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Alabama pipeline leaked Sept. 9

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Upstate drivers have noticed gas prices ticking up this week, sometimes by as much as 15 cents per gallon in a day. The potential culprit: a pipeline spill in Alabama that released 250,000 gallons of fuel.

The pipeline, operated by Colonial Pipeline, has been shut down since the spill occurred Sept. 9. On Wednesday, Gov. Nikki Haley issued an executive order to increase the number of fuel truck deliveries and

mitigate possible impacts on the state's fuel supply. The order also declared a state of emergency limited to complying with other states of emergency declared by Gov. Robert Bentley of Alabama and Gov. Nathan Deal of Georgia. The pipeline cuts through the width of Alabama and Middle Georgia but only takes a small swing through the Upstate before entering North Carolina.

According to GasBuddy-

.com, the average price of regular grade gas in South Carolina rose by four cents between Sept. 9, when the pipeline was shut down, and Friday, when some Upstate drivers felt a jolt at the pump. The hike at some Upstate gas stations exceeded the state average; at the 7-Eleven station on Easley Bridge Road, regular gas went from

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\$1.79 per gallon on Wednesday evening to \$1.94 on Friday morning.

As of noon on Friday, regular gas cost \$2.09 per gallon at the QuikTrip station on Woodruff Road and \$1.99 per gallon at the Spinx station on N. Pleasantburg Drive, according to GasBuddy.com. The most expensive regular gas was \$2.29 per gallon at the Red Robin station on Woodruff Road and the cheapest was \$1.79 at Harry's Quick Stop on Hunts Bridge Road, according to the fuel cost-tracking site.

South Carolina is among the states that could feel the affects of a "disruption in supply," a Colonial Pipeline spokesman told AL.com. The company did not immediately return a request for comment.

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Automotive manufacturer Alfrmeier Friedrichs & Rath LLC is expanding its operations in Greenville, adding 50 jobs to its Elcon Drive facility.

The company manufactures automotive components that focus on fuel management, vacuum support and seating comfort. The 50 new hires will be added to an existing workforce of 500. Those interested in the new jobs can visit AFR's careers page, www.afrna.com/Pages/JobsandCareers.

The expansion will also include a \$5.8 million investment, a 20,000 square foot addition to the factory floor and 10,000 additional square feet of office space.

In a statement from Gov. Nikki Haley's office, AFR President Markus Farrenkopf attributed the expansion to increased demand.

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SC Democrat, Republican chairs to speak at Florence voter forum

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FLORENCE — The chairmen of South Carolina's two major political parties will be in Florence today to address why their party is best to move state forward.

Each chairman will speak at a voter education symposium, scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Poyner School Auditorium on South Dargan Street in Florence.

South Carolina Democratic Party Chairman Jaime Harrison said he wants to convey his vision for a "new South Carolina" — a traditional red state turned blue.

"I have a vision where South Carolina has good roads and bridges, good schools, where folks can work together, where we can build trust between communities of color and law enforcement," he said. "We can do all those things, but in order to get that we need to change some of the leadership in this state."

Republican Party Chairman Matt Moore countered that in saying

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South Carolina GOP leaders have listened to the people and are moving toward real reform without raising taxes, which is the kind of leadership South Carolinians want.

"Republicans like Gov. Haley bringing investments and jobs to the state," he said. "Beyond that, Republicans have shown tremendous leadership in issues like removing the Confederate flag from Statehouse grounds and other things people in South Carolina want, like addressing the roads situation without raising taxes, bringing reform to state government and a variety of other things."

The event will include two separate panels that will be moderated by Regional Editor of the Morning News Don Kausler Jr.

The first panel will include Dr. David White, the

department chairman of political science at Francis Marion University, and Dr. Jacob Butler Jr., chairman of the division of social sciences at Morris College. Harrison and Moore will speak during the second panel session.

Both party leaders agreed that this presidential election has been more heated than most, which has caused a wave of voter apathy and establishment distrust in both parties.

