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S.C. Flood Recovery News:

WCSC: Haley: S.C. moving from response to recovery

<http://www.live5news.com/story/30231101/haley-sc-moving-from-response-to-recovery>

Patrick Phillips

Gov. Nikki Haley says South Carolina is moving from response operations to a massive recovery operation.

Note: "We are in high gear," she said at the start of a Monday afternoon press conference. "If we thought we worked last week, we're working double time this week because we want to get things going."

Note: Haley began her press conference highlighting some good news in those recovery efforts, pointing out there were no county closings for Monday and no issues with the ports, power, hospitals, pipelines, airports or transit. Haley said all health clinics were fully operational.

Note: "Our focus now is very much counties reducing the number of people in shelters, which is us making sure that they have good, permanent housing and good, permanent placement on where they're going to go, so we're going to be working on that all this week," she said.

WIS: Gov. Haley: "This is not going to take us years to come out of this"

<http://www.wistv.com/story/30240634/gov-haley-this-is-not-going-to-take-us-years-to-come-out-of-this>

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said Monday after the flooding disaster South Carolina is in full recovery mode. She updated the citizens of South Carolina with a news briefing Monday afternoon, saying the number of deaths from the disaster remains at 19 and no new fatalities have been reported since last week.

Note: Haley said it's too soon to tell if legislators will need to return to Columbia for a special session to deal with the disaster response. She said county officials still need to assess damage and needs and it could take about two more weeks to decide if a special legislative session is necessary.

Associated Press: The Latest: Governor: South Carolina moving into recovery

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=gWDpt7n1

The latest on the flooding from a rainstorm that pounded South Carolina (all times local):

12:55 p.m. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley says the state is moving away from an emergency mode and into a recovery mode to deal with massive flooding earlier this month. Haley says assessment teams will be out across the state to determine exactly how much damage the floods caused. She says it is too early to speculate on any kind of damage figure.

Greenville News: Interstate 95 re-opening as some normalcy returns to SC

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/10/12/interstate-95-re-opening-after-repairs-18-bridges/73807912/>

Tim Smith

Southbound lanes of Interstate 95 have re-opened, one of the most visible signs of the state's recovery and a move toward normalcy after historic rains that spread flooding and damage from the coast to the Midlands.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley said Monday that no more flood-related deaths have been reported and the state is now in a recovery mode. "We're moving. We're in gear," the governor said. "Everybody is ready. This is not going to take us years to come out of this."

WJBF: Governor Haley: "We're going from a massive response situation to a massive recovery situation"

<http://wjbf.com/2015/10/12/governor-haley-were-going-from-a-massive-response-situation-to-a-massive-recovery-situation/>

Randy L. Key

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speculate on any kind of damage figure.

Note: The governor says there will be teams of mental health professionals, insurance workers, unemployment specialists and other government employees going to hard-hit areas. She says she wants residents to get help where they area.

WCIV: Governor: South Carolina moving into widespread recovery phase

<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/30241442/governor-south-carolina-moving-into-widespread-recovery-phase>

Debris removal began in earnest on Monday in Sumter, Richland, and Lexington counties, Haley said. She also urged local governments to lean on the state Department of Transportation to handle debris removal. Dorchester, Lexington, and Sumter counties along with the City of Summerville have all handed off that duty to DOT workers.

Note: She also said it was time to start the process of getting people in shelters back into their homes so they can go back to their normal lives. There are currently 304 people in 10 shelters across the state, Haley said.

Note: "This is not going to take us years to come out of this. We need all of SC to be with us on this," she said.

Post and Courier: Disaster claims center to be open Wednesday in North Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151012/PC16/151019823>

Warren L. Wise

A catastrophe claims center will be open Wednesday in North Charleston to help people with insurance questions and claims following the historic rainfall and flooding. The 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. event will be hosted by the S.C. Department of Insurance, city of North Charleston and Sen. Marlon Kimpson at the North Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center, 5000 Coliseum Drive.

The State: SC education advocates set up flood relief fund for schools

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/education/article38837934.html>

Jamie Self

South Carolina education advocates have started a fund to raise money for K-12 public schools hit hard by this month's historic flooding. The S.C. School Boards Association has partnered with S.C. Future Minds to collect donations for school districts in counties that have been declared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as disaster areas.

Greenville News: SC BlueCross gives \$1 million for flood help

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/10/12/sc-bluecross-gives-1-million-flood-help/73819180/>

Liv Osby

BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina and its foundation are donating \$1 million to nonprofit groups around the state helping those affected by the recent historic flooding. "Our friends, neighbors and associates across South Carolina are experiencing an unprecedented tragedy," said Harvey Galloway, executive director of the foundation.

Greenville News: Milliken supports flood relief efforts

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/10/12/milliken-supports-flood-relief-efforts/73816146/>

David Dykes, Liv Osby

South Carolina companies continue to step up efforts to help those affected by the recent historic flooding. BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina and its foundation are donating \$1 million to nonprofit groups around the state. Spartanburg-based Milliken & Company said it is making a donation of \$100,000 to the American Red Cross to support immediate disaster relief efforts.

The State: Safe Columbia water for all is days away, city official said

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article38831469.html>

Clif LeBlanc

It will be days, possibly longer before all customers who depend on Columbia's water system can rely on its safety for drinking and cooking, a key city staffer said Monday. "Predominantly, if you're in the city of Columbia, you still have to boil water," assistant city manager Missy Gentry said.

