

From: Symmes, Brian
To:
Date: 9/11/2013 3:43:36 PM
Subject: Afternoon Clips - Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Afternoon Clips – Wednesday, September 11, 2013

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

The State: SC governor candidates courting small businesses

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/09/11/2973507/sc-governor-candidates-courting.html>

Andrew Shain

The expected 2014 S.C. gubernatorial candidates are courting small businesses. Republican Gov. Nikki Haley's reelection campaign unveiled a nearly 50-member small-business coalition. "Economic development is thriving under Gov. Haley, she's the best thing small business has ever seen in South Carolina, and we can't afford to go backward," Ted McGee, president of McGee Real Estate in West Columbia, said in a statement. Democratic state Sen. Vincent Sheheen starts a three-week "Small Business Listening Tour" in Myrtle Beach on Wednesday. Stops include York, Charleston, Greenville, Columbia and Spartanburg.

Remembering 9/11 in South Carolina:

Greenville News: Upstate, nation pauses, remembers 9/11

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130911/NEWS/309110020/Upstate-nation-pauses-remembers-9-11>

Laura Petrecca and Gary Strauss

Nearly 3,000 people killed. A nation's collective psyche decimated. Two costly, protracted wars. And fallout affecting everything from air travel to privacy. The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks left deep, lasting scars that will be acknowledged Wednesday in commemorations at Ground Zero in New York, the Pentagon and Shanksville, Pa., the sites where terrorists crashed four hijacked commercial airliners. But on the 12th anniversary of 9/11, there are signs of a gradual desensitization to the tragedy's once-piercing wounds. Near Madison, Wis., the Tumbledown Trails Golf Course offered a "12th anniversary of 9/11" special: a nine-round golf game for \$9.11 or 18 rounds for \$19.11. That was until course owner Marc Watts received death threats and apologized after a social media backlash that required protection from sheriff's deputies. "We're a little hurt by the fact that people are putting such a negative context on this," Watts said.

Island Packet: Bluffton remembers victims of 9/11 attacks in ceremony Wednesday

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/09/11/2677997/bluffton-remembers-victims-of.html#storylink=cpy>

Matt McNab

About 100 people converged outside Bluffton Town Hall on Wednesday morning in a ceremony honoring the thousands who perished in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Mayor Lisa Sulka and police Capt. Angela McCall-Tanner both spoke at the ceremony, which lasted about 45 minutes. Residents, police officers and firefighters were in attendance. Sulka told the crowd it was "OK to have an emotional day today. Having an emotional day means we haven't forgotten the events of that day," she said. "We must never forget what happened or the heroes of that day."

Rock Hill Herald: Sept. 11 terrorist attacks remembered by York County flag wavers on I-77

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/09/11/5198362/sept-11-terrorist-attacks-remembered.html#storylink=cpy>

Paul Osmundson

Several York County and other area residents remembered the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, by waving U.S. flags on several I-77 overpasses Wednesday morning. At the Sutton Road overpass, several people waved flags in memory of the late Leonard Farrington. After the terrorists struck on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, Farrington - a World War II Navy veteran - grabbed his flag and waved it on the Sutton Road overpass at I-77. "No terrorist beats America," he said that morning. He waved the flag on the same bridge every Sept. 11 until he died last year. The flag Farrington used in 2001 was waved from the bridge Wednesday.

South Carolina News:

The State: Today At USC, Remembering Those Who Played Their Part In The Civil Rights Struggle

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0w4aD63b

Carolyn Click

When Henrie Monteith Treadwell and James L. Solomon Jr. recreate the historic path they took to integrate USC 50 years ago Wednesday, Raymond Weston will be in the crowd pondering what might have been. Weston, 71, tried to integrate the state's flagship university in 1960, three years before Treadwell, Solomon and the late Robert G. Anderson, finally broke the segregation barrier. Weston and Lloyd Williams were freshmen at South Carolina State, the black college up the road in Orangeburg. They made the trip to Columbia together in April 1960, although how they were picked to make the attempt is lost to memory now.