Moore hopes to tone down some of the rhetoric that's been thrown around this election cycle and help voters understand the weight of their participation.

"It's been a very heated election season and our goal is to ratchet down the temperature and focus on the issues that matter," Moore said. "We want to educate as many voters as

possible about the political process. Too many people don't know exactly how candidates are chosen or why they're nominated by a political party."

Harrison said he wants voters to understand that elections are about more than presidents. The real changes are made at local and state levels.

"In all truth, the people your support locally have a greater impact on your day-to-day life than who the president of the United States is," he said. "The

question about funding for schools is a local one; whether or not your roads are paved isn't determined by the president. It's important voter focus on who they're voting for and who supporting locally."

The event's organizer, Tonita Perry, a public relations strategist in Florence, said she hopes people can

see that they have the power to make the changes they seek, especially locally.

"This is a high-stakes presidential election, as well as down-ballot," Perry said. "All politics is local; everyone needs to participate in the process. Hopefully by attending this event, all will understand the process in relation to the power of their vote and exercise that power this November."



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» **WHAT:** Voter Education Symposium
» **WHEN:** 7 p.m. today
» **WHERE:** Poynor School Auditorium at 301 S. Dargan St. in Florence
» **ADMISSION:** free

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School board tables prayer motion

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PICKENS — The issue of prayer at Pickens County School Board meetings has been discussed and debated a number of times in recent years, and that continued again during its Aug. 22 regular monthly meeting.

Recently, trustee Alex Saitta

said he disagrees with the school board's prayer policy, as well as the opinion rendered by the school board attorney.

"The school board's prayer policy says prayers given by board members must be non-sectarian, such as God, Father and Lord, and cannot be

sectarian, such as to Jesus or Moses or whomever, and the district's lawyer stands by the policy," Saitta said. "But I have argued since the Supreme Court ruling in *Galloway vs. Greece, N.Y.*, the non-sectarian requirement of the board policy is unconstitutional.

"The Supreme Court said in its opinion, over and over, that the government doesn't have the right to judge or edit prayers. That's exactly what the school board policy requires, though. That is, the collective board requires the individual board member whose turn it is to give the prayers, his prayer must be

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non-sectarian. I believe that violates the free exercise clause in the First Amendment."

Saitta said because most board members heed the advice of school board attorney Bic Halligan "without question," the sentiment for striking the non-sectarian requirement from the policy "is lacking."

For a number of years, the school board meetings were led in prayer by students. However, after receiving a letter in 2012 from the Wisconsin-based Freedom from Religion Foundation threatening legal action, the board ended that practice.

In March 2015, the board deadlocked 3-3 on a motion made

by Saitta that would have allowed religious congregations in the county to give sectarian prayers — with the tie vote being basically the same as a "no" vote as far as passage is concerned.

The prayer is now led before each meeting by various board members, from the chaplain's prayer book used for the South Carolina General Assembly.

The public is still allowed to and has participated in offering prayers that are Christian during the public comment portion of the meeting.

But Saitta continues to say that the U.S. Supreme Court's rul-

ing in May 2014 to uphold the practice of public prayer before local government meetings was "a game changer." In addition, Saitta said the state senate modified the state prayer law, and Gov. Nikki Haley signed it into law in June.

"It is siding with my interpretation — that is, the law clearly states government bodies can't require prayers to be non-sectarian," Saitta said.

As a result, Saitta said he is renewing efforts to strike the nonsectarian requirement from the school board's public prayer policy.

Trustee Henry Wilson said he chooses not to participate in

board prayers rather than adhere to the nonsectarian requirement.

"I will pray the way I want to," Wilson said. "If you decide you want to fight the law, that's your own personal decision. I don't think we have to have a fist-fight over this."

Board chairperson Judy Edwards said the board has given the chair the right to contact an attorney and spend the money involved in dealing with the issue. But Halligan has requested to wait until after the November general election to advise the board.

