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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Summerville boat builder to add 150 jobs

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140718/PC05/140719365/1010/summerville-boat-builder-to-add-150-jobs>

Warren L. Wise

The boating industry continues to crest with the more-buoyant economy. At least 450 new jobs have been announced over the past two months near Summerville as two boat builders expand.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley hailed the expansion as another example of "the strong entrepreneurial spirit" in South Carolina.

WCIV: Boat manufacturer expects to bring 150 jobs to Dorchester County

<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/26054488/boat-manufacturer-expects-to-bring-150-jobs-to-dorchester-county>

According to the company, which manufactures saltwater fishing boats, the 74,000-square-foot facility located on 113 Isaac Way in Summerville will be expanded by approximately 116,000 square feet to accommodate growing demand of the company's product line.

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Times and Democrat: Sportsman Boats Manufacturing to double size of Dorchester operations

http://thetandd.com/business/sportsman-boats-manufacturing-to-double-size-of-dorchester-operations/article_252d0da4-0ea3-11e4-88b7-0019bb2963f4.html

Sportsman Boats Manufacturing, a manufacturer of saltwater fishing boats, is more than doubling the size of its existing facility in Dorchester County. The \$3.5 million investment is expected to create 150 new jobs.

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Associated Press: Boat company expands in Lowcountry, adds 50 jobs

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

A boat manufacturing company is expanding in the Lowcountry, adding 150 new jobs. Sportsman Boats, which makes saltwater fishing boats, is more than doubling its existing plant in Summerville. The company announced Friday that it is investing \$3.5 million to expand its 74,000-square-foot plant by 116,000 square feet.

Washington Post: Scott Walker wants Common Core repealed

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/govbeat/wp/2014/07/18/scott-walker-wants-common-core-repealed/>
Reid Wilson

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker (R) on Thursday called on the state legislature to repeal Common Core education standards, becoming the latest Republican governor to oppose a program that has become a lightning rod for conservative activists.

Note: Republicans chafed at the new standards, which some activists see as a federal overreach, despite the program's genesis among the governor's association. "It's now being pushed as if it's a D.C. issue," South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley (R) told The Washington Post in an interview last year.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: SC jobless figure unchanged for 3rd straight month

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=JJ5CoXgv

Meg Kinnard

South Carolina's unemployment rate remained unchanged for the third month in a row, holding steady at 5.3 percent in June, state officials said Friday. In a news release, the Department of Employment and Workforce said that the number of unemployed in South Carolina went up by 630 over the last month, to more than 115,500.

Post and Courier: South Carolina's unemployment rate at 5.3% in June, report says

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140718/PC05/140719371/1382&source=spreed>

Tyrone Richardson

The unemployment rate for South Carolina was 5.3 percent in June, unchanged for the second consecutive month, state official said today. An estimated 115,583 people were unemployed in the state, showing an increase of 630 people over the month, according to S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce.

Post and Courier: OK given to offshore seismic boom testing for oil, natural gas

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140718/PC16/140719343/1382&source=spreed>

Bo Petersen

Underwater blasts loud enough to deafen whales were given a go-ahead Friday by federal regulators, opening the process to search for oil and natural gas off the East Coast. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management approved a set of protections that the companies must comply with to win lease permits.

Sun News: Horry's unemployment rate steady as most of state climbs

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/07/18/4360792/horrys-unemployment-rate-steady.html?sp=/99/209/&ihp=1>

Steve Jones

The June jobless rate in Horry County remained at 5.5 percent thanks to strong growth in tourism-related jobs while the rate climbed in all but two other South Carolina counties, according to figures released Friday by the state Department of Employment and Workforce.

Associated Press: Carolinas opinion mixed on offshore drilling

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=pMR7z8oZ

Bruce Smith

The Obama administration on Friday opened the Eastern Seaboard to offshore energy exploration, causing concern in the Carolinas about the effect on sea creatures and tourism but also raising the prospect of new jobs and revenue. The administration announced sonic cannon that generate sound waves 100 times louder than a jet engine can be used to locate energy deposits beneath the ocean floor

Post and Courier: Senator to address state's open records laws

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140718/PC1603/140719307/1382&source=spreed>

Cynthia Roldan

Two recent rulings by the South Carolina Supreme Court contradict a 30-year trend of interpreting the state's Freedom of Information Act to enhance citizen access, a prominent media attorney said Thursday. The state Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that autopsy reports are not public records.

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Education standards task force deadline today

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140718/PC1603/140719372/1382&source=spreed>

Cynthia Roldan

When lawmakers passed the law that required the cyclical review of the state's education standards no later than Jan. 1, 2015, they made it mandatory for the Department of Education to assemble a task force of "parents, business and industry persons, community leaders and educators, to include special education teachers," to review the standards.

Greenville News: Clemson tobacco ban faces questions

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/education/2014/07/17/clemson-trustees-divided-making-campus-tobacco-free/12784977/>

Ron Barnett

A proposal to ban tobacco on the entire campus of Clemson University hit a snag Thursday, as several members of the board of trustees expressed misgivings about a "soft enforcement" policy that calls for no consequences for violation except for indoor smoking.

Post and Courier: Bishop: Episcopal Church has no specific law against breakaway dioceses

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140718/PC16/140719312/1382&source=spreed>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

A past president of southeastern Episcopal bishops testified Friday in an ongoing civil trial that he wasn't aware of church law that says an individual diocese cannot leave the national Episcopal Church.

Local News:

Greenville News: Upstate county ties for lowest jobless rate

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/07/18/upstate-county-ties-lowest-jobless-rate/12826941/>

David Dykes

South Carolina's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held firm at 5.3 percent in June, reflecting no change since April, state officials said Friday. Greenville and Lexington counties had the state's lowest jobless rate at 4.8 percent, although the rate for each was higher than a month earlier.

Post and Courier: SLED: Gunshot that killed Denzel Curnell came in 3-minute gap in surveillance video

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140718/PC16/140719342/1177&source=spreed>

Andrew Knapp

A surveillance camera at the Bridgeview Village apartments captured parts of what happened before and after 19-year-old Denzel Curnell died of a bullet wound last month in front of a Charleston police officer.

Greenville News: Deputy fired for assisting criminals, documents show

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2014/07/18/top-greenville-sheriffs-official-fired-fbi-tip/12846851/>

Lyn Riddle

The third-highest ranking officer in the Greenville County Sheriff's Office has been fired after an internal affairs investigation concluded that he assisted criminals and didn't keep Sheriff's Office business secure, The Greenville News has learned.

Greenville News: Sunday alcohol sales fails to make ballot

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/07/18/sunday-alcohol-sales-fails-make-ballot/12857417/>

Anna Lee

A petition to put Sunday alcohol sales on the ballot come November has failed after thousands of names couldn't be validated. Conway Belangia, Greenville County elections director, said about 2,500 names were dismissed for various reasons.

National News:

Associated Press: Obama to sign orders protecting gay employees

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_GAY_RIGHTS_RELIGION?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT

Nedra Pickler

President Barack Obama plans to sign executive orders Monday prohibiting discrimination against gay and transgender workers in the federal government and its contracting agencies, without a new exemption that was requested by some religious organizations.

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