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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: Midlands Tech receives grant for entry-level health care classes

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/09/3029037/midlands-tech-receives-grant-for.html>

Andrew Shain

Midlands Technical College and five other schools received a \$25 million federal grant for entry-level health care training classes using state-of-the-art simulators. Midlands Tech received \$8.3 million from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration – the largest grant in school history – to offer one-year certificates for certified nursing assistants, phlebotomists, cardiac care assistants, rehabilitation technicians and patient-care technicians.

Note: “What we’re talking about is training, and any time you’re talking about training to get private-sector jobs (that’s) hugely important,” she said. “What we’re saying is that this is a pathway to success. We’re not creating government jobs. Someone can say, ‘I can get a brand new career.’”

Associated Press: Haley's nonprofit delivering books in Marion

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/10/10/2730398/haleys-nonprofit-delivering-books.html#storylink=cpy>

A nonprofit started by Gov. Nikki Haley is encouraging children in Marion County to get big on books. On Thursday, Haley and the Original Six Foundation are visiting Marion Intermediate School to read with third graders. Children's author Ashlye V. Wilkerson is also taking part, and each child will leave with a new children's book. Haley is then going to the Marion County Library to deliver more than 2,000 books donated during an August book drive held by the Original Six Foundation. In addition to Marion, books collected during that effort are being donated to libraries, schools, and after-school programs in Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Clarendon, Marlboro and Union counties.

Island Packet: Rodman joins Haley re-election coalition

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/10/09/2729846/rodman-joins-haley-re-election.html>

Beaufort County Councilman Stu Rodman will be a member of Gov. Nikki Haley's Faith and Family Coalition. The group, which includes 26 Christian civic leaders from across the state, will advise Haley's re-election campaign on family issues, according to a news release. Rodman is on the board of several national Christian ministries and is an elder in the Presbyterian Church, according to the Beaufort County website.

Times and Democrat (Video): Governor Nikki Haley At MOAA Conference: Being A Military Spouse

http://thetandd.com/governor-nikki-haley-at-moaa-conference-being-a-military-spouse/youtube_4541fc3a-3104-11e3-a8a9-001a4bcf887a.html

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Rock Hill Herald: Sheheen continues small business tour in Rock Hill

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/10/09/5291029/sheheen-continues-small-business.html>

Jie Jenny Zou

State Sen. Vincent Sheheen, a Democratic candidate for governor, continued his small business tour across the state Wednesday, making stops at a handful of locally owned Rock Hill businesses. The tour is part of Sheheen's 2014 campaign for governor, a post he narrowly lost to Republican Nikki Haley in 2010. He represents part of southern Lancaster County in the Senate.

Note: “He can ‘listen’ to as many South Carolina small businesses as he wants to,” Rob Godfrey, Haley's campaign spokesman said, “but it won't change the fact that his policies would be crushing to them and a huge setback to the gains our economy has made under Gov. Haley.”

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Aiken Standard: Women badly needed for state's leadership

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131010/AIK0201/131019967/1018/AIK02/editorial-women-badly-needed-for-state-x2019-s-leadership>

Editorial

Few, if any, would list South Carolina as the most progressive of states, particularly when it comes to women being elected to political office. The state ranks next to last, behind only Louisiana, in the percentage of women elected to the legislature, and our governor is the only woman elected to statewide office. The overall picture is certainly not encouraging. Consequently, it wasn't shocking to see a recent report from the Center for American Progress, a public policy thinktank, give our state a grade of "D" for the overall level of female leadership. The barriers in place that have created such a lack of advancement are evident, but not exactly simplistic.

Note: Nikki Haley impressively traversed it in 2010 when she overcame challenges from three well-known and well-connected male opponents to win the Republican primary for governor. Katrina Shealey pulled off a similarly praiseworthy feat when she became the state senate's only female senator by knocking off long-time Sen. Jake Knotts in a 2012 race. Those results show our state is moving forward, at least to some degree.

