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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Gov. Nikki Haley to speak at maritime group event in North Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160129/PC05/160129311>

Gov. Nikki Haley will be speaking at the Maritime Association of South Carolina's annual meeting Friday night in North Charleston. She also will be honored with the trade group's Christopher Gadsden Award for her support of the state's maritime economy.

WCBD: Governor Haley to be honored at Maritime Association Gala

<http://counton2.com/2016/01/29/governor-haley-to-be-honored-at-maritime-association-gala/>

Kelly Bazzle

Governor Nikki Haley will be honored with the Maritime Association of SC's Christopher Gadsden Award at its Annual Dinner and Gala on Friday, January 29, 2016. Over 650 maritime community members will be on hand to celebrate 90 years of the Association.

WCIV: Governor Haley set to receive Gadsden Award

<http://abcnews4.com/news/local/governor-haley-set-to-receive-gadsden-award>

Ashley Davis

Governor Nikki Haley is set to receive the Gadsden Award on Jan. 29 at 8:30 p.m in the Grand Ballroom at the Charleston Area Convention Center. This event is an annual gala for the Maritime Association of South Carolina. Over 650 community members will be celebrating 90 years at the Maritime Association's annual dinner and gala.

Tire Business: Trelleborg S.C. ag tire plant a sign of its N.Am. commitment

<http://www.tirebusiness.com/article/20160128/NEWS/160129926/trelleborg-s-c-ag-tire-plant-a-sign-of-its-n-am-commitment>

Kathy McCarron

Trelleborg Wheel Systems cut the ribbon this week on its first North American tire manufacturing plant in Spartanburg, touting its expanding commitment to the North American market. The 430,000-sq.-ft. facility will produce radial agricultural tires, eventually in sizes ranging from 24- to 54-inch rim diameters, for both the OE and replacement markets.

Tyre Press: Official opening for Trelleborg's US tyre plant

<http://www.tyrepress.com/2016/01/official-opening-for-trelleborgs-us-tyre-plant/>

On 27 January, Trelleborg held a ceremony to inaugurate its first agricultural radial tyre factory in the USA. The official opening followed the start of production at the facility late last year. Production at the US\$50 million, 430,000 square foot (40,000 square metre) factory in Spartanburg, South Carolina will be gradually ramped up, with all manufacturing equipment expected to be installed by 2018.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Statehouse behind the scenes

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160129/PC1603/160129320>

Cynthia Roldan

The first few weeks of the General Assembly's session are usually slow on the floor. Both chambers return after being gone for months and head for subcommittees to debate bills they'd like to see pass for the rest of the year. But there's a lot of movement that happens that doesn't necessarily get reported.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Inaugural 737 MAX flight to be broadcast on the web

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160129/PC05/160129316>

David Wren

The inaugural test flight of Boeing Co.'s newest version of its most venerable commercial plane will be broadcast live Friday on the Internet. A webcast of the first flight of the 737 MAX can be viewed here beginning at about 12:30 p.m., weather permitting. The flight is scheduled to take place in Renton, Wash.

WIS: Kershaw County school leaders talk of closing some elementary schools

<http://www.wistv.com/story/31087425/kershaw-county-school-leaders-talk-of-closing-some-elementary-schools>

Mike DeSumma

Is it time to close the doors at two rural schools in Kershaw County? That's what leaders are considering. The county school board is meeting next week to discuss the future of Bethune Elementary and Mount Pisgah Elementary schools. Officials are considering moving students into a new building at either one of two locations.

Local News:

Island Packet: Downtown Beaufort named SC Cultural District

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article57244418.html>

Mindy Lucas

In a lot of ways, it was a no-brainer. That the City of Beaufort -- with more than a dozen art galleries, numerous historical sites, a performing arts venue and a thriving arts community -- should have an official cultural district. And now it does. The city's downtown area has been named as an official South Carolina Cultural District by the S.C. Arts Commission, city and community leaders announced on Thursday.

National News:

Associated Press: US economy slowed to scant 0.7 pct. growth rate last quarter

<http://www.independentmail.com/topstories/us-economy-slowed-to-scant-07-pct-growth-rate-last-quarter-jmgurnpublicidaporg603b4601bc974b3c881a2f-366971781.html>

Martin Crutsinger

The U.S. economy's growth slowed sharply in the final three months of 2015 to a 0.7 percent annual rate. Consumers slowed spending, businesses cut back on investment and global problems trimmed exports. The slowdown could renew doubts about the durability of the 6½-year-old economic expansion, though most economists expect growth to rebound in the current January-March quarter.

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