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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Morning News: Leatherman: Gov. Haley should use 'good common sense' on roads bill

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Joshua Lloyd

South Carolina Senate President Pro-tempore Hugh K. Leatherman Sr. told a crowd of more than 150 at a campaign event Thursday evening that Gov. Nikki Haley should “use good common sense one time” and sign the House- and Senate-approved roads bill into law. The plan puts more than \$4 billion toward road and bridge repairs over the next ten years and includes comprehensive Department of Transportation reform. The bill had little opposition in both chambers. Leatherman took a jab at Haley—who heavily criticized the 36-year incumbent in Florence on Wednesday during an endorsement of one of his primary election opponents –and said the governor should think twice before vetoing a widely supported bill.

Note: “I hope the governor will use her common sense and see fit to not veto that. I think it would be horrible for the state if she did,” Leatherman said. “But with the kind of votes we had in the House and Senate to pass it, I think there’s a good chance that we’ll override it just like we did with her decision on the farm aid bill.”

The State: Haley supports furling flag in Citadel chapel

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article81348162.html>

Jamie Self

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley said Thursday she would support lawmakers approving the removal of a Confederate flag from a chapel at The Citadel to a nearby museum. But Haley said she does not support the state lengthening a federal three-day waiting period to complete background checks before gun purchases. At the urging of Republican Haley, S.C. legislators removed the Confederate flag from the State House grounds last summer after a self-avowed racist, who had posed with the flag, was charged with slaying nine parishioners of Charleston’s Emanuel AME Church.

Huffington Post: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley Warns Donald Trump: ‘I Know What That Rhetoric Can Do’

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/nikki-haley-donald-trump-rhetoric_us_57510120e4b0c3752dcd41c7

Ed Mazza

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump should use a more civil tone while campaigning, warning that divisive rhetoric could ultimately lead to violence on par with the 2015 Charleston church massacre. “I know what that rhetoric can do,” the Republican governor told The Associated Press on Thursday. “I saw it happen.” Haley spoke to the news agency just weeks before the first anniversary of the June 17, 2015 killing spree in which a white man murdered nine black churchgoers, reportedly because he wanted to ignite a race war. In the new interview with AP, Haley said Trump supporters aren’t all racists.

“That’s a different kind of anger,” she told AP. “They’re upset with Washington, D.C. They’re upset nothing’s got done. The way he communicates that, I wish were different.”

Frontline: More States Consider Raising the Age for Juvenile Crime

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/article/more-states-consider-raising-the-age-for-juvenile-crime/>

Sarah Childress

you’re a teenager, whether you’re an adult in the eyes of the law depends on the state you live in. Slowly, that’s starting to change. Today, most states, including Washington, D.C., treat adolescents as juveniles through the age of 17. Nine states still have a lower bar, at age 16, apart from New York and North Carolina,

where the age is 15. Over the past decade, a bipartisan movement of legislators and advocates has been pushing to raise the age of criminal responsibility for juveniles. They are bolstered by neuroscience that shows the still developing adolescent brain is more prone to taking risks and less capable of making decisions. And they are motivated by a pragmatic desire both to reduce recidivism and cut incarceration costs.

Note: Last week, South Carolina's legislature unanimously voted to raise the age when adolescents can be tried as adults to 18, sending a bill to Republican Gov. Nikki Haley, which she is expected to sign. Louisiana's Republican-controlled legislature passed a similar bill on Thursday, which the Democratic governor, John Bel Edwards, has said he would sign. Michigan and New York are both considering similar legislation.

General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Lawmakers head home for primaries

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160603/PC1603/160609811>

Maya T. Prabhu

When the clock struck 5 p.m. Thursday, South Carolina's lawmakers left the capitol to head to their respective districts, most of them preparing for a June 14 primary race. A few Charleston-area legislators are not seeking re-election, but many will hit the campaign trail, knocking on doors and meeting with constituents leading up to the primary election. Due to a variety of factors, including district gerrymandering, many races for local and state offices lack two-party competition. In many cases, Democratic and Republican primaries throughout the state won't face major-party opposition in the fall, which means winning the primary means winning the office.

