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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Wisconsin pastor to become new Bob Jones president

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=fVBwq0oV

A Wisconsin pastor is being officially installed as the fifth president of Bob Jones University in Greenville. The investiture ceremony for Steve Pettit is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday at the Founder's Memorial Amphitheater on campus.

Note: The university says Gov. Nikki Haley will speak at the ceremony and U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham will attend.

Times and Democrat: Gala night with Cosby: Tisdales honored for service to Claflin

http://thetandd.com/news/gala-night-with-cosby-tisdales-honored-for-service-to-claflin/article_32aa3e20-3fb3-11e4-ad53-9f20bd551a92.html

Kimberlei Davis

Claflin University President Dr. Henry N. Tisdale and first lady Alice Carson Tisdale were honored for their 20 years of leadership during a ceremony Thursday featuring entertainer and philanthropist Dr. Bill Cosby.

Note: South Carolina Gov. Nikki R. Haley awarded The Order of the Palmetto to the Tisdales. In a video message, the governor said Claflin's advances under the Tisdales have made all of South Carolina proud. "President and Mrs. Tisdale are my friends. So what do you do for such a dynamic duo but bestow upon them the highest civilian honor?" Haley said.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

The State: Democrats say SC GOP chairman wrong on Sheheen's tax plans

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/18/3690688/democrats-say-sc-gop-chairman.html>

Jamie Self

Republican Party chairman Matt Moore says Gov. Nikki Haley's Democratic rival Vincent Sheheen will raise taxes if elected, a claim that Sheheen's campaign disputed Thursday. Both cited the same source, Sheheen's book, "The Right Way," an outline of the state senator's ideas for reforming the state's tax code and finding money to pay for road repairs, released in 2013.

Associated Press: SC GOP cherry-picking lines from Sheheen's book

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

Seanna Adcox

The state Republican party is using Sen. Vincent Sheheen's book to accuse him of hiding his agenda, pointing to pages the GOP says supports liberal tax increases. State GOP Chairman Matt Moore said Thursday that Sheheen's book titled "The Right Way" represents the wrong way for South Carolina.

WYFF (Video): Clemson's listening lab examines gubernatorial candidates' social media use

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/clemsons-listening-lab-examines-gubernatorial-candidates-social-media-use/28140328>

Anderson Independent: Tom Ervin calls for cap on college tuition

http://www.independentmail.com/news/tom-ervin-calls-for-cap-on-college-tuition_12715751

Kirk Brown

Tom Ervin, who is running for governor as an independent petition candidate, called Thursday for a cap on college tuition at state-supported schools. Under Ervin's plan, a freshman would pay the same tuition for four years at South Carolina's public colleges and universities.

WYFF: Governor candidate serves up issues at meat-and-three

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/candidate-for-governor-holds-town-hall-meeting-in-greenville/28143588>

Liz Lohuis

More than 100 people packed a favorite Greenville meat-and-three to hear from the independent candidate for South Carolina governor. People got the chance to enjoy a chicken dinner while learning about Tom Ervin's campaign at Tommy's Country Ham House, on Poinsett Street.

Aiken Standard: Democrat candidates talk economy, women's rights

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140918/AIK0101/140919375/1004>

Derrek Asberry

Several hundred listeners were all ears Thursday night when S.C. House District 84 candidate Rosie Berry said recent polls show that South Carolina has lost 46,000 non-farming jobs across the state. Berry was the keynote speaker of the 12th annual Aiken County Democratic Party Fish Fry at Aiken Electric Co-op.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Times and Democrat: Bipartisan U.S. approach needed vs. Islamic State

http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/bipartisan-u-s-approach-needed-vs-islamic-state/article_f820015e-3fb7-11e4-be2b-4b88c1c30096.html

Editorial

THE ISSUE: Criticism of Lindsey Graham; OUR OPINION: Senator's harsh words not to be dismissed, but his cooperative approach needed as U.S. does battle. President Barack Obama's strategy to combat the Islamic State insurgents in Iraq and Syria is an easy target for critics.

Post and Courier: Time is right for seismic testing

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140919/PC1002/140919369>

Editorial

With the initial approval of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) for seismic testing off the Atlantic states, South Carolina is presented with a unique opportunity to evaluate our available resources in an environmentally responsible manner.

Rock Hill Herald: Simrill can lead the way on road improvements

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/09/18/6339363/simrill-can-lead-the-way-on-road.html?sp=/100/105/>

Editorial

State Rep. Gary Simrill, R-Rock Hill, has the opportunity to leave the biggest stamp of his legislative career on the state as chairman of a special committee assigned to figuring out how to improve South Carolina's roads. We hope he seizes the moment.

Note: The fact that the committee is willing to consider raising the gas tax and increasing fees to find road money is noteworthy. Both Gov. Nikki Haley and her Democratic challenger, state Sen. Vincent Sheheen, have refused to endorse raising the gas tax.

Post and Courier: Leading the fight vs. Ebola

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140918/PC1002/140919362>

Editorial

President Barack Obama has wisely decided to use the U.S. armed forces to help Africa fight the Ebola epidemic. Public health experts agree that a major surge is needed to bring the runaway epidemic and its horrible consequences under control, and the U.S. military has an almost unique capacity to support the needed effort.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

The Hill: Mulvaney makes case to be next chairman of the conservative caucus

<http://thehill.com/homenews/house/218271-mulvaney-makes-case-to-be-conservative-caucus-chief>

Scott Wong

South Carolina Rep. Mick Mulvaney's pitch to be the next chairman of the Republican Study Committee: We'll define what it means to be "conservative" -- not outside groups on the right. "We need to be more involved in the public relations discussion over what it means to be 'conservative,'" Mulvaney wrote this week in a "dear colleague" letter obtained by The Hill.

