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ON THE MOVE IN THE MIDLANDS

U.S. Senate confirms Gov. Nikki Haley as ambassador to the United Nations

Governor Nikki Haley was confirmed by the United States Senate as the next U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations. Upon confirmation, the governor stepped down to be sworn into her new role. Pursuant to Article IV, Section 11 of the South Carolina Constitution, Lieutenant Governor Henry McMaster officially assumed the role of governor as soon as Gov. Haley stepped down. [Read More](#)

Ann Marie Stieritz named Chief Impact Officer for Liberty Fellowship

Liberty Fellowship named Ann Marie Stieritz Chief Impact Officer. [See More](#)

Former S.C. House Majority Leader Kenny Bingham receives Order of the Palmetto

Former South Carolina House Majority Leader Kenneth A. "Kenny" Bingham has been awarded the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina's highest civilian honor, in recognition of his extraordinary work and dedication to his constituents. [See More](#)

Colliers International | South Carolina announces 2016 Walter Keenan Award recipient and Top Producers

Colliers International announced the recipient of the 2016 Walter M. Keenan Award and the Top Producers of 2016. [See More](#)

Common Mistakes To Avoid When Challenging The Status Quo

Brian Maynor, Style & Business Coach: As engaged, forward-thinking and dedicated professionals we take ownership in our work that sometimes leads to challenging the status quo. [Read More](#)

SCRA announces appointment of new directors

SCRA welcomes Mr. Cole Dudley as Director of Industry Programs and Dr. Nadim Aziz as Director of South Carolina's Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research and Institutional Development Awards (EPSCoR/IDeA) Program. [See More](#)

Graham signs onto Obamacare replacement plan

U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina), a supporter of repealing Obamacare, has signed on as a cosponsor of the Patient Freedom Act of 2017. [See More](#)

You Can't Take It With You at the Town Theatre

January 26: Welcome to the Vanderhof's home wherein lives a slightly batty New York City family. Grandpa lives for sheer joy rather than for achievement, ambition or financial gain.

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Irmo Elementary School teacher selected for the CARC Distinguished Reading Teacher Award

Irmo Elementary School second grade teacher Margaret Nickerson has been selected for the Columbia Area Reading Council (CARC) Distinguished Reading Teacher Award for the 2016-2017 school year. [See More](#)

Center for Law and Global Policy Development wins second consecutive 'We the People' state title

Testifying before a critical panel of judges can make even veteran politicians sweat a little, but students from Lexington County School District One's Center for Law and Global Policy Development proved they have what it takes. [See More](#)

NAI Avant consummates ±11,200 square foot industrial lease renewal

NAI Avant senior broker Nick Stomski, SIOR recently represented the landlord, Cohn & Cohn Investments, LLC, in the lease renewal and yard expansion for the property located at 2771 & 2781 The Boulevard in Columbia. [See More](#)

Local FASTSIGNS® receives national award

FASTSIGNS® of Columbia – Harbison Blvd. received national recognition out of more than almost 650 locations worldwide at the 2017 FASTSIGNS Convention, which was recently held in Phoenix, Arizona. [See More](#)

CBRE leases turn-key educational facility to Southeastern Institute

CBRE arranged a 26,960 sq. ft. lease at Browning Business Center, located at 1628 Browning Road in the St. Andrews submarket, to Southeastern Institute, a for-profit educational institution. [See More](#)

Chapin High School coach named 2016 NFHS Coaches Association Coach of the Year

Chapin High School girls' soccer coach Bob Taylor has been awarded the 2016 South Carolina Coach of the Year award by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). [See More](#)

Richland Library seeks Café Vendor

Richland Library is soliciting proposals for the lease and operation of a Library Café at its Main Library location at 1431 Assembly Street in Columbia, SC. [See More](#)

Scholarship applications open

Central Carolina Community Foundation, the Midlands expert on philanthropy, is accepting scholarship applications for the 2017-2018 school year starting on January 13 through March 5, 2017. [See More](#)

