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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Associated Press:** Haley scheduled to meet with residents in Union

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South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley is holding one-on-one meetings with residents in Union. Haley is scheduled to meet with constituents Saturday afternoon at Union City Hall. Those who wanted time with the Republican governor needed to make appointments on Friday. Appointments are set on a first-come, first-served basis. Haley says she'll discuss any issue. Haley has held constituent meetings across the state since becoming governor in January 2011. The meetings continue a tradition started by her predecessor, former-governor-turned-congressman Mark Sanford.

**Associated Press:** Gov. Haley's nonprofit foundation to hold job fair, free medical screenings in Union County

<http://m.therepublic.com/view/story/9c7cddbfb0d34ceea4d36b9cc9411aa3/SC--Haley-Union-County>

Gov. Nikki Haley's foundation is bringing a job fair, medical screenings and vaccinations to Union County. The Original Six Foundation is scheduled to be at The University of South Carolina's Union campus Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided. It is the seventh community day for the foundation, which tries to bring private support to solve problems in poor, rural counties. Union County's event will include a job fair with resume workshops. Attendees can receive free medical, dental, eye, chiropractic and diabetic screenings. The first 200 children to complete four screenings can pick a free backpack. Required vaccines for those children entering seventh grade are also available for free.

**Seneca Journal:** Welcome back, Gov. Haley

<https://upstatetoday.com/2013/08/welcome-back-gov-haley/>

Editorial

If you haven't been living under a rock, you probably know that South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley showed up in Oconee County after all. She toured Schneider Electric and Itron, and signed the Emerson Rose Act while in town Wednesday. There have been several scheduled visits canceled, so you'll forgive us if we were skeptical as to whether or not we'd see her. But, in the end, we did, and we're happy that she came. She was well-composed in front of a crowd of about 50 people talking about the importance of providing health care for infants and expecting mothers, and she even got to cozy up with the smiling babies who were there in honor of their late older sister, Emerson Rose.

**Note:** Gov. Haley, we're going to hold you to it ... again. We really do want to see you more in this county. There's a lot to offer here already, and we hope you saw that on your recent visit. And there's a lot left to do here, which we hope you realize, as well.

**Seneca Journal:** Haley signs extradition request for Walhalla mom

<https://upstatetoday.com/2013/08/haley-signs-extradition-request-for-walhalla-mom/>

Norman Cannada

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley has signed a request asking the state of Idaho to extradite a Walhalla woman back to Oconee County to face felony charges of custodial interference. The governor's office confirmed Friday that Haley had signed the extradition request for Laverne Marie Bennett, 44, and that the request would be sent by overnight mail to Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's office. Bennett is facing charges for allegedly taking her four children to Idaho instead of returning them to their father July 7.

**The Sun News:** Haley recognizes outgoing MUSC president Greenberg

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/08/09/3635499/haley-recognizes-outgoing-musc.html>

Gov. Nikki Haley is honoring the departing president of the Medical University of South Carolina with his own personal day. Haley issued a proclamation Friday declaring it "Dr. Raymond S. Greenberg Day."

Greenberg announced July 10 he's leaving MUSC after 13 years as president to become executive vice chancellor for health affairs in the University of Texas System. He leaves at the end of this month.

## **Opinion / Editorial Roundup:**

**Index-Journal:** Of politics, holidays and back to school

Thumbs up, Thumbs down

<http://www.indexjournal.com/main.asp?SectionID=8&SubSectionID=154&ArticleID=20160>

Editorial

Sen. Vincent Sheheen, we're OK with your having fired the first shot right here in Greenwood on Tuesday to officially launch the battle between you and Nikki Haley in the 2014 race for governor, and we know any good political campaign is charged with the type of ammo designed to set candidates apart from each other. Still, we think you went a bit too far in your attack on how DHEC handled the TB outbreak in Ninety Six. And yes, we know lambasting DHEC was tantamount to lambasting the governor.

This is the sort of wrong and unnecessary politicization of a matter we did not want to see. Sure, DHEC could have done some things better, but blaming DHEC for a child having a reaction to the TB treatment or for another not being able to join the family for a vacation is a bit much.

**Times and Democrat:** Political spin clouds evaluation of Obamacare

[http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/editorial/political-spin-clouds-evaluation-of-obamacare/article\\_e7f60d1a-0164-11e3-ba5b-001a4bcf887a.html](http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/editorial/political-spin-clouds-evaluation-of-obamacare/article_e7f60d1a-0164-11e3-ba5b-001a4bcf887a.html)

Editorial

THE ISSUE: Health care law; OUR OPINION: Hard to know real impact amid the fighting over Obamacare  
Recent polling numbers from rasmussenreports.com reflect increased concern among Americans over the Affordable Care Act, more commonly known as Obamacare. The president's health care plan is facing delays in major components, opposition on a regular basis in Congress (the House has now voted 40 times to repeal the law) and rejection by states such as South Carolina in every way they can maneuver.