South Carolina News:

Aiken Standard: SRS waste facility cost jumps \$1 billion

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140919/AIK0101/140919435/1004/srs-waste-facility-cost-jumps-1-billion>

Derrek Asberry

A facility key to liquid waste cleanup at the Savannah River Site will cost nearly \$1 billion more to start up than the original estimate projected in 2009. The Salt Waste Processing Facility, or SWPF, is a first-of-a-kind radioactive-waste-treatment facility that is critical for the disposition of salt waste, which makes up the bulk of the 37 million gallons of radioactive Cold War nuclear waste in underground tanks at SRS.

Associated Press: SC set to release state unemployment for August

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=i5bDsalq

South Carolina is set to release the state's jobless rate for last month. The Department of Employment and Workforce is expected on Friday to announce unemployment figures for the month of August. In July, South Carolina's jobless rate went up nearly half a percentage point after three straight months without change.

Aiken Standard: Report: SRS is environmentally safe

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140918/AIK0101/140919397/1004>

The Savannah River Site was deemed environmentally safe last year, according to a recent report. The report is based on the number of rmems – a measurement of radiation – SRS releases into the environment. The Site's radioactive and chemical discharges during 2013 were well below federal, state and Department of Energy regulations and standards.

The State: Clemson suspends course over sex survey

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/18/3690804/clemson-suspends-course-over-sex.html>

Andrew Shain

Clemson University tried to learn about the sex habits of its undergraduates in a course designed to prevent sexual assault, but the college decided Thursday to suspend the online program after complaints.

The State: Dolphins, tourism in SC at risk from oil and gas search, group says

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/18/3690893/dolphins-tourism-in-sc-at-risk.html#storylink=cpy>

Sammy Fretwell

The prospect of dead dolphins floating in the ocean off South Carolina is an important reason that Palmetto state residents should oppose plans to search for oil and gas along the south Atlantic coast, environmentalists said Thursday night.

The State: All eyes on Scotland, even from SC

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/18/3690563/all-eyes-on-scotland-even-from.html>

Carolyn Click

South Carolinians who claim proud Scottish heritage pulled out their tartan ties and kilts Thursday and waited for the outcome of the independence vote in Scotland. While they couldn't cast ballots, everyone had an opinion on whether the country should finally break its three-century-old union with the United Kingdom.

Local News:

Rock Hill Herald: Growing the electorate in York County

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/09/18/6339056/growing-the-electorate-in-york.html>

Bristow Marchant

That reaction is a challenge facing people canvassing door-to-door trying to get people to register to vote this fall. Voters can be skeptical of strangers approaching their doors, and it can be especially difficult in predominantly African-American communities if the visitors are of a different race and background.

WIS: Jones' mental health could play role in defense

<http://www.wistv.com/story/26572997/will-mental-health-of-tim-jones-jr-play-role-in-defense>

Chad Mills

The Lexington County community is still reeling from the deaths of five children who investigators say were brutally murdered at the hands of their father. Timonhony Jones, Jr. is behind bars in a state prison, charged with five counts of murder and unlawful neglect of a child.

The State: Penny tax road improvements rank suggested for Richland County

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/18/3690785/penny-tax-road-improvements-rank.html>

Tim Flach, Dawn Hinshaw

Consultants are recommending the highest priority for Richland County's penny sales-tax projects be given to those that improve safety for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians. The rankings, which got a first glimpse Thursday from some County Council members, organize hundreds of projects, from road improvements to new trails.

Florence Morning News: Florence County Council removes debt service from new fire rate

http://www.snow.com/news/politics/article_df177794-3fa5-11e4-bbaa-0017a43b2370.html

Donna Tracy

Florence County Council again amended an ordinance to increase the millage rate for the unified fire protection district before passing a second reading of it by a 5-2 vote Thursday night. Council members Mitchell Kirby and Willard Dorriety Jr. each voted against the measure. No proxy vote was cast for absent Councilman Alphonso Bradley.

National News:

Associated Press: Congress backs Obama on aid to Syrian rebels

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_CONGRESS_ISLAMIC_STATE?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-09-19-03-26-10

Andrew Taylor

Legislation requested by President Barack Obama authorizing the military to arm and train moderate Syrian rebels fighting Islamic State militants in the Middle East is headed for his signature after a sweeping Senate vote.

Washington Post: Rift widens between Obama, U.S. military over strategy to fight Islamic State

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/rift-widens-between-obama-us-military-over-strategy-to-fight-islamic-state/2014/09/18/ebdb422e-3f5c-11e4-b03f-de718edeb92f_story.html

Craig Whitlock

Flashes of disagreement over how to fight the Islamic State are mounting between President Obama and U.S. military leaders, the latest sign of strain in what often has been an awkward and uneasy relationship.

Associated Press: GOP holds Hagan to standard she used in 2008

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_SENATE_NORTH_CAROLINA_OBAMA?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-09-19-03-44-45

Gary D. Robertson

Six years ago, little-known North Carolina state legislator Kay Hagan upset Sen. Elizabeth Dole after Hagan and her Democratic allies drilled in voters' minds the idea that Dole was too closely aligned to an unpopular president.

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