The State: What SC lawmakers did — or didn't do — for you

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article81455187.html>

Cassie Cope

Permanent fixes to major issues — repairing the state's roads and rebuilding poor schools — were outstanding as the 2016 legislative session drew to a close Thursday. Still, S.C. lawmakers did some things for you this session. i.e. A start to fixing roads, You can carry your gun to Georgia, You can use the bathroom of your choice, You can get your Viagra without new hurdles, However, abortions will be limited, You can not get \$1,000 for shooting coyotes, and you could have to register your moped.

WSPA: SC Legislative Session Ends with Some Bills Squeaking Through

<http://wspa.com/2016/06/02/sc-legislative-session-ends-with-some-bills-squeaking-through/>

Robert Kittle

The South Carolina legislative session ended for the year at 5:00 Thursday evening, with several bills passing at the last minute. Bills to give military retirees a tax break, to shorten the legislative session, and to ban police ticket quotas got approval at the end of the final day and are heading to Gov. Nikki Haley's desk. Lawmakers say the session was a success overall because they did address the state's top priority—doing something about roads and bridges. "It's not a cure-all, but it is a giant step forward that we were able to pass a plan that would put \$4 billion to use to fix, repair, and expand our roads. It was big," says Sen. Larry Grooms, R-Berkeley, chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee and a member of the conference committee of senators and House members that worked out the final plan.

Post and Courier: Statehouse session ends without ethics reform

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160602/160609825/statehouse-session-ends-without-ethics-reform>

Cynthia Roldan and Gavin Jackson and Maya T. Prabhu

COLUMBIA — The 2016 legislative session ended with lawmakers failing to pass an ethics reform package — something Gov. Nikki Haley staked out in her State of the State address as necessary to return public faith. A measure to create an independent panel to investigate elected officials remained stuck as the clock struck the steadfast 5 p.m. close of business hour, leaving the bill's author, Rep. Tommy Pope, R-York, visibly frustrated as he chided senators for failing to act on what was called a brokered compromise. "I don't know where we can go, folks," Pope told the House in the final moments of the afternoon. "We have given and given and given. But maybe they really want it to die."

WIS: State lawmakers touting big successes as legislative session comes to close

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32129202/state-lawmakers-touting-big-successes-as-legislative-session-comes-to-close>

Jack Kuenzie

State lawmakers have ended their session and gone home, except for a brief return to Columbia later this month, which concludes most major legislative activities for the year. So what's the bottom line on what got done? Some pretty big accomplishments came from the legislative session, especially on issues and needs that have been delayed over and over again. In some cases, for many years.

WIS: Lawmaker action on roads may finally mean Malfunction Junction fix in sight

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32127165/lawmaker-action-on-roads-may-finally-mean-malfunction-junction-fix-in-sight>

Jack Kuenzie

There's little doubt the biggest accomplishment for lawmakers in the session ending Thursday revolved around roads. After years of arguments, inaction, and public outrage, the General Assembly finally found a way to approve billions of dollars for fix the state's roads and bridges. Even critics agree South Carolina has taken a significant first step forward with the bill now heading to Gov. Nikki Haley for her signature. But for the state's drivers, the big question now becomes when will we start to see improvements? No one will be more interested in the answer to that question than those of us who drive through Malfunction Junction in Columbia every day.

Associated Press: Veterans' tax cut passes; ethics bills could be dead again

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

Seanna Adcox

Bills that give military retirees a tax cut, shorten South Carolina's legislative session by three weeks and ban ticket quotas in law enforcement are among the potential laws heading to Gov. Nikki Haley's desk. The Legislature passed a flurry of bills Thursday in the legislative session's last hours. But ethics reform bills that legislators have called a priority for four years could be dead again. There's still a chance they could reach consensus on measures that send complaints against legislators to independent investigators and require all officeholders to disclose who pays them.