Associated Press: Wind energy in Southeast faces obstacles

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=IkFO7s9U

Bruce Smith

There's a lot of potential to develop wind power along the Southeast coast but the industry faces challenges including a regulatory environment that does not offer much incentive to develop the power source. Those were the comments of speakers Wednesday as the two-day Southeastern Coastal Wind Conference got underway in North Charleston. Speakers said data is sparse about the conditions offshore for putting in wind turbines and what threats tropical storms and hurricanes would pose to the systems. Attorney Perrin Dargin said the regulatory structure in the Carolinas and Virginia, unlike some other parts of the nation, is one in which power companies control generation, distribution and the sale of power. He says that provides little incentive for third parties to plan and build offshore turbines.

Associated Press: USC marks 50 years of integration with ceremony

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

Jeffrey Collins

Two of the three students who integrated the University of South Carolina retraced their steps 50 years to the day they enrolled. James Solomon and Henrie Monteith stood in the doorway of the administration building Wednesday where they became students on Sept. 11, 1963. Robert Anderson was also there 50 years ago. He died in 2009, but his family represented him at the ceremony. Solomon and Monteith said while it is nice to commemorate the progress made in racial relations that day, more needs to be done to ensure equal opportunity for all people. The University of South Carolina integrated without violence in 1963, just as Clemson University did eight months earlier. USC plans a series of events to mark the anniversary throughout the coming year.

Greenville News: Sheheen launches business tour

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130911/NEWS/309110064/Sheheen-launches-business-tour>

State Sen. Vincent Sheheen, a Democratic gubernatorial hopeful, announced plans today to begin a three week tour of the state to listen to small businesses' concerns. Sheheen said his tour will include plant and facility tours, small business site visits, meetings, and discussions with local owners to talk about how to help small business owners, create a climate for success, and build a strong economy from within South Carolina. The listening tour kicks off in Myrtle Beach with Wild Creations owner Pete Gasca, and will include stops at small businesses in York, Charleston, Greenville, Columbia, Spartanburg and other locations throughout the next three weeks.

Local News:

The State: Richland Takes Hands-off Approach To Suit On 2011 Elections Merger

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=8fS3CSBW

Richland County Council won't be asking the court to join in a lawsuit over the structure of its elections office. Tuesday night, the council met behind closed doors for a legal briefing on the case, brought by the S. C. Public Interest Foundation and taxpayer Rusty DePass. "We're not getting involved in it," chairman Kelvin Washington said Wednesday morning. "We're just waiting for whatever actions the state Legislature is going to take." A judge ruled earlier this month that the 2011 state law merging the elections and voter registration offices was unconstitutional because it affects just Richland County. County senators have asked Circuit Judge G. Thomas Cooper to delay the effect of his ruling until after the Nov. 5 elections.

Post and Courier: Biggest solar energy project in S.C. coming to Colleton County

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130911/PC16/130919821/1006/>

Prentiss Findlay

A solar energy farm described as the largest in the state will be located in Colleton County near Walterboro, officials said Wednesday. The project on about 20 acres will produce 3,000 kilowatts of electricity on property located in the service area of Coastal Electric Cooperative. Santee Cooper said the effort will provide an opportunity to learn the costs and potential benefits of large-scale solar power. Central Electric Cooperative is a partner in the effort. "Santee Cooper is pleased to partner with Central and the state's electric cooperatives in planning this project, which will set a new bar for solar power in South Carolina," said Lonnie Carter, Santee Cooper president and CEO.

Florence Morning News: Wells Fargo donates \$20,000 to Florence-Darlington Technical College

http://www.scnw.com/news/business/article_e55eec12-1af9-11e3-9d1f-001a4bcf6878.html

Florence-Darlington Technical College's Educational Foundation received a \$20,000 grant from Wells Fargo to support economic development programs. Wells Fargo has granted more than \$150,000 to Florence Darlington Technical College's Educational Foundation since 2010. "We thank Wells Fargo for their ongoing support," Dr. Ben Dillard, President of FDTTC, said of the gift. "Their investment in our college will help us create and fund innovative programs that will promote economic development and job creation for the Pee Dee region."