The board voted 4-1 to table Saitta's motion to take up the issue at its Sept. 26 meeting and will instead await advice from Halligan regarding the issue.



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Connected classrooms

Samsung, AT&T providing tablets, internet to Pickens County middle schoolers

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EASLEY — Pickens County sixth and seventh graders are now able to bring the connected classrooms of today home with them.

Last Wednesday, the School District of Pickens County announced a partnership that will

connect Pickens County middle school students.

AT&T is providing free 4G internet to sixth and seventh graders in the district at all five of its middle schools — Dacusville, Edwards, Gettys, Liberty and Pickens.

Samsung will donate 2,500 Galaxy tablets to those middle school students and their teachers.

The announcement was held at Gettys Middle School.

"This is a great day in Pickens County," Gettys principal

Mike Cory said. "Today is the most exciting announcement and business partnership that I have ever seen."

Work has been going on behind the scenes for the last sev-

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eral years to secure the partnership, officials said.

"It took a lot of folks on the ground level to make this happen," said Ted Creech, director of external affairs for AT&T South Carolina. "A lot of people have been working toward this day for a long time."

The school district's mission is to provide "a quality, 21st-century education for all of you," Cory told his students. "We are taking a great step forward toward that vision today."

Valued at more than \$5 million over three years, the contribution is part of AT&T's national commitment to the White House ConnectED initiative.

Creech had some questions for the students gathered at the announcement assembly.

"Are you ready to be the

best sixth-grade class to ever be at Gettys, ever?" he asked. "Seventh graders, are you ready to show the eighth-graders who's boss?"

"AT&T is excited about the future because we are excited about you as students," Creech said. "And we are committed to you as students. More now than at any time in history, it is critical that we invest in young people to develop a diverse talent pipeline of young people with the skills to help our society prosper."

It has been estimated that by 2020, there will be a "global shortage of approximately 40 million high-skilled workers and 45 million medium-skilled workers," Creech said.

"To me, that says to all of you students, the stronger, the

better the education you receive, the greater the opportunities for you going forward into the future," he said, adding technologies are "fundamentally altering education."

"Especially where and when learning happens," Creech said. "AT&T decided that we want to be a part of that change, to leverage technology, relationships, social innovation, to help all students make their biggest dreams become reality."

In 2008, AT&T Aspire, the company's signature philanthropic initiative, was launched. AT&T Aspire's focus is "helping students succeed in school and beyond," Creech said.

"Through Aspire, we have passed the \$250 million dollar mark on our plan to invest \$350

million in education between 2008 and 2017," he said. "We've impacted more than one million students across all 50 states."

Mobile internet needs to be utilized more effectively to help teachers and students learn "wherever they are," Creech said.

In 2014, AT&T committed, as part of the national ConnectED initiative, to provide connectivity for more than 50,000 students across the country.

"Proposals came from schools and school districts all over the country, including Pickens County," Creech said. "The competition was fierce — but I am here today with very, very good news. We're thrilled to be able to make the announcement."

Ted Brodheim, vice presi-

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dent of vertical business at Samsung Electronics America, ran technology for New York City Public Schools, one of the first school districts in the nation to put tablets in the classrooms.

"I've seen firsthand how much of a positive impact those tablets can have, in terms of the teaching and learning environment," he said. "I'm sure in Pickens County you're going to see the same results, and I can't wait to see they look like."

He said Samsung was very excited to be working with AT&T as part of the Connect-ED initiative. Brodheim said his company is committed to education. Samsung runs a program

called Hope for Children, which focuses on education, healthcare and sustainability for children.

"We believe that success goes hand-in-hand with good corporate citizenship," Brodheim said.

He told the audience that the tablets will "completely

change the game."

He asked the students if they liked to use the latest technology — a question that was met with a resounding "Yes!"

"These are going to open up a whole new world of opportunity to you," Brodheim told teachers and students. "You're going to have access to all kinds of new information. And no matter where your careers take you, you're going to be able to use these things to explore all kinds of new opportunities, to learn about the world, to make decisions going forward."