Associated Press: SC lawmakers send military tax exemption bill to Haley

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

SC State Wire

The Legislature has approved a bill that cuts income taxes for military retirees who served 20 years in uniform. The House's 96-0 vote Thursday sent the bill to Gov. Nikki Haley. The benefits would be phased in over five years. By 2020, military retirees younger than 65 could deduct \$17,500 of their income. Retirees 65 or older could exempt up to \$30,000. The House's initial version allowed a complete exemption in three years. But with minutes left in the legislative session, GOP Rep. Murrell Smith encouraged his colleagues to accept the Senate's changes.

The State: S.C. lawmakers require colleges to post fraternity, sorority violations

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/education/article81445937.html>

Avery G. Wilks

South Carolina's public colleges soon could be required to post online misconduct violations by fraternities and sororities. Under the "Tucker Hipps Transparency Act," approved by state lawmakers Thursday, colleges must update a website with violations related to alcohol, drugs, sexual or physical assault, or hazing by members of Greek organizations. The bill, headed to Gov. Nikki Haley for her signature or veto, was named after a Clemson University student whose body was found in Lake Hartwell after a predawn run with other fraternity members in 2014.

Greenville News: Tucker Hipps bill passes Legislature

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/06/02/bill-passes-requiring-colleges-post-student-violations/85294484/>

Tim Smith

A bill that would require South Carolina colleges and universities to post online student conduct violations by fraternities and sororities passed the Legislature Thursday after it was changed to clarify what violations should be included. The Senate by unanimous request gave the bill, known as the Tucker Hipps. Transparency Act, final approval, almost three months after a version of the bill passed the House unanimously. The House concurred by a vote of 99-0 with minutes left in this year's regular legislative session, sending the bill to Gov. Nikki Haley's desk.

WYFF: Tucker Hipps Transparency Act heading to governor's desk

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/tucker-hipps-transparency-act-heading-to-governors-desk/39871770>

State Rep. Joshua Putnam confirmed the Tucker Hipps Transparency Act has passed the House and Senate and is now heading to Gov. Nikki Haley's desk. Hipps was a Clemson University student who was found dead in Lake Hartwell in 2014 after an early morning run with his fraternity pledge class. With Haley's approval, colleges across the state will be required to post conduct violations concerning alcohol, drugs, sexual assaults and hazing. Cindy Hipps tells WYFF News 4 "it's transparency and accountability so that if you know that your infractions are going to be listed for the public to see, then you may clean your act up a little bit. So that's what we hope to see."

Sun News: State lawmakers extend sales tax for tourism through 2029

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article81429172.html>

Audrey Hudson

A one cent sales tax that has raised millions of dollars to market Myrtle Beach as a tourism destination to out-of-state visitors was initially killed by Gov. Nikki Haley, but resurrected by the state assembly this week in the waning hours of the legislative session. The action allows the Myrtle Beach City Council to extend the sales tax beyond 2019 without going to the voters as a referendum. The sales tax has funneled millions of dollars into the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, which received 100 percent of the funds the first two years after it was enacted in 2009 to pay for tourism advertising.

The State: Sun sets on bill to defray costs of toxic waste dump with solar power

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article81483062.html>

Sammy Fretwell

A bill intended to boost solar energy in South Carolina while defraying the costs of a state-maintained toxic waste dump died Thursday in the Legislature after a handful of lawmakers questioned the legislation. The bill would have provided a 25 percent income tax credit for anyone seeking to establish a solar farm at the closed hazardous waste landfill next to Lake Marion. Boosters of the plan said revenues from a solar farm could help offset the \$4 million annual public cost of maintaining the dump so it won't leak into the big lake in Sumter County. But the bill, **approved this week** after a major fight in the House, became bogged down in the Senate, leaving no time to approve the measure before the 2016 legislative session ended for the year Thursday. Sen. Lee Bright, R-Spartanburg, was among those questioning the bill.

