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S.C. Flood Recovery News:

Post and Courier: Gov. Nikki Haley: South Carolina recovering swiftly after historic floods
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151014/PC1603/151019612>

Cynthia Roldan

South Carolina is returning to normal quickly from the historic, damaging flooding, Gov. Nikki Haley said on Wednesday. Road closures are down 48 percent, from 541 to 281, Haley said during a press conference from the S.C. Emergency Management Division's headquarters. Of the roads that are closed, 84 have bridges.

Note: Leatherman, who heads the Senate's state budget writing panel, said legislators will likely revisit a borrowing plan that died last year after Haley likened the effort to running up the state's credit card.

Note: Haley, however, said it was too soon to start discussing borrowing. "Right now, I'm just trying to get us through a storm," she said. "In all honesty, we have not had time to think about the legislative session coming up. There will be a time and place for that."

WCSC: Haley: South Carolina is on a roll

<http://www.live5news.com/story/30261764/haley-south-carolina-is-on-a-roll>

Patrick Phillips

Gov. Nikki Haley began a Wednesday afternoon press conference saying the state is on a roll in terms of recovery. The governor praised the state's Department of Transportation workers' progress in getting roads open in a matter of eight days.

Note: "I am so proud of DOT," she said. "I am very proud to say we are down 48 percent thanks to the crews and maintenance work from DOT."

Note: "South Carolina is on the move, we are excited because we are knocking out all of the challenges that get in our way," she said. "Team South Carolina has said from the beginning 'can't' is not an option, so we're going to continue to move in that direction."

Note: "The reason we want you to call and register through the United Way is because in order for us to help those people in need, we get assistance based on the number of volunteer hours," she said. She acknowledged her team made a mistake last week when they volunteered at the Harvest Hope Food Bank, because nearly 30 people worked for about an hour each and that volunteer time was not counted because they had not registered.

WCIV: Haley: No need for special session of Legislature to deal with flooding aftermath

<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/30263600/haley-no-need-for-special-session-of-legislature-to-deal-with-flooding-aftermath>

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley says she will work with members of the General Assembly to help the state recover from the recent floods, but she still sees no need for lawmakers to return for a special session. Haley was asked at a news conference Wednesday about House Speaker Jay Lucas' call for hearings in the Ways and Means Committee to deal with potential costs of the flooding.

Note: Haley again called for more widespread help from people across the state, but this time it came with the announcement of "Team South Carolina" days that would focus attention on victims in specific areas, delivering to them all the help and resources they need to rebuild.

Note: "If you have a need, you register with the United Way. If you want to help, you register with the United Way. And they match you up," she said.

Associated Press: Gov. Haley extends state of emergency declaration

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

Jeffrey Collins

Gov. Nikki Haley signed an order Thursday extending the state of emergency in South Carolina for 15 days

so the National Guard can continue helping with cleanup efforts. Haley said the South Carolina National Guard is currently helping rebuild 74 roads across the state. She said guard members have also helped repair the Columbia Canal and Columbia's drinking water system and rescued people from flooded homes. **Note:** "We are on a roll. We don't want things to slow down," Haley told The Associated Press on Thursday. "This is a good thing."

Note: "That was in anticipation of what we didn't know was going to happen," Haley said. "Now we want them to finish the work they are doing. It's really a good thing." The governor said she doesn't anticipate having to sign another state of emergency when this one expires in 15 days.

WACH: Haley, Team South Carolina hosting flood relief event in Sumter

<http://wach.com/news/local/haley-team-south-carolina-hosting-flood-relief-event-in-sumter>

Matthew Stevens

Governor Nikki Haley will be in Sumter Friday for a Team South Carolina flood relief event. Team South Carolina is hosting the event at the Sumter Civic Center from 11 to 7 to help residents learn about resources available to aid in flood recovery efforts. State and Federal agencies will also join the governor at the event.

Associated Press: Sumter told hold governor's 1st flood assistance event

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=NgdXT9o0

South Carolina is sending teams of officials to flooded areas to help people find relief and assistance. Gov. Nikki Haley will join the first Team South Carolina event Friday at the Sumter Civic Center. From 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., anyone affected by the flood can register for federal disaster assistance, apply for unemployment and mortgage or rent assistance, get a tetanus shot or a kit to test their well water to see if it is contaminated.

The State: Columbia prisons maintained regular food, water schedules during flood

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article39326784.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

Prisons in Columbia boiled water in large industrial cooking pots throughout the flood advisory and kept water coolers in each dormitory, a Department of Corrections spokesperson said. The department's Food Services Division oversaw each prison's efforts and made sure water was boiled to specifications, said Stephanie Givens, director of communications for the department.

Sun News: FEMA opens disaster recovery centers in Horry County

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article39049419.html>

Charles D. Perry

Chris Pace finally left his waterlogged mobile home Wednesday. After more than a week surrounded by the Intracoastal Waterway, the 43-year-old landscaper and his wife Terri received federal assistance for emergency housing. "I get out of the water tonight," he said, "for the first time."

Associated Press: NASCAR points leader tours SC flood damage

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

Pete Iacobelli

Sprint Cup points leader Joey Logano stood looking at the two massive breaches along the Columbia Canal caused by the devastating floods in South Carolina earlier this month. "It's incredible to see this," he said quietly. Logano was on hand Thursday to visit with first responders and workers repairing the waterway that provides clean drinking water to South Carolina's capital city.

Associated Press: Bridges around SC quickly coming back online

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=zfEj5ZVK

With flood waters largely receding around South Carolina, the reopening of state bridges is picking up speed. The State Department of Transportation announced on Thursday that 73 bridges remained closed. That's 21 fewer than were closed on Wednesday. Altogether just over 250 roads and bridges remain closed because of the historic rains earlier this month.

