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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Greenville News:** Gas tax won't cover cost to fix roads

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/09/15/gas-tax-cover-cost-fix-roads/15679943/>

Tim Smith

The chairman of the House road funding committee says he believes his panel will ultimately recommend a "hybrid" bill of funding measures that will pay for road repairs using a combination of sources but not increases to the gas tax alone.

**Note:** Gov. Nikki Haley has long threatened a veto of any gas tax increase and said she will unveil her plan to fund roads in January, two months after voters go to the polls to choose between re-electing her or one of her challengers, who include Sen. Vincent Sheheen, a Democrat, or Tom Ervin, a former judge who describes himself as an independent Republican.

### 2014 Campaign Cycle News:

**The State:** Gov. Nikki Haley leads Vincent Sheheen in new poll

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/15/3682695/gov-nikki-haley-leads-vincent.html>

Andrew Shain

A poll released last week has Republican Gov. Nikki Haley with her widest lead over Democratic challenger Vincent Sheheen. Haley holds a 56 percent to 35 percent edge on the state senator from Camden, according to [the poll](#) from YouGov, The New York Times and CBS News.

**Post and Courier:** New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie to visit Charleston on Tuesday

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140915/PC1603/140919634/1031/new-jersey-gov-chris-christie-to-visit-charleston-on-tuesday>

Schuyler Kropf

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a potential GOP candidate for president in 2016, will make his first visit of the election season to South Carolina on Tuesday, stopping in Charleston for a tour that includes joint appearances with Gov. Nikki Haley.

**Associated Press:** Ervin's call for DSS session called unrealistic

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2TQLdCIH](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2TQLdCIH)

Seanna Adcox

Petition candidate for governor Tom Ervin is asking the Legislature to return to Columbia for a special session to remove the Department of Social Services from Gov. Nikki Haley's control. Ervin says South Carolina's most vulnerable children should not have to wait until next year for action. Crime victims' advocate Laura Hudson says she sees no benefit to removing DSS from the governor's Cabinet anyway.

**The State:** NRA Political Victory Fund backs Graham in US Senate bid

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/15/3683140/elections-2014-nra-political-victory.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/1084/>

Jamie Self

In a letter to Graham released by the senator's campaign, the fund's chairman Chris Cox thanks Graham for opposing "all attempts to ban lawfully owned firearms and magazines" and for being an "ally against President Barack Obama and former New York City Mayor Bloomberg's gun control agenda."

**Associated Press:** Sen. Ted Cruz returns to SC to raise money for GOP

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=n5jsy04N](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=n5jsy04N)

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas is back in South Carolina to help raise money for the state Republican Party's

election efforts. The potential 2016 Republican presidential contender is the featured speaker at a GOP luncheon Monday in Columbia.

### **Deputy Joseph Matuskovic Funeral:**

**Post and Courier:** Wounded deputy, hundreds of others give final salute to slain Deputy Joseph Matuskovic

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140915/PC16/140919662/1177>

Andrew Knapp

As hundreds of cars with flashing blue lights passed them Monday, people on roadsides throughout West Ashley took off their hats. Some put their right hands over their hearts. As motorcycles rumbled by blue ribbons tied to trees, residents walked from their homes and stood side by side. They said nothing.

**Note:** About 4 miles north of where Matuskovic was shot, officials including Gov. Nikki Haley and Mayor Joe Riley stood alongside law officers as the Summerville man was buried early Monday afternoon outside Old St. Andrews Parish Church.

**Associated Press:** Hundreds attend funeral for SC deputy

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=dxMI6ARL](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=dxMI6ARL)

Hundreds of people, including Gov. Nikki Haley and law enforcement officers from as far away as New York State, attended the funeral service Monday for a Charleston County sheriff's deputy who was shot to death in the line of duty. Authorities say the officer was shot and killed last week when a man in an apartment sprayed bullets from an assault rifle through the apartment door.

### **S.C. Federal Delegation News:**

**Associated Press:** Judge: Sanfords to mediate over parenting issues

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=40qDBcIt](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=40qDBcIt)

Bruce Smith

A judge says U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford and his ex-wife have agreed to mediate issues concerning parenting of their four sons. Family Court Judge Daniel E. Martin, Jr. said Monday a request to seal the entire proceeding is still pending. The Sanfords divorced in 2010. Jenny Sanford has asked a Family Court judge to limit the lawmaker's visitation with his youngest child.

### **South Carolina News:**

**Post and Courier:** New South Carolina alliance promotes 'patient-centered' primary care

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140915/PC16/140919638/1005/>

Lauren Sausser

A handful of health care agencies, including the largest private health insurance company in South Carolina and the state Medicaid program, announced a new partnership Monday to improve the way primary care is delivered.

