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Governor Nikki Haley News:

WACH: Top candy and nut manufacturer creating 225 jobs in Sumter County

<http://wach.com/news/local/top-candy-and-nut-manufacturer-creating-225-jobs-in-sumter-county>

A major candy and nut manufacturer has announced they are bringing new operations to Sumter County. Mount Franklin Foods of El Paso, Texas will be investing \$10 million in their new facility at the Live Oak Industrial Park and will bring an expected 225 jobs starting at the beginning of 2017. "We couldn't be more excited that Mount Franklin Foods has chosen to build its newest manufacturing facility in Sumter County. The 225 new jobs this \$10 million investment means for our people will make a real difference in the lives of South Carolinians, and we look forward to watching the newest member of the South Carolina family grow and thrive in Sumter for a very long time," said Gov. Nikki Haley. The company is the largest high-quality candy and nut manufacturer in North American.

Palmetto Business: Carolina Canners plans Chesterfield County growth

<http://palmettobusinessdaily.com/stories/511025099-carolina-canners-plans-chesterfield-county-growth>

With \$45 million invested and 40 new jobs planned, independent bottler and cooperative Carolina Canners Inc. is expanding its Chesterfield County operations, adding a high-tech addition to its existing facility on Highway 1 in Cheraw. An additional 45,000 square feet and new, state-of-the-art equipment will augment production for the company, which serves Pepsi, among other clients. Carolina Canners has operated its plant since 1968, with several previous expansions over the years. Planned equipment upgrades will primarily expedite production of the Pepsi-Lipton Tea Partnership's Pure Leaf, a premium iced tea product brewed directly from tea leaves. With new jobs expected to commence in the second quarter of 2017, individuals interested in joining the Carolina Canners team can visit the SC Works website to prepare for when the company starts hiring.

NOTE: "Carolina Canners is a perfect example of one of South Carolina's very own that continues to find success here," said Governor Nikki Haley. Chesterfield County Economic Development board director Kim Burch concurred, calling the company an asset to the community.

UBJ: EuWe Group boosts investment in Anderson County

<http://upstatebusinessjournal.com/news/euwe-group-boosts-investment-anderson-county/>

A BMW supplier will "double down" in its investment in Anderson County. EuWe Eugen Wexler US Plastics Inc., the American subsidiary of Germany-based EuWe Group, announced Tuesday it will invest an additional \$5 million to expand its facility at Alliance Industrial Park and create 29 jobs during the next five years. The company announced an initial investment of \$11.1 million in 2015 to establish its first U.S. facility and create 49 new jobs. The company said hiring for the facility is underway. Jobseekers are encouraged to visit the company's jobs page online. EuWe Group was founded in 1968 as a supplier of metal parts. In 1970, the company expanded its product lines to include plastics. The company built its first international facility in Mexico in 1993. EuWe Group said it has more than 1,700 employees in three countries and boasts a client list that includes 10 of the

world's largest automobile manufacturers. The Anderson plant will focus solely on the production of automotive plastic interior parts, the company said.

NOTE: "It's always exciting when a company decides to double down on its commitment to our state and to our people," said Gov. Nikki Haley, in a statement. "We were thrilled last year when the EuWe Group announced that it would be locating its first U.S. facility here, we we're even more excited today because this \$5 million investment shows that companies of all kinds can find success and thrive in South Carolina."

Herald-Journal: Britain-based Holroyd to open first U.S. facility in Spartanburg

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20161020/britain-based-holroyd-to-open-first-us-facility-in-spartanburg?rssfeed=true>

A Britain-based tool maker will invest \$12.5 million and create 23 jobs at Spartanburg's Corporate Center on Business 85, the S.C. Department of Commerce announced Thursday. Holroyd Precision Rotors Inc. will move into an existing 34,650-square-foot facility at 130 Corporate Drive, where operations are expected to start this fall. The facility will manufacture high-precision screws used in refrigeration, air conditioning and industrial air applications, pumps, vacuum systems, blowers and superchargers. Holroyd is a manufacturing division of Precision Technologies Group, which was acquired in 2010 by a Chinese industrial group.

NOTE: "When a company like Holroyd has the opportunity to build its first U.S. manufacturing facility anywhere in the country and chooses South Carolina, it's a testament to the hard-working people who make up our workforce," said Gov. Nikki Haley in a statement.

Fox Carolina: Holroyd brings new job opportunities to Spartanburg Co.

<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/33439114/holroyd-brings-new-job-opportunities-to-spartanburg-co>

A manufacturing company is establishing its first U.S. operations in Spartanburg County. Holroyd Precision Components, a sub-contract manufacturing division of Precision Technologies Group Limited, is making a \$12.5 million investment and is expected to create up to 23 new jobs. "The selection of Spartanburg, S.C. as the location for our new U.S. facility was influenced by the area's strong training and technical skills programs. We benefited also from the great guidance provided by the team at the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce and Development Advisors Incorporated, which helped us make our investment decision." Dr. Tony Bannan, the CEO of Precision Technologies Group, said. Holroyd specializes in screws and rotors for a wide variety of applications such as screw compressors, pumps, vacuum systems, blowers and superchargers.

NOTE: "When a company like Holroyd has the opportunity to build its first U.S. manufacturing facility anywhere in the country and chooses South Carolina, it's a testament to the hardworking people who make up our workforce. We're excited to welcome Holroyd to the South Carolina family, and we look forward to watching it grow and thrive here for many years to come." Gov. Nikki Haley said.

Post and Courier: Gov. Haley calls Trump's notion that election is rigged 'irresponsible'

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/gov-haley-calls-trump-s-notion-that-election-is-rigged/article_2f840da8-96db-11e6-8a35-5be4d5a30201.html

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump won't promise to accept the results of an election he says could be "rigged" in Democrat Hillary Clinton's favor. The statement at Wednesday night's final presidential debate sparked some combination of disagreement and straight-up rebuke from both sides of the aisle in South Carolina. "This election is not rigged, and it's irresponsible to say that it is," said Gov. Nikki Haley in a statement provided to The Post and Courier on Thursday. "Faith in the democratic process is one of America's greatest strengths, and it's more important than the outcome of any election." Haley was until recently taking a hiatus from commenting, directly or through

spokespeople, on the latest incendiary remark from the GOP presidential nominee with whom she has repeatedly clashed in the public arena. She gave no indication, however, that she had changed her mind about voting for him in less than three weeks.

WOLO: Haley Comments on Rigged Election Claim

<http://www.abccolumbia.com/2016/10/20/haley-comments-rigged-election-claim/>

Donald Trump's assertion that the election is rigged has drawn strong reactions from both Democrats and Republicans.

Thursday afternoon Governor Nikki Haley released a statement saying "This election is not rigged, and it's irresponsible to say that it is. Faith in the democratic process is one of America's greatest strengths, and it's more important than the outcome of any election. Earlier this year Governor Haley said she would vote for Donald Trump over Hillary Clinton. She did not endorse Trump prior to the SC primary, instead Supporting Florida Senator Marco Rubio. Prior to that the governor delivered the Republican response to the State of the Union in which she spoke out against inflammatory rhetoric that would "threaten the dream of America." Those remarks were clearly pointed at the then Republican front runner Donald Trump.