**Post and Courier:** East is east — and the Gulf is where?

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130810/PC16/130819989/1005/east-is-east-x2014-and-the-gulf-is-where>

Frank Wooten

President Barack Obama flunked a basic geography test Tuesday night. Then The Associated Press flunked a basic accuracy test. During an interview with Jay Leno on NBC's "Tonight Show," Obama said: "If we don't deepen our ports all along the Gulf, places like Charleston, South Carolina, or Savannah, Georgia, or Jacksonville, Florida — if we don't do that, these ships are going to go someplace else and we'll lose jobs." Hey, if Obama wants to say Charleston's on the Gulf while also saying our harbor must be deepened, let him say it. After all, he rates a rare (for him) "A" in economics for making that deeper point.

## **South Carolina News:**

**Index-Journal:** 'SOMEWHAT' GOOD JOB'

*State Sen. Nicholson reacts to DHEC director's testimony*

<http://www.indexjournal.com/main.asp?SectionID=4&SubSectionID=40&ArticleID=20159>

Michelle Laxer

State Sen. Floyd Nicholson (D-Greenwood) said the director of the state Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and her employees did "somewhat" of a good job explaining the agency's response to the Ninety Six tuberculosis (TB) outbreak in a Senate hearing Thursday. "I still think there were some unanswered questions," Nicholson said in a phone interview Friday. "I think they realize now that they made mistakes."

**Associated Press:** SC lawyers, students help veterans with benefits

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=bsrW8CKI](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=bsrW8CKI)

Susanne M. Schafer

South Carolina's military veterans are getting free legal help filing or appealing benefits claims with the Veterans Administration. Richland County Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division has teamed up with Service Members and Veterans in Law, a student organization at the University of South Carolina School of Law. Organizers say the event Saturday at the University of South Carolina School of Law is their first in the

state, and they hope to schedule more.

**Post and Courier:** Sen. Tim Scott to deliver Republican's weekly address today

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130809/PC16/130809383/1005/sen-tim-scott-to-deliver-republican-x2019-s-weekly-address-today>

Robert Behre

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., is delivering the Republican Weekly Address today, and he will talk about how the nation's energy policy and jobs picture are tied together. Scott also criticizes President Obama's performance, according to a copy of the remarks obtained by The Post and Courier. "The President is so out of touch with unemployed Americans that he thinks tens of thousands of Keystone XL construction jobs are a 'blip,' and 'not a jobs plan,'" Scott's address says. Scott said last month that he is working to encourage exploration and oil and gas leases, including off South Carolina's coast. He said Obama has effectively re-imposed an offshore moratorium

**Florence Morning News:** NESA still hopeful for I-73 funds

[http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article\\_d265e302-014c-11e3-a1c5-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_d265e302-014c-11e3-a1c5-001a4bcf6878.html)

Gavin Jackson

Members of the North Eastern Strategic Alliance executive committee held their quarterly meeting Friday at Francis Marion University to discuss the year, upcoming projects and objectives for the economic development group. The committee received an update on the Interstate 73 project from consultant Moot Truluck, who told members that currently \$125 million has been set aside for the \$2.275 billion interstate project that would connect Myrtle Beach to Interstate 95 and continue to the north to the North Carolina line.

**Associated Press:** USC fundraising sets another record at \$149M

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=RJeS5jNq](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=RJeS5jNq)

The University of South Carolina says donors pledged more than \$149 million last school year, setting a record for the school. Officials say that brings the university's Carolina's Promise campaign total to \$756.5 million since 2007. It marks the university's sixth consecutive year of record fundraising

## Local News:

**Times and Democrat:** No tax increase for city

[http://thetandd.com/news/no-tax-increase-for-city/article\\_c7f75d8a-0177-11e3-acb0-001a4bcf887a.html](http://thetandd.com/news/no-tax-increase-for-city/article_c7f75d8a-0177-11e3-acb0-001a4bcf887a.html)

Gene Crider

Orangeburg City Council is moving forward with a \$17.5 million budget that doesn't increase taxes. "There is not a property tax increase. It remains at 90 mills," Orangeburg City Administrator John Yow said. The budget does include a 5 percent commercial sanitation rate increase. The residential fee remains the same. It also contains a 5 percent increase in fire contracts, which would affect fire customers outside the city limits.

**Rock Hill Herald:** Rock Hill senator: I'll mediate museum dispute

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/08/09/5102418/rock-hill-senator-ill-mediate.html>

Anna Douglas

As York County and the Culture and Heritage Foundation prepare to go to court over 340 acres of land and disclosure of financial records, state Sen. Wes Hayes says he's willing to step in and help the two parties resolve their dispute. The Rock Hill Republican said Friday he has been asked if he's willing to be a mediator between the foundation and the county. The county and its museum commission sued the foundation six weeks ago, claiming that foundation leaders have violated their own bylaws, refused to hand over financial records and have left museum officials out of important decisions.

