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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Morning News: Farmers pack Kingstree meeting to learn about getting aid

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Joe Perry

Brown's Bar-B-Q was packed Friday morning as farmers gathered to learn from officials about how to apply for S.C. farm aid. The meeting was the first of 19 that will be held over the next few weeks as the agricultural sector looks to rebound following last fall's historic flooding, which wiped out an estimated \$400 million in crops. Farmers who incurred a 40 percent loss of agricultural commodities are eligible for grants up to \$100,000 under a \$40 million aid package passed by the legislature in late May. Rep. Roger Kirby, a Democrat from District 61, co-sponsored the legislation and said he came to the meeting as "my whole district is ag. This is an important thing for a lot of my constituents." Kirby was glad the first meeting was held in what he called "the heart of the farm belt in the Pee Dee." "The intent is not to make every farmer whole. We wanted to help as many as we could with limited resources," he said. "It's more intended to help small family farms that are on the brink of disaster."

NOTE: Though the entire program has been launched fairly quickly – the legislature overrode Gov. Nikki Haley's veto on May 24 -- Weathers hopes for as little bureaucracy as possible.

Summerville Journal Scene: Summerville man's push for vet bill proves successful

<http://www.journalscene.com/20160701/160709971/summerville-mans-push-for-vet-bill-proves-successful>

Jenna-Ley Harrison

One Summerville veteran's love for motorcycles and support for fellow service members has created a change in the state law books. When Jeff Fiorito moved to the Lowcountry, he was quick to learn that South Carolina legislation didn't allow him to display his heroic service on the open road. He said he couldn't decorate his motorcycle license plate with the two Bronze Stars he earned while serving with the United States Army in Iraq and Afghanistan. "South Carolina already provides a Bronze Star vehicle license plate so extending that to motorcycles seemed appropriate," Fiorito said. "This began a long journey to find out why," he said. Fiorito became determined to change the law to honor his and fellow veterans' sacrifice.

NOTE: With the amendment, the bill states that the Department of Motor Vehicles can now issue veterans license plates containing the Bronze Star and Silver Star for any vehicle — motorcycles included, and issued free of charge. Gov. Nikki Haley signed the bill into law on May 25. Bennett hopes the legislation will celebrate veterans' bravery and promote awareness.

Charleston 9 News:

Associated Press: Charleston church shooting victims sue FBI over gun buy

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

Meg Kinnard

The FBI is being sued by survivors of the Charleston church shooting, who say federal negligence enabled Dylann Roof to buy the .45-caliber handgun he used. Lawyers for three people who survived the attack and the estates of five who were slain inside the Emanuel AME Church say the FBI negligently failed to thoroughly check Roof's background before he bought the gun last year. If the agency had done its job, Roof's prior drug arrest would have shown up, and the bureau would have denied his purchase, the lawsuits filed Thursday allege. Attorney Andy Savage said Friday that his clients hope the litigation will lead to improvements in gun safety.

Post and Courier: Emanuel victims' families, survivors file federal lawsuits over background check error

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160701/160709950/emanuel-victims-families-survivors-file-federal-lawsuits-over-background-check-error>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

Relatives of the nine Emanuel AME Church shooting victims have filed multiple wrongful death lawsuits against the federal government over clerical errors that allowed the shooter to purchase the gun used in the killings. The five survivors filed similar complaints. Accused gunman Dylann Roof, 22, should have been barred from purchasing a gun because he previously admitted using an illegal drug. However, his federally required background check wasn't completed within the three days licensed gun dealers must wait for them. After that window closed in April 2015, a West Columbia gun store owner sold Roof a .45-caliber Glock. Authorities say Roof used the weapon to kill nine worshippers at Emanuel's Bible study two months later. "The victims' civil suit against the FBI seeks to hold the government accountable to the law and demonstrate it's not above the law," says attorney Mullins McLeod Jr., who represents several victims' relatives.

CCU wins 2016 CWS:

Sun News: Coastal Carolina receives champions' welcome back at home ballpark

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/sports/college/big-south/coastal-carolina-university/article87272147.html>

Ryan Young

After being welcomed home by a sizable throng of well-wishers as the team landed at the Myrtle Beach International Airport on Thursday night, the celebration of Coastal Carolina's College World Series championship continued Friday with a parade through Conway and a reception back at Springs Brooks Stadium. And really anywhere else Chanticleers baseball coach Gary Gilmore went during the day. The luster from the school's first national championship of any kind is not likely to wear off anytime soon, and after grinding for 21 years to get to this point Gilmore has seemingly been enjoying every moment of it.