WYFF4: Gov. Nikki Haley makes statement on Trump's 'rigged election' comments

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/Gov-Nikki-Haley-makes-statement-on-Trump-s-rigged-election-comments/42186636>

The day after Donald Trump once again said the upcoming election could be "rigged" against him, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley released a statement on his claims. During the final debate in Las Vegas Wednesday night, Trump blamed the media and Hillary Clinton for rigging the election against him. "[The media] is so dishonest, and they've poisoned the minds of the voters," Trump said. Trump eluded to the possibility of not accepting the outcome of the election if Clinton wins, saying he will keep the country "in suspense." When asked again if he would accept the election outcome, Trump said, "I will look at it at the time. I'm not looking at anything now." Clinton said Trump has a long history of claiming things are rigged when they aren't going his way. "Every time that Donald thinks things are not going in his direction, he claims whatever it is is rigged against him," Clinton said. Haley released a statement Thursday, saying: "This election is not rigged, and it's irresponsible to say that it is. Faith in the democratic process is one of America's greatest strengths, and it's more important than the outcome of any election."

Associated Press: Online eye exam company sues South Carolina over ban

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

A company that provides prescriptions for glasses and contacts using online exams is challenging a South Carolina law banning the practice. The lawsuit filed Thursday in Columbia calls the law passed in May over Gov. Nikki Haley's veto "economic protectionism." Chicago-based Opternative alleges the law puts industry profits over patients. It cites Haley's veto, which accused eye care professionals of wanting to "block new technologies that expand low-cost access to vision corrective services.

"Opternative is suing the state Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, which reports to Haley. Legislators who backed the bill accused Haley of putting competition above quality health care. Opternative co-founder Aaron Dallek says the company operates in 39 states. It started in South Carolina last summer but ended the service when the law took effect.

Hurricane Matthew:

Associated Press : Workers reopening South Carolina roads after Matthew

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=8lqY0qgt

The South Carolina Department of Transportation has finished removing downed trees and debris from the state's roads after Hurricane Matthew. The agency said in a new release Friday morning that workers are now focusing on repair work. The agency said 68 roads and 16 bridges are still closed because of the storm. Nearly 1,200 employees are working on storm repair. Crews are also working to replace signs that were damaged or destroyed by the storm earlier this month. Inspectors are continuing to look at bridges to make sure that they are safe. The moveable bridge at Socastee over the Waccamaw River in Horry County is still closed to boat traffic.

Associated Press: University of South Carolina gathers items for flood relief

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=VIDYE2II

In an effort to help flood victims devastated in the wake of Hurricane Matthew, organizations at the University of South Carolina are setting up collection points for water, diapers, cleaning supplies and non-perishable food. Items are being accepted Friday at the university's Alumni Center at 900 Senate St. and the Bi-Lo at 4464 Devine St. Donated items are being sent Monday to Marion County, where post-hurricane flooding of the Little Pee Dee and Lumber rivers has displaced residents in the towns of Nichols and Mullins. Volunteers are being organized by U of SC Relief, a student-led service group, the My Carolina Alumni Association, the university's athletics department and the South Carolina Police Chiefs' Association.

Associated Press: 7th Midlands plant, flower festival gets hurricane reset

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Xe1qumwB

South Carolina's top gardeners, flower vendors and agricultural specialists are ready to open the Midland's fall plant and flower festival at the State Farmers Market. The event was rescheduled due to Hurricane Matthew and runs from Friday through Sunday at the market at 3483 Charleston Highway in West Columbia. Lawn and garden décor, seasonal plants and flowers, and festival vendors offer the season's bounty. Master gardeners from the Clemson extension program are available to answer questions. Admission and parking are free. The event runs from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, contact Brad Boozer at (803) 737-4531.

The State: Less than 100 SC roads still closed by Hurricane Matthew

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article109386552.html>

Nearly 81 percent of the S.C. roads closed because of Hurricane Matthew have reopened, Transportation Officials said Thursday. On Thursday there were 92 roads and bridges closed because of the storm, down from 481 roads and bridges closed at the peak 10 days ago. "We've become experts in dealing with disaster," said Transportation Commission head Mike Wooten, who represents areas hard-hit by the storm, including parts of Florence, Dillon, Horry and Marion counties. Wooten cited the 2014 ice storm and 2015 historic flooding as preparation for Transportation crews reopening roads quickly. About a third of the remaining closed roads are expected to be reopened by Thanksgiving, said roads chief Christy Hall. Another third will be opened after Thanksgiving, she said. Transportation crews have not been able to assess the final third because some are still under water, she said. Hall anticipated having a cost estimate of damages to roads and bridges within the next month.

Post and Courier: Charleston waters reopened for shellfish harvesting

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/charleston-waters-reopened-for-shellfish/article_44bf1ddc-96b5-11e6-bf4f-07b9fbd5e078.html

Succulent Lowcountry oysters are set to be shucked again. State regulators have reopened some of the Charleston County shellfish beds closed after Hurricane Matthew. The opened beds run from between Breach Inlet and Inlet Creek north to Dewees Creek, also along the Folly River and its tributaries as far as Lighthouse Creek. They were the first beds to be reopened to harvest in the state after the storm, according to a S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control release. Also opened are North Edisto River, Bohicket Creek, portions of Leadenwah Creek, Toogoodoo Creek, Wadmalaw River and areas in the South Santee River south to Bulls Bay. The beds had been closed because of pollution in stormwater runoff. "The program continues to monitor the shellfish beds and will re-open areas as soon as it is safe to do so," the release said.

Post and Courier: Rivers expected to begin receding as officials begin to look toward recovery
http://www.postandcourier.com/news/rivers-expected-to-begin-receding-as-officials-begin-to-look/article_fe469c12-9548-11e6-9766-13edd91b725c.html

Conway business owners say they hope the Waccamaw River will finally begin to recede and give them some much-needed flood water relief after Hurricane Matthew dumped rain on the state more than a week ago. The river hit record levels Monday, reaching 17.9 feet, which is more than a foot higher than what occurred during last year's record flooding. The previous record was 17.8 feet and set in 1928. Amy Richardson, owner of Backwoods Nursery in Conway, said the business she owns with her husband had a loss of about \$40,000 last year between inventory and damage to infrastructure. And since her business is mostly outside, it's uninsurable. The business sits along a stormwater drainage canal that connects to the Waccamaw. This year she said she was prepared for the water. "We knew it was coming this year," she said Monday. "We spent all last week preparing, taking as much (inventory) out as possible. But we would hate to have to do this every year."

Post and Courier (Opinion): Matthew's erosion reminders
http://www.postandcourier.com/opinion/editorials/matthew-s-erosion-reminders/article_a9ee32d0-9708-11e6-9fcb-fbbe712925fc.html

Folly Beach City Council wasn't given much choice when Hurricane Matthew left East Ashley Avenue at the Washout in jeopardy. The city has to take measures to protect it. Otherwise, the ocean could easily wash over the street at the Washout and leave dozens of homes stranded. Matthew stole about 400,000 cubic yards of sand from Folly Beach, destroyed an 8-foot-high berm the length of the developed beach and destroyed dune fencing and vegetation. But Matthew isn't the sole culprit. When the federal government built the jetties in 1886 to provide a dependable shipping channel to Charleston Harbor, it inadvertently caused the ongoing erosion of Folly Beach. Groins did not stop the erosion, and ultimately the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers conceded its responsibility and agreed to renourish Folly's beach on a regular basis. In a column on Sunday's Commentary page, Robert S. Young wrote that coastal resort communities should be expected to assume the risk of storm damage themselves.