Aiken Standard: Gun reciprocity bill to head to governor's desk

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160602/AIK0101/160609848>

Christina Cleveland

A bill that would allow South Carolina and Georgia concealed weapons permit holders to lawfully carry between the states is now headed to Gov. Nikki Haley's desk. The bill passed the S.C. Senate by a 35-3 vote Wednesday. Rep. Bill Hixon, R-North Augusta, the bill's primary sponsor, said Thursday the Senate's vote was the "most wonderful thing" to have happened. "I had tremendous help from all my House members, the Senate Democrats and Republicans, House Democrats and Republicans, the National Wild Turkey Federation, Congressman (Jeff) Duncan," Hixon said, "Many many people wanted this done."

Easley Progress: One foster care bill now law, second one on its way

<http://theeasleypage.com/news/4916/one-foster-care-bill-now-law-second-one-on-its-way>

D.C. Moody

The push to overhaul legislation in South Carolina concerning the rights of foster parents and the quality of life for foster children took a major step forward when Gov. Nikki Haley signed H. 4510 into law and H. 4546 passed both bodies of the Legislature. The effort has been spearheaded by Speak Up: SC Voices for Foster Care Reform, which has roots within Pickens County and other nearby communities. H. 4510 is at times referred to as "Max 5," because it would give qualified families a maximum of five foster children. The effect of the legislation could be a reduction in group home placements of which statistically South Carolina is a leader nationally on yearly basis.

WACH: A look into the future for retiring Senator Joel Lourie

<http://wach.com/news/local/a-look-into-the-future-for-retiring-senator-joel-lourie>

Tara Petitt

Long-time Senator Joel Lourie said goodbye to his colleagues Thursday. After serving for eighteen years in the South Carolina legislature, Lourie is retiring. Between Joel and his father, the Louries have served 46 out of the last 52 years in the legislature. "There's just a lot of memories in here," said Lourie as he paced through his Senate office Thursday. Lourie took time to go through some photos and awards after his last regular session. He spoke to WACH Fox News about some of his proudest accomplishments and memories he'll never forget after leaving the South Carolina legislature.

SC Political News:

Herald-Journal: Mulvaney announces support for Trump at Cherokee County forum

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160602/articles/160609923>

Bob Montgomery

U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney, R-S.C., said Thursday he is supporting Donald Trump for president. Mulvaney announced his endorsement at a candidates forum in Gaffney, sponsored by the Cherokee County Republican Women. It came just hours after Republican U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan said he will vote for Trump, the presumptive GOP nominee. "I do support Mr. Trump," Mulvaney said, adding that he respects Ryan, who said he believes Trump can move the GOP's agenda forward.

The State: Richland Council tightens grip on Recreation Commission funding

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article81496747.html#storylink=apmobile>

Sarah Ellis

Richland County Council will freeze the majority of the next year's funding for the embattled Richland County Recreation Commission at a portion of what the department has asked for until an audit examines how the department's funds are spent. The county has funded the commission, which operates and maintains the county's parks and recreational facilities, at almost three times as much as the law requires. Council decided it will not release the department's funding above the required amount until it can ensure the money is being spent properly.

Post and Courier: S.C. craft beer advocate lobbies Congress on bill expanding opportunities for state's small brewers

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160602/PC1603/160609844>

Emma Dumain

There were hundreds of craft beer advocates from all 50 states on Capitol Hill on Thursday, armed with talking points to sell Congress on legislation to cut taxes for small brewers. There was only one representative from South Carolina: Brook Bristow of Johns Island, a self-described "beer nerd who happens to be a lawyer." Bristow, who represents nearly 50 Palmetto State breweries and brewpubs as the sole employee of Bristow Beverage Law, is also the volunteer executive director of the South Carolina Brewers Guild. He is a leader in a movement to pass laws on state and federal levels to make it easier for brewers to grow their business in a state that has lagged behind others in the craft beer boom.

