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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Gov. Haley: South Carolina has done all it can to save Century Aluminum smelter
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151028/PC05/151029284>

David Wren

Gov. Nikki Haley said Wednesday the state has done all it can to keep Century Aluminum from closing its Berkeley County smelter and laying off 600 workers as a contractual impasse between the company and its power provider enters its final weeks.

Note: "The main thing we can't do is choose one business over another or do special favors for anyone," Haley said during a visit to Goose Creek.

Note: Haley and state Commerce Secretary Bobby Hitt "pushed as hard as we could" to strike a deal with Century Aluminum, she said, "but we can't go beyond what's fair."

Note: "We're very grateful to the company for its investment," Haley said Wednesday, adding that she hopes Century Aluminum reconsiders its decision to close.

Note: "Their employees mean a lot to us and I hope they will continue to stay," Haley said. "Every one of those jobs is valuable. But our job is to make sure we are fair to everybody in South Carolina."

WCSC: Gov. Haley and Team SC in the Tri-County

<http://www.live5news.com/story/30376325/gov-haley-and-team-sc-in-the-tri-county>

Karina Bolster

Gov. Nikki Haley has not been working behind her desk lately, but out in the counties affected by the flood almost one month ago. Haley was in the Tri-County Wednesday as part of Team South Carolina Day.

Note: "I have to work," she said. "It's who I am. It's what keeps me motivated."

Note: She has made stops all across the state to give her help with the recovery process for thousands of flood victims. "We've got one more after this and then we'll start rebuilding after that," Haley told workers.

Note: "These team South Carolina Days were to bring all the services available by FEMA and the state to the people," Haley said. "We've seen record crowds from 2,800 in Orangeburg to 1,200 in Williamsburg."

WCBD: State Flood Relief in Berkeley County Wednesday

<http://counton2.com/2015/10/28/state-flood-relief-in-berkeley-county-wednesday/>

Travis Rice

Governor Nikki Haley was on the front lines of flood relief in Goose Creek Wednesday. The governor and dozens of volunteers packed supplies for the Team South Carolina flood aid event.

Note: "This is helping individuals" said Governor Nikki Haley after loading paper towels in boxes at the Goose Creek Community Center.

Note: "You can't sit behind a desk and know that you're helping families – to me it's very important to be on the ground, hearing the stories and talking to the people."

Note: Haley said she is satisfied with how quickly the state is coming back after the flooding in October and says South Carolina is getting into the rebuilding stage. "This is just trying to keep things moving in any way that we can and reminding people if you haven't registered at FEMA we need you too," urged Governor Haley.

Georgetown Times: Haley to visit Georgetown on state tour

<http://www.southstrandnews.com/article/20151027/GTT06/151029917/1176/SSN>

Gov. Nikki Haley will make a visit to Georgetown this week as part of a statewide tour aimed at flood relief and disaster mitigation. Haley is scheduled to visit Beck Recreation Center, 2030 Church St., on Friday, Oct. 30, between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. as part of the Team South Carolina for Georgetown and Horry Counties event. County Administrator Sel Hemingway said he was appreciative of Haley's consideration and was eager to welcome her to Georgetown.

Times and Democrat: Orangeburg, Calhoun, Bamberg among 29 S.C. counties declared primary natural disaster areas

http://thetandd.com/news/orangeburg-calhoun-bamberg-among-s-c-counties-declared-primary-natural/article_0c7ce513-ef43-5e89-a04b-526282eaa6f8.html

Twenty-nine South Carolina counties, including Orangeburg, Calhoun and Bamberg, have been declared primary natural disaster area by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Gov. Nikki Haley announced Wednesday. USDA Secretary Thomas J. Vilsack has issued a disaster designation for counties in South Carolina that suffered damage and losses due to heavy rains and flooding, she said.

Horry News: Horry County farmers may qualify for federal aid for losses incurred during October flood

http://www.myhorrynews.com/news/local/horry_county/article_fb5b96b4-7da3-11e5-a7ab-f3756ff197b5.html

Horry County and 28 other South Carolina counties have been designated as primary natural disaster areas by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, making farm operators suffering damage from the recent floods eligible for federal aid, according to a news release. Gov. Nikki Haley requested the disaster designation in an Oct. 19 letter, the news release stated.