Post and Courier (Opinion) : Matthew shows need for flood insurance reform
http://www.postandcourier.com/opinion/commentary/matthew-shows-need-for-flood-insurance-reform/article_9f04c6f4-9717-11e6-8f79-af8fdaaed075.html

Hurricane Matthew is the latest warning that unless Congress reforms the broken federal flood insurance program, it could be bankrupt when the 200,000 South Carolina policyholders turn to it after the next storm strikes. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which administers flood coverage to more than five million policyholders in 22,000 communities across the country, is \$23 billion in debt and that is only going to grow. With the NFIP up for reauthorization next year, lawmakers should prioritize fixing the program before it becomes completely unsustainable. Congress

can start by taking steps to inject more private insurers into the flood insurance marketplace, which would move risks and costs from taxpayers to private capital markets.

Post and Courier (Opinion): Local focus delivers best outcomes for disaster relief

http://www.postandcourier.com/opinion/local-focus-delivers-best-outcomes-for-disaster-relief/article_a2b59b36-96fc-11e6-abd5-d7264c6815b9.html

As residents all along the Southeastern coast start to put their lives back together after a devastating visit by Hurricane Matthew, these communities will face unique challenges. Not surprisingly, the calls for billions of dollars in federal government aid are already coming out loud and clear. In states affected by storms, government is often thought of as the only answer to reconstruction. However, research on the aftermath of natural disasters reveals that more often than not, local residents are better-suited to efficiently address these challenges than government on the local, state and federal levels. Even if the federal government could increase the funding to help these communities above and beyond the \$5 billion available in FEMA's disaster relief fund, the money would have to come from an omnibus bill passed by Congress in a lame-duck session, meaning it could be months before they receive an increase in funds. Even if Congress were to approve unlimited funds for rebuilding, it would most likely be surrounded by the type of bureaucracy that benefits a few while undermining true recovery of getting people back into their homes and communities.

Post and Courier (Opinion): Climate lessons from Matthew

http://www.postandcourier.com/opinion/climate-lessons-from-matthew/article_adf98722-96fd-11e6-8395-ffe3e31de92.html

On Oct. 4, Gov. Nikki Haley announced her plan to start ordering evacuations of the South Carolina coast on the next day. By Oct. 7, as Hurricane Matthew bumped along the eastern edge of Florida, Charleston was almost empty. The Charleston airport, which had operated efficiently and safely all week, closed at noon in advance of high winds and buckets of rain. The Interstate 26 lane reversal performed well. Charlestonians had flocked to Lowe's and Home Depot to buy plywood, sandbags and tools to prepare houses. Drivers waited in hour-long lines to fill gas tanks. Shoppers mobbed grocery stores for food, bottled water, rope and Pampers. Residents took occasional breaks from their own preparations to discuss the situation with neighbors and relatives. By my non-scientific study, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) hurricane tracker website was the most popular source of information. People pondered the probability of the storm's predicted turn to the east and the potential height of the tidal surge.

Island Packet: Sign of the times: Hurricane Matthew's traffic sign damage still being tallied

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/article109479117.html>

Traffic signs bent into contorted shapes by the howling winds of Hurricane Matthew could remain a common sight along roadways in Beaufort County. There may be 100 to 150 signs on Hilton Head Island featuring street names that will need some kind of repair, according to public works, traffic and transportation engineer Darrin Shoemaker. "We've experienced quite a bit of damage to our ground-mounted street name signs," Shoemaker said. "We have quite a number of street name signs that were either destroyed or damaged." "We have a large number of those," he said. "If anything, we need a sign post." Shoemaker said repairing stop signs, yield signs and directional signs were a higher priority. But he said very few of those signs were damaged so badly that they will need to be immediately replaced. Shoemaker says repairing street name signs will be a lower priority as the town deals with the storm cleanup.

Island Packet: Did Matthew splinter Sea Pines lighthouse?

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/weather/hurricane/article109462017.html>

Photos of Harbour Town Lighthouse post-Matthew show visible cracks to Hilton Head's best-known landmark. But the markings are not hurricane-related, said Mary Doyle of the Sea Pines Resort. Just days before Matthew swept into Beaufort County, workers sanded, caulked and prepped the lighthouse for re-painting — and, in the process, caused some cracks to the outside. When Gov. Nikki Haley called for coastal communities to evacuate, the painting project was temporarily abandoned, Doyle said. And when residents returned, many assumed the iconic lighthouse was one of the many buildings in Sea Pines to sustain damage. "It was just horrible timing," Doyle said. The lighthouse, which was last painted in 2008, has been inspected and sustained no structural damage, she reported. Painting will resume Monday. The 320-year-old Liberty Oak, also located in Harbour Town Marina, also weathered Matthew well.

Island Packet: After Matthew, long road to recovery ahead for Hilton Head's Woodlake Villas

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/weather/hurricane/article109470372.html>

The Aguado family is sleeping in their neighbor's living room. The Bagginis spend their nights in a motel. Dozens of their neighbors in Hilton Head Island's Woodlake Villas community are bunking with friends, family or at church shelters. None of the roughly 30 displaced neighbors — many of whom speak Spanish as their first language — know exactly when they'll be able to return to their homes, which were heavily damaged by Hurricane Matthew flooding. "We've heard it could be weeks, months, maybe a year," Woodlake resident Vanesa Rosso said. "We just don't know." Carolina Baggini — with Rosso translating from Spanish to English — said when she entered her apartment after the storm, the first thing that hit her was the smell. The lagoon behind her home flooded the apartment with foul smelling water, soaking the carpets and seeping into the drywall.

Island Packet: Hilton Head candidates talk about lessons learned from Hurricane Matthew

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/weather/hurricane/article109549727.html>

People need to be the focus of future disaster planning, all the candidates running for Hilton Head Island Town Council said during a forum Thursday. This is the lesson learned from Hurricane Matthew, the candidates said during the League of Women Voters of Hilton Head Island and Bluffton Area event. Incumbents David Ames, Ward 1, and Marc Grant, Ward 3, are facing challengers Ryan James McAvoy, Ward 1, and Ibrahim Abdul-Malik, Ward 3, in the upcoming Nov. 8 election. Ames said town staff and Mayor David Bennett did an "outstanding" job in the days following the storm. Yet, more is needed going forward to help those struggling on the island, he said. "I am not convinced that we have a human-oriented plan," said Ames, a retired island planner and developer. "We did a great job getting them on the island, but we now have people who lost their homes, apartments or condos. This is the time for the community to distinguish themselves and show what they are made of."