School District of Pickens County superintendent Danny Merck thanked everyone who worked to secure the grant that makes the new tech in the classrooms possible.

"It is appreciated more than you will ever know," he said. "Today is a great day in Pickens County."

After a quick starter lesson on digital citizenship, the stu-

dents began receiving their new tablets.

"I feel like Santa Claus," Gettys teacher Christie Vaughn said as she handed out the new tech to her students.

Officials hailed the partnership and what it will do for Pickens County schools.

"This project will help students set goals and pursue dreams which may be far beyond any they previously imagined," U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham said. "It is truly an investment in our students and in South Carolina's future."

Merck read from a letter from Gov. Nikki Haley, congratulating the district for being selected for the national award.

"Our state is competing in the 21st-century economy, and investing in technology both in and outside the classroom will play a vital role in ensuring we're teaching children for the future and not the past," Haley wrote.

In addition to providing

the internet access and tablets, the partner companies have also committed to provide the schools with tech support, device management, filtering software and professional development training for teachers.

"We're looking forward to the great things teachers will be able to do with this connectivity, that students will be able to do with the connectivity, to enhance learning in the classroom, and to extend that experience well beyond the schoolhouse walls," Creech said.

Officials with both companies said they look forward to coming back to Pickens County in about a year to see firsthand the progress that's been made.

"We're excited about how this project is going to impact students and their families in the classroom, in the school and beyond the school walls," Creech said.

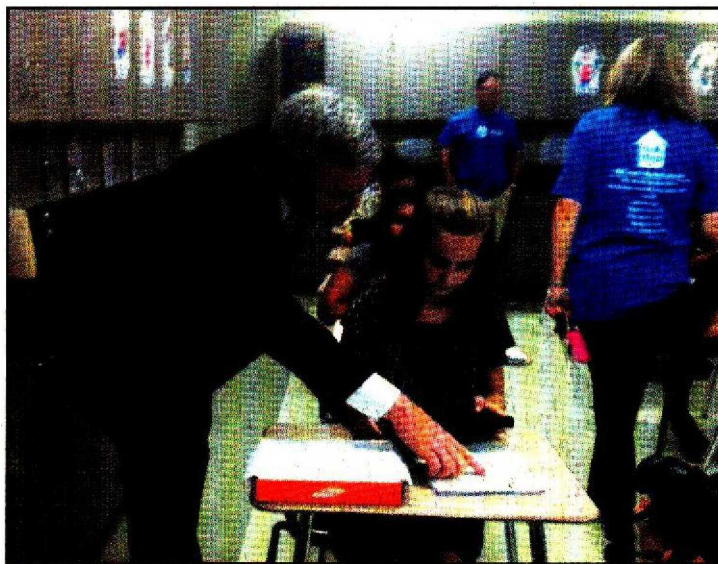
"It will be so much more than a device," Cory said.



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Teachers stand behind Ted Creech, director of external affairs for AT&T South Carolina, as he announces that Pickens County sixth- and seventh-grade students and teachers will receive tablets and internet connectivity from Samsung and AT&T.

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Gettys Middle School principal Dr. Mike Cory and a student check out her new tablet together.

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Political cockfighting starts over next year's state budget

Political positioning has already started for next year's state budget, not that you should be surprised.

The culprits are two big numbers causing some confusion before the debate even begins.

About a week ago, the state Board of Economic Advisors projected South Carolina lawmakers would have about \$440 million in new revenues for the 2017-18 budget. It's not the \$1.2 billion they had to craft the current budget, but it's not small potatoes either. The lower number — which would have been a dream come true during the Great Recession a few years ago — reflects a slowing economy, perhaps. But it's important to note this: The economy is still growing.

And then earlier this week, Gov. Nikki Haley issued a grand pronouncement that caused head scratching in light of the growth: It's time to consider budget cuts, she said.

Huh? With more money?