WCSC: Gov. Haley: 29 counties declared primary natural disaster areas

<http://www.live5news.com/story/30375761/gov-haley-29-counties-declared-primary-natural-disaster-areas>

Heather Carpenter

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S.C. Flood Recovery News:

Aiken Standard: Local farmers navigate assistance for flood damage, USDA offering low-interest emergency loans

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20151028/AIK0101/151029336/1121>

Christina Elmore

Several years ago, Aiken County farmer Keith Evringham found what became his dream property nestled in a scenic wooded area of Salley. Evringham, a retired equine practitioner from Ohio, spent the last years of his career practicing at racetracks and farms in New Jersey but when it was time to retire, found his way to South Carolina.

The State: FEMA money unlikely to rebuild private dams, Heigel says

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article41760315.html>

Sammy Fretwell

Prospects are dim that the Federal Emergency Management Agency will pay to fix private dams that crumbled during a devastating storm in South Carolina earlier this month, the state's environmental protection agency chief said Wednesday. Catherine Heigel, who heads the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, said FEMA might pay to restore public roads across dams, but not to repair or replace the dams themselves.

Associated Press: South Carolina offering ways to help kids cope with flood

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

The full impact of South Carolina's historic flooding is yet to be known, and the University of South Carolina is offering a way to help children cope with its effects. The university's Psychology Services Center is holding a free seminar on Thursday to address parents' concerns about their children's behaviors after a natural disaster such as the flood.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: Senate committee receives damage reports for historic flood

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151028/PC1603/151029288>

Gavin Jackson

A S.C. Senate committee signaled a willingness to use a variety of sources to cover damage costs, which remain unknown, from the historic storm earlier this month. The committee, composed of senators from the

hardest hit areas in the state, heard words like "significant," "reluctant" to speculate on costs, "cost sharing" and comparisons to Hurricane Hugo thrown around from five agency heads describing financials on Wednesday.

Greenville News: Senate begins hearings on how to pay for flood recovery

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/10/28/senate-begins-hearings-how-pay-flood-recovery/74732590/>

Tim Smith

State agencies may not have financial estimates yet for the damage from massive flooding earlier this month, but senators say they expect the number to be a big one. "It took decades to pay for (Hurricane) Hugo and I'm afraid that's what we're looking at here," said Senate Majority Leader Harvey Peeler of Gaffney.

Anderson Independent: S.C. officials: Train police officers better

http://www.independentmail.com/news/sc-officials-train-police-officers-better_27111389

Mike ellis

State officials are calling for better training of police officers. This is after a prosecutor decided Seneca police Lt. Mark Tiller escalated a drug bust into the fatal shooting of teenager Zachary Hammond in violation of training, even if Tiller did not violate state laws.

S.C. Political News:

Post and Courier: Graham at debate: I will stand up to world's dictators

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151028/PC1603/151029264>

Schuyler Kropf

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham fired barbs that included calling President Obama "incompetent," and named Bernie Sanders someone who never left the Soviet Union as he tried to break out of the lower tier at Wednesday's GOP presidential debate undercard.

The State: SC's Graham in GOP debate: 'Make me commander in chief and this crap stops'

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article41752698.html#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham's humor and national security message won CNBC's Wednesday debate for long-shot GOP presidential candidates, the network's pundits said immediately after the candidates cleared the stage. Graham positioned himself as tough on foreign policy, criticizing President Barack Obama as "incompetent" and tying former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, the Democratic frontrunner, to the president's policies.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Ike is a GOP role model

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151029/PC1002/151029275>

Editorial

Many readers were probably surprised to read Steve Chapman's recent column about President Eisenhower. It has been a very long time since anyone has publicly praised a Republican president other than Ronald Reagan. This is ironic given that Ike was our most popular two-term president, earning an amazing 65 percent average approval rating.

