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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Florence Morning News: Crown Group opens new plant in Greenville County

http://www.scnw.com/news/business/article_6ce4773c-1574-11e3-a56f-0019bb30f31a.html

The Crown Group, a provider of coating services to the automotive, heavy truck and agriculture industries, Wednesday announced that it has opened a new plant in Greenville County. The \$5.4 million investment is expected to generate 42 new jobs over the next five years.

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Greenville News: Crown Group expects to hire 42 as it opens new Greenville plant

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130904/BUSINESS/309040037/Crown-Group-expects-hire-42-opens-new-Greenville-plant>

The Crown Group, which provides coating services to the automotive, heavy truck and agriculture industries, said it has opened a new plant in Greenville County, with a \$5.4 million investment expected to generate 42 new jobs over the next five years. The new plant will be the Crown Group's seventh in the U.S. and the first in South Carolina. The facility will allow the company to work more closely with existing clients and to expand its footprint into the Southeast, officials said. The Greenville location is 101 Milledge Rd.

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Reuters: South Carolina governor seeks return of Native American girl

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/09/04/us-usa-southcarolina-adoption-idUSBRE98313820130904>

Harriet McLeod

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley on Wednesday called on the Oklahoma Supreme Court to order immediately a 3-year-old Native American girl returned to a South Carolina couple who adopted her, escalating a bitter custody dispute with the girl's biological father. The Oklahoma Supreme Court ruled last week that the girl known as "Baby Veronica," who will turn 4 next week, will not immediately be transferred from her Oklahoma biological father, Dusten Brown, despite other court rulings ordering him to give her up to adoptive parents Matt and Melanie Capobianco of Charleston, South Carolina.

Note: "This matter should come to an end, now," Haley said in a document prepared for the Oklahoma high court and given to Reuters by the governor's office.

Note: "Under the laws of South Carolina and Oklahoma, the minor child should be immediately returned to the Capobiancos' physical custody and care," Haley said.

The State: Gov. Haley's Post About Locking Herself Out Of Mansion Creates Buzz

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=olk2rXsx

Andrew Shain

Gov. Nikki Haley's Facebook posting about locking herself out of the Governor's Mansion in her robe Wednesday morning garnered more reaction in a matter of hours than most of her postings this year. "What not to do...getting locked out of the Governor's mansion in your robe while sending the kids off to school. sigh...#adayinthelife," Haley posted around 8:30 a.m.

Greenville News: Haley, stuck in her robe, gets locked out of Governor's Mansion

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130904/NEWS/309040036/Haley-stuck-in-her-robe-gets-locked->

out-of-Governor-s-Mansion

Tim Smith and David Dykes

Locking yourself outside your home, wearing your robe, while sending the kids off to school in the morning. It can happen to anyone, residents told Gov. Nikki Haley. It did to the governor. Haley wrote on her Facebook page Wednesday morning, with the hash tag #adayinthelife, that she got locked out of the Governor's mansion. A Haley spokesman confirmed the Facebook account. He said the governor's daughter, Rena, opened the door.

BMW Expands and Relocates Operations to Greer:

The State: BMW Expanding, Relocating Its Export Operations To Greer

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=l3xrcrjo

BMW is expanding its export program to emerging markets, moving its operations closer to the new inland port being built in Greer. The company announced Wednesday morning that it also would expand the program to include the new BMW X5. The program originally was announced in 2011 to support export of the BMW X3 Sports Activity Vehicle, the company said in a release. The company will move its export operations to a new 413,000-square-foot building adjacent to the South Carolina Inland Port, which will ship products from the region to the Port of Charleston by rail when it is completed. That is nearly triple the size of the current plant and has the potential to be expanded to 750,000 square feet. The company expects to make its first shipment from the new location in January.