Associated Press: Chanticleers' title brings closure after 2010 disappointment

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=bBJwP2PX

Eric Olson

Until this week, Gary Gilmore didn't know if he would ever have as good a Coastal Carolina team as he did in 2010. That 55-win club was the No. 4 national seed for the NCAA Tournament but lost a pair of one-run games to South Carolina in super regionals. For six years, Gilmore was dogged by memories of watching the Gamecocks celebrate on his home field before they went on to win the first of two straight national championships. "Losing in 2010 was the hardest gut-wrenching loss of my life," he said. On Thursday, Gilmore was holding the championship trophy. He and his Chanticleers won

their school's first national title in any sport, validation for a baseball program that ranks eighth in wins since 2000 but until this year couldn't break through to make the College World Series.

Savannah River Site/MOX News:

Aiken Standard: Liquid waste mission at Savannah River Site open for bids

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160701/160709943/liquid-waste-mission-at-savannah-river-site-open-for-bids->

Thomas Gardiner

On Thursday, the U.S. Department of Energy issued the final request for proposals for the liquid waste management contract at the Savannah River Site. Currently managed by Savannah River Remediation, the liquid waste mission at SRS is primarily concerned with the 51 million-gallon waste tanks on site. Of those, eight have been officially closed and filled with grout, rendering them solid, safe and stable for the future. Forty-three active tanks hold liquid waste from Cold War-era plutonium production. The Defense Waste Processing Facility and prospective asset Salt Waste Processing Facility take the waste from those tanks and isolate the material for long-term disposal. Construction of the Salt Waste Processing Facility was officially completed earlier this year, and it is slated to become operational in late 2018 after what the Energy Department expects to be 30 months of operations testing.

LGBT Laws:

Charlotte Observer: North Carolina legislature makes only minor revision to LGBT law

<http://www.newsobserver.com/news/nation-world/national/article87333787.html>

Colin Campbell and Lynn Bonner

The legislature approved limited changes to House Bill 2 late Friday night, restoring residents' right to bring claims of discrimination in state courts. Gov. Pat McCrory had been seeking the action for months. HB2, best known for requiring transgender people in government facilities to use bathrooms matching the gender on their birth certificates, also blocked a path that North Carolinians had to file state-court discrimination claims. Though lawmakers' action Friday restores that path, it comes with a statute of limitations shorter than before — one year instead of three years. "As we said from the beginning, there was never an intent to limit the right of anybody to seek redress in state court," House Speaker Tim Moore told reporters.

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: U.S. Judge lets Charleston tour guide lawsuit proceed

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160701/160709832/us-judge-lets-charleston-tour-guide-lawsuit-proceed>

Robert Behre

Both sides clashing over the legality of Charleston's tour guide licensing program each had something to smile about after U.S. District Judge David Norton issued his first ruling in the case Friday. Norton declined the city's motion to dismiss the federal lawsuit, but he also ruled that the city may continue to enforce its tour guide licensing until the lawsuit is settled in court. Three people sued the city after they failed its tour guide licensing exam and were unable to give tours for money on the streets of Charleston's historic district. They alleged the city's policy blocked their constitutional right to free speech.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: South Carolina awarded \$340K to fight Zika, \$9.2M in emergency preparedness funding

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160701/160709888/south-carolina-awarded-340k-to-fight-zika-92m-in-emergency-preparedness-funding>

Derrek Asberry

South Carolina is receiving \$343,552 to combat the Zika virus, and another \$9.2 million in emergency preparedness funding that could also be used. The money is being awarded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Zika money is part of \$25 million given to states, cities and territories. The money may be spent to investigate a future outbreak or to help families impacted by Zika. The \$9.2 million awarded to South Carolina comes from the Public Health Emergency Preparedness program and may be spent to respond to outbreaks, such as Zika, as well as natural disasters and other emergencies. The Zika virus is transmitted by the *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes — both of which are found in South Carolina. There is no evidence of Zika in this state.

Local News:

Associated Press: Fort Jackson's July 4th celebration for soldiers, citizens

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

SC State Wire

The Army is inviting soldiers and local citizens to see Fort Jackson's soldiers march, hear patriotic music and savor a fireworks display to celebrate America's birthday. The free event is scheduled for Saturday at 4 p.m. at Hilton Field. It also features children's rides and games. A flyover starts at 6:30 p.m., the marching ceremony at 9 p.m., with the Army band and a 30-minute fireworks display. Lawn chairs and blankets are welcome. Bleacher and grandstand seating are available. Food vendors are available at 5 p.m. Army officials advise that no pets, coolers, alcohol or personal fireworks are being permitted. Attendees may enter by car at through Gate 2 on Forest Drive or Gate 4 on Percival and Boyden Arbor Roads.