Post and Courier: Flight restriction indicates VP Joe Biden may be leaving Lowcountry

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160602/PC16/160609845>

Melissa Boughton

A Federal Aviation Administration flight restriction was issued for 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. today, indicating that Vice President Joe Biden may be leaving the area and causing some traffic trouble along the way. Biden reportedly **arrived Monday** in the Lowcountry but did not have any public events scheduled in Charleston. He has visited the area previously, often staying with friends on Kiawah Island for vacation time. There may be traffic delays on the route from Kiawah Island to the Charleston International Airport. The U.S. Secret Service could not be reached Thursday to confirm Biden's departure.

SC Agency News:

Associated Press: Landmark lawsuit settled after mentally ill inmate's death

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=COne7jay

SC State Wire

State prison officials and mental health advocates have settled a landmark lawsuit following the death of a mentally ill inmate who died after being kept in solitary confinement for 11 days while he was naked and cold. The Greenville News (<http://grnol.co/1UzUfol>) reported Wednesday that if the lawsuit is approved by the court, the agreement would end a class-action lawsuit on behalf of inmates by Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc. against the South Carolina Department of Corrections and create an independent process to monitor a plan to "transform" how inmates with serious mental illnesses are treated.

WACH: SC Department of Corrections officer praised for rescuing stranded woman

<http://wach.com/news/local/sc-department-of-corrections-officer-praised-for-rescuing-stranded-woman>

Matthew Stevens

A Lowcountry corrections officer is being praised for his actions during this past weekend's poor weather from Tropical Storm Bonnie. Department of Corrections officer Corey Wilkinson was leaving his shift from Ridgeland Correctional Institute. South Carolina Highway Patrol troopers were also assisted in helping the woman.

SC Elections:

Independent Mail: Anderson County sheriff's candidates take part in final debates

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/challengers-criticize-sheriff-john-skipper-344d282d-c051-7f7d-e053-0100007f24cc-381650481.html>

Kirk Brown

Anderson County Sheriff John Skipper and his two Republican challengers took part in their final pair of debates Thursday before the June 14 primary. During a debate Thursday night at Tri-County Technical College's Anderson campus, Skipper announced that he has reached a deal with Anderson School District 5 to keep deputies as resource officers in middle and elementary schools. Skipper said the school district will pay the salaries of the resource officers for nine months of the year and that his office will cover their pay for the other three months when schools are not in session. District 5 spokesman Kyle Newton confirmed that district officials reviewed a proposal from Skipper on Thursday "that looked good."

Independent Mail: Solicitor candidates talk about tensions with Anderson County Sheriff's Office

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/solicitor-candidates-talk-about-tensions-with-anderson-county-sheriffs-office-34527372-5830-5413-e05-381729811.html>

Nikie Mayo

Tensions between the Anderson County Sheriff's Office and the 10th Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office took center stage briefly Thursday during a forum for three candidates seeking to become the area's top prosecutor. The 10th Judicial Circuit covers Anderson and Oconee counties, and three Republicans are competing for the job. Wilson Burr, the former chief public defender in Oconee County, was the first candidate to speak about issues between law enforcement officers and the solicitor's office. He said he spoke with Anderson County Sheriff John Skipper and that the sheriff was "very open" about tension between the

two offices. "He said: 'I don't know if it's my fault or theirs, but we just don't communicate,'" Burr recounted.

