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Governor Nikki Haley News:

WBTW: Associated Hardwoods locating new facility in Cherokee County

<http://www.wbtw.com/story/23426572/associated-hardwoods-locating-new-facility-in-cherokee-county>

Associated Hardwoods, a lumber products company, today announced plans to locate its new facility in Cherokee County. The more than \$9.8 million investment is expected to generate 28 new jobs. Associated Hardwoods will open a new saw mill operation in Cherokee County. This operation will process timber logs to be shipped to the company's Granite Falls, N.C. location for further processing. The saw mill process and new technology makes it unique in the nation's saw mill industry. Operations will begin in March 2014.

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Times and Democrat: Associated Hardwoods locating new facility in Cherokee County

http://thetandd.com/business/associated-hardwoods-locating-new-facility-in-cherokee-county/article_c70b3516-1ca4-11e3-8253-001a4bcf887a.html

Associated Hardwoods, a lumber products company, on Friday announced plans to locate its new facility in Cherokee County. The more than \$9.8 million investment is expected to generate 28 new jobs. Since January 2011, South Carolina has recruited more than \$530 million in capital investment and more than 2,200 jobs in the agribusiness sector.

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WCIV: Van manufacturer invests \$5 million, 60 jobs in Charleston County

<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/23426316/van-manufacturer-invests-5-million-60-jobs-in-charleston-county>

Daimler Vans Manufacturing announced this week that it will expand its existing facility in Charleston County with a \$4.6 million investment expected to generate at least 60 new jobs. The facility is located at Palmetto Commerce Parkway and distributes its vans throughout the U.S. The expansion is expected to be completed by 2018.

Note: "Today's announcement by Daimler Vans Manufacturing is another indication that South Carolina is on the right track with its economic development efforts. We celebrate the company's decision to invest more than \$4.6 million and create 60 new jobs in Charleston County," said Gov. Nikki Haley.

Edgefield Advertiser: Savannah River Basin Caucus, Ga., S.C. Governors to Hold 'Summit'

<http://www.edgefieldadvertiser.com/2013/09/savannah-river-basin-caucus-ga-s-c-governors-to-hold-summit-meeting/>

Representatives from the Savannah River Basin Caucus and the governors of South Carolina and Georgia will meet Wednesday in their first "summit" meeting. The Savannah River Basin Caucus is a group of legislators whose districts touch the Savannah River Basin from both Georgia and South Carolina General Assemblies. Their commonality are the vitally important water issues up and down the Savannah River Basin that impact both states. This summit meeting will be hosted by Georgia Governor Nathan Deal and Georgia Rep. Alan Powell.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: Gowdy: Graham gets credit for Benghazi accountability

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130913/NEWS/309130026/Gowdy-Graham-gets-credit-Benghazi-accountability>

Rudolph Bell

U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy lent some of his political capital to a fellow Republican from South Carolina today, declaring that no one has done more to hold the Obama administration accountable for its handling of last year's attack in Benghazi than U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham. Gowdy's compliment in front of students and reporters at Furman University can only help South Carolina's senior senator as he seeks re-election and tries to fend off three GOP challengers attacking from the right. Gowdy and Graham appeared with a third Republican who has dogged the Obama administration over Benghazi, Rep. Jason Chaffetz of Utah, at Professor Danielle Vinson's American Congress class.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Sen. Graham: Aftermath of Benghazi attacks sends dangerous message

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20130913/ARTICLES/130919851/1112?Title=Graham-Benghazi-aftermath-sends-dangerous-message>

Lynne P. Shackleford

A dangerous international message has been sent in the year and two days since the terrorist attack on the American consulate in Benghazi that left four Americans dead, Sen. Lindsey Graham told students during a lecture at Furman University Friday. No one has been charged in the attacks and the White House continues to stonewall the investigation, failing to allow survivors to appear before Congress, a message Graham said speaks volumes to those who intend to cause harm. Graham and U.S. Reps. Trey Gowdy (R-SC) and Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah) gave Furman University political science students an overview of the ongoing Congressional investigation into Benghazi before taking questions from students on Syria and Edward Snowden.

Associated Press: Okla. custody dispute compared to S.C. couple's case

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/sep/13/oklahoma-tribe-awarded-custody-infant/>

Kristi Eaton

In a case that is drawing comparisons to a long-running adoption dispute over a 3-year-old Cherokee girl, an Oklahoma County District Court judge awarded custody this week of a 4-month-old infant to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe following a South Carolina couple's attempt to adopt her. In both cases, a South Carolina couple has attempted to adopt a tribal member born in Oklahoma and placed up for adoption by the mother. In both cases, the father objected. A federal law called the Indian Child Welfare Act mandates strict procedures for guardianship and custody of Native American children. In the most recent case, the infant known as Desaray was born in May in Oklahoma. A couple in South Carolina who sought to adopt her returned with her to their home. But the infant's biological father, who is not Native American, is seeking custody. Because Desaray's biological mother is a tribal member, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe has stepped in, and the tribe was awarded custody this week.

