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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Florence Morning News: Dillon County Day Saturday to offer low cost, free health screenings
http://www.scnw.com/living/health/article_d47afe90-b455-11e3-a91d-001a4bcf6878.html

Governor Nikki Haley and The Original Six Foundation announced Tuesday that Dillon County Day is scheduled to take place on Saturday from 8 a.m. -2 p.m., Dillon County Day is taking place in partnership with the 25th Annual McLeod Medical Center Dillon Health Fair.

Note: “Dillon County has so much potential and we are very excited to be raising awareness and providing the needed support through our partnership with the 25th Annual McLeod Medical Center Dillon Health Fair,” said Gov. Nikki Haley. “This is all about neighbors helping neighbors and we are incredibly encouraged by the individuals, businesses, churches, and community organizations who want to help the lift up Dillon County and make it an even better place to live and raise a family.”

Politico: Rick Perry, Nikki Haley back Web gaming ban

<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/03/rick-perry-nikki-haley-internet-gaming-ban-104989.html>

Burgess Everett

Nikki Haley and Rick Perry are supporting Sen. Lindsey Graham’s push to ban Internet gaming, according to letters sent by the GOP governors to Capitol Hill leaders and obtained by POLITICO.

Note: “Allowing Internet gaming to invade the homes of every American family, and to be piped into our dens, living rooms, workplaces, and even our kids’ bedrooms and dorm rooms, is a major decision. We must carefully examine the short and long-term social and economic consequences before Internet gambling spreads,” Haley said in the letter.

Washington Post: Indiana first state to pull out of Common Core

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/govbeat/wp/2014/03/25/indiana-first-state-to-pull-out-of-common-core/>

Reid Wilson

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence (R) on Monday signed new legislation that makes his state the first to opt out of Common Core standards, amid conservative outrage over the education benchmarks.

Note: “I don’t think [Common Core] is as extreme as a lot of people paint it out to be. What I do think it is, is you’re treating South Carolina kids like they’re California kids,” South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley (R), who runs a state where opposition to Common Core has been especially fierce, said in a November interview. “They’re still trying to put us all in one basket, and we’re not to be put in one basket.”

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Associated Press: Sheheen, Haley filing to be on ballot for governor

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=78jonf1N

Seanna Adcox

State Sen. Vincent Sheheen has filed for his spot on the ballot to challenge South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley. The Camden Democrat filed his paperwork Tuesday morning with the state Election Commission. Haley was expected to file her candidacy in the afternoon.

WIS: Haley, Sheheen file to run for governor Tuesday

<http://www.wistv.com/story/25066486/haley-sheheen-file-to-run-for-governor-tuesday>

Both Governor Nikki Haley and Democratic challenger Vincent Sheheen are filing campaign paperwork to run for governor Tuesday. Governor Haley’s office announced Tuesday morning she will officially file for re-election at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Associated Press: Former President George H.W. Bush endorses Sally Atwater
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140325/PC1610/140329603/1031/former-president-george-hw-bush-endorses-sally-atwater>

Former President George H.W. Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush have endorsed Sally Atwater's campaign for South Carolina superintendent of education. Atwater is the widow of campaign strategist Lee Atwater, who engineered wins for Ronald Reagan and the elder George Bush.

The State: Elder President Bush endorses Sally Atwater for SC Superintendent of Education
<http://www.thestate.com/2014/03/25/3347438/elder-president-bush-endorses.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

Former President George H. W. Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush have endorsed Sally Atwater, the widow of legendary Republican operative Lee Atwater, in the race for S.C. Superintendent of Education.

Legislative Session News:

The State: Public school-choice advocates to rally at S.C. State House Wednesday
<http://www.thestate.com/2014/03/25/3347299/public-school-choice-advocates.html#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

Public school-choice advocates will rally at the S.C. State House Wednesday in support of expanding educational options for students within public schools, including charter, magnet and virtual schools. The group, which anticipates about 1,000 parents, students and teachers at the rally, will recognize the following lawmakers and state leaders with the Future of Education's Golden Apple award: Gov. Nikki Haley

The State: Emma's Law gets OK from SC House Judiciary Committee
<http://www.thestate.com/2014/03/25/3347981/emmas-law-gets-ok-from-sc-house.html?sp=/99/205/&ihp=1#storylink=cpy>

John Monk

A stronger version of Emma's Law on Tuesday passed out of the powerful House Judiciary Committee. The bill aimed at getting tough on repeat drunken drivers and reducing the state's soaring numbers of innocents killed by them heads now to the House floor.