Independent Mail: Political Pulse: Election office to open Saturday for absentee voting

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/political-pulse-election-office-to-open-saturday-for-absentee-voting-3451fc64-fac0-4ffe-e053-0100007-381707131.html>

The Anderson County Voter Registration and Elections Office will be open Saturday for people who wish to cast absentee ballots in either the Democratic or Republican primaries. The primaries are scheduled for June 14, but qualified individuals may vote ahead of time. Among those eligible to cast absentee ballots are people who are 65 or older, those who are disabled, and people who will be on vacation during the primary. The county elections office is at 301 N. Main St., Anderson. It will be open 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday for absentee voting.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: What Operation Lost Trust meant to South Carolina

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scoppe/article81437732.html>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

Operation Lost Trust was a line of demarcation in South Carolina government, a point from which we date events "before" and "after." Not on the same scale as the Civil War and Reconstruction, but certainly as big as, oh, the removal of the Confederate flag from the State House grounds last year. It was perhaps as significant as the transformation of our state from yellow-dog Democrat to take-for-granted Republican. The federal corruption investigation brought down a tenth of the Legislature, along with 10 lobbyists and government officials — all caught up in an undercover sting directed by a lobbyist who counted out crisp \$100 bills in return for legislators' pledges to vote for a horse-gambling bill, while the FBI recorded grainy black-and-white video. Before Lost Trust, lobbyists were legislators' best friends.

Aiken Standard: Editorial: Aiken County getting cold shoulder on ice storm funds

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160603/AIK0201/160609883>

Some South Carolina lawmakers may see partial restoration of the local government fund as a legislative victory. But to victims of the 2014 ice storm, scraping ice storm reimbursement out of the budget to increase local government funding will seem more like a bait and switch. The Senate voted 36-9 Tuesday on a conference report that freezes ice storm funding which had been in previous budget proposals. About \$4.5 million in ice funds would have otherwise been appropriated to Aiken County, according to a House version of the budget bill. The Senate version proposed \$4.7 million. Now that figure is zero. In place of ice funds, the Senate voted on a proposal restoring \$10.6 million to the local government fund, which has been unfunded since 2008.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Tropical Depression Bonnie moving away from East Coast

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9mR0CI5P

SC State Wire

Tropical Depression Bonnie is moving away from the U.S. East Coast on Friday, a day after re-forming into a tropical system. Bonnie's maximum sustained winds Friday morning are near 35 mph (55 kph). The U.S. National Hurricane Center says strengthening is possible later in the day and Bonnie could again become a tropical storm. But weakening is expected to begin by Friday night. The depression is centered about 130 miles (210 kilometers) east-northeast of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, and is moving east-northeast near 8 mph (13 kph).

Associated Press: South Carolina Black Hawk unit deploys for 1 year in Kuwait

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

SC State Wire

The South Carolina Army National Guard is bidding farewell to 60 soldiers in a Black Hawk helicopter unit

deploying for a year to Kuwait. Friday's ceremony is at 11 a.m. at McEntire Joint National Guard Base near Eastover, South Carolina, where Company A of the 1-111st General Support Aviation Battalion is based. The unit is deploying with 10 UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters. The unit last deployed on a yearlong mission to Kosovo in 2012.

Local News:

The State: Federal lawsuit against Lexington 1 alleges poor facilities for girls

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article81441162.html#storylink=apmobile>

John Monk

The parents of a rising ninth-grade female athlete at Lexington High School are asking a federal judge to order Lexington High School and Lexington School District 1 to provide sports opportunities and facilities for girls that are the equal of those provided to boys' teams. The lawsuit focuses on Lexington High School's girls softball team and cites numerous alleged detailed examples of how that team has far inferior facilities and opportunities for play and practice than the boys' football and baseball teams. The lawsuit was brought by Samuel and Tanya Light, parents of a rising ninth-grade female softball player identified only by her initials, A. L, because she is a minor.

Post and Courier: How opponents beat Goliath and stopped I-526's extension

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160602/160609820/how-opponents-beat-goliath-and-stopped-i-526s-extension>

Diane Knich

Five generations of the Godfrey and Richardson families live on James Island's Delaney Drive and are breathing a collective sigh of relief after learning the extension of Interstate 526, which would have passed within a few hundred feet of their homes, won't be built. Family members since the 1930s have lived along the dirt road, and current residents have been in limbo for years wondering if their quality of life was going to take a direct hit. Acacia Mack, 28, the great-granddaughter of Anabelle Richardson, said she will be living in England for a while, but she's pleased her childhood home will be preserved because she plans to eventually return to the place she grew up.