The State: Columbia voters must turn out for November elections

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/10/3029171/editorial-columbia-voters-must.html#storylink=cpy>

Editorial

With Columbia approaching its first fall election on Nov. 5, it's worth an early word of encouragement to voters to commit now to going to the polls to choose a mayor and three council members to help lead the city over the next four years. Typically, we would wait until several days prior to an election to urge voters to go cast their ballots. But given the change in the timing of the election and the fact that a majority of the seats on the seven-member council are up for grabs, an early reminder is warranted. The Nov. 5 date is a significant change for Columbia, where municipal elections have been held in the spring since at least the 1950s.

Post and Courier: Overzealous shutdown tactics

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131010/PC1002/131019991/1021/overzealous-shutdown-tactics>

Editorial

From the mountains to the sea, the federal government keeps working hard to make sure you don't have a good time. Last week we reported that the privately owned Pisgah Inn on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Asheville planned to defy an order by the National Park Service that it expel its guests and close its doors at the height of the fall color change in Pisgah National Forest. That lasted about 24 hours. On Friday park ranger vehicles, lights flashing, blocked entrances to the inn's parking areas on ground leased from the federal government, and ordered the inn to close, throwing 100 employees out of their jobs. Since they are not federal employees they will not get deferred pay when the government shutdown ends.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Biological father of Cherokee girl to discuss case

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=CFY5WokT

The Cherokee Nation says the biological father of a Cherokee girl will hold a news conference on Thursday to discuss the next legal steps in the four-year custody dispute. Dusten Brown and Cherokee Nation Assistant Attorney General Chrissi Nimmo are set to outline the next steps they will take over the custody battle for 4-year-old Veronica. Brown last month handed Veronica over to her adoptive parents, Matt and Melanie Capobianco of South Carolina, after the Oklahoma Supreme Court lifted an emergency stay keeping the girl in Oklahoma.

The State: Lieutenant governor transfers money to campaign account

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/09/3029410/sc-politics-lieutenant-governor.html#storylink=cpy>

Adam Beam

Lt. Gov. Glenn McConnell has transferred more than \$250,000 from his state Senate campaign account to his campaign for lieutenant governor. The Charleston Republican, who was state Senate president pro tempore, became lieutenant governor after former Lt. Gov. Ken Ard resigned and entered a guilty plea to campaign fraud. McConnell posted his fundraising report, including the transfer, online Tuesday. Richard

Quinn, McConnell's political consultant, said McConnell has not done any formal fundraising. But, Quinn added, "We are about to get started."

The State: Father Not Charged In SC 'Stand Your Ground' Case

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

John Monk

In a potentially landmark state court ruling, a South Carolina judge – citing the state's Stand Your Ground Act – has granted immunity from prosecution to a man charged with shooting and killing an unarmed bystander in a Columbia case. "When the defendant fired the shot, he reasonably believed he was being attacked with deadly force directed at his home," said a 12-page order by Circuit Judge Maite Murphy filed Wednesday afternoon. The case involved the 2010 shooting of Darrell Niles, 17, a Keenan High School student and basketball player, who was across the street in a car when Shannon Scott, then 33, fired his handgun. Shortly before, an SUV filled with youths who had been threatening his 15-year-old daughter drove by his house and they fired shots, according to testimony in the case.

Greenville News: S.C. school science standards get initial OK amid conflict over religion

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131010/NEWS/310100019/S-C-school-science-standards-get-initial-OK-amid-conflict-over-religion>

Ron Barnett

The state Board of Education gave initial approval to a new set of science standards Wednesday, although some board members tried to overturn the vote out of concern over whether the new guidelines leave room for students' religious beliefs on the origin of life. "What I'm asking is to teach both," said board member Neil Willis of Boiling Springs. After the board approved first reading of the state's first revision of its science standards since 2005, Willis made a motion to reconsider the move. One other board member seconded the motion, but it failed on a voice vote. The standards now will go to the state Education Oversight Committee and come back to the state Board of Education for final action early next year.

Associated Press: Man takes mower to National Mall during shutdown

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

One man has taken it upon himself to mow and clean up the grounds around the Lincoln Memorial during the government shutdown. Chris Cox tells WNEW Radio (<http://cbsloc.al/19zQ3dx>) he felt obligated to help while National Park Service workers are furloughed. He says he's not motivated by politics but wanted to clean up the National Mall before a veterans march. Cox, who lives in Mount Pleasant, S.C., came armed with a chain saw and lawnmower. He cleared away a large 12-inch-thick branch that fell on a path. He carried with him the state flag of South Carolina.

