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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Sumter Item: Governor welcomes international representatives to Manning, talks of foreign companies' success

<http://theitem.com/stories/haley-speaks-at-kent,254757>

Konstantin Vengerowsky

Gov. Nikki Haley spoke about the success of foreign companies' investment in South Carolina in the last three years at a supplier event program at Kent International Inc. in Clarendon County on Tuesday. The meeting included 70 representatives from 25 bicycle parts manufacturers from all around the world, including China, Belgium, Holland and Taiwan, who came to tour the Clarendon County facility. The companies have an existing relationship with Kent International Inc.

Note: "We have been the number one state in the country for foreign direct investment in the last three years," said Haley, addressing a group of representatives from the various companies. "We focus on the customer and what we can do to build those relationships. We take all the work and confusion from you so you could focus on starting the process of getting your industry here."

Note: "Our focus in South Carolina is not putting the shovel in the dirt or cutting the ribbon," Haley said. "It's about making sure that you're successful. South Carolina is in the customer service business, and you are our customer. We invite you to join us in partnership with South Carolina, and let us show you what real success looks like in America."

Bicycle Retailer: South Carolina's governor greets Chinese industry executives at Kent factory

<http://www.bicycleretailer.com/international/2015/09/22/south-carolinas-governor-greets-chinese-industry-executives-kent-factory#.VgKTYMtViko>

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley warmly greeted a gathering of Chinese manufacturers on Tuesday promising them her support to do whatever it takes to interest them in setting up a factory in South Carolina. It was probably the first time a leading group of Chinese bicycle suppliers was greeted by a state governor.

Note: "If you plan to set up a company here we can get a workforce for you and make sure they are trained for the tasks you need," Haley said. "And I and my staff will work hard to overcome any issues that may arise."

Area Development: DC Machine Invests \$5.3 Million To Expand Its Summerville, South Carolina, Manufacturing Campus

<http://www.areadevelopment.com/newsItems/9-22-2015/dc-machine-production-complex-expansion-summerville-south-carolina894324.shtml>

DC Machine, an industrial design and machining center that manufactures close tolerance components, is expanding its production complex in Summerville, South Carolina. The \$5.3 million investment is expected to create 17 new jobs in Dorchester County.

Note: "DC Machine is a great South Carolina company that has been doing business in our state for more than a decade, and we couldn't be more excited to celebrate this expansion and the 17 new jobs it will bring to Summerville. It's always encouraging to see homegrown companies succeed in our state, and we look forward to watching DC Machine continue to find that success here for many years to come," said Governor Nikki Haley.

Associated Press: Haley speaking at conference for young leaders

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

Gov. Nikki Haley is scheduled to speak this week at a conference targeted at some of South Carolina's up and coming leaders. Haley is slated to address the 2015 LeadSC gathering in downtown Columbia on Wednesday. Organizers say the conference brings together young professionals and some of the state's leaders, aiming to encourage communication and foster good relationships.

Florence Morning News: Florence chef's ambassadorship comes to a close
http://www.snow.com/news/article_c500e3b6-6175-11e5-9d1f-2f72b8f877a6.html

Deborah Swearinger

Cooper Thomas said he began cooking because he needed a job and money to pay rent.

"And I needed beer money," he joked. But it quickly became apparent that cooking was something he loved. Thomas began working in college as a short order cook at a Charleston deli and he fondly remembers the four ladies who worked there and taught him a lot of what he knows.

Note: He went to a lot of events that weren't required simply because he wanted to, she said, including a dinner party at Gov. Nikki Haley's mansion.

S.C. Political News:

Post and Courier: Carly Fiorina disputes Donald Trump's claim of forcing candidates to talk about immigration

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150922/PC1603/150929808>

Schuyler Kropf

Carly Fiorina waited until the end of her appearance at The Citadel to unload on leading GOP rival Donald Trump, saying the surprise Republican presidential front-runner is getting too much credit for making immigration a battle point of 2016.

Post and Courier: Presidency no job for rookies, Mike Huckabee tells S.C. Republicans

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150922/PC1603/150929793>

Cynthia Roldan

A confident Mike Huckabee spent Tuesday courting voters throughout the Palmetto State, promising to defeat the political machine of Hillary and Bill Clinton. The former Arkansas governor made four stops on Tuesday, including one in Columbia, where he filed to officially appear on the South Carolina Republican primary ballot in February.