Post and Courier: S.C. House passes bond revocation bill
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140325/PC1603/140329591/1177/sc-house-passes-bond-revocation-bill>

Jeremy Borden

The S.C. House passed a bill unanimously Tuesday that lawmakers and law enforcement hope will keep the state's most violent criminals behind bars instead of released on bond. Law enforcement officials say that some of the worst crimes are committed by those whose trials are pending from other offenses.

Greenville News: Bicycle bill that would have required insurance, permit to ride on S.C. roads dropped
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20140325/NEWS03/303250036/Bicycle-bill-would-required-insurance-permit-ride-S-C-roads-dropped>

Nathaniel Cary

A statehouse bill filed by Greenville Rep. Wendy Nanney two weeks ago that riled up the bicycle advocacy community in South Carolina has been dropped. Nanney introduced a bill on March 12 that would have banned youth from riding bikes on many public roads and would have required all cyclists to obtain a \$5 permit from the Department of Transportation in order to ride on many public roads.

Associated Press: SC senators to debate allowing card, dice games
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=NkuvABZI

The Senate Judiciary Committee is to debate whether to legalize friendly card and dice games at people's homes. The bill on Tuesday's agenda specifies that members of clubs or social groups can legally gather at someone's home or community clubhouse to play games such as canasta and bridge.

Associated Press: House bill would put brakes on Port Royal sale
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=xIKnuSnE

Two bills in General Assembly seek a quick sale of the old Port of Port Royal, but a third measure puts on the brakes. The Beaufort Gazette (<http://bit.ly/1dJTI1v>) reported a bill by Green Pond Rep. Kenneth Hodges

would remove from the market the property that the state has been trying to sell for years.

Greenville News: Senator's objection halts 8-year-old's woolly mammoth fossil idea

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20140325/NEWS03/303250043/Senator-s-objection-halts-8-year-old-s-wooly-mammoth-fossil-idea>

Tim Smith

Greenville Sen. Mike Fair is objecting to a bill to make the woolly mammoth the official state fossil but he says it has nothing to do with an attempt by another Upstate senator to amend the bill with a passage of creation from the Bible that was struck as not germane.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: S.C. Commerce Secretary focuses on ties between companies and research universities for House panel considering 'University of Charleston'

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140325/PC1603/140329576/1177/sc-commerce-secretary-focuses-on-ties-between-companies-and-research-universities-for-house-panel-considering-university-of-charleston>

Jeremy Borden

South Carolina's largest companies do not necessarily need to hire those with advanced degrees from locally-based universities, S.C. Commerce Secretary Bobby Hitt told a state House panel Tuesday tasked with looking at a potential merger between two Charleston-area higher education institutions.

Local News:

Aiken Standard: Aiken County eligible for USDA assistance

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140325/AIK0401/140329656/1004/aiken-county-eligible-for-usda-assistance>

Aiken County is eligible for USDA assistance as a result of a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration for 21 primary and 13 contiguous counties in South Carolina, according to Farm Service Agency officials. The disaster designation is a result of losses caused by the severe winter storm on Feb. 10 through 14, according to H. Gibson Solomons, county executive director with the agency.

Aiken Standard: Storm debris cleanup lacking to many city residents

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140325/AIK0101/140329654/1004/storm-debris-cleanup-lacking-to-many-city-residents>

Maayan Schechter

The City of Aiken hopes to have picked up all ice storm debris in its first pass within the next 10 days, according to Public Works Director Tim Coakley. The city is picking up debris in three passes, city staff said. The first pass is still in progress, and the city has two left to go.

Island Packet: Hilton Head economic development board wants to triple its budget

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/03/25/3022623/hilton-head-economic-development.html?sp=/99/100/&ihp=1#storylink=cpy>

Dan Burley

A Town of Hilton Head Island economic development board wants to triple its budget to continue working to attract cutting-edge businesses and younger residents to the area, members said Tuesday. The publicly-funded Economic Development Corporation is asking for nearly \$450,000 from the town for fiscal year 2015, which starts July 1.

National News:

CNN: Democratic pollster predicts 'huge turnout disadvantage' in 2014

<http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2014/03/25/democratic-pollster-predicts-huge-turnout-disadvantage-in-2014/>

Peter Hamby

A leading Democratic pollster predicted a "sobering" turnout disadvantage for her party in this year's midterm elections and called on Democrats to articulate "a bigger economic agenda" this fall. Lake was speaking a breakfast hosted by the Christian Science Monitor. Lake and Republican pollster Ed Goeas revealed results of a new George Washington University poll that showed GOP voter intensity in 2014 outpacing Democratic intensity by seven points.

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