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2014 Campaign Cycle News:

WMBF: Haley campaign bus visits CCU, Pawleys Island

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/27168383/haley-campaign-bus-visits-ccu-pawleys-island>

Governor Nikki Haley continued her campaign bus tour onto the CCU campus Thursday. The governor also visited Pawleys Island.

The Sun News: Gov. Haley, Sen. Sheheen appeal to Horry County voters with just days until election

http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/10/30/4571805_gov-haley-sen-sheheen-appeal-to.html?sp=/99/209/&rh=1

Two of the four candidates for S.C. governor were in Myrtle Beach Wednesday to tout their plans for the state if elected.

Gov. Haley stopped at Rossi's Italian Restaurant in Myrtle Beach to a crowd of about 70. She spent time taking photos and listening to voters' questions after a brief speech. Haley encouraged voters to have faith in her campaign for a second time.

Note: "Four years ago, I asked you to take a chance on me, and you had no reason to," Haley said. "This time I'm not asking you to judge me on my words – I'm asking you to judge me on my actions."

Note: "What you're seeing in my opponent is a trial lawyer, pro-union, pro-Obamacare person that would carry us back so far from where we've come," Haley said.

The State: Special election ordered in Harrell race

http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/30/3778731_special-election-ordered-in-harrell.html?rh=1

The state Election Commission decided Thursday to hold a special election for the S.C. House seat once held by former House Speaker Bobby Harrell, R-Charleston.

Note: The five-member commission appointed by Republican Gov. Nikki Haley voted unanimously that Harrell was disqualified from the race because he resigned from office last week as part of a guilty plea agreement. He pleaded guilty to six counts of spending campaign money for personal use.

Associated Press: State orders new election for Harrell's seat

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Z2shlgej

The South Carolina Election Commission has ordered a special primary election to find a Republican to run for former House Speaker Bobby Harrell's seat. The commission decided unanimously Thursday to reopen GOP filing for the seat, moments after deciding Harrell's withdrawal statement was unnecessary. Filing for the new Republican primary will begin Tuesday and last for one week.

Post and Courier: Democrat Mary Tinkler goes to S.C. Supreme Court to stay new election decision

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141030/PC1603/141039960/1031/state-election-officials-opt-to-delay-election-in-bobby-harrells-old-house-seat>

The State Election Commission voted unanimously Thursday to delay the Nov. 4 election for former Speaker Bobby Harrell's old House seat to give the Republican party time to nominate a new candidate.

Note: If the decision stands, the District 114 race would still appear on voters' ballots but votes would not count. Signs would be placed at polling places to inform voters of the commission's decision.

Index-Journal: Dist. 12 race focuses on community

<http://www.indexjournal.com/news/Dist--12-race-focuses-on-community>

Democratic incumbent District 12 Rep. Anne Parks will face Republican candidate Tony Wideman on Tuesday. Both are business owners in Greenwood.

Parks, a manager and part owner of Parks Funeral Home, has occupied the seat since 1999, and said she will continue to maintain an open-door policy.

Coastal Observer: Campaigns trade final barbs in House race

<http://www.coastalobserver.com/articles/2014/103014/1.html>

Incumbent Stephen Goldfinch and challenger Vida Miller are leaving no stones unturned in their race for the District 108 seat in the South Carolina House of Representatives.

Myrtle Beach Herald: South Carolina ballot questions address charity raffles, adjutant general

http://www.myhorrynews.com/news/local/article_5152f7ce-604a-11e4-8a20-0017a43b2370.html

Horry County voters will have an opportunity to weigh in on separate ballot questions that address charity raffles and how the state's adjutant general is appointed.

Opinion/Editorial Roundup:

The State: Buckner: Election results could revive Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/30/3776716/buckner-election-results-could.html?sp=/99/168/>

More than four years after President Obama took the Yucca Mountain project off the table, the prospects for its revival are in the news again, but with an important difference. This time, Nevada Sen. Harry Reid's days as Senate majority leader might be numbered.

If control of the Senate changes hands, Republicans will be in the driver's seat, with the votes needed to appropriate funds to complete the waste repository at Yucca Mountain.

Greenville News: S.C. Federal Delegation News - Editorial: Vote 'Yes' on the roads tax referendum

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2014/10/30/editorial-vote-yes-roads-tax-referendum/18182839/>

Greenville County voters have the opportunity Tuesday to approve a temporary 1 percent county sales tax with the revenue going for critically needed improvements to the infrastructure throughout the county. The roads and bridges throughout South Carolina are deplorable and in many cases dangerous.

Note: State lawmakers have shirked their duty, and Gov. Nikki Haley has made it easy for them to do so by promising to veto any increase in the state gasoline tax.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Associated Press: Lindsey Graham: Remark about helping white men was joke

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/526d69874e6145c5859c95481a7a0584/graham-remark-about-helping-white-men-was-joke>

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham's remark at a private, all-male dinner about only helping white men if he became president was a joke taken out of context, his campaign said Thursday. But Graham's opponent, Democratic state Sen. Brad Hutto, said the comment shows he is a typical Republican who isn't concerned about the middle class, poor, minorities or women.