Sun News: Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee meets with Myrtle Beach crowd

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article36242499.html>

Claire Byun

The Grand Strand was packed Tuesday with politicians vying for the chair of Commander in Chief. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and his wife Janet met with veterans and locals at the Marina Inn in Grande Dunes Tuesday afternoon.

WACH: Huckabee's most recent SC stop focuses on 'blue-collar' families

<http://wach.com/news/local/huckabees-most-recent-sc-stop-focuses-on-blue-collar-families>

Tara Petitt

Presidential hopeful Mike Huckabee was in the Palmetto state Tuesday, saying he has what it takes to be the next President of the United States. The former Arkansas Governor was the tenth candidate to file for the South Carolina GOP primary Tuesday morning, and Tuesday night he sat down with the party's chairman, Matt Moore, at a town hall inside the Newberry Opera House.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

The State: House Ethics panel takes a bold step forward in enforcing campaign finance law

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scopepe/article36092526.html#storylink=cpy>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

IN APRIL, THE Senate Ethics Committee began a line-by-line review of Rep. Cezar McKnight's campaign reports and of his campaign, personal and law office bank records. The review was triggered by Rep. McKnight telling the committee he had used the same account for an unsuccessful campaign for the Senate and a successful campaign for the House two months later.

Greenville News: Stop politics and renew Ex-Im Bank

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2015/09/22/editorial-stop-politics-renew-ex-bank/72632566/>

Editorial

South Carolina stands to lose some jobs from General Electric Co. because Congress recklessly refused to

reauthorize the Export-Import Bank that is a tool critically needed for companies doing business with foreign countries.

Post and Courier: Gloomy precursor to nuclear deal with Iran

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150923/PC1002/150929752>

Editorial

In the past few days, North Korea has renewed its threat to produce nuclear weapons and to demonstrate its long-range missile capability to targets that could include United States. So much for the previous attempt by an American president to duck a challenge to the nuclear non-proliferation treaty by offering incentives.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Charleston street being dedicated to church shooting victims

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=kejl8VFz

The street in front of the black Charleston church where nine people were shot and killed in June is being dedicated in honor of the shooting victims. City and church leaders are scheduled to gather Wednesday to dedicate a sign over Calhoun Street designating the street as the "Mother Emanuel Way Memorial District."

WSPA: Congressman Clyburn Urges Students to Register to Vote

<http://wspa.com/2015/09/22/congressman-clyburn-urges-students-to-register-to-vote/>

Dawn Logg

Tuesday is the National Day of Voter Registration, and the University of South Carolina is getting students involved. University organizations are partnering in the nationwide effort to register as many students as possible at USC.

Associated Press: Rep. Clyburn, Howard Dean talking Medicaid expansion

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=tYj0tcUa

U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn is hosting former Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean for a discussion on Medicaid expansion. State Democratic Party officials say Clyburn and Dean are getting together at Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College on Wednesday.

Post and Courier: Summerville's DC Machine announces \$5.3 million, 17-job expansion

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150922/PC05/150929801>

David Wren

DC Machine, an industrial design and machining center and one of the nation's largest producers of gun barrels, is expanding its Dorchester County operations and adding 17 jobs, according to the state Commerce Department. The company, which currently employs about 50 people, will spend \$5.3 million on a 17,000-square-foot addition to its existing facility on Thorpe Road in Summerville.

Rock Hill Herald: Chester County superintendent: 'I don't want to' answer questions about grade tampering, her leave, security guards

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/education/article36242541.html#storylink=cpy>

Anna Douglass

Agnes Slayman hasn't returned repeated phone calls and emails from Herald reporters over recent weeks as the newspaper has reported on her unexplained personal leave, tension surrounding a decision to remove sheriff's deputies as school resource officers, and has uncovered a state Department of Education probe into possible unethical behavior.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Job center for North Charleston at-risk youths and young adults opens Wednesday

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150922/PC05/150929816>

Warren L. Wise

Young adults and at-risk youths will have their own job center in North Charleston starting Wednesday. Through the aid of a \$1.6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor earlier this year, the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce is developing two satellite job-training centers in the city under a program called Education 2 Employment.

Associated Press: New North Charleston job center opening

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

A job center created with a federal grant is opening its doors in North Charleston. Back in July, the U.S. Department of Labor awarded \$1.6 million to the city to create two centers under a program to put young adults to work called Education 2 Employment.

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