WLTX: Gov. Haley Hosting Flood Relief Event in Sumter

<http://www.wltx.com/story/news/local/flood-recovery/2015/10/15/gov-haley-hosting-flood-relief-event-sumter/73989204/>

Governor Nikki Haley will visit Sumter for the first Team South Carolina flood relief event on Friday October

16, 2015. The Team South Carolina event in Sumter is from 11am to 7pm at the Sumter County Civic Center. Team South Carolina events will be one-stop where residents can find out about resources available to families and businesses during South Carolina's recovery process.

Post and Courier: Floods an opportunity for road reform, environmental advocacy says

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151015/PC1603/151019544>

Schuyler Kropf

Advocacy groups are using the devastation from this month's record flooding to argue that the best response to fix the state's transportation woes is to bring existing roads up to standards, not build new ones. The Coastal Conservation League, which opposes the expansion of Interstate 526 across James and Johns islands, says the flooding exposed the vulnerability and weaknesses of the state's current infrastructure in ways never seen before.

Post and Courier: Storm soaks hundreds of kids' books in Sullivan's library

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151015/PC16/151019541>

Prentiss Findlay

The Edgar Allan Poe Library with its 2-foot-thick walls has the feeling of a fortress, but it was no match for the torrential rains of early October. The book repository, which is housed in a former Spanish-American gun battery, has been closed for two weeks of cleanup because the storm left 6 inches of water in the children's reading room.

Governor Nikki Haley News:

Area Development: Magna International Plans \$50.8 Million Manufacturing Plant In Greenville County, South Carolina

<http://www.areadevelopment.com/newsItems/10-15-2015/magna-international-expansion-greenville-county-south-carolina389344.shtml>

Magna International, a Canada-based leading global automotive supplier, is expanding its manufacturing operations with a new exteriors facility at Matrix Park in Southern Greenville County, South Carolina. The facility will be located at the corner of U.S. Highway 25 and Interstate 85. The \$50.8 million investment is expected to create 153 jobs.

Note: "South Carolina continues to build on its reputation as a leader in the automotive industry. Magna's decision to expand in Greenville County is a testament to that. This \$50.8 million investment is a huge win for our state, and the 153 new jobs it will create will make a real difference in the lives of South Carolinians," said Governor Nikki Haley.

Washington Post: Md. is likely to begin recalling license plates with Confederate flag images

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/md-politics/md-is-likely-to-begin-recalling-license-plates-with-confederate-flag-images/2015/10/15/296179ae-7384-11e5-9cbb-790369643cf9_story.html

Ovetta Wiggins

Maryland is likely to begin recalling Maryland license plates with images of the Confederate flag this fall after a federal judge agreed on Thursday to lift a 1997 injunction that prevented the state from taking the specialty plates out of circulation. U.S. District Judge Marvin J. Garbis issued an order that allows Attorney General Brian Frosh (D) to lift the injunction.

Note: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley (R) signed a bill in July to remove the Confederate flag from the statehouse grounds. A week after the bill signing, the flag was taken down.

South Caroline News:

Greenville News: Supreme Court denies request to hear Zachary Hammond petition

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/10/15/supreme-court-denies-request-hear-zachary-hammond-petition/74013552/>

Ron Barnett, David Dykes

The state Supreme Court denied a request by the family of a teenager who was shot and killed by a Seneca police officer to hear arguments that the solicitor on the case is compromised by a conflict of interest. The court issued an order stating that "a citizen lacks standing to contest the decision by the prosecuting authority whether to prosecute another when the citizen is neither prosecuted nor threatened with prosecution."

Post and Courier: New federal Domestic Terrorism Counsel sparked by Emanuel shooting, advocate says
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151015/PC1603/151019553>

Schuyler Kropf

The U.S. Department of Justice has established a new office to coordinate investigations into homegrown attacks, something civil rights advocates say is a partial response to Dylann Roof and the mass shooting at Emanuel AME Church. "It very likely took the Charleston massacre to make this a reality," said Mark Potok, spokesman for the Southern Poverty Law Center, of the newly created position of Domestic Terrorism Counsel.

Post and Courier: Boeing: Taiwanese airline to buy 24 North Charleston-made Dreamliners

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151015/PC05/151019578>

David Wren

Taiwanese airline EVA Airways intends to buy up to 24 of the 787-10 Dreamliners that will be made exclusively at Boeing Co.'s North Charleston campus, the aerospace giant announced Thursday. EVA Airways also intends to buy a pair of 777-300ER airplanes. The total value of the deal exceeds \$8 billion at current list prices, although airlines typically negotiate discounts.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

CBS News: What conservatives want from the next speaker of the House

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/what-conservatives-want-as-gop-searches-for-house-speaker/>

Key conservatives in the House are warning potential candidates for speaker not to expect their support unless they commit to giving them more power in the legislative process. Members of the House Freedom Caucus -- many of whom were elected to Congress during the 2010 Tea Party wave -- want to decentralize power in the GOP leadership circle so that conservatives have a better shot at influencing policy and process.

The State: SC's Clyburn to host aid meeting Monday for Williamsburg County flood victims

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article39330795.html#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, D-Columbia, will host a forum Monday for Williamsburg County flood victims who have questions about disaster aid or the recovery effort. The forum is scheduled for 11 a.m. at the Alex Chapman Complex Auditorium, 147 West Main Street in Kingstree.

Local News:

The State: Lexington County public corruption: 3 get probation on state charges

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article39305532.html>

Three key wrong-doers in Lexington County's world of public corruption avoided prison Thursday when they pleaded guilty to state violations of various ethics and bribery laws and a state circuit judge gave them probation.

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