Post and Courier: Biden to visit Charleston's port Monday

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130913/PC16/130919688/1006/biden-to-visit-charleston-x2019-s-port-monday>

Vice President Joe Biden will visit the Port of Charleston Monday. The Vice President will discuss the importance of infrastructure investment to exports, economic competitiveness, and job creation. This follows his visit to the Port of Baltimore on Sept. 9, where he highlighted a \$10 million TIGER grant that will help improve the port's productivity by widening a channel into the port while increasing the port's cargo storage capacity and avoiding the need for costly repairs. The Vice President will also visit the Port of Savannah Monday.

The State: SC Online Schools Fear Becoming "dumping Ground"

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9LU7ehgk

Jamie Self

Leaders of the state's charter school district fear its fledgling online schools are becoming a "dumping ground" for the state's most at-risk students. Students in danger of failure or, in some cases, expulsion are quitting their traditional public schools midyear to enroll in online charter schools – sometimes at the recommendation of guidance counselors and teachers, they say. Most of the suspicion of dumping comes in the form of stories that students and their parents share with virtual school leaders during the enrollment process, those leaders say.

Associated Press: Rice harvest underway at plantation on SC coast

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

Bruce Smith

Rice, the commodity that once made South Carolina one of the richest colonies in British colonial North America, is being harvested again the coast just outside Charleston. The three-day rice harvest is underway at Middleton Place, a plantation and national historic site on the Ashley River. For about a decade now, the plantation has planted and harvested rice from a quarter-acre field using the same methods used in colonial times - planting by hand and using a curved blade called a rice hook to harvest.

Associated Press: Governor says he's opposed to NC casino project

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/09/13/2681879/governor-says-hes-opposed-to-nc.html#storylink=cpy>

Gov. Pat McCrory said Friday he has strong concerns about a Native American tribe's plans to build a gambling casino on land along a busy North Carolina interstate. The South Carolina-based Catawba Indian Nation filed an application this week with the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs to put 16 acres near King Mountain, N.C. into trust for the tribe. It was the first step in a long process to build a casino along Interstate 85, just across the border from South Carolina in North Carolina. The 2,800-member tribe already has land in trust in York County, S.C. The tribe said the casino and entertainment complex would create more than 4,000 jobs — a boon to the struggling economy in Cleveland County.

Local News:

The State: Benjamin Says He Would Work Full Time As Columbia's Mayor If Referendum Passes

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=CQWT67rn

Cassie Cope and Dawn Hinshaw

Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin is prepared to quit his job as a lawyer at a local firm to become the city's first full-time mayor, he said Thursday. "It's a full-time job, and anybody who commits should be willing to do it as a full-time job," said Benjamin, who is completing his first term and has been the key proponent of changing the form of government to strong-mayor. If voters were to approve a change to the strong-mayor form, Benjamin said he would want to concentrate all of his energies on the new job, which would include managing the city's day-to-day affairs, hiring and firing employees and submitting an annual budget for council's consideration. The city manager currently does those things.

Sun News: August home sales highest in more than 7 years

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/09/13/3706686/august-home-sales-highest-in-more.html#storylink=cpy>

Steve Jones

August sales of single-family homes along the Grand Strand recorded the highest total in more than seven years, according to a report from SiteTech Systems of Myrtle Beach. A total of 524 sales were recorded, 22.1 percent above August 2012. Year-to-date, the report said, sales are up 26.5 percent when compared with the first eight months of last year. The median sales price hit \$184,500 in August, and is up a total of 4.7 percent for the year.

National News:

Washington Examiner: White House looks to squash labor union revolt on Obamacare

<http://washingtonexaminer.com/white-house-looks-to-squash-labor-union-revolt-on-obamacare/article/2535706>

Brian Hughes

President Obama will meet with union leaders at the White House on Friday to quell growing concerns over Obamacare after taking a barrage of friendly fire from labor groups. The AFL-CIO passed a resolution at its annual convention earlier this week criticizing elements of the president's healthcare reform law, charging that the "highly disruptive" Affordable Care Act would increase the costs of union-sponsored health plans. Some earlier drafts of the resolution even called for repeal of the health care law — barring additional changes to the legislation — highlighting worries among some of the president's staunchest liberal supporters.

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