Aiken Standard: Patience, responsibility needed in fixing roads

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20151028/AIK0201/151029462/1018/AIK02>

Editorial

Cementing some level of guaranteed satisfaction for both the City and the developers is vital in resolving issues in the Gem Lakes extension area. Roads in the neighborhood are cracked and crumbled after first being paved in 2009. At City Council's Oct. 12 meeting, a three part plan forward was approved regarding this situation.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Greenville News: Gowdy changes his vote on Ex-Im Bank

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2015/10/28/gowdy-changes-his-vote-ex-im-bank/74753052/>

Rudolph Bell

Republican Reps. Trey Gowdy, Jeff Duncan and Mick Mulvaney put “ideological purity” over jobs by voting with a minority of House members Tuesday night to keep America’s export credit agency out of business, according to Jason Zacher, the chamber’s vice president of business advocacy.

Greenville News: Mental health advocate plans run for Trey Gowdy's seat

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/10/28/mental-health-advocate-plans-run-trey-gowdys-seat/74672164/>

Tim Smith

A Greenville mental health advocate who successfully pushed for legislation earlier this year to develop state mental health courts is running for the office held by U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy. Paton Blough, 39, told The Greenville News he has never run for public office before but wants to make a difference, especially on mental health issues.

South Carolina News:**The State:** Sheriff fires Richland deputy after altercation with Spring Valley student

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article41740617.html>

Avery G. Wilks

The Richland County deputy fired after an altercation with a Spring Valley student that was caught on video said Wednesday he thinks his actions were “justified and lawful.” “We believe that Mr. (Ben) Fields’ actions were carried out professionally and that he was performing his job duties within the legal threshold,” Fields’ attorney, Scott J. Hayes, said in a press release.

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: S.C. Attorney General holds annual 'Silent Witness' ceremony

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151029/PC1603/151029253>

Maya Prabhu

People killed at the hands of domestic violence will be remembered today during the 18th annual Silent Witness ceremony. S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson's office is hosting the ceremony, which had to be rescheduled due to flooding earlier this month.

Rock Hill Herald: The Rev. Jesse Jackson in Rock Hill: ‘It’s time to step forward’

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/politics-government/article41717400.html#storylink=cpy>

Don Worthington

Jonkheer Burns, Gerald Snell and Daniel Quattlebaum were among the Clinton College students uncomfortably singled out Wednesday. When asked who in the college’s multipurpose gymnasium was not registered to vote, no one initially stood. After more cajoling, the trio of 18-year-olds and others reluctantly rose from their seats.

Greenville News: Two Upstate towns among safest in the state

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/golden-strip/2015/10/28/mauldin-fountain-inn-rank-among-states-safest-cities/74731224/>

Scott Keeler

Of all the cities with a population of at least 2,000 in South Carolina, a new study lists a pair from Greenville County among the eight safest in the state. In this year's SafeWise listing, Mauldin ranks as the fifth-safest city in the state while Fountain Inn ranks eighth. SafeWise is a security organization that documents information on cities throughout the country and has a yearly ranking of the safest ones in each state.

Local News:**Post and Courier:** Some Charleston road closures expected again this morning

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151029/PC16/151029252>

Dave Munday

Some road closures are expected in Charleston again this morning because of flooding, although fewer than Tuesday and Wednesday. A coastal flood advisory is in effect from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. today, according to the National Weather Service. The tide in Charleston Harbor should peak around 10 a.m. between 7.6 and

7.8 feet. The tide rose over 8 feet Tuesday and Wednesday.

National News:

Associated Press: Scorecard: How the GOP candidates fared in their 3rd debate

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=P50fnAt4

Thomas Beaumont

Here's a look at how the 10 Republican presidential candidates in the main-event debate at the University of Colorado-Boulder performed Wednesday night.

Associated Press: GOP debate takeaways: Rubio-Bush rumble, Trump largely quiet

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Zeor8kg5

Julie Bykkowicz, Thomas Beaumont

Celebrity businessman Donald Trump was again center stage as the Republican presidential field gathered Wednesday night for the third debate of the 2016 campaign, but for the first time, the billionaire seemed reduced to the role of a supporting cast member.

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