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Governor Nikki Haley News:

WLTX: Governor Haley heads to Manning to help flood victims get assistance

<http://www.wltx.com/story/news/2015/10/26/governor-haley-heads-manning-help-flood-victims-get-assistance/74611784/>

Roshanda Pratt

Governor Nikki Haley is making a trip to Clarendon County as part of an effort to help people impacted by historic flooding get assistance. Monday, the governor is spending the day in Manning at the Clarendon County Community Center. The Team South Carolina event serves as a one stop where residents can find out about resources available to families and businesses.

Associated Press: Haley in Manning to help flood victims get assistance

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=xx5sHI7E

Gov. Nikki Haley is in Clarendon County as part of an effort to help people impacted by historic flooding get assistance. On Monday, the governor is spending some time in Manning at the Clarendon County Community Center. At the Team South Carolina event, organizers say flood victims can find out what resources are available to families and businesses as South Carolina recovers from the flooding.

WCBD: Gov. Nikki Haley and Team South Carolina head to Williamsburg, Florence Counties

<http://counton2.com/2015/10/25/gov-nikki-haley-and-team-south-carolina-head-to-williamsburg-florence-counties/>

Michael Dixon

Governor Nikki Haley will visit Kingstree on Monday, October 26, for the next Team South Carolina flood relief event. Team South Carolina for Florence and Williamsburg Counties will be held from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Williamsburg Recreation Center. For those impacted by flooding in counties across the state, Team South Carolina events serve as one-stops where residents can find out about resources available to families and businesses as South Carolina recovers.

Post and Courier: The politics of drilling; pushing for or against offshore oil work

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151025/PC16/151029623>

Bo Petersen

A former oil rig crew chief opposes testing and drilling for oil offshore. A geology professor supports it. They are two of the more startling voices in a debate that has become a political fog. Opponents and supporters each argue facts as they see them in the blitzes and counter-blitzes of information and disinformation that have come to dominate the issue.

Note: A coalition of governors, including Gov. Nikki Haley, worked largely behind the scenes with industry lobbyists to urge administration officials to open the Southeast coast to oil and natural gas testing and drilling.

Times and Democrat: After flooding losses, week spotlights impact of forestry in S.C.

http://thetandd.com/business/after-flooding-losses-week-spotlights-impact-of-forestry-in-s/article_8708a4af-0af9-551b-9ecf-dce39d349d03.html

Lee Harter

Gov. Nikki Haley has signed a proclamation designating Oct. 19-23 South Carolina Forest Products Week in the Palmetto State. The observance coincides with the annual national week of the same name and pays tribute to the thousands of products that come from our forests, the professionals who manage the forests, and the businesses and people that create the products.

Manning Live: Tetanus shots, water testing kits to be featured at Team SC event Monday

<http://manninglive.com/2015/10/25/tetanus-shots-water-testing-kits-to-be-featured-at-team-sc-event-monday/>

Robert Joseph Baker

Manning Mayor Julia Nelson said Sunday night that a representative from Gov. Nikki Haley's office called her Sunday afternoon to confirm the city's most pressing needs. "As I expressed to them last week, we're in urgent need of abating our mosquito problem," she said. "The other issue that I brought to their attention was the need for tarps, so that damaged roofs can be covered before the anticipated rain this week. They are planning to bring items to assist with both of these issues."

S.C. General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Education task force meets this week, Legislature committee talks HOAs

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151026/PC1603/151029491>

Maya T. Prabhu

Members of the state's Education Policy Review and Reform Task Force will meet this week to discuss recommendations for solving issues including teacher retention, infrastructure needs and college and career pathways at the state's schools. Subcommittees of the group -- created by House Speaker Jay Lucas, R-Hartsville, in January -- will meet throughout the week to work toward improving the state's rural schools.

Note: The meetings come a week after Gov. Nikki Haley and other Republican leaders asked the court to throw out a Sept. 24 order that requires the Legislature produce a plan to improve education in rural and poor districts by Feb. 1.

S.C. Political News:

USA Today: South Carolina looks to pick president again

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/2015/10/25/2016-republicans-south-carolina-trump-carson-bush-rubio-tim-scott/74584136/>

David Jackson

There is so much at stake in the 2016 elections — including South Carolina's reputation as the maker of Republican nominees and presidents. Starting in 1980, South Carolina Republicans had picked the eventual nominee (and sometimes the president) every four years. But their streak ended in 2012 when Newt Gingrich took the state but lost the nomination, and now members of the S.C. GOP want to start a new one.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Washington Post: Two futures for the GOP

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/right-turn/wp/2015/10/25/two-futures-for-the-gop/>

Jennifer Rubin

The Republican Party is at the proverbial fork in the road. It can make a sharp right turn over the cliff and destroy itself. Or it could lean to the right but stay on firm ground. What would each look like? In the gloomy view, House Republicans, after electing Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) speaker, sabotage him at every turn.

Note: With Vice President Nikki Haley at the helm, the party embarks on a plan to revitalize inner cities under the Jack Kemp Act. Secretary of State Joe Lieberman and Defense Secretary John McCain re-establish solid relations with our allies and begin to re-establish American influence abroad. (Cruz replaces Rush Limbaugh, Carson replaces Sean Hannity.)

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Rock Hill Herald: Paul Ryan's bid for speaker gets Indian Land Congressman Mulvaney's vote

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article41396136.html#storylink=cpy>

Bristow Marchant

After a month of uncertainty over who would take over the top job in the U.S. House of Representatives, Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan's bid to be speaker of the House seems assured after he lined up support from some of Congress' most conservative members.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Survey: US gasoline prices drop 10 cents over past 2 weeks

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

The average price of gasoline has dropped 10 cents over the past two weeks, to \$2.24 a gallon. Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg reports Sunday that prices have fallen 63 cents in the past 19 weeks. Lundberg says the price slide could end if crude costs remain close to current levels.

Greenville News: Duke Energy buying Piedmont Natural Gas

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/10/26/duke-energy-buying-piedmont-natural-gas/74612554/>

Duke Energy is buying Piedmont Natural Gas for about \$4.9 billion in cash. The companies are key partners in the \$5 billion Atlantic Coast Pipeline that will be the first major natural gas pipeline to serve Eastern North Carolina. Piedmont Natural Gas started its operations in 1951 in Charlotte. Duke Energy was founded in the city in 1904.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Mayor Joe Riley's heart warmed by 'Thanks Joe!' celebration

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151025/PC16/151029497>

Melissa boughton

Joe Riley has spent 40 years supporting the city of Charleston, so it seemed only fitting that so many people turned out Sunday to support him. "I'm just so proud," he said at the free event, "Thanks Joe!" "It's very heartwarming and this is certainly something I won't forget."

The State: Fair wraps up 2015 run, investigators seek suspect in shooting

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article41401854.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

Investigators have developed suspects in a Saturday night shooting that injured a 15-year-old, as the S.C. State Fair opened Sunday for its final day. The Richland County Sheriff's Department released no additional information Sunday afternoon about the incident on the Midway, which happened just before 8:30 p.m. Saturday night.

National News:

Associated Press: AP-GfK Poll: GOP says Trump tops list of electable

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=iLnTCV8p

Steve Peoples, Emily Swanson

A majority of Republican voters view only four of their party's presidential contenders as potential general election winners, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll that reflects the sustained strength of the GOP's outsider candidates. Billionaire businessman Donald Trump is viewed as the strongest. Seven in 10 Republican and Republican-leaning registered voters say he could win in November 2016 if he captures his party's nomination.

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