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Governor Nikki Haley News

The State: Rural SC counties seek jobs solution

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/04/2660485/rural-sc-counties-seek-jobs-solution.html>

Roddie Burris

Jobs and the economy continue to be frontline issues across South Carolina, but nowhere more than in its rural communities, where unemployment always is higher and jobs scarcer than in the cities. About 150 economic development leaders from around the state gathered Monday in Aiken for the annual S.C. Rural Summit to stake out some remedies to the perennial problem.

Note: But Gov. Nikki Haley, who keynoted the summit, said the state stands ready to assist rural counties. "We will stop traffic to get infrastructure put in to get a company to a rural area," said Haley, a Bamberg native. "I have passion in my heart for rural communities." Haley told the leaders "the funnel is full" and the future bright for rural communities in South Carolina, despite the challenges. She said 45 out of the state's 46 counties have announced either a new opening or expansion in the past few years.

The Herald: More power for executive branch (Opinion)

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/03/03/4662634/more-power-for-executive-branch.html>

Editorial

This might be the year state lawmakers finally approve the creation of a Department of Administration that would report directly to the governor. It has been a long time coming. The state Senate passed the government restructuring plan Feb. 21. The bill now is before the House judiciary committee.

Note: This year, however, bipartisan support could be strong enough to carry the bill. Gov. Nikki Haley also has championed the effort for years and urged lawmakers to pass a bill this session.

Independent Mail: Head of S.C. hospital group says politics blocking Medicaid expansion

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/mar/04/head-of-sc-hospital-group-says-politics-blocking/>

Kirk Brown

The leader of the South Carolina Hospital Association and the state's health department director disagreed Monday about whether politics or economics pose the biggest roadblock to expanding Medicaid. "There is a lot of ideology and politics in this debate — it is not just a financial question," said Thornton Kirby, the state hospital association's president and chief executive officer. He said South Carolina and other Republican-leaning states "don't want anything to do" with a federal health-care reform initiative championed by President Barack Obama.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley and the General Assembly's GOP majority oppose the expansion. The hospital association is aligned with Democrats who want to accept the federal assistance to expand Medicaid.

Island Packet: Bogus tax returns could be on rise because of SC hacking

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/03/04/2404618/bogus-tax-returns-could-be-on.html>

Gina Smith

Twenty-five to 30 tax filers have contacted the S.C. Department of Revenue, believing they are victims of identity theft as a result of the hacking of the agency last year. That number is likely to grow as more South Carolinians file their taxes.

Note: "We are keeping detailed records of these types of reports and are assisting those individuals through our Data Breach Assistance Team in any way that we can," said Samantha Cheek, agency spokeswoman, referring to a team set up by Gov. Nikki Haley's office and the agency to assist victims of the breach. The 25 to 30 people who have contacted the agency have done so for a range of identity theft-related reasons, including inquiries on their credit reports and bank accounts and for bogus tax returns, she said. It is unclear if the hacking is the cause, she said.

Times and Democrat: T&D region cut out of big impact with inland port (Opinion)

http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/editorial/t-d-region-cut-out-of-big-impact-with-inland/article_e2eacd36-8524-11e2-8c35-001a4bcf887a.html

Editorial

THE ISSUE: Upstate distribution site

OUR VIEW: Orangeburg County disappointed to say least about inland port plan

Orangeburg County could only look on with envy this past week as the state's leaders gathered in the Upstate to break ground for the inland port at Greer, a facility where shipping containers will come by rail from the port in Charleston and be put on trucks, planes or other trains to be shipped across the country and around the world.

Note: It is being billed by Gov. Nikki Haley and others as the state's great commercial connector. "We have been a state of regions for a long time. Now we have just connected the regions," Haley said. Sorry, governor, but in a county that has looked to itself for years as the ideal home to the inland port, it's hard to find good news in a project that will funnel all the commerce to the Upstate and from the Upstate back to Charleston with little impact between.

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South Carolina News

SRNS furloughs 2,000, says more may be necessary

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20130305/AIK0101/130309855/1002/AIK01/srns-furloughs-2000-says-more-may-be-necessary>

Nuclear officials discuss MOX project

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20130304/AIK0101/130309872/1007/AIK0101/nuclear-officials-discuss-mox-project>

Reports of identity theft rise in Beaufort County, across South Carolina

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/03/04/2403270/reports-of-identity-theft-rise.html>

District 25 state Sen. Shane Massey making his mark at S.C. Statehouse

<http://www.indexjournal.com/main.asp?SectionID=4&SubSectionID=40&ArticleID=17122&TM=38003.6>

Sen. Matthews appointed to Education Oversight Committee

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Sen. Matthews using 'undue influence' (Opinion)

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South Carolina lawmakers considering costly tax breaks

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Concealed carry permits on the rise

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20130304/AIK0101/130309890/1007/AIK0101/concealed-carry-permits-on-the-rise>

Prescription bill in House bad idea (Opinion)

<https://upstatetoday.com/2013/03/prescription-bill-in-house-bad-idea/>

South Carolina is due for insurance review (Opinion)

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/03/03/2401134/south-carolina-is-due-for-insurance.html>

Film industry incentives ought to be competitive (Opinion)

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/03/04/2404442/film-industry-incentives-ought.html>

Act that was enacted to fight bigotry now embodies it (Opinion)

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20130303/OPINION/303031019/1128>

Tornado drill set for today in Myrtle Beach area, part of severe weather awareness week
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Boston Globe: Sour politics imperil offshore wind projects (Opinion)
<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/03/04/4665811/sour-politics-imperil-offshore.html>

It's time to fight back (Bill Connor) (Opinion)
http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/columns/it-s-time-to-fight-back/article_db32e924-82c3-11e2-a0c3-0019bb2963f4.html

Should Wilson investigate? (Opinion)
<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/03/04/4665827/should-wilson-investigate.html>

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