The likely explanation is the old game of political chicken as Haley is looking for an advantage over legislators who face a triple funding threat caused by needs for billions of tax dollars from serial under-funding of roads and education and billions more to shore up the state's pension system, which has underperformed to the tune of \$20 million.

In the most recent legislative session, lawmakers put off the serious work of dealing with billions in road funding needs by coming up with a way to borrow \$200 million a year for the next decade or so to plow into highway and bridge fixes. But that's not enough by a long shot.

So expect renewed clashes over an increase in South Carolina's relatively paltry \$0.1675 per gallon gas tax. Raising the tax, which hasn't been adjusted in more than 25 years, by just a dime a gallon would keep S.C. below rates in Georgia and North Carolina, but bring in about \$340 million in new revenue every year. Double the increase to North Carolina's rate and the state would generate \$678 million annually for roads, some paid by out-of-state truckers and travelers.

Haley, who is so opposed to a gas tax that she can't see straight, knows the public wants something done on roads and that a

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majority supports a hike. So she's desperately trying to find an alternative to muddy the waters. The whole notion of budget cuts really isn't about working to keep under-spending for decades under control. It's about the gas tax. She doesn't want a legacy that reflects taxes went up big while she was governor.

By forcing state agencies to figure out ways to come up with \$200 million in budget cuts — half of which potentially would hit public and higher education — Haley will have a weapon: Reams of paper that show exactly how the state could save money without raising the gas tax. Left unsaid would be cuts that would impact services.

Meanwhile legislators will face a different climate in 2017. Some Republicans, particularly in the Senate, are mumbling they might consider a gas tax increase. When you count votes, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out the Senate's Democrats only have to peel off six moderate Republicans to pass a tax.

And that's what has anti-gas tax advocates like Haley and Sen. Tom Davis, R-Beaufort, worried. Which brings another level of politics to the whole mess — the governor's race in 2018. Just as Haley is using the budget cut ruse to develop an alternative to a gas tax, Davis already is working to gin up opposition to a gas tax in what is seen as a probable bid for governor.

With all of this is going on, the House is working on comprehensive tax reform, which may include a gas tax hike, to fuel all of the needs of the state. A special committee is looking at ways to make the state's high sales tax rate more equitable, perhaps by removing hundreds of millions of dollars of special-interest sales tax exemptions; how to balance the state's income tax; and how to redress wrongs created by a property tax swap that hurt businesses.

More than anything, what really needs to happen is for reason to be brought into tax debates. Not more dramatic, political cock-fighting.

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**Salute to business**

The Berkeley Chamber of Commerce has planned its Salute to Business Luncheon featuring Gov. Nikki Haley, who will discuss how the state plans to position itself for the continued growth and success of new and existing businesses in S.C.

The luncheon will take place at noon Sept. 8 at the North Charleston Convention Center - Ballroom A, 5001 Coliseum Dr. in North Charleston. The cost is \$50 for members and \$60 for nonmembers. Call to RSVP at 843-761-8238 or 843-577-9549. Sponsorships are still available.

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Soft-spoken, strong-willed SC Sen. Drummond dies

The Associated Press

GREENWOOD — Former Sen. John Drummond, the soft-spoken, strong-willed World War II veteran who spent more than 40 years at the South Carolina Statehouse, died Saturday.

Harley Funeral Home in Greenwood confirmed Drummond's death. He was 96.

Drummond got the nickname "Bulldog" not because he was loud, but because he was tenacious and would fight when he thought he needed to.

Not long after he came to the then seniority-dominated Senate in 1967, the Democrat from Ninety Six got into a late night fistfight about political districts with one of the chamber's leaders Sen. Rembert Dennis, D-Moncks Corner.

Drummond would go on to spend 40 years in the

Senate, rising to majority leader in the late 1990s until Republicans took a majority of seats in the chamber in 2000.

Drummond was a fighter most of his life. He was a World War II fighter pilot, flying his plane "Raid Hot Mama" painted with a naked cowgirl wearing a holster over Europe. He spent 10 months in a German prisoner-of-war camp before heading back to the United States.