The State: Richland sheriff: Enough police available for SC State Fair, USC football game, flooded areas

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article38809692.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

Law enforcement can handle weekend activities expected to draw tens of thousands to Columbia, including the S.C. State Fair and the University of South Carolina's football game, as well as protecting areas still vulnerable after last week's massive flood, Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said Monday.

Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Greenville investor to build \$32M plastics export center in Charleston County
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151012/PC05/151019791>

David Wren

Sea Pac LLC, an Upstate-based startup company that plans to transport plastic pellets to overseas manufacturers, is investing \$32 million to build a large export operation off U.S. Highway 78. The Greenville company expects to create 50 jobs initially and more than 200 in the next five years, Gov. Nikki Haley's office said Monday.

WCSC: Sea Pac to establish Ladson operation, add up to 250 jobs

<http://www.live5news.com/story/30242043/sea-pac-to-establish-ladson-operation-add-up-to-250-jobs>

Patrick Phillips

A new \$32 million investment in the Lowcountry from a company dealing in plastic resins will create 50 new jobs and more than 200 over the next five years. "It's a reason to celebrate anytime a company decides to invest in our people and create jobs in South Carolina," Gov. Nikki Haley said in a statement. Sea Pac, LLC, specializes in transloading, warehousing, packaging and logistics of plastic resins.

S.C. Political News:

Post and Courier: Hillary Clinton far ahead among S.C. Democrats in latest CNN poll

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151012/PC1603/151019814>

Schuyler Kropf

The former secretary of state would collect 49 percent of the Democratic turnout here if the election were held today, putting her far ahead in a hypothetical matchup against Vice President Joe Biden and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, according to the latest polling by CNN.

The State: Poll: Hillary Clinton has strong lead in SC, Nevada Democratic presidential primaries

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article38809926.html#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

Hillary Clinton holds strong leads over other Democratic presidential hopefuls in South Carolina and Nevada, according to a new CNN/ORC poll. The survey found that 49 percent of likely S.C. Democratic primary voters pick Clinton as their top candidate, giving her a double-digit lead over Vice President Joe Biden.

CNN: Lindsey Graham says anti-Citizens United amendment a 'priority'

http://www.cnn.com/2015/10/12/politics/lindsey-graham-citizens-united/index.html?eref=rss_latest

Tal Kopan

Sen. Lindsey Graham said Monday that if he were elected president, he would work to add an amendment to the Constitution curtailing money in politics. The South Carolina Republican was playing up his centrist policy positions on Monday at a No Labels convention in New Hampshire. The nonpartisan group emphasizes bipartisanship and finding common ground.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Attorney: Judge to allow document release in church slayings

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=6lLgkNJI

Bruce Smith

A state judge has indicated he will modify a gag order, allowing the release of 911 transcripts, documents and thousands of photos while allowing attorneys to discuss the shooting deaths of nine black parishioners at a South Carolina church, a media attorney said Monday. Attorney Jay Bender, prosecutors, defense attorneys and attorneys for the victims' families met for about an hour in private on Monday with Circuit Judge J.C. Nicholson.

Greenville News: The Greenville News sues SLED for Zach Hammond video

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/10/12/greenville-news-sues-sled-zach-hammond-video/73607402/>

Ron Barnett

The lawsuit alleges that SLED violated the state's Freedom of Information Act by withholding the records requested by the newspaper, saying "there is no prospective law enforcement action to be undertaken by defendant, there is no risk of endangering the life, health or property of any person, and there are no matters exempted from disclosure by other statute or law."

The State: SC ethics panel still awaiting word from Harrell

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article38838702.html>

Andrew Shain

The S.C. House Ethic Committee still has not heard from former House Speaker Bobby Harrell about paying more than \$113,000 to the state after holding a meeting Monday. The panel ordered Harrell on Sept. 1 to pay money from his campaign account used to cover legal fees in his political corruption case. Harrell resigned last year after pleading guilty to misusing campaign cash.

Post and Courier: S.C., New Jersey only 2 states with gas under \$2/gallon

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151012/PC05/151019816>

Warren L. Wise

South Carolina and New Jersey are the only two states with gasoline prices under \$2 a gallon, but the Palmetto State has the lowest prices in the nation. Motor club AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report puts the average price in South Carolina at about \$1.97. New Jersey's rates are about 1.5 cents higher.

Associated Press: 2-year-old gets gun, shoots grandmother in South Carolina

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=TLYLyCs9

Police say a 2-year-old South Carolina boy found a gun in the car he was riding in and shot his grandmother in the back. Authorities were trying to determine Monday whether to file charges against the woman's sister, who owns the gun. Rock Hill police Capt. Mark Bollinger said the 40-year-old woman is expected to survive.

Local News:

The State: Injured SC guardsman speaks out; sheriff warns of water scam

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article38830575.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

The S.C. state guardsman who was injured in a hit and run while volunteering at Harvest Hope Food Bank on Friday accepted an award from the Richland County Sheriff's Office on Monday afternoon. Robert Kuenzli, 68, from the Irmo area, suffered a broken bone in his wrist as well as other non-life-threatening injuries when he directing traffic and was struck by a driver who left the scene, Kuenzli said at the conference.

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