**Post and Courier:** China assembly line idea didn't fly for Boeing

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140915/PC05/140919768>

Boeing has taken a pass on assembling planes in the world's most populous nation. In a reassuring move for the company's U.S. aircraft manufacturing sites, including North Charleston, an executive said the aerospace giant won't be setting up a final assembly line in China, an emerging air-travel giant.

**Post and Courier:** Public to hear about offshore fuel exploration, drilling

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140915/PC16/140919641/1177>

Bo Petersen

The forum is scheduled to include an experts panel discussion and a question-and-answer session on the effects on fish, marine mammals and a coastal communities. The forum takes place from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the International Longshoremen's Association Hall, 1142 Morrison Drive, Charleston.

**Post and Courier:** South Carolina home sales edge lower in August, trade group says

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140915/PC05/140919645/1177/south-carolina-home-sales-edge-lower-in-august-trade-group-says>

John McDermott

Home sales in South Carolina slipped slightly in August from the same month a year ago, new figures from the industry's trade group show. Completed transactions edged down 0.6 percent to 6,302, and pending deals were down 0.2 percent to 5,692, Columbia-based S.C. Realtors said Monday.

#### **Local News:**

**The State:** Prayer vigil planned at Red Bank church Monday for five slain Lexington County children  
<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/15/3682946/prayer-vigil-planned-at-red-bank.html#storylink=cpy>  
Carolyn Click

Monday night, members of the Red Bank community will gather for a prayer vigil in memory of five Lexington County children whose father is charged with killing them. Three congregations - Red Bank Baptist Church, St. James Lutheran Church and Red Bank United Methodist Church – decided to hold the service to help the community come to grips with the horrific tragedy.

**Island Packet:** Head of group that lodged Harrell complaint to speak in Beaufort today  
[http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/09/15/3315163\\_head-of-group-that-lodged-harrell.html?sp=/99/100/&rh=1#storylink=cpy](http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/09/15/3315163_head-of-group-that-lodged-harrell.html?sp=/99/100/&rh=1#storylink=cpy)

Erin Moody

Just days after S.C. House Speaker Bobby Harrell suspended himself from office after being indicted on nine charges, the head of a watchdog organization that filed a complaint against him is speaking in Beaufort. S.C. Policy Council executive director Ashley Landess will speak to the Beaufort Tea Party at 5:30 p.m. today at Fuji's Restaurant, 97 Sea Island Parkway, Lady's Island.

**Anderson Independent:** ACI Plastics expanding manufacturing operations into Oconee County  
[http://www.independentmail.com/news/aci-plastics-expanding-manufacturing-operations-into-oconee-county\\_75257899](http://www.independentmail.com/news/aci-plastics-expanding-manufacturing-operations-into-oconee-county_75257899)

Thermoplastics processor and recycler ACI Plastics, Inc. is expanding its manufacturing operations into Oconee County, according to a release from the South Carolina Department of Commerce. The company's \$4.1 million investment is expected to create 25 new jobs.

**Island Packet:** District partners with Rosetta Stone to bring 25 languages to students  
<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/09/14/3313841/district-partners-with-rosetta.html?sp=/99/257/266/>

Sarah Bowman

By the end of this school year, many Beaufort County students could be speaking a second language. And not just Spanish or Mandarin Chinese, which are offered through language-immersion programs in the Beaufort County School District. But Greek, Vietnamese, Russian or Swahili.

**The State:** Columbia home sales continued a summer slowdown in August  
<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/15/3683003/columbia-home-sales-continued.html>

Roddie Burris

Home sales fell in the Columbia market by 7.1 percent last month, extending a downward trend that has persisted since early in the year, according to a report Monday from the S.C. Realtors trade group. Home prices, meanwhile, increased 6.7 percent in the Columbia area, but rose only 0.4 percent statewide.

#### **National News:**

**McClatchyDC:** GOP's take on Clinton: Third Obama term  
[http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2014/09/15/239826\\_gops-take-on-clinton-third-obama.html?sp=/99/104/&rh=1](http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2014/09/15/239826_gops-take-on-clinton-third-obama.html?sp=/99/104/&rh=1)

David Lightman

"What the American people are 'ready' for is a new direction and fresh leadership, not a third term for the Obama-Clinton agenda that has left the county worse off and the middle class behind," said Michael Short, Republican National Committee spokesman.

**Associated Press:** U.S. creating Programs to Counter Extremists  
[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US\\_JUSTICE\\_VIOLENT\\_EXTREMISTS?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-09-15-06-07-29](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_JUSTICE_VIOLENT_EXTREMISTS?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-09-15-06-07-29)

The Justice Department is launching a series of pilot programs in cities around the country to deal with American extremists intent on joining the fighting in countries like Syria and Iraq, Attorney General Eric Holder said Monday.

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