**Times and Democrat:** Calhoun program will turn students into published authors

[http://thetandd.com/news/calhoun-program-will-turn-students-into-published-authors/article\\_3ccdc0a2-0175-11e3-a197-001a4bcf887a.html](http://thetandd.com/news/calhoun-program-will-turn-students-into-published-authors/article_3ccdc0a2-0175-11e3-a197-001a4bcf887a.html)

Dionne Gleaton

Calhoun County wants to encourage creative writing among students through an upcoming visit from an acclaimed author and poet. The Calhoun County Library has partnered with administration officials from both the Calhoun County School District and Calhoun Academy to bring Kwame Alexander to visit schools during Literacy Week, Oct. 14-18. Alexander, who is also a playwright, producer and speaker, has written 14

books. He is also the creator of the Book-in-a-Day, or BID, writing and publishing program that has created more than 1,000 student authors in more than 30 schools across the country and in Canada

**Post and Courier:** 'Real World' closer to reality; producer says MTV is eyeing Charleston for show  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130809/PC16/130809377/1005/-x2018-real-world-x2019-closer-to-reality-producer-says-mtv-is-eyeing-charleston-for-show>

Abigail Darlington

After days of social media rumors about "The Real World" coming to Charleston, an MTV insider finally confirmed something: There's a strong chance. Preston Charles, a former star on the show and a freelance producer who works with the network, confirmed Friday that MTV is considering Charleston for an upcoming season of the reality show. Rayna Schwartz, an MTV spokesperson, told The Post and Courier earlier this week that the location of the next season of "The Real World" could not be confirmed by the network.

**The State:** As community grieves for 'Gabbiee,' authorities prepare to look for another body  
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/08/09/2910865/as-community-grieves-for-gabbiee.html>

Cassie Cope and R. Darren Price

Less than a day after Freddie Grant ended the search for Gabrielle Swainson by showing authorities where he buried the girl, authorities are preparing to hunt for another missing woman linked to the man. Kershaw County Sheriff Jim Matthews, Elgin Police Chief Harold Brown and agents from the State Law Enforcement Division will meet next week to plan a search for Adrianna Laster, a Florida woman who was living with Grant before she disappeared without a trace around Labor Day in 2011.

**Herald-Journal:** Agencies and towns unclogging sewer dispute

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20130809/ARTICLES/130809688/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Agencies-and-towns-unclogging-sewer-dispute>

Felicia Kitzmiller

A settlement could be near in a sewer dispute that has gone on for more than a year and has involved several government agencies in litigation. Wellford, Spartanburg County and Spartanburg Water reached a tentative agreement in mediation, according to Chip Bentley, planning director at the Appalachian Council of Governments. As a result, a planned hearing to determine whether Wellford joining Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District is consistent with federal regulation has been postponed indefinitely.

**The Item:** Jump highlights evening of fun

Rep. Wilson lands during Salute Our Troops tour stop in Sumter

[http://www.theitem.com/news/local\\_news/jump-highlights-evening-of-fun/article\\_dc036af6-3a86-5233-8317-87939fa3e667.html](http://www.theitem.com/news/local_news/jump-highlights-evening-of-fun/article_dc036af6-3a86-5233-8317-87939fa3e667.html)

Bristow Marchant

Members of Congress drop into Sumter occasionally, but the representative visiting the Salute Our Troops event Friday took that phrase a bit too literally. U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., jumped from an airplane high above the Sumter fairgrounds and went into free fall at 120 miles per hour before landing in tandem with the All-Veteran Parachute Team in the middle of Family Fun Night.

**Associated Press:** 11 Seek Posts in West Columbia

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=23MBXQQx](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=23MBXQQx)

Tim Flach

Three of four West Columbia City Council members face re-election challengers, with the largest field seeking a vacant post. The nonpartisan matches will be settled Nov. 6. Mayor Joe Owens takes the interest as eagerness to join a winning team instead of dissatisfaction. "I don't think anybody has a complaint with city hall," he said.

**National News:**

**Associated Press:** Obama decries Putin's Cold War mentality

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130809/PC1601/130809367/1005/obama-decries-putin-x2019-s-cold-war-mentality>

Matthew Lee

President Barack Obama said Friday he was reassessing the U.S. relationship with Russia because of a growing number of issues on which the two countries differ, and he lamented what he called his mixed

success in trying to persuade Russian leader Vladimir Putin to abandon a Cold War mentality. Obama's comments at a White House news conference just two days after cancelling a planned summit with Putin came as senior U.S. and Russian officials met to look at areas in which cooperation is possible.

**Associated Press:** Surveillance debate intrudes into Obama's agenda

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/08/10/2622348/surveillance-debate-intrudes-into.html#storylink=cpy>

Julie Pace

For President Barack Obama, August was supposed to be the month a sweeping immigration bill landed on his desk. There was hope for movement on a grand deficit deal with Republicans, and in the optimistic early days of his second term, even a belief that Obama would have already achieved stricter gun laws. Instead, Obama finds his fifth year in office beset by distractions — perhaps none with broader domestic and foreign policy implications than the revelation of secret government surveillance programs. The matter dominated Obama's hour long news conference Friday, with the issues the White House had hoped to be promoting this summer either playing a diminished role or none at all.

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