havener, a public finance tax attorney who has practiced for the past 28 years while resident in Cleveland, Ohio, has joined Pope Flynn, a Columbia-based law firm concentrating in public finance and governmental law. [See More](#)

### **SCRA releases annual reports**

SCRA released its two 2015 annual reports outlining the company's overall successes and the achievements of its SC Launch program. [See More](#)

### **Feeling Good is Part of Looking Good**

Brian Maynor, Style Coach: "To look our best, we need to feel our best and if you work in an office behind a computer all day, you know that can often be a challenge." [Read More](#)

### **Sowell Gray attorney Beth Richardson elected chair of New Morning Foundation Board of Directors**

Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC attorney Beth Richardson was recently elected Chair of the board of New Morning Foundation. [See More](#)

### **Terra welcomes James Alford as General Manager**

Terra, which specializes in Chef Mike Davis's seasonal preparation of Southern dishes using local products whenever possible at 100 State Street in West Columbia, announces that James Alford has joined the restaurant's staff as general manager. [See More](#)

### **University of South Carolina launches statewide cybersecurity effort**

The University of South Carolina, along with a consortium of leading industry, academic, and government partners, announces the creation of SC Cyber. SC Cyber is a statewide initiative, housed at USC, committed to securing our state's critical infrastructure and training those on the front lines of the fight to protect technological assets. [See More](#)

### **Meet the new Executive Director of the Governor's School for the Arts Foundation, Tim McClain**

Timothy McClain has been named Executive Director of the Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) Foundation in Greenville, SC. [See More](#)

### **Richland Conservation District receives state award**

The Richland Soil and Water Conservation District was named the 2015 Outstanding Conservation District of the Year by the SC Association of Conservation Districts. [See More](#)

### **Abacus Planning Group, Inc. announces Jon J. Robertson as shareholder**

Abacus Planning Group, Inc., announces that Jon J. Robertson, LL.M, CFP® has become a shareholder in the firm. [See More](#)

### **State of South Carolina hires CBRE to sell surplus properties**

The South Carolina Department of Administration selected CBRE as the exclusive agent for the sale of more than 45 surplus properties totaling approximately 690 acres. [See More](#)

### **Columbia Museum of Art selected as National Medal Finalist for Museum and Library Service**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) announced that the Columbia Museum of Art (CMA) is among the 30 finalists for the 2016 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. [See More](#)

### **City to host upcoming Mentor-Protégé Training Series**

The City will host a Mentor-Protégé Training Series on Thursday, March 3, 2016 from 9-5 pm at the Columbia Empowerment Zone, Inc. [See More](#)

### **Richland One Schools win 19 Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards for student academic achievement**

Richland One schools won 19 Palmetto Gold and Palmetto Silver Awards, the state's highest educational award for academic achievement and student improvement. [See More](#)

### **S.C. Chamber announces #SCSPEAKSOUT for roads campaign urging citizens to join efforts and call on senators to fix our roads**

State Chamber of Commerce President Ted Pitts released the following statement announcing the #SCSPEAKSOUT For Roads Campaign. [See More](#)

### **Columbia QuadSquad Rollergirls to host Demolition City and Jet City in March Madness season opener**

Columbia's nationally ranked roller derby league, the Columbia QuadSquad Rollergirls, are assembling for their 2016 opening bouts. [See More](#)

### **CBRE negotiates sale of adaptive reuse property Southlake Center**

CBRE has finalized the sale of Southlake Center, a multi-tenant office building in Lexington. [See More](#)

### **Advertisement of Vacancy on Façade Improvement Review Committee**

The City of Columbia's Office of Business Opportunities is accepting applications to fill the Architect vacancy on the Façade Improvement Review Committee. [See More](#)

### **Caliber Home Loans welcomes Sr. Loan Consultant Dedra Isenbarger to Columbia branch**

Governor Nikki Haley requested assistance from United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Thomas Vilsack in expediting crop insurance payments to South Carolina farmers whose crops were damaged by statewide flooding. [See More](#)

### **NAI Avant facilitates sale of ±24,702 SF retail center in Forest Acres**

NAI Avant senior broker Dail Longaker recently represented the seller, CRP-Fort Jackson, LLC in the sale of the newly developed Jackson Square retail center on Forest Drive in Columbia. [See More](#)

### **Richland Library named 2016 National Medal Finalist**

Shining a spotlight on community fixtures across the country, the Institute of Museum and Library Services is announcing Richland Library as one of 30 finalists for the 2016 National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation's highest honor given to that sector. [See More](#)

### **District Five school participates in international TED**

#### **program**

A group of students from Lexington-Richland School District Five were among the first to participate in a new international program aimed at providing virtual field trips and insight into the fields of Technology, Entertainment and Design. [See More](#)

### **Negin Farsad, TED Fellow and Comedy Central writer, brings ‘Social Justice Comedy’ to Harbison Theatre March 15th**

Comedy and social issues don't always blend well – unless you're “social justice” comedian Negin Farsad. [See More](#)

### **Blythewood High School Social Studies teacher receives National Distinction**

Blythewood High School Social Studies teacher Scott Auspelmyer has been selected to participate in The National World War II Museum Teacher Institute beginning this summer. [See More](#)

### **Midlands area Lions drive volunteerism into 21st Century**

The world's largest service organization will visit Columbia on February 24th during a tour to determine the most critical needs for volunteers to address in the 21st century. [See More](#)

### **Congressman Rice cosponsors landmark legislation for Alzheimer's**

The second week of February, Congressman Tom Rice of District Seven, in the Pee Dee region of South Carolina, officially cosponsored the HOPE for Alzheimer's Act. [See More](#)

### **Eighteen Lexington One schools receive Palmetto Gold Awards**

The South Carolina Department of Administration selected CBRE as the exclusive agent for the sale of more than 45 surplus properties totaling approximately 690 acres. [See More](#)

### **Does your Business Have Heart? Lexington Medical Center Announces Business with Heart Contest!**

Tell Lexington Medical Center what you're doing during February, which is American Heart Month, to encourage heart-healthy living among your employees and customers. Your company or organization could be named a Lexington Medical Center Business with Heart! [See More](#)

### **5th Annual Columbia Fashion Week**

Featuring multiple days and nights of high fashion by designers from all over the world, live entertainment, chic mixers and parties, exclusive shopping, and fashion education, the Mayor of Columbia has proclaimed June 21st – 25th Columbia's official fashion week. [See More](#)

### [Cat Perry, trainer at Dog Trainers Workshop, places fourth at Inaugural Westminster Kennel Club Masters Obedience Championship](#)

Cat Perry, a trainer with Dog Trainers Workshop, a full-service dog training and boarding facility based in Fountain Inn, SC, has placed fourth with her Labrador Retriever, Wyatt, in the inaugural Westminster Kennel Club Masters Obedience Championship held on February 15 in New York City. [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: An impending recession?](#)

"It's economists versus the stock market. Economists generally don't forecast a recession anytime soon. The stock market does — or at least that's one plausible interpretation of its recent roller-coaster behavior." [Read More](#)

### [Kathleen Parker: What would Scalia do?](#)

"As Republican presidential candidates invoke Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia's legacy, all insisting that his suddenly vacant seat shouldn't be filled until a new president is in place, it is helpful to ask: What would Scalia do?" [Read More](#)

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