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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Greenville News: Risky dams face long inspection gaps

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/10/30/risky-dams-face-long-inspection-gaps/74849050/>

Rick Brundrett

Of the 75 South Carolina dams under emergency repair orders issued in the wake of recent historic flooding and rainfall, at least a dozen hadn't been previously inspected by state regulators for five years or longer, The Greenville News found in a review of inspection reports.

Note: Asked whether Gov. Nikki Haley will include more money for the dam safety program in her upcoming executive budget for fiscal 2016-17, Haley spokeswoman Chaney Adams replied in an email response, "DHEC is working on a request for additional resources and we intend to address dam safety in the executive budget and in the next legislative session, but the process for producing the budget and legislation is still underway.

Note: "It's clear from this extraordinary event that we need to re-think the way we regulate dams in South Carolina and Director (Catherine) Heigel is looking at her operations, regulations, and the law to determine what that looks like going forward."

Area Development: Alkane Truck Company To Locate Manufacturing Facility In Summerville, South Carolina

<http://www.areadevelopment.com/newsItems/10-30-2015/alkane-truck-company-manufacturing-facility-summerville-southcarolina345588.shtml>

Alkane Truck Company, an original equipment manufacturer of commercial trucks, is establishing new Low country manufacturing operations in Summerville, South Carolina The new facility is expected to create more than 300 jobs in Dorchester County.

Note: "Everyone knows we build cars and planes in South Carolina, but we also build trucks. Alkane's decision to invest in Summerville and create 300 new jobs there proves that when a company is looking for a place to build their product, they don't have to look any farther than South Carolina and our people. We couldn't be happier to celebrate the 300 new jobs Alkane is bringing to Dorchester County, and we are proud to congratulate this great company for all of the success they have found here," Governor Nikki Haley said.

WCBD: Builder chooses Manning to receive tiny home donation for SC flood relief

<http://counton2.com/2015/10/30/builder-chooses-manning-to-receive-tiny-home-donation-for-sc-flood-relief/>

Small town homebuilder, Ben Kennedy of Brighton Builders, will donate a tiny house to the First Baptist Church and Town of Manning in their South Carolina flood relief efforts. While Governor Nikki Haley was in Manning this past Monday on the Team South Carolina Tour, Kennedy had the chance to speak with her about the ongoing need to provide South Carolina families with building supplies, especially in small towns such as Manning.

WCIV: Plastics company setting up shop in Berkeley County, adding 25 jobs

<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/30394622/plastics-company-setting-up-shop-in-berkeley-county-adding-25-jobs>

A&R Bulk-Pak, Inc., a plastics packaging company, is setting up an operations center in Berkeley County, and will add 25 jobs to the market there. The company plans to invest in a \$7.5 million packaging and distribution facility in Moncks Corner.

Note: "We couldn't be more excited to congratulate A&R Bulk-Pak for its decision to build its first South Carolina facility in Berkeley County. This \$7.5 million investment and the 25 new jobs it will create, is a huge win for everybody involved, and we look forward to seeing this partnership grow," said Gov. Nikki Haley.

S.C. Flood Recovery News:

The State: S.C. roads, bridges closed by flood dip below 100

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article41928072.html>

Cassie Cope

Only 99 roads and bridges remain closed across South Carolina on Friday morning after historic flooding washed out roadways. In hardest-hit Richland County, 37 roads remain closed, down from a peak of 133. Transportation Department crews have been working 12-hour shifts in recovery areas on road repairs.

Note: Hall has been appointed by Gov. Nikki Haley to become Transportation secretary. But she must be confirmed by the state Senate.

The State: SC dam owners warned as more rain approaches

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article41952882.html>

Andrew Shain

Time to keep an eye on dams again in South Carolina. State regulators requested dam owners to start inspections Friday with more heavy rainfall expected between Sunday and Tuesday. Dam owners also are asked to lower water levels, if needed, and clean spillways of trash and debris, the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control said.

Associated Press: Less than 100 roads, bridges remain closed in South Carolina

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

Fewer than 100 roads and bridges remain closed in South Carolina following this month's historic rains. The Department of Transportation reported Friday that 99 roads and bridges remain closed. That's down from 541 at the height of the storm Oct. 5. The storm dumped more than 2 feet of rain in some areas of the state and caused extensive flooding from the coast to the Midlands.