Sun News: Four generations of Bucksport family displaced by flood, shelters with community

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article109543247.html>

Halloween decorations are on display in the busy lobby of the Bucksport community center, where elderly gentlemen napped in front of a television set and the laughter of children spilled out of the gymnasium. Food and drinks were carried in by the caseload and the parking lot was a hub of activity, but it wasn't a typical community event at the James R. Frazier Center. The looming National Guard truck parked by the live oak trees confirmed that the center has been converted to an emergency shelter to house nearly 100 residents whose homes were flooded in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew. Neighbors popped in the American Red Cross shelter on Thursday to check on friends whose homes are uninhabitable. Other residents came through to pick up their mail at the make-shift post office, hastily established after postal carriers could no longer access the flooded community.

Morning News: Florence announces #NextPhaseFlorence recovery effort

http://www.scnw.com/news/hurricane_matthew/article_062a799c-96d6-11e6-9510-8ba2e7efd8e4.html

The City of Florence Thursday announced the plan of action for the next phase of the clean-up of from the impact of Hurricane Matthew. "Our top priority is to ensure that the needs of our residents and businesses are being addressed timely. It is also important for our residents to know what the city can and cannot assist them with. We hope that the next phase of our disaster relief plan will provide clarification and much needed resources to the people of Florence," said Drew Griffin, Florence city manager, in a release issued Thursday morning. Toward that end Griffin said the city would provide weekly updates Wednesday mornings on its Website at www.cityofflorence.com/nextphaseflorence.aspx. "Hurricane Matthew had a major impact on our city. I am proud of our amazing city staff that has worked around the clock to help our citizens. This next phase will take our communication and our outpouring of information to the next level," said Florence Mayor Stephen Wukela through the release.

Morning News: Officials say cleanup work well underway in Florence County after Hurricane Matthew

http://www.scnw.com/news/hurricane_matthew/article_cc2e33b2-9727-11e6-9223-737b302635b1.html

Florence County officials said Thursday that the cleanup and recovery efforts after Hurricane Matthew are well underway. County damage assessment teams estimate \$52.5 million in damage to private property, businesses, churches and government facilities during the storm. County Administrator K.G. "Rusty" Smith Jr. said during Thursday's meeting of the Florence County Council that the estimated cost to remove all debris from county roads and repair damaged or washed-out roads is about \$1 million. He said individual help is on the way, and locations for aid centers are in the works. "We're working with FEMA representatives to establish two recovery centers in the county, one here in Florence and the other in Lake City," Smith said. "We expect those centers to be open for the public by Saturday." Exact locations had not been set Thursday, but officials said that information will be publicized immediately when it is available.

Herald-Journal: Hurricane damage to SC crops could equal that from flooding

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20161020/hurricane-damage-to-sc-crops-could-equal-that-from-flooding?rssfeed=true>

S.C. Department of Agriculture Commissioner Hugh Weathers said Thursday crops in some areas of the state may have sustained as much damage from Hurricane Matthew as they did from last year's historic flooding. Weathers provided an update on the storm's impact on state farms during a stop in Spartanburg, where he was visiting Fairforest Elementary School. Weathers said state officials are still trying to assess the extent of the damage to farms. "It is much more difficult to get a handle on than the flood last year. The damage (this year) is more localized. From my part of the world — I'm in Orangeburg — if you went from that part toward the North Carolina line up (Interstate) 95 toward the coast, that's where some of the damage is equal to what we saw last year," he said. "Some farmers will abandon crops." Thanks to a week of warm, dry weather, farmers are surveying their crops to figure out what, if anything, is salvageable, Weathers said.

WACH: Haley thanks Team SC for recovery efforts after Hurricane Matthew

<http://wach.com/news/local/haley-thanks-team-sc-for-recovery-efforts-after-hurricane-matthew>

Governor Nikki Haley released a statement on Twitter thanking state agencies for their response

following Hurricane Matthew."Thank you to our Team SC for their constant work and dedication to our state!" she wrote. The governor noted that 99% of power has been restored for the more than 861,000 who experienced outages. She said that 81% of roads and bridges that were closed have been reopened. Haley said debris removal teams will be working in 17 counties by the weekend to aid in recovery efforts. The governor said the state will continue to help South Carolina rebuild after the storm and that the One SC Fund is still taking donation to help in recovery efforts.

WMBF: Fire chief: Storm plan worked to keep Florence safe during Matthew

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/33433633/fire-chief-storm-plan-worked-to-keep-florence-safe-during-matthew>

First responders in Florence talked about just how crucial preparation and practice were when it came to helping victims of Hurricane Matthew. The Florence Fire Department's storm plan has been on the books for nine years, but the fire chief said his team got a chance to really see its effectiveness while answering calls during the storm. That plan consists of throwing out normal procedures and switching the department over to its own operations center. When it's all said and done, central dispatch only sends calls to that ops center and crews then determine which arm of the department answers specific calls. Florence Fire Chief Randy Osterman said this procedural change takes pressure off of the department and central dispatch because multiple calls were coming from the same areas during the storm. He said the plan worked throughout Matthew's duration.

WMBF: Road closures and flooding affecting Conway businesses

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/33440298/road-closures-and-flooding-affecting-conway-businesses>
m serious flooding, but they want the community to know they are open for business. "We are open but we're having to bring everything behind the store because our whole warehouse is flooded, under water," said employee Crystal Cribb. Cribb and the rest of those at Conway Feed and Garden are doing all they can to tend to business as usual, even using a tractor to get supplies from their flooded warehouse to higher ground. Unlike last October's floods, Cribb said the water came back for a second round. "All the water went away, and then when the river started rising, it all came back last Friday," Cribb recalled. The road closure is right outside what would be the front entrance. Cribb said they've been trying to explain the detour as best as they can to customers, especially for those trying to come from north Conway or Loris.

WPDE: Conway schools come together to help Bucksport Community after hurricane

<http://wpde.com/news/local/conway-schools-come-together-to-help-bucksport-community>

Hurricane Matthew left a path of devastation along South Carolina's coast. Then days after the storm passed, many of the rivers in our area overflowed, forcing many people out of their homes and into shelters. Among those impacted were people in the Bucksport Community in Horry County. Bucksport is off of Highway 701 South between Conway and Georgetown. Four schools in Conway decided to make a difference and donate to the community in need. Students, faculty and staff members from the schools delivered boxes of donations to the James R. Fraizer Community Center Thursday night. It was something that they just knew they had to do, Conway High School student Shelbi Kirton said. "We just wanted to help everybody and give back, because if we were in need, we would want people to help us. So, you just help people in any way that you can," she said.

WBTW: Bucksport residents still can't access homes a week after evacuations

<http://wbtw.com/2016/10/20/bucksport-residents-still-cant-access-homes-a-week-after-evacuations/>
A "CodeRed" message was sent from the Horry County Emergency Operations Center last Thursday alerting the residents of Bucksport about the flooding and encouraging people to evacuate. Several

families packed what they could and left at that time. That included people like Hazel Bellamy who live on Martin Luther Drive. "Some people are able to get back to their homes at this point but where my home is located, we're not able to and they can't tell us when," Bellamy said. Horry County Spokesperson Lisa said Martin Luther Drive is the last road still closed in Bucksport. Those that can't get home are taking advantage of a Red Cross shelter at the James Frazier Community Center. It's a situation many Bucksport residents didn't think they would be in. "I called my daughter and was like did you see the water in Lumberton and Mullins? And then all of a sudden it was us. It was right here in our back door and we were facing the same situation. So now I know how those people feel," Bellamy said.