The State: Zoo closes children's tadpole pond after complications arise

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article87310797.html>

Sammy Fretwell

Riverbanks Zoo has shut down a popular children's wading pond after learning that youngsters were using it as a kiddie pool, which the zoo wasn't prepared to operate. The man-made wetland, commonly called the "tadpole pond," opened April 7 as part of a new children's section at the zoo's botanical gardens. It featured boulders and a collection of frogs and tadpoles that swam in the shallow water. Children could hop from rock to rock, or step into the water and scoop up tiny amphibians. But as temperatures rose in May, children began sitting, splashing and swimming in the water, which raised concerns since the pond was not designed for that purpose, Riverbanks officials said this week.

Independent Mail: Clemson fires women's golf coach J.T. Horton

<http://www.independentmail.com/sports/college/clemson/Clemson-fires-womens-golf-coach-JT-Horton-385234191.html>

Dan Hope

After conducting an investigation into his behavior earlier this year, Clemson University decided to

part ways with head women's golf coach J.T. Horton on Friday. "We appreciate the work Coach Horton did during the inaugural seasons of our women's golf program," athletic director Dan Radakovich said in a statement, "but we've made the decision to move in a new direction." Players were informed of Friday's decision via a text message from Clemson associate athletic director Natalie Honnen, according to multiple sources with direct knowledge of the team.

Post and Courier: SLED: 3 former MUSC employees accused of forging documents, taking university equipment

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160701/160709862/sled-3-former-musc-employees-accused-of-forging-documents-taking-university-equipment>

Thad Moore

Three former Medical University of South Carolina employees were arrested Friday after they allegedly forged documents and took university equipment for their own use. The three men are accused of submitting fake invoices worth thousands of dollars to cover the cost of things such as concrete and a generator they used at home and at other jobs. The State Law Enforcement Division, which investigated the case with MUSC police, said the allegations stretch back to 2013. The men were fired from MUSC, according to SLED.

The Herald: Rock Hill schools plan \$44M in construction, updates in next year

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/education/article87218227.html>

Jennifer Becknell

The Rock Hill school district plans \$44.2 million in school construction and improvement projects over the next year, the second of a major building program. The Rock Hill school board approved the capital outlay program this week, including the first phase of work on a new language immersion academy and a new Montessori building for its school choice programs. "We are going to be doing a lot of building within the next 18 months to 24 months," said Rock Hill Deputy Superintendent Tony Cox. "It will be a substantial part of our overall building program."

Herald-Journal: BMW supplier to build Greer plant

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160701/articles/160709965>

Bob Montgomery

A BMW supplier says it will build a new plant in Spartanburg County and employ up to 110 new workers, with hiring to start in early 2017. International Mold Corp. of Clinton Township, Mich., recently bought a 10.5-acre site at 865 Victor Hill Road behind BMW's Performance Center off Highway 101, according to Ben Pfropper, vice president of sales for International Mold. The company specializes in the manufacture of injection, floor molding and rim tooling equipment. Initially, it plans to build a 24,000-square-foot facility, with construction set to start next month. It should be finished by next February or March, Pfropper said. It will be expandable to 100,000 feet, he added.

The Herald: Chester County Sunday alcohol sales public hearing, final council vote Tuesday

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/politics-government/article86938187.html>

Andrew Dys

A Sunday alcohol sales public hearing and final Chester County Council vote is set for Tuesday to decide whether the county will hold a voter referendum November on the controversial issue. Adding a referendum has so far passed two readings by the council but now the public has a chance to weigh in before the vote. Selling alcohol on Sunday has historically been opposed by religious groups and others opposed to drinking. If approved, restaurants and bars would be allowed to sell liquor by the drink for on-premises consumption on Sundays, and stores would be allowed to sell beer and

wine on Sundays.

Herald-Journal: Spartanburg police to increase patrols over holiday weekend

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160701/articles/160709955>

Spartanburg Police officers will step up patrols this holiday weekend to prevent driving under the influence. Spartanburg Police Department Maj. Art Littlejohn said extra officers will be patrolling city neighborhoods for DUI enforcement and fireworks-related calls. Fireworks are illegal in the city limits. Officers will make any charges necessary related to fireworks discharged in the city. The current fine for violating the fireworks ordinance is \$262. Littlejohn said in an email that the July Fourth weekend is the second most deadly holiday period of the year, behind New Year's.