S.C. Political News:

Associated Press: Courting black voters, Clinton pitches 'love and kindness'

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=uEierz81

Bill Barrow, Steve Peoples

Hillary Rodham Clinton said she is trying to run on "a love and kindness platform," promising black Americans that if elected she would be their partner in the White House and follow in the footsteps of her predecessor, the country's first black president. "Maybe you can't run for president on a love and kindness platform but I'm going try," she said, at a meeting of black ministers in Atlanta.

Associated Press: Horne to challenge Mark Sanford in GOP congressional primary

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9VQQMT5q

Dorchester County state Rep. Jenny Horne plans to run against U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford in next year's Republican primary. Horne drew national attention when she gave an impassioned speech calling for the removal of the Confederate flag at the Statehouse after the slayings of nine parishioners at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston.

South Carolina News:

WIS: DSS partnership gives flood victims temporary housing

<http://www.wistv.com/story/30389017/dss-partnership-gives-flood-victims-temporary-housing>

LaDonna Beeker

After several flood victims complained Thursday that they were being told to leave a hotel without a home to go to, the S.C. Department of Social Services partnered with The Salvation Army to allow them to stay at the hotel for another week. A call to the WIS newsroom led to a handful of victims standing outside of the hotel with bins of their belongings stacked outside the main entrance to the Days Inn on Garners Ferry Road.

Greenville News: Open enrollment for Obamacare starts Sunday

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/10/30/open-enrollment-obamacare-starts-sunday/74871172/>

Liv Osby

Open enrollment for Obamacare starts Sunday and this year, those who fail to sign up face much stiffer penalties than before. Consumers in South Carolina can also expect an average 10.8 percent price increase

in the second lowest silver plans, according to federal estimates.

Associated Press: 3rd year of signups begins with fewer choices in SC

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ODawbL86

Seanna Adcox

South Carolinians who buy their health insurance through the federal exchange will see higher costs and fewer choices for 2016. The third year of sign-ups for private, taxpayer-subsidized coverage sold through HealthCare.gov begins Sunday. The state's largest provider, BlueCross BlueShield, and its HMO subsidiary, BlueChoice, are offering more options, mostly second-lowest-cost silver plans.

Greenville News: Video cameras transform the criminal justice scene

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/10/30/video-cameras-transform-criminal-justice-scene/74820024/>

Tim Smith

When former Circuit Judge Joe Watson of Greenville first started as a prosecutor, use of video footage in a case was nearly unheard of, he said. Today, video cameras are everywhere, from city intersections to parking lots, fast-food restaurant lobbies to private dashboards, strapped onto police officers and carried inside cell phones.

Glamour: Charleston Church Shooting: How These Five Survivors Are Guiding America Toward Compassion and Tolerance

<http://www.glamour.com/inspired/women-of-the-year/2015/the-women-of-charleston>

Maggie Mertens

The landscape of Charleston, South Carolina, is lined with centuries-old southern live oaks, trees with branches that reach broadly to protect themselves against coastal hurricanes, and leaves that remain green almost all year round. Southern live oaks are also a fitting emblem of a city where many people can trace their roots back generations, where family and faith spread wide—a city that, as a center of the slave trade before the Civil War, harbors a dark past and has weathered its share of storms.

Associated Press: Land owners asked to check dams with heavy SC rain expected

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Btx3fPO8

Heavy rains are expected to move into South Carolina this weekend and state officials are asking property owners and reservoir operators to check to see if water levels behind dams need to be lowered. The State Climate Office says that up to 4 inches of rain could fall in the northern Midlands and the Upstate with a system moving in Sunday.

Local News:

Charleston Business: A mayor's perspective: 40 years of changing Charleston

<http://www.charlestonbusiness.com/news/56103-a-mayor-s-perspective-40-years-of-changing-charleston?rss=0>

Liz Segrist

Joseph P. Riley Jr. rushed to get his holiday shopping finished on Christmas Eve in 1975. He parked his car and hurried up to King Street, where he stopped short. The street was completely devoid of pedestrians and shoppers. A few stores were open, but most were boarded-up or empty. "I looked up the street. I looked up the side streets.

Note: The killings spurred business leaders and legislators, including Riley and Gov. Nikki Haley, to urge the removal of the flag from Statehouse grounds. The man charged with murder and hate crimes in the killings, Dylann Roof, was previously photographed posing with the flag.

The State: Spring Valley High School students stage walkout in support of Ben Fields

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article41935716.html#storylink=cpy>

A group of Spring Valley High School students staged a peaceful walkout Friday morning in support of former Richland County deputy Ben Fields who was fired after a video surfaced of Fields forcibly removing a student from a classroom. Spring Valley Principal Jeff Temoney said that the protest was "an orderly student-led activity."

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