South Carolina News:

The State: DUI charge against SC legislator Ted Vick tossed on a technicality

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/29/3777599/dui-charge-against-sc-legislator.html?sp=/99/205/&ihp=1>

Vick's attorney, fellow House member Todd Rutherford, argued successfully the case should be thrown out because officers failed to record Vick being read his Miranda rights as required by state law in suspected driving-under-the-influence stops.

Post and Courier: S.C. farms, government team up to feed seniors this month

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141030/PC16/141039953/1177/sc-farms-government-team-up-to-feed-seniors-this-month>

Seniors at more than 150 centers in South Carolina will eat a Thanksgiving dinner this year courtesy of farmers around the state.

The program, coordinated by the state Department of Agriculture and Office on Aging, will serve about 4,500 meals throughout November, Agriculture Secretary Hugh Weathers said Thursday. The dinners be served in 173 senior centers across the state.

Lt. Gov. Yancey McGill, who runs the Office on Aging, said he'd like to see the program continue beyond this year - and eventually provide 20,000 meals.

WYFF: DSS hiring hundreds of workers at job fairs across state-Job fairs are being held in Greenville, Florence, Columbia and North Charleston

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/dss-hiring-hundreds-of-workers-at-job-fairs-across-state/29431026#ixzz3Hf01gEEv>

The Department of Social Services held job fairs across South Carolina Thursday. DSS officials were asked to put a plan to hire in place weeks ago, before the Legislative Audit Council released an extensive review.

Local News:

WCSC: CCSD issues public statement on McGinley resignation, district's future

<http://www.live5news.com/story/27167764/ccsd-issues-public-statement-on-mcginley-resignation-districts-future>

The Charleston County School District Board of Trustees released a public statement following an emergency meeting Thursday afternoon regarding the anticipated resignation of Superintendent Dr. Nancy McGinley.

Post and Courier: Nancy McGinley resigns as Charleston schools superintendent

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141030/PC16/141039968/1177>

Charleston County's ebattled schools chief Nancy McGinley has resigned as superintendent, the School Board announced after emerging from nearly two hours behind closed doors Thursday in an emergency meeting called to discuss her contract.

The reason for her resignation or the terms of her departure were not immediately available.

The State: Sheriff Lott: 5 deputies arrested for tax evasion, fraud

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/30/3778562/lott-5-deputies-arrested-for-tax.html?sp=/99/205/&ihp=1>

More tax fraud charges are likely in a \$100,000 scam that so far has ensnared five Richland County sheriff's deputies and a former civilian employee of the agency, Sheriff Leon Lott said Thursday. Each of the fired deputies were veterans of the department, including one who had been employed for nearly 14 years, Lott said in calling their conduct a betrayal of their oaths to serve the public.

The State: Kershaw County councilman arrested in Clarendon County

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/30/3778628/kershaw-county-councilman-arrested.html>

A Kershaw County councilman was arrested Wednesday afternoon after allegedly selling a truck and trailer that he did not own, according to an incident report filed with the Clarendon County Sheriff's Office.

Aiken Standard: Officials evaluate SRS waste work

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141030/AIK0101/141029272/1004>

Rod Ewing, the chairman of a nuclear waste board, said that before attending the board's assessment of the Savannah River Site's liquid waste and spent fuel operations, he wondered why Site facilities were not producing more waste canisters for storage or reprocessing

Ewing leads the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board and listened to reports from several Site officials, including Maxcine Maxted, who explained that the Site is storing nuclear fuel using a wet-storage method. The other two options of handling the material include processing it, which has not yet been decided by DOE, or placing it in dry storage.

Greenville News: Merger to make Greenville's Elliott Davis a top 30 accounting firm

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/10/29/merger-make-greenvilles-elliott-davis-top-accounting-firm/18144477/>

Greenville is set to be the home base for one of the nation's top 30 accounting firms now that homegrown Elliott Davis plans to merge with Decosimo of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Herald-Journal: Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce supporting Sunday alcohol sales

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20141030/ARTICLES/141039976/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Spartanburg-Area-Chamber-of-Commerce-supporting-Sunday-alcohol-sales>

The Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce, a membership-based organization representing businesses in and around the county, is supporting efforts to allow bars, restaurants, hotels and other entities to sell alcohol on Sundays.

National News:

Associated Press: Applications for US jobless aid tick up to 287,000

http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/30/3778219_applications-for-us-jobless-aid.html?sp=/99/205/&rh=1

The number of people seeking unemployment benefits rose slightly last week, but remained at historically low levels that signal a strengthening job market.

Weekly applications increased 3,000 to a seasonally adjusted 287,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. The four-week average, a less volatile measure, declined 250 to 281,000, the lowest level in more than 14 years.

Associated Press: AP announces coverage plans for midterm elections

<http://www.ap.org/content/press-release/2014/ap-announces-coverage-plans-for-midterm-elections>

With 36 states holding gubernatorial contests and control of the U.S. Senate in play, the stakes are high in midterm elections on Tuesday, when The Associated Press will be uniquely positioned to count the votes and report the results.

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