Aiken Standard: S.C. reports 19 deaths on Aiken County roads in first half of 2016

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160702/160709928/sc-reports-19-deaths-on-aiken-county-roads-in-first-half-of-2016->

Tripp Girardeau

Twenty people have died on Aiken County roads so far in 2016. South Carolina Highway Patrol records show 17 of those deaths were investigated by the agency, which is the highest number reported in at least four years. The other three deaths were investigated by the Aiken Department of Public Safety and the North Augusta Department of Public Safety. Twenty people have died on Aiken County roads so far in 2016. South Carolina Highway Patrol records show 17 of those deaths were investigated by the agency, which is the highest number reported in at least four years. The other three deaths were investigated by the Aiken Department of Public Safety and the North Augusta Department of Public Safety.

National News:

Associated Press: File 17 is glimpse into still-secret 28 pages about 9/11

<http://bigstory.ap.org/fe56c5d224a8463aa7cfc6ccf4689122>

Deb Reichmann

Amid the clamor a year ago to release 28 still-secret pages of a congressional inquiry into the Sept. 11 attacks, the government quietly declassified a little-known report listing more than three dozen people who piqued the interest of investigators probing possible Saudi connections to the hijackers. The document, known as "File 17," offers clues to what might be in the missing pages of the bipartisan report about 9/11. "Much of the information upon which File 17 was written was based on what's in the 28 pages," said former Democratic Sen. Bob Graham of Florida, co-chairman of the congressional inquiry. He believes the hijackers had an extensive Saudi support system while they were in the United States. "File 17 said, 'Here are some additional unanswered questions and here is how we think the 9/11 Commission, the FBI and the CIA should go about finding the answers,'" Graham said.

Associated Press: Lynch meeting latest episode to strain Clinton trust

<http://bigstory.ap.org/9d393d8791dd49929a11ef425eaf6b88>

Ken Thomas and Eric Tucker

An impromptu meeting between Bill Clinton and the nation's top cop could further undermine Hillary Clinton's efforts to convince voters to place their trust in her, highlighting perhaps her biggest vulnerability. Attorney General Loretta Lynch expressed regret on Friday that she met with the former president earlier in the week at the Phoenix airport while the Justice Department's investigation into Hillary Clinton's email practices nears a conclusion. Lynch acknowledged that it "cast a shadow" on

the public's perception of the case. "I certainly wouldn't do it again," Lynch said of the meeting with the former president, who nominated her to serve as U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York in 1999.

World News:

Associated Press: 20 hostages killed, 13 saved in Bangladesh restaurant attack

<http://bigstory.ap.org/631cff7370dc467782ef5b5fc4aead56>

Bangladeshi forces stormed an upscale Dhaka restaurant to end a hostage-taking by heavily armed militants early Saturday, killing six of the attackers and rescuing 13 captives including foreigners. The military said 20 hostages were killed during the 10-hour standoff, and a survivor's father said the attackers spared people who could recite verses from the Quran. The attack marks an escalation in militant violence that has hit the traditionally moderate Muslim-majority nation with increasing frequency in recent months. Previous attacks involved machete-wielding men singling out individual activists, foreigners and religious minorities. About 35 people were taken hostage Friday night when gunmen stormed the popular Holey Artisan Bakery in Dhaka's Gulshan area, a diplomatic zone, during the Ramadan holy month. Two police officers were killed at the start of the attack.

Associated Press: The Latest: S. Korea in contact with Bangladesh authorities

<http://bigstory.ap.org/5a98600d35fc4e7caedd82bc025bb1f6>

South Korea's Foreign Ministry says officials from the country's embassy in Bangladesh are in contact with local government authorities to confirm whether there were any South Koreans among the 20 hostages killed during an attack at a Dhaka restaurant. The ministry earlier said no South Koreans were among the injured. An Indian government official said Saturday evening that South Koreans were among the dead, as well as an Indian woman and other foreigners. The official was not authorized to discuss details of the crisis and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Associated Press: Investigators say voice recording from EgyptAir crash intact

<http://bigstory.ap.org/49db15ba986d4c05a9eaede9aa7e5c62>

Egyptian investigators said Saturday they would be able to access the cockpit voice recordings of the EgyptAir flight that crashed in May despite damage to the black box. "None of the memory chips of the electronic board were damaged," the Egyptians participating in the examination of the device in France said in a statement, adding that only some connecting components had to be replaced. "Test results were satisfactory as (they) enabled the reading of the recorders of the CVR memory unit," they added. The Egyptians now plan to bring the recorder to Cairo for further analysis.

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