When Drummond returned, he went into business. But in the mid-1960s got involved in politics with the local Public Works Commission. That led to his election to the South Carolina House in 1965 and the Senate two years later.

Drummond was the first among seven children to

graduate from high school. Three older siblings quit for mill work.

Drummond's family and friends gathered at his home in Ninety Six nearly two years ago to celebrate his 95th birthday. Drummond's son said at the time his father's ability to serve people well was his greatest legacy.

"I guess you would say he dedicated his life to public service," Brick Drummond said. "He was always trying to help somebody else. I guess that was his gift from the Lord, to try to help his fellow man."

Gov. Nikki Haley thanked Drummond for his service and said she was praying for his family.

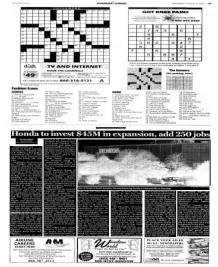
"John Drummond was born to serve, and he lived an extraordinary life," Haley said in a statement.



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Honda to invest \$45M in expansion, add 250 jobs

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TIMMONSVILLE — Honda of South Carolina announced Thursday that it is making a \$45 million investment with a 115,000-square-foot-expansion that will bring 250 new jobs.

Growing to meet demand for Honda's side-by-side vehicles produced exclusively in its South Carolina

plant required a focus on creating a more flexible and efficient production facility, said Gary Mabrey, president of Honda of South Carolina Mfg. Inc.

"The step-by-step growth of our operations in South Carolina is really a testament to our outstanding associates and the great

products they create for our customers every day," he said. Company officials said that prior to Thursday's announcement, Honda had invested \$93 million and added 150 new jobs in South Carolina over the past five years related to side-by-side production alone. Honda of South Carolina is the exclusive

global producer of Honda Pioneer side-by-sides, including the 500, 700 and 1000 series models. The expansion focuses on the paint, weld, final assembly and material service areas as the company looked to improve manufacturing efficiency, parts flow and logistics.

"Our associates are very



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proud of the ATV and SxS products we make at Honda of South Carolina. This investment and plant expansion reaffirms our commitment to our customers, the state of South Carolina, and our local communities," Mabrey said in the announcement.

State Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh K. Leatherman Sr. hailed it as "outstanding news" for Florence County and South Carolina.

"We applaud Honda of South Carolina for their continued product line and workforce growth — both boldly underline that Florence County is at the forefront of economic growth," Leatherman said. Congratulations Honda of South Carolina."

Florence County Council Chairman Roger Poston said the investment "is a testament to Florence County's economic vitality and strong workforce."

"Honda of South Carolina's expansion announcement is great news. Quality, associates, and customer satisfaction is what Honda

is all about," said Frank J. "Buddy" Brand, Florence County Economic Development Partnership chairman. "We congratulate everyone involved and look forward to Honda's continued success in Florence County."

Gov. Nikki Haley called Honda a "fantastic partner for nearly two decades," and characterized news of the expansion as "another huge win for team South Carolina."

World-class manufacturing firms continue to thrive in South Carolina, said Bobby Hitt, S.C. secretary of commerce, and bring new jobs to all corners of the state. He offered congratulations and said he looks forward to the company's continued success in Florence County.

In mid-December of last year, S.C. Ports Authority president and CEO Jim Newsome was accompanied by Sen. Leatherman and USC Moore School of Business research economist Joseph Von Nessen, who authored a study that found the state's ports ac-

count for an economic impact of more than \$6 billion in the Pee Dee. The study was unveiled at Honda of South Carolina to underscore the bond between manufacturing and exports to jobs in the area.

On Thursday, Newsome said, "Honda is a valued corporate citizen and customer of the port, using our Charleston facilities for both import and export goods. SCPA congratulates them on the expansion of their business and looks forward to serving their growing cargo needs."

