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S.C. Flood Recovery News:

WACH: FEMA actively taking applications, granted over \$34 million for relief efforts

<http://wach.com/news/local/fema-actively-taking-applications-granted-over-34-million-for-relief-efforts>

Matthew Stevens

FEMA is actively assessing and taking application from residents all over the state of South Carolina. To date, 19 counties are eligible to receive individual assistance from FEMA. Governor Nikki Haley is adamant that more counties will be added and that anyone who suffered property damage from the flooding should start the registration process with FEMA.

Post and Courier: The Post and Courier: Wells, septic tanks could be trouble for owners

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151013/PC16/151019706>

Bo Petersen

Well water might be in trouble if the recent flooding has engulfed the well. State health officials are urging private well owners to have their drinking supply tested. Sample bottles can be picked up at S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control health or environmental location through the Lowcountry. For more information, go to scdhec.gov. Private companies also offer the service.

The State: U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham to host flood relief meeting Wednesday

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article38964366.html>

Jamie Self

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-Seneca, will host a disaster assistance forum Wednesday in Columbia for flood victims who have questions about where to find help. Representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Small Business Administration and S.C. insurance, employment and emergency management officials will be available to take questions, Graham's Senate office said.

The Post and Courier: Sen. Lindsey Graham hosting flood assistance forum in Columbia

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151013/PC16/151019738>

Schuyler Kropf

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham's office is hosting a Disaster Assistance Forum on Wednesday night in Columbia. Representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Small Business Administration and South Carolina relief agencies will be on hand, including the state Department of Insurance, the Department of Employment, and Workforce and Emergency Management Division will be in attendance.

WBTW: Sen. Graham to host disaster assistance forum in Columbia

<http://wbtw.com/2015/10/13/sen-graham-to-host-disaster-assistance-forum-in-columbia/>

Rusty Ray

According to a press release from Graham's office, representatives from FEMA, SBA, South Carolina Department of Insurance, South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce, and South Carolina Emergency Management Division will talk about response and available relief for residents following the historic flooding.

The Post and Courier: Dorchester 2 shifts Givhans students to Summerville High after flood damage

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151013/PC16/151019696>

Paul Bowers

After a week and a day of flooding-related closures, students in Dorchester District 2 returned to classes in their usual buildings Monday — with one exception. Givhans Alternative Program, a Ridgeville school near the overflowed banks of the Edisto River, remained closed due to flood damage.

S.C. General Assembly news:

The Post and Courier: Senate leader: Emergency flood session not likely; budget could take hit
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151013/PC1603/151019715>

Gavin Jackson

Costs from historic flooding this month will wreak havoc on South Carolina's budget next year, the state's top budget writer said Tuesday. Little was said about flood damage until the end of the scheduled Joint Bond Review Committee meeting where several state agencies received approval for permanent improvement projects.

The State: SC Senate chief says 'no' to emergency legislative session to deal with flood
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article38926314.html#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

The leader of the state Senate said Tuesday he will not ask lawmakers to return to Columbia for an emergency session to address the historic flooding that struck the state this month. Instead, legislators will return to work as scheduled in January faced with a new top priority – considering ways to help fix damage caused by that flooding, said state Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: State wants to prosecute Charleston church shooting first
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=55v9THjB

Bruce Smith

South Carolina wants to go to trial before the federal government in the Charleston church shootings as it seeks the death penalty for Dylann Roof. "That is our preference," state prosecutor Scarlett Wilson wrote in a letter late last week to U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel, who is presiding over the federal case. "I appreciate any consideration you may give us in this regard."

The Post and Courier: Ex-Im Bank getting another chance to fund Boeing Dreamliner sales, other deals
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151013/PC05/151019698>

David Wren

An end-run last week by Ex-Im's supporters in the U.S. House of Representatives will bring the bank's future to a vote in that chamber of Congress on Oct. 26, leaving political observers confident the bank — which provides financing and loan guarantees for exported goods — will be back in business this fall after losing its charter at the end of June.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Politico: House Benghazi committee on the defensive
<http://www.politico.com/story/2015/10/house-benghazi-committee-on-defensive-214696>

Rachael Bade

The House Select Committee on Benghazi is getting slammed with accusations that it's targeting Hillary Clinton with a partisan investigation — but now there's a new allegation. Attorneys for a former GOP investigator contend that the committee broke the law when it divulged sensitive details of the staffer's firing on Sunday, accusing him of bad behavior, keeping classified information on an unclassified system and trying to tease out settlement money.

Associated Press: Ex-staffer disputes Gowdy claim on Benghazi investigation
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ROwlaHz5

Matthew Daly

Lawyers for a former Republican staffer fired from the House Benghazi committee on Tuesday challenged comments by the panel's GOP chairman, calling them "unequivocally false" in an escalating internal dispute just days before Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton testifies. The former staffer, Air Force Reserve Maj. Bradley Podliska, has said he raised concerns about a partisan investigation focused on Clinton, who was secretary of state at the time of the Sept. 11, 2012 attacks.

S.C. Political News:

Greenville News: CNN poll finds Clinton favorite among SC Democrats

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2015/10/12/cnn-poll/73828078/>

Rudolph Bell

Hillary Clinton is the runaway favorite for president among South Carolina Democrats, according to a new poll from CNN/ORC International. It found the former First Lady, senator and secretary of state the top choice of 49 percent of 301 likely Democratic voters surveyed.

Local News:

The Post and Courier: Charleston-area home sales tick back up after cooling down in August

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151013/PC05/151019699>

Warren L. Wise

Home sales picked up the pace in September throughout the Charleston area after cooling somewhat in August. Residential transactions rose 9.6 percent last month over September 2014, according to preliminary data Tuesday from the Charleston Trident Association of Realtors. Last month, 1,437 homes changed hands in the region at a median price of \$233,545, up nearly \$20,000 from a year earlier.

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