WBTW: Florence: Hurricane Matthew yard debris pickup could take 30-60 days

<http://wbtw.com/2016/10/20/florence-hurricane-matthew-yard-debris-pickup-could-take-30-60-days/>
Hurricane Matthew left thousands of cubic yards of storm debris for residents and local officials to clean up. "Florence County covers 805 square miles. We have almost 1,500 linear miles that will need to be cleared," said Florence County Emergency Management Director Dusty Owens. As many people return home and began piling tree limbs and damaged property on their lawn county officials are asking for patience. "What we're doing is signing a MOU with a contractor who is working for the department of transportation," added Owens. The agreement allows crews to clean up both state and county maintained roads. Owens says the process could take about two months. "They're working through some of the subdivisions in the northern end of the county which is our more populated area," explained Owens. Until then, people should follow the guidelines for removing debris. Owens says storm debris should not be bagged.

Townsville, SC Shooting:

Associated Press: Sheriff denies paper's request for school shooting materials

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

Local authorities have denied a newspaper's request for video and other records related to a shooting at a South Carolina elementary school. The Anderson Independent-Mail reports (<http://bit.ly/2e6Midw>) the Anderson County Sheriff's Office this week denied its request for video and supplemental reports on the Sept. 28 shooting at Townville Elementary School. The newspaper reported that Lt. Sheila Cole said a provision of state law exempts release of materials that could constitute "an unreasonable invasion of personal privacy." South Carolina Press Association executive director Bill Rogers called the exemption "ridiculous" in this case because authorities have already identified a suspect and made an arrest. A 14-year-old boy has been charged with killing his father before driving to the school and fatally shooting 6-year-old Jacob Hall.

Independent Mail: Hall family to pursue 'Jacob's law' for officers in schools

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/local/2016/10/20/hall-family-pursue-jacobs-law-officers-schools/92462702/>

The family of Jacob Hall, the 6-year-old who was fatally wounded in the Townville Elementary School shooting, will be pursuing a state law in his honor, his aunt told the Independent Mail on Thursday. Rebecca Hunnicutt said her family will push for the establishment of "Jacob's Law," which would require that armed officers be placed in all South Carolina schools. "There needs (to be) a minimum number of armed officers per a certain number of students in our schools," Hunnicutt said. "Our kids need to be protected. They need to be safe. We need to make it mandatory. We can't bring Jacob back, but there is a world of children left to protect. Jacob's death cannot be in vain." It's not yet clear if the Hall family is working with a specific legislator on the issue. The cost of such a proposal and

who would pay for the officers are unknown. In Anderson County, school resource officers are already stationed at all middle and high schools.

Independent Mail: UPDATE: Road to be named for Townville's Jacob Hall

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/2016/10/20/road-named-townvilles-jacob-hall/92453582/>

A state highway panel voted Thursday morning to name a road in honor of Jacob Hall, the 6-year-old mortally wounded last month in a shooting at Townville Elementary School. The intersection of Interstate 85 and S.C. 24 in Anderson County will be called the Jacob L. Hall Memorial Interchange. Rebecca Hunnicutt, Jacob's aunt, said her family was surprised and honored to learn about the measure. "They took our boy's name and are going to make sure it lives on forever," she said. "People are going to remember Jacob, and not just for this tragedy, but for the light that his life brought into the world. We are so honored that our state sees Jacob as a hero." The South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission approved the measure unanimously at a meeting in Columbia. The resolution was introduced by Commissioner Ben Davis, who represents Anderson County and several others in the Upstate on the state highway panel. "The DOT joins the rest of the state in our sadness over this tragic event," Davis said in an interview. "My hope is that by bringing this forward, it will be one small step to help heal the community."

Michael Slager Case:

Associated Press: Judge to hear request to move police officer's murder trial

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=w0UAFFWi

A judge is expected to hear a request to move the trial of a former South Carolina police officer charged with murder in the shooting death of a black motorist out of Charleston. Friday's hearing in Michael Slager's case comes just 10 days before jury selection in his state trial is set to begin. Slager's lawyers are asking Circuit Judge Clifton Newman to move the trial based in part on a survey they had conducted that found 85 percent of Charleston County residents have seen the bystander video of Slager shooting Walter Scott as he ran away after an April 2015 traffic stop. Defense attorneys say the video shows only a tiny part of the encounter between the North Charleston officer and Scott and has been shown so much that potential jurors won't listen to their evidence.

General Assembly News:

Associated Press: Fondling claim hits SC state Senate race weeks before vote

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9UCf0xO1

State police are investigating allegations that a state Senate candidate started an "inappropriate relationship" with a 16-year-old girl nearly 25 years ago, when he was a high school teacher in his 20s and she was his student. Mike Fanning's fellow Democrats call the claim, made in the final stretch of the campaign, politically motivated. Fanning, 49, of Great Falls, is being investigated by the State Law Enforcement Division at the request of the Hampton County Sheriff's Office, where his former student filed the complaint on Sept. 29. SLED took the case on Oct. 3, according to the department's spokesman, Thom Berry. The sheriff's report, obtained by The Associated Press through a public records request, says the alleged "inappropriate relationship" that began in 1993 involved "fondling - forcible." It did not provide more details. Fanning, a former high school teacher in Estill and Columbia, did not respond to a request for comment. But Sen. Gerald Malloy, an attorney, said Fanning "categorically denies the allegations." "The timing is suspect. The information is suspect. This is politically motivated. There's no other conclusion to reach," said Malloy, D-Hartsville.

WIS: Intriguing contest underway for Midlands Senate race

<http://www.wistv.com/story/33441629/intriguing-contest-underway-for-midlands-senate-race>

Ahead of the November election, the focus for many is turning from the Presidential race to the local level. There's an intriguing contest underway in a Midlands senate race: two women vying for a high visibility position in a district covering much of northeast Richland County. After years on the Richland County Council, and more as a member of the Richland School District Two leadership, Susan Brill is trying to move into state government. On Thursday, she worked on a new TV spot in a run to win the seat being vacated by longtime Midlands Senator Joel Lourie. Even though Lourie is a Democrat, Republican Brill said she believes she has a shot. "I felt like I had something to offer with my background in public education, working on the issues you could say from the bottom up. And, you know, dealing with what the legislature has created for us. Things that we have to live with like unfunded mandates," Brill said. Also battling for the Senate District 22 slot, a more familiar figure around the State House. Representative Mia McLeod, a former legislative page turned attorney. Much of her work over the last 20 years has centered on crime victims, especially women.

Greenville News: SC Chamber PAC backs incumbents in Upstate legislative races

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/10/20/sc-chamber-pac-backs-incumbents-upstate-legislative-races/92468662/>

The Good Government Committee, the S.C. Chamber of Commerce's political action committee, announced 20 legislative endorsements Thursday, including three Greenville and Pickens County legislators. Sen. Karl Allen (D-Greenville), Rep. Gary Clary (R-Pickens) and Rep. Davey Hiott (R-Pickens) were among the legislators endorsed by the committee, which says it supports "pro-jobs leaders" for state House of Representatives and Senate seats. Allen, whose district includes downtown Greenville and the Westside, is facing Republican Glenn Robinson. Clary is facing Libertarian Travis McCurry and Hiott is challenged by Libertarian Joey Lum. The full list of Good Government Committee-endorsed candidates is below.