Greenville News: Bon Secours St. Francis named among the '50 Greenest Hospitals'

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130911/NEWS/309110083/Bon-Secours-St-Francis-named-among-50-Greenest-Hospitals->

Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital in downtown Greenville has been named one of the "50 Greenest Hospitals in America," according to an unranked list by Becker's Hospital Review published this month. St. Francis, which was the only South Carolina hospital to appear on the list, is considered one of the greenest hospitals in the Bon Secours system, Becker's says. The facility is part of Practice Greenhealth's Environmental Leadership Circle, offers a recycling program, is committed to Energy Star guidelines, eliminates mercury waste and purchases environmentally friendly supplies, Becker's says.

Post and Courier: Mount Pleasant passes texting ban, preparing signs to post on roadways

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130911/PC16/130919853/1006/mount-pleasant-passes-texting-ban-preparing-signs-to-post-on-roadways>

Natalie Caula

Mount Pleasant is already working with state transportation officials to get signs up warning drivers about the new town law banning texting while driving, according to town officials. In a 6-3 vote, Mount Pleasant Town Council passed the ban during their meeting on Tuesday night. Mount Pleasant becomes the first local municipality to bar texting while driving, though Charleston is mulling a similar ban. For the next 30 days, drivers pulled over by police officers for violating the ban are expected to get a warning, according to Thomasena Stokes-Marshall, the council member who spearheaded the ordinance.

Anderson Independent: Schools work across districts to develop disaster plan

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/sep/11/schools-work-across-districts-develop-disaster-pla/>

Sarah Freishtat

School officials are developing a countywide emergency response plan to prepare for terrorist attacks and natural disasters. Representatives from Anderson County schools met with local and federal emergency responders Wednesday to develop a new philosophy about how each school should plan for disasters. The meeting kicked off an 18-month process of enhancing security at schools around the county and incorporating school-specific plans into larger county goals. The plan, which the Federal Emergency Management Agency proposed to the county, is part of a White House effort to boost school security nationwide in the wake of attacks on schools, said Taylor Jones, deputy chief of the emergency services division at the Anderson County Sheriff's Office. Anderson is the second county in the country to undergo this process, Taylor added.

Island Packet: Property tax rate, annexation on agenda for Port Royal Town Council

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/09/11/2678093/property-tax-rate-annexation-on.html#storylink=cpy>

Erin Moody

Port Royal Town Council has a brief agenda planned for the 6:30 p.m. meeting at Town Hall, 700 Paris Ave., that includes setting the property tax rate for the year. During a meeting Sept. 4, Town Council discussed keeping the tax rate at 69 mills, the figure used in creating the \$5-million budget passed in June. Beaufort

County recently completed property reassessment and provided municipalities with millage rates that would bring in the same amount of revenue as they collected last year, a practice called "rolling forward."

National News:

Associated Press: Applying for health insurance? Homework involved

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_289563/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=I0cn38Zx

Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar

Getting covered through President Barack Obama's health care law might feel like a combination of doing your taxes and making a big purchase that requires research. You'll need accurate income information for your household, plus some understanding of how health insurance works, so you can get the financial assistance you qualify for and pick a health plan that's right for your needs. The process involves federal agencies verifying your identity, citizenship and income, and you have to sign that you are providing truthful information, subject to perjury laws.

Associated Press: Obama conditionally backs offer on Syria

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_289563/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=VnCKkbF1

Donna Cassata

President Barack Obama conditionally endorsed a Russian offer for international inspectors to seize and destroy deadly chemical weapons in Syria as efforts to avert retaliatory U.S. missile strikes shift from Washington to the United Nations. In a nationally televised address Tuesday night, Obama offered a rationale for greater U.S. intervention in a sectarian civil war that has dragged on for more than two years even while acknowledging that winning the hearts and minds of Americans to back another Mideast conflict remains a struggle. The continued erosion of support in Congress for military strikes - and the resistance among the American people - underscored Obama's challenge. The president said he had asked congressional leaders to delay a vote on a resolution authorizing limited military strikes, a step that gives the Russian offer crucial time to work and avoids a potentially debilitating defeat for Obama, at least for the time being.

Brian Symmes

Direct Line: (803) 734-0304

Cell: (803) 673-9437