Aiken Standard: S.C. gets 'D' on women's issues

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131010/AIK0101/131009403/1007/AIK0101/sc-gets-d-on-womens-issues>

Maayan Schechter

After Lessie Price, District 2 member of Aiken City Council, lost her first election in 1975, she was devastated and swore she would never get involved in politics. But, as the first minority female to serve on Council, Price said women tend to isolate themselves. South Carolina received a "D" letter grade on three issues relating to women – leadership, economic security and health, according to a recent report by the Center for American Progress, a think tank on policy issues. There are more than 4 million citizens living in S.C., according to the U.S. Census Bureau. More than half of the population is female.

Aiken Standard: Nuclear Regulatory Commission furloughs workers

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131010/AIK0101/131019951/1007/AIK0101/nuclear-regulatory-commission-furloughs-workers>

Derrek Asberry

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission – or NRC – furloughed its workers on Wednesday afternoon in response to the current government shutdown. The organization is responsible for Plant Vogtle near Augusta, as well as the MOX project at the Savannah River Site. NRC Chairwoman Allison Macfarlane vowed to keep resident safety inspectors on duty at both sites. "By using 'carry-over' funds, we've been able to stay open, but those funds have now been depleted," Macfarlane reported in a blog shared with NRC employees. "Wednesday is the last full day that the NRC will be operating normally until we receive an appropriation."

Post and Courier: State revisits food safety code last updated in 1995

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131009/PC16/131009370/1006/south-carolina-weighs-new-food-code>

Hanna Raskin

Eating out in South Carolina could become a less risky proposition if the state adopts an overhauled food code now under consideration by the S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control. The board today will decide whether to ask for public comment on a completely rewritten set of restaurant regulations. South Carolina last amended its code governing food safety in 1995. "We're lagging behind Georgia and Tennessee and North Carolina," complains Frank Lee, executive chef of Slightly North of Broad and Old Village Post House. Lee strongly supports the new regulations, which cover holding temperatures, record keeping, raw food handling, manager training and sanitation, among other restaurant practices.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Charleston County school leaders explore public-private replication of Meeting Street Academy

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131009/PC16/131009382/1389/charleston-county-school-leaders-explore-public-private-replication-of-meeting-street-academy>

Diette Courrege Casey

Meeting Street Academy has proven it can give low-income students a high-quality, private-school education at virtually no cost to parents. Now, the group behind the Charleston school wants to prove its model can work in a public, high-poverty school. They're in talks with Charleston County school leaders to create a new North Charleston elementary school that would serve its at-risk neighborhood students. The proposed public-private partnership school would appear to be the first of its kind in the state and a potential prototype. The school district would provide its standard funding for each student, and the Meeting Street Education Group would run the school and invest in areas it sees as critical, such as enrolling students as young as age 3 and extending the school day and year.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Sewer district identifies source of PCB contamination at Cowpens facility

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20131009/ARTICLES/310091033/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Sewer-district-identifies-source-of-PCB-contamination-at-Cowpens-facility>

Felicia Kitzmiller

Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District has identified the source of PCB contamination at its Cowpens facility as cross-contamination and not a new dump of the toxic chemical. In late September, polychlorinated biphenyls were found in sludge on a drying bed at SSSD's treatment facility in Cowpens. Subsequent testing revealed PCBs were also present at the facility's intake, but nowhere else in the treatment plant. After testing all of the grease traps and pumping stations in the facility's treatment area with negative results, Rebecca West, SSSD's chief operating officer, said officials determined the source of contamination was internal.

Rock Hill Herald: Head Start reopens two days after government shutdown closed centers

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/10/09/5290954/head-start-reopens-two-days-after.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Dys

The working mother with three kids in Head Start pre-kindergarten had a simple question Wednesday as classes resumed after two days lost to the government shutdown: "Why?" Marquettia Turner asked of the politicians responsible for the government shutdown. "Why take away from the children who want to learn, who have cried when there was no school Monday and Tuesday? Why hurt the kids who will be the next generation to make this country great?" There were no answers Wednesday. The federal shutdown hit day 10, and no politicians were anywhere near eight area Head Start centers that reopened Wednesday after being closed for two days.