Post and Courier: Who knew the South Carolina Legislature had so much medical expertise?

http://www.postandcourier.com/columnists/who-knew-the-south-carolina-legislature-had-so-much-medical/article_22a44588-96e2-11e6-86b3-0bd546162860.html

Since health care is eating the state budget alive, perhaps South Carolina could cut costs by just having state lawmakers treat patients. After all, many of them profess to be experts in medicine – or at least specialists in obstetrics and gynecology. The Post and Courier's Maya Prabhu reports that the state Department of Health and Environmental Control recently posted proposed changes to South Carolina's abortion regulations, including a requirement that women have the written consent of their husbands. The rules, surprisingly, did not require women to call their husbands "sir." There were other tweaks, including mandatory sexually transmitted disease testing – because, you know, these women are obviously doing it. All this follows a new state law passed earlier this year that banned abortions, even in case of rape or incest, after 20 weeks. A while back, lawmakers even cut the duration of a pregnancy's second trimester by four weeks – which is an impressive miracle of science.

SC Agency News:

Post and Courier: Husband signature for abortion language came from DHEC staffer, agency says

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/husband-signature-for-abortion-language-came-from-dhec-staffer-agency/article_c5d55912-96cf-11e6-9e6d-673bd18aa865.html

State health officials say a staff member was the source of the language in a proposal requiring married women to get signed consent from their husband before getting an abortion. The

recommendations also listed a requirement that women be tested for sexually transmitted diseases if they were seeking an abortion, which is different than the way it's done currently by abortion providers. Officials said the inclusion and publication of both items in a draft document released for public review last month was done in error, and that neither are actually under consideration. The miscues, disclosed Wednesday after The Post and Courier raised questions about the document, completely originated with department staff, S.C. Department of Health and Environment spokeswoman Jennifer Read said Thursday. The staffer's name and job description were not disclosed.

Greenville News: Almost a third of DDSN providers didn't use meds training

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/south-carolina/2016/10/20/almost-third-ddsn-providers-didnt-use-meds-training/92454564/>

More than 30 percent of providers last year chose not to use a program to train and certify workers to give out medications to intellectually disabled consumers, the state Department of Disabilities and Special Needs disclosed Thursday. But officials cautioned that those numbers, while a key piece of data in determining just how many providers are doing what they should with medications, does not mean 30 percent were violating the law or using untrained employees to hand out pills. They said in some cases nurses could have been used or providers could have used certified medication assistants. However, DDSN's quality review agency still found problems with the way medications training occurs in the DDSN network. Oversight of medications training by providers lacked sufficient documentation, some providers that did use the training curriculum changed it to give fewer hours than required, and the frequency of the training "varied significantly from one provider to provider," according to a memo released Thursday.

SC Delegation News:

Greenville News: Trey Gowdy outraises Democratic challenger Chris Fedalei

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/10/20/trey-gowdy-outraises-democratic-challenger-chris-fedalei/92470354/>

The traditional fundraising advantage enjoyed by incumbents holds true in Rep. Trey Gowdy's re-election race. Gowdy, R-Spartanburg, has raised more than \$1.3 million in his effort to win a fourth term. As of Sept. 30, he had \$576,000 remaining. His Democratic challenger, Chris Fedalei of Spartanburg, has raised about \$78,400 and had \$6,200 left at the end of the third quarter. Congressional candidates filed their most recent financial reports with the Federal Election Commission this week. Gowdy, a former prosecutor who led the final House investigation into the 2012 terrorist attacks in Benghazi, Libya, is heavily favored in the Nov. 8 general election to represent South Carolina's 4th Congressional District. Gowdy's donor list is a mix of business leaders, retirees, lawyers and doctors, including J. Michael Jernigan, CEO of Select Health of South Carolina, and James Zahn, treasurer of Milliken and Company in Greenville.

SC Political News:

The State: Absentee votes up 15-20% in SC

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article109462462.html>

At least 74,955 South Carolina voters won't be listening to the presidential candidates make their final pitches this election year. Those South Carolinians already have cast their ballots using the state's absentee voting option. And the number of South Carolinians voting absentee is expected to go far higher. "We're about 15 to 20 percent ahead compared to the same numbers last time," said Chris

Whitmire, spokesman for the S.C. Election Commission. If more South Carolinians vote absentee, it could be good news for Democrats. In 2012, S.C. absentee voters opted for Democrat Barack Obama over Republican Mitt Romney by 54-45, almost the reverse of the statewide total that year, when challenger Romney topped President Obama 54-44. The absentee voting period started last week.

The State: Readers stick with Trump - and the election - after third debate

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article109597997.html>

Readers scored another win for Donald Trump in this week's third and final debate with Hillary Clinton, but they also disagreed with the GOP nominee on the state of American democracy. Two-thirds of the 3,348 people who took the Buzz's online Twitter poll declared Trump the winner of Wednesday's contest, in line with our previous polls. Readers declared Trump the winner of both of his previous contests with Hillary Clinton as well, even as Trump began to slide in national polls. Only 29 percent thought Clinton did better in the debate. Readers scored another win for Donald Trump in this week's third and final debate with Hillary Clinton, but they also disagreed with the GOP nominee on the state of American democracy. Two-thirds of the 3,348 people who took the Buzz's online Twitter poll declared Trump the winner of Wednesday's contest, in line with our previous polls. Readers declared Trump the winner of both of his previous contests with Hillary Clinton as well, even as Trump began to slide in national polls. Only 29 percent thought Clinton did better in the debate.

WIS: Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster's support for Donald Trump is unwavering, he says

<http://www.wistv.com/story/33438588/lt-gov-henry-mcmasters-support-for-donald-trump-is-unwavering-he-says>

As people weigh in on how their candidate of choice came out of Wednesday night's final presidential debate, South Carolina Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster says his support of businessman Donald Trump is unwavering. McMaster, a Republican, of course, says Trump won over former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and believes Trump did enough to overcome his widening deficit in the polls. But, McMaster believes the media misinterprets Trump's point not to reveal if he will accept the election results, saying he thinks Trump will wait to make that decision once votes are certified and no fraud is determined. Others, like Sen. Lindsey Graham, tweeted Wednesday night that it's a disservice to the Republican Party and the country when Trump calls the election rigged. McMaster sees it differently. "Is rigged may be a pretty good word for that," McMaster said. "I don't think that he means that all over the country, all the election officials are going to try to throw the election. I don't think anybody is saying that. But there are a lot of things happening this time that I have never seen before and it mainly stems from the widespread opposition."

WIS: Lindsey Graham: Suggesting election is 'rigged' does US a 'great disservice'

<http://www.wistv.com/story/33435249/lindsey-graham-suggesting-election-is-rigged-does-us-a-great-disservice>

South Carolina senior Sen. Lindsey Graham says any notion that the presidential election is "rigged" accomplishes nothing but "doing the [Republican] party and the country a great disservice." Graham tweeted out a statement during Wednesday night's final presidential debate after Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump suggested he would not accept the results of Nov. 8's election. "I will tell you at the time. I'll keep you in suspense," Trump said. Graham has been one of Trump's biggest critics in the Republican Party, never delivering an endorsement to the businessman even after he outright won the GOP nomination. Graham continued that criticism in his statement. "If he loses, it will not be because the system is 'rigged' but because he failed as a candidate," Graham said.