Richland One announces pre-K registration for 2017-2018 school year

Starting March 1, families can begin registering their four-year-olds for Richland One's 2017-2018 pre-kindergarten programs. [See More](#)

NFIB: Small business looks forward to working with McMaster as governor

Ben Homeyer, South Carolina state director of the National Federation of Independent Business, released the following statement on Henry McMaster's becoming governor of South Carolina. [See More](#)

Lexington Medical Center accepting applications for 2017 Partners Program

Lexington Medical Center is accepting applications for the 2017 Partners Program, a summer internship for Lexington County high school students that introduces them to careers in the health care industry. [See More](#)

Attorney Cordes Kennedy joins Murphy & Grantland Law Firm

Cordes Kennedy has joined Murphy Grantland's team of attorneys. Kennedy comes to the law firm to focus his practice on matters related to insurance coverage and bad faith, commercial litigation, as well as products and premises liability. [See More](#)

Lexington One announces Walker to retire, Caldwell, Stacey promotions

The Lexington County School District One Board of Trustees, Superintendent Gregory D. Little, Ed.D. informed the board that Chief Human Resources Officer Mary R. Walker plans to retire effective December 31, 2017. [See More](#)

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Lexington Sheriff moving forward with body cam purchase

Lexington County Sheriff Jay Koon has received approval from the Lexington County Council to use state dollars to start a body camera pilot program. [See More](#)

Ban on certain items to be lifted at Lexington County Judicial Center

Certain personal items that have been forbidden at the Lexington County Judicial Center since 2015 will be allowed in starting Jan. 30. [See More](#)

First Watchman LAA closure device in the Midlands implanted today by Providence Health

Providence Health implanted the first newly approved WATCHMAN device in the Midlands, designed for patients with non-valvular atrial fibrillation (A-fib). [See More](#)

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Winter Sidewalk Sale

January 27 - January 29: Didn't get everything on your wish list for the holidays? Made a resolution to shop local and spend less? Either way, we've got you covered! Devine Street and Five Points merchants are teaming up again to bring you Columbia's largest sidewalk sale, winter style! [See More](#)

13th annual Richland One Hall of Fame Induction Gala

January 28: The 13th annual Richland One Hall of Fame Induction Gala will be held Saturday, January 28, 2017 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. This year's theme is "Dare to Dream." [See More](#)

701 Center for Contemporary Art presents: Making It Work: Artists in Conversation

In conjunction with the exhibition 25 Artists, a film project by Columbia native, filmmaker and three-time Emmy nominee Wade Sellers, 701 Center for Contemporary Art in Columbia, S.C., presents the Making It Work: Artists in Conversation. [See More](#)

Richland Library to host free ACA Event

January 31: As Open Enrollment for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) comes to a close, Richland Library is teaming with local navigators to host the fourth annual Deadline Event from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Tuesday, January 31 at the Main location (1431 Assembly Street). [See More](#)

Distinguished Speaker Series with Consul General of India

Nagesh Singh

January 31: Join us for the first Distinguished Speaker luncheon of the year! Our guest will be Nagesh Singh, Consul General of India in Atlanta. [See More](#)

Harvard professor to discuss 'Jewish-Christian-Muslim debate'

February 7: Jon Levenson, a Harvard Divinity School professor, will examine the scriptural story of "The Binding of Isaac" as it appears in the Jewish, Christian and Muslim traditions, at the University of South Carolina's annual Solomon Tenenbaum Lectureship in Jewish Studies on Feb. 7. [See More](#)

Top Grossing Movies

Top grossing movies this week. [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: Patriotism on steroids: Trump's isolationism

"The question that swirls around Donald Trump's inaugural address is whether his aggressively pronounced policy of America First will actually result in America Last — not literally last, but declining in power and prestige because the United States no longer views its role in the world as promoting economic and geopolitical stability for our allies." [Read More](#)

Kathleen Parker: President. Trump.

"So, that happened. Let us pray. Yes, of course, you can go back to sleep, Mr. Van Winkle, but it won't change the facts. Donald Trump is the president of the United States." [Read More](#)

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