Associated Press: Broken gearbox means swinging bridge can't swing for a while

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ca2Gyefd

SC State Wire

A swinging bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway near North Myrtle Beach has been closed after the gearbox that moves the bridge broke. The South Carolina Department of Transportation said Thursday it doesn't know how long it will take to fix the Sea Mountain Highway bridge. Highway officials say the bridge will be left in the open position until it can be repaired so boats can pass through. The DOT says the bridge was built in the 1930s and renovated in 2005. It opens about 900 times a year.

Associated Press: Coast Guard: Oil in Beaufort hospital, marina spills similar

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=89bT3Dhs

SC State Wire

The U.S. Coast Guard says oil found in the water at the Lady's Island Marina in Beaufort is similar to the type of oil that recently leaked from Beaufort Memorial Hospital into the Beaufort River. Chief Warrant Officer Dan Ferrell tells The Island Packet of Hilton Head (<http://bit.ly/1sRKx7B>) that the oil that stained the hulls of boats and blackened the reeds on Factory Creek's banks has similar characteristics to the hospital's Sunday spill, but authorities are currently investigating them as separate incidents.

Sun News: Portion of Myrtle Beach area no longer under no-swim advisory

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article81452382.html>

An Horry County beach is no longer under a no-swim advisory because bacteria levels have returned to normal, state water quality officials said Thursday evening. The Arcadia Beach area was placed under a no-swim advisory by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control on Wednesday evening after high

levels of bacteria were detected. "Bacteria levels have returned to normal. The affected area included 200 feet above and below the Lands End Resort of Arcadia Beach in Horry County," stated Sean Torrens of DHEC's Pee Dee Environmental Quality Control office in Myrtle Beach. The high levels of bacteria could have been caused from heavy rains that have fallen throughout the Myrtle Beach area, he said.

Herald-Journal: Spartanburg County looks to Lexington as planning model

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160602/articles/160609930>

Chris Lavender

Spartanburg County is moving closer to drafting an ordinance on regulating development in the county's southwest region. The Area Performance Planning technical advisory committee is using Lexington County as a model for ways to guide local development. Spartanburg County Councilman Roger Nutt said members of the committee visited Lexington County last month to study its current development standards, which were created in the 1970s and revised through the years to meet growth demands. "They did what we are about to do here," Nutt said. "They classified the roads and defined sections of the county."

National News:

Associated Press: AP Analysis: In Trump takedown, Clinton finds her message

<http://bigstory.ap.org/40f123a3fd7b404397f15e42cd8d5004>

Julie Pace

Hillary Clinton may have found her message. Wrapped in the guise of a foreign policy speech, Clinton delivered a political thrashing of Donald Trump on Thursday that was unquestionably a standout moment for a candidate who has often struggled to focus her White House campaign. Clinton's sharply targeted remarks served notice on the presumptive Republican nominee that she's prepared for a bruising general election fight, one that's centered squarely on his competency to serve as commander in chief. "He is not just unprepared — he is temperamentally unfit to hold an office that requires knowledge, stability and immense responsibility," Clinton said.

Associated Press: Trump claims Trump University judge has 'absolute conflict'

<http://bigstory.ap.org/21ccfeecbc334f318a6289d57658d331>

Donald Trump says the federal judge presiding over a lawsuit brought by former Trump University students has an "absolute conflict" in handling the case because he is "of Mexican heritage." The presumptive Republican presidential nominee tells The Wall Street Journal that U.S. District Judge Gonzalo Curiel has "an inherent conflict of interest" because Trump is "building a wall," a reference to Trump's proposal to build a wall along the border between the U.S. and Mexico. Trump has brought up Curiel's ethnicity several times this year, including last week at a rally in San Diego.

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