Aiken Standard: S.C. Dems talk Trump, election system and platforms at 2nd Congressional District Town Hall

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20161020/161029940/sc-dems-talk-trump-election-system-and-platforms-at-2nd-congressional-district-town-hall->

South Carolina Democrats on Thursday denounced that the election system is "rigged," an idea suggested by Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump and also addressed the GOP candidate's recent statement that he would accept the election results if he won. "The story last night was that he may or may not accept the election results, which is scary," said Matthew Ellison, spokesperson for the South Carolina Democratic Party. "Hopefully, he will, and hopefully, more sensible Republicans, including his running mate and his campaign staff, will if in fact, Secretary Clinton comes out the winner on Nov. 8." But, Ellison said, the idea "didn't come out of nowhere." At the 2nd Congressional District Town Hall, sponsored by the state Democratic Party, Ellison said when Trump talked about some of the issues during Wednesday's presidential debate, he was talking as a Republican. Ellison, who noted state party chair Jaime Harrison was unable to attend due to a separate event, also evoked the state Democratic Party's "Enough is Enough" campaign saying, "If Republican policies were going to work and move South Carolina in the right direction, they would have done so by now. They haven't."

Post and Courier: To the Archives! Donald Trump and his mega-yacht sailed into Charleston

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/to-the-archives-donald-trump-and-his-mega-yacht-sailed/article_76a4d3ce-9704-11e6-a9be-4390f9d1a13e.html

Before Donald Trump was a presidential candidate, he had a boat. A big boat. Yuge. And it docked in Charleston for about a week in the 1980s. The yacht, known as "Trump Princess," arrived 28 years ago at the State Ports Authority Passenger Terminal off Concord Street. Then-reporter Rick Nelson (now managing editor) in the Nov. 24, 1988, edition of The New and Courier described the lavish boat in all of its gilded glory. "Complete with onyx floors, gold pillars and marble tables, it's among the finest luxury vessels in the world," the article said. "It is adorned with gold-plated pillars, mahogany walls and Italian brass sculptures." At the time, the 285-foot boat was the third-largest yacht in the world, with a 35-member crew on board at the time when it made berth in the Holy City. The yacht was so large that Trump had to get permits to dredge the Atlantic City Harbor so that it could accommodate his luxury ship. But that was the way "The Donald" wanted it, Captain Richard Cuckson told Nelson.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press : US Army Central stands up coordination unit at Shaw AFB

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=x5ZPbUeH

U.S. Army Central is setting up a special unit in South Carolina devoted to linking up with allied nations, multinational military headquarters and other U.S. military units during overseas deployments. The unit known as the 2503rd Digital Liaison Detachment is celebrating Friday at a 1 p. m. ceremony at Shaw Air Force Base, where it will be based. Col. Oscar W. Doward Jr. commands the unit composed of some 30 soldiers. The unit offers U.S. Army commanders communication capabilities, logistical, and administrative support as they train and conduct military missions. U.S. Army Central supports and supplies American military forces in the Middle East and central Asian regions, which includes more than two dozen nations stretching from western Africa to Afghanistan.

Herald-Journal: Report: SC has high prevalence of mental illness

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20161020/report-sc-has-high-prevalence-of-mental-illness?rssfeed=true>

South Carolina is among the states with the highest prevalence of adult and youth mental illness and the worst access to care, according to Mental Health America's latest report. The report, "The State of Mental Health in America 2017," ranks all 50 states and the District of Columbia on 15 measures, including the prevalence of mental illness and access to treatment and resources. South Carolina ranked 37th in the nation for the prevalence of adult and youth mental illness and access to care in 2014, the most recent available ranking in the report. The state has seen progress since 2011, when it was ranked 45th overall. Broken down by age, South Carolina was among the top 15 states with the most adults struggling with a mental illness — nearly 17.6 percent, or 636,000 adults in the state. Nationally, 20 percent of adults have a mental health condition, which equates to about 43.7 million people, the report said. The state ranked 37th for the prevalence of mentally ill youth in 2014, but did see an increase in access to mental health coverage for children from 2011-14.

Local News:

Associated Press: Body of missing Greensboro woman found in Forsyth County

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=gBuDN4I8

Authorities have found the body of a Greensboro woman who has been missing since June following a domestic dispute with her boyfriend. Greensboro police said in a news release an autopsy by the N. C. Office of the Chief Medical Examiner determined that a body found Oct. 13 in Forsyth County off U.S. Route 421 is Cree Asia Smith. Smith was last seen June 16 and was reported missing July 12. Her boyfriend, 25-year-old Desmond L. Pendergrass was charged last month with first-degree murder in connection with Smith's disappearance. Investigators say the two were involved in a domestic dispute right before she went missing. It is unclear whether Pendergrass has an attorney.

Associated Press: Oconee County man charged with child neglect

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

An Oconee County man has been arrested and charged with child neglect after he and an 11-year-old child were found living in a storage building. Multiple media outlets reported that sheriff's deputies investigating a fight Thursday morning between 40-year-old Tracey Shane Prater of Westminster and another man discovered the living situation involving the child. Prater is also charged with third-degree assault and battery. It was not known if he has an attorney. The child has been taken into protective custody. Deputies said conditions in the storage building that had been converted into a home were unhealthy and unsanitary.

Post and Courier: North Charleston police advisory commission headed to City Council for final approval in November

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/north-charleston-police-advisory-commission-headed-to-city-council-for/article_1b693bac-9642-11e6-8b96-cb5d67a3b937.html

A long-awaited advisory group on police-community relations is almost a reality in North Charleston. City Council's Committee of the Whole on Thursday night approved a governing document for the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Community/Police Relations. That document is scheduled for a final public presentation Nov. 3 when residents can comment and suggest changes before it heads to council for final approval Nov. 10. While much of Thursday's discussion was uneventful, one North Charleston resident expressed doubts over the advisory group's efficacy and over the transparency of the public input process. "The mission of this body is to increase trust between (residents) and our police department," said Kay Haun. "I had hoped North Charleston would be on its way to becoming the model city in the United States." But the advisory commission won't be able to have a significant impact, Haun said.

Independent Mail: T.L. Hanna High student in custody after bringing gun to school

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/local/2016/10/20/tl-hanna-high-student-custody-gun-incident/92473032/>

A freshman at T.L. Hanna High School brought an unloaded gun to school on Thursday afternoon and was detained by the Anderson County Sheriff's Office. Anderson School District 5 spokesman Kyle Newton said that around 3 p.m. a student saw the male student with the gun and notified a teacher, who then notified an administrator. Lt. Sheila Cole of the Anderson County Sheriff's Office said a 15-year-old was taken into custody after an unloaded handgun was found. She said the student will be charged with carrying a weapon on school property. Sophomore Jahnashia Taylor said the incident was somewhat troubling. "Loaded or unloaded, you shouldn't bring a gun to school," she said. On the other hand, freshman Yash Patel said he has no concerns about safety at school. "I'm not worried," he said. The detained student will have a disciplinary hearing and the administration will recommend expulsion, Newton said. T.L. Hanna Principal Shawn Tobin told the Independent Mail, he was thankful for the trusting relationship between teachers and faculty, and that the student was able to tell a teacher about the gun.