The Item: CCTC expanding health care job training in 2014

http://www.theitem.com/news/local_news/cctc-expanding-health-care-job-training-in/article_ee1230d7-18b8-5d50-933d-78af6fbf24d9.html

Braden Bunch

Central Carolina Technical College has finalized its plans to start offering four new health industry-related certificate programs, beginning with the Fall 2014 semester. The four one-year certificate programs - Cardiac Care Technician, Sterile Processing, Certified Nursing Assistant and Patient Care Technician - will be incorporated into its facilities at the school's Health Sciences Center on South Main Street, further

utilizing the simulator labs located at the downtown campus.

Index-Journal: Increase of 5 mills in 2014 budget discussed during Greenwood City Council's annual retreat

<http://www.indexjournal.com/main.asp?SectionID=4&SubSectionID=40&ArticleID=21322&TM=25475.34>

Chris Trainor

When some county or city councils schedule a retreat to talk about plans for the coming year, they sometimes choose to take those retreats in lavish - even tropical - locations. For Greenwood City Council, its annual retreat is slightly less glamorous. Council had its retreat Wednesday afternoon in a conference room at Greenwood County Library. Council spent more than five hours discussing the current state of the city and pressing issues that will affect the city in 2014. One of the central discussion points Wednesday afternoon was an early look at the 2014 budget. As currently proposed, the 2014 budget would call for a millage increase of 5 mills.

The Item: Rep. Dillard to speak at honors convocation

http://www.theitem.com/news/rep-dillard-to-speak-at-honors-convocation/article_12b9c5e7-459c-523e-9769-090e7e2f04f4.html

Rep. Chandra E. Dillard, D-Greenville, will speak at Morris College's Fall Honors Convocation at 10 a.m. today in the Neal-Jones Auditorium. Dillard has served in the South Carolina House of Representatives since 2009. She serves on the Agricultural Committee, the Ethics Committee and the Environmental Affairs Subcommittee. Dillard received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Winthrop College and a master's in public administration from Walden University. She has served as the director of community relations for Furman University since 2004.

National News:

Associated Press: Businesses question health care law requirement

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/viewart/20131010/BUSINESS/310100018/Businesses-question-health-care-law-requirement>

Pauline Jelinek

Some businesses say they'll be forced to hire fewer people or cut employee hours to avoid having to offer insurance coverage to workers under the new health care law. But an economic researcher says there's too much misinformation circulating about the law and that there's no data to support claims that companies have already been cutting workers hours. These views were expressed Wednesday at House Small Business subcommittee hearing to look into the part of the law that requires companies with 50 workers or more to offer an affordable insurance plan to those working an average of 30 hours a week in any month.

Associated Press: Poll: Health Exchange Rollout Gets Poor Reviews

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/poll-rollout-health-exchanges-gets-thumbs-down>

Nancy Benac and Jennifer Agiesta

The government's new health insurance marketplaces are drawing lots of rotten tomatoes in early reviews, but people are at least checking them out. Seven percent of Americans report that somebody in their household has tried to sign up for insurance through the health care exchanges, according to an AP-GfK poll. While that's a small percentage, it could represent more than 20 million people. Three-fourths of those who tried to sign up reported problems, though, and that's reflected in the underwhelming reviews.

Associated Press: Obama plans to talk to GOP again on shutdown, debt

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20131009/WIRE/131009698/1171/WIRE?Title=Obama-plans-to-talk-to-GOP-again-on-shutdown-debt>

Alan Fram

President Barack Obama is making plans to talk with Republican lawmakers at the White House in the coming days as pressure builds on both sides to resolve their deadlock over the federal debt limit and the partial government shutdown. With the shutdown in its ninth day Wednesday and a potential economy-shaking federal default edging ever closer, neither side was revealing clear signs of bending. Amid the tough talk, though, there were hints of the possibility of a brief truce. There were indications that both sides might be open to a short-term extension of the \$16.7 trillion borrowing limit and a temporary end to the shutdown, giving them more time to resolve their disputes.

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