In 2017, Honda will shift assembly consolidation of small and medium-displacement engines from Honda of South Carolina to its Kumamoto factory in Japan, which produces large-displacement engines. The move is designed to free up space at the Timmons-ville plant for expanded side-by-side production as workers engaged with powertrain assembly operations will gain new responsibilities within the plant.

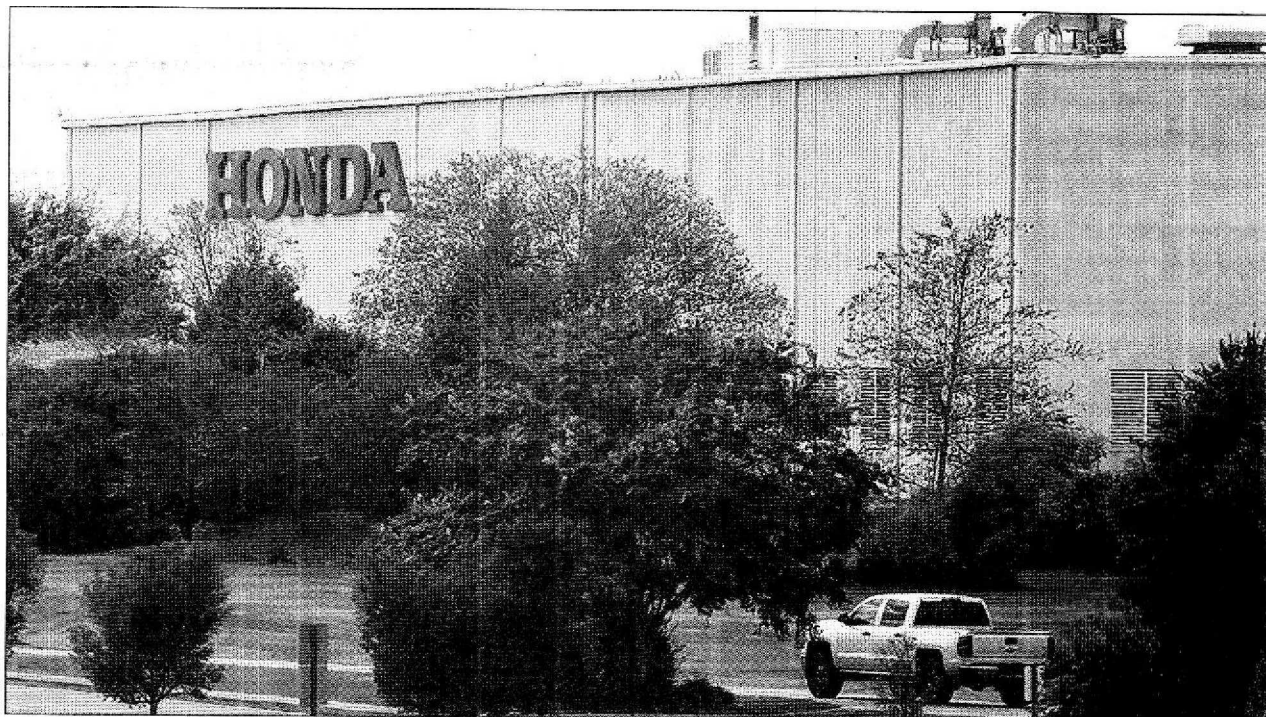
The Timmons-ville plant is one of Honda's 19 major manufacturing facilities in North America. Honda of South Carolina is the sole production facility for Honda ATVs and side-by-side vehicles in the region. The company said it has produced more than three million products since the doors opened in 1998 with about 200 employees.

That initial \$30 million investment with a 200,000-square-foot plant has evolved into a 630,150-square-foot facility that represents \$344 million invested.

Florence County Economic Development Partnership executive director Joe W. King said his office will continue to follow the same plan it has for quite some time: take care of existing business and industry while working continually to bring new jobs and companies to the area.

"Honda is a name known around the world," he said. "We've had good news with expansions this year and we'll continue to work for more."

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View of Honda of South Carolina, the manufacturing facility in Timmons ville on Thursday.

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