The State: Lexington 2 announces property purchases for school expansion projects

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/education/article109583687.html>

The Lexington 2 School District board of trustees announced late Thursday night that it had purchased property on Knox Abbott Drive in Cayce and Cougar Drive in West Columbia to build a new arena for Brookland-Cayce High School and a new elementary school. The announcement came at the end of the board's regular monthly meeting where plans were laid out for the two projects by the architectural firm Jumper Carter Sease, which designed the original Brookland-Cayce High School. A Motel 6 on the 3.10 acre tract of land at 613 Knox Abbott Drive will be torn down to make way for the new Brookland-Cayce High School arena. Three tracts of land totalling 12.36 acres on Cougar Drive in West Columbia will be combined with 4.37 acres the district already owns to build the new elementary school. The land is located across the street from Northside Middle School. Two existing elementary schools, Brookland-Cayce Grammar School No. 1 and Pineview Elementary School, will be consolidated into the new facility, the district said.

Herald-Journal: Amazon now hiring for seasonal jobs

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20161020/amazon-now-hiring-for-seasonal-jobs?rssfeed=true>

Amazon has begun hiring more than 120,000 seasonal workers across the U.S., including 4,000 in South Carolina, for the holiday season. The number of seasonal hires planned is 20 percent higher than last year, according to Amazon spokeswoman Lauren Lynch. "We employ seasonal employees as a way of finding high-quality talent while managing variation in customer demand," Lynch said via email. "Seasonal employees play a critical role in meeting customer demand during the holidays." The Spartanburg Amazon fulfillment center opened in 2013 on John Dodd Road and employs about 400 workers. The other Amazon warehouse locations in South Carolina are in West Columbia and North Charleston. Integral Staffing Solutions of Spartanburg on Tuesday began advertising for temporary Amazon warehouse jobs paying up to \$11.75 an hour, the same rate being offered in North Charleston. The warehouse jobs in West Columbia are paying up to \$14.25 an hour.

Morning News: Florence police hosting Drug Take-Back initiative Saturday

http://www.scnow.com/news/article_f079a3c4-96fe-11e6-b2fe-1b742825879b.html

The Florence Police Department, in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration, will be hosting National Drug Take-Back Initiative collection sites on Saturday. The sites will be located at

West Florence High School at 221 Beltline Dr. and First Baptist Church at 300 S. Irby St. The sites will be open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Residents are encouraged to rid their homes of their expired, unused, and unwanted prescriptions and bring them to either site for disposal. Liquids, needles or sharps will not be accepted, only pills or patches. The service is free and anonymous to all who use it. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press: Trump, Clinton trade caustic barbs as roast turns bitter

<http://bigstory.ap.org/86f67961bb6644ddb7d82ec0b2021dff>

The annual Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner, a white-tie gala in New York that is often the last time the two presidential nominees share a stage before Election Day, is traditionally a time when campaign hostilities are set aside. Not this year. Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton traded sharp barbs and brutal takedowns Thursday, the night after their final debate, with many in the well-heeled crowd turning on the Republican nominee midway through his remarks and showering him with jeers. Trump, who had drawn big laughs earlier in the speech, appeared to lose the room as he repeatedly dug in with caustic swipes at Clinton, drawing rare boos at a charity event meant to raise money for impoverished children throughout New York. He appeared to straddle the line when he talked about how "listening to Hillary rattle on and rattle on" has made him better appreciate his longtime nemesis Rosie O'Donnell. But he then seemed to cross it when he referred to her as "corrupt" during a lengthy riff on the FBI's investigation into her use of a private email server as secretary of state.

Associated Press: Trump says he'll accept a clear election result, won't lose

<http://bigstory.ap.org/e8508d4b580d48359482e7204ccdc671>

Donald Trump has stepped back only slightly from his refusal to say during his debate with Hillary Clinton whether he would concede if he loses on Election Day, failing to stem the criticism that flowed from Republicans and Democrats over an attitude some contended struck at the heart of American democracy. "I would like to promise and pledge to all of my voters and supporters and to all of the people of the United States that I will totally accept the results of this great and historic presidential election," Trump said Thursday while campaigning in Ohio. After letting that vow hang in the air for a few seconds, he added, "if I win." Putting aside his mocking tone, Trump said he would accept "a clear election result" but reserved his right to "contest or file a legal challenge" if he lost on Nov. 8. He brushed off the likelihood of that happening with a confident prediction that "we're not going to lose." Among those criticizing Trump was Sen. John McCain, the Arizona Republican who lost to Barack Obama in the 2008 presidential race.

Associated Press: Trump's 'bad hombres' draws jeers, Spanish lessons

<http://bigstory.ap.org/d1a29b3129c648839046469391d910d3>

Donald Trump's utterance of "bad hombres" offended some of the millions of people watching the final presidential debate, who called it racially divisive. Within minutes of using the phrase Wednesday evening, the Republican presidential nominee was getting a lashing about his mishmash of English and Spanish. "We have some bad hombres here, and we're gonna get 'em out," said Trump, whose rise to the party nomination was fueled in part by his plan to build a wall at the U.S.-Mexico border. He blamed these "hombres," (OHM-brays) Spanish for men, for drug epidemics around the U.S. Trump has worked to broaden his appeal to Hispanics, promising a better life if he's president. But to

some voters, it's a lost cause.

National News:

Associated Press: 50 years later, Black Panthers look back at party's founding

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The Black Panthers emerged from this gritty Northern California city 50 years ago, declaring to a nation in turmoil a new party dedicated to defending African-Americans against police brutality and protecting the right of a downtrodden people to determine their own future. In the group's short life, it launched an ambitious breakfast program for children and opened free health clinics to screen for sickle-cell anemia. At the same time, party members scared mainstream America with their calls for revolution that were at odds with Martin Luther King Jr.'s insistence on peaceful protest. The Panthers eventually imploded, weakened by internal fighting and by a government effort to undermine the group. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said the party represented the nation's "greatest threat to internal security." The Nixon administration moved to shut it down. The anniversary comes as new tensions between black communities and law enforcement have given rise to another social-justice movement with Oakland ties — Black Lives Matter.

World News:

Associated Press: IS attacks Iraq city of Kirkuk, power plant amid Mosul fight

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Islamic State militants armed with assault rifles and explosives attacked targets in and around the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk early Friday, in an assault that appeared aimed at diverting Iraqi security forces from a massive offensive against the IS-held city of Mosul. At least 13 workers, including four Iranians, were killed when IS militants stormed a power plant north of Kirkuk and then blew themselves up. Multiple explosions meanwhile rocked the city and gun battles were ongoing, said witnesses in Kirkuk, speaking on condition of anonymity as they were concerned for their safety. Much of the fighting was centered on a government compound in the city. They said the streets were largely deserted out of fear of militant snipers. IS said its fighters targeted the provincial headquarters. The claim was carried by the IS-run Aamaq news agency and could not immediately be verified.

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