Post and Courier: BMW moving South Carolina export center next to Greer inland port

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130904/PC05/130909761/1177/bmw-moving-south-carolina-export-center-next-to-greer-inland-port>

John McDermott

BMW Manufacturing Co. said today it is building a new export center next to the State Ports Authority's inland cargo facility near the luxury automaker's Greer factory. The move stems from the German company's decision in 2011 to ship more of its X3 sport utility vehicles to emerging markets, including Russia, Thailand, India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Egypt. That strategy is being expanded to include the new X5. As part of that, BMW is moving its Upstate export hub from a 156,000 square foot building in Duncan to the SPA's so-called inland port site.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: BMW announces new, larger export facility near inland port

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20130904/ARTICLES/130909905/1112?Title=BMW-plans-larger-export-facility-near-inland-port>

BMW announced Wednesday plans to locate a new facility near the Inland Port under construction near Greer – more than doubling the size of the automaker's exporting operation in the Upstate. The automaker says it plans to move its export operation from its facility in Duncan to a new building near the Inland Port. Once completed, the facility will occupy 413,000 square feet – up from 156,000 square feet at the current location – and it can be expanded to 750,000 square feet. The new facility is expected to make its first shipment in January 2014, according to a written statement from the company.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: Tech Enterprise Campus OK'd; school hopes to break ground next year

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130904/NEWS04/309040016/Tech-Enterprise-Campus-OK-d-school-hopes-break-ground-next-year>

Rudolph Bell

Greenville Tech hopes to break ground next year on a special facility for training manufacturing workers now that Greenville County Council has given final approval to borrowing \$25 million for the project. Members of County Council voted unanimously Tuesday night in favor of borrowing \$25 million to build the Enterprise Campus with one member absent and another abstaining because he's applied for a teaching job at the school. If the bonds are also approved at the state level, Greenville Tech should be able to break ground in the fall of 2014, said Keith Miller, president of the college. County Council was originally facing a small property tax hike in order to pay for the Enterprise Campus, and it wasn't clear there were enough votes for the bond issue.

The State: State Sen. Lee Bright To Debate "YouTube Lindsey"

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=M828OjMO

Jamie Self

State Sen. Lee Bright, R-Spartanburg, will debate YouTube videos of Lindsey Graham at a Columbia Tea Party gathering Thursday. The event will take place at the South Carolina Troopers Association, 4961 Broad River Road, at 7:00 p.m. Columbia Tea Party Chairman Jack Hatfield will moderate, according to a release from Bright's campaign. Graham has three Republican primary challengers, including Bright, currently in his second term in the S.C. Senate. Also challenging Graham are Nancy Mace, owner of a Charleston marketing firm, and Richard Cash, an Anderson County businessman who owns a fleet of ice cream trucks and a used car dealership.

Associated Press: Judge dismisses suit over SC party registration

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9nw4PsnV

A federal judge has dismissed the Greenville County Republican Party's lawsuit seeking to limit primaries to registered supporters. U.S. District Judge Mary Lewis said in an order released last week that the county party did not have the legal standing to sue to close the state's primaries. Any voter registered in South Carolina is allowed to participate in one primary election per cycle without declaring a political affiliation. In 2010, the Greenville County party's executive committee filed a federal lawsuit saying South Carolina's open primary system denied the party its First Amendment rights to free association. The suit was aimed at forcing the Legislature to require voters to register by party before primary voting. The state GOP was initially part of the lawsuit but dropped out earlier this year.

Local News:

The State: Columbia City Council Votes To Open Round-the-clock Homeless Shelter

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

Cassie Cope and Noelle Phillips

Columbia City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to open a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week emergency homeless shelter for seven months beginning Sept. 24. Council approved general guidelines for how it will proceed in dealing with the city's homeless people. But council did not enter a formal contract with Christ Central Ministries, the organization that is slated to run the shelter. That contract will be discussed at council's Sept. 17 meeting. The city will provide the same amount of funding it did last year, \$500,000 in a contract with Christ Central Ministries. It also will pay for about \$40,000 for costs associated with utilities.

The State: SLED looks into missing money in Lexington County magistrate court

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/09/04/2959799/sled-looks-into-missing-money.html#storylink=cpy>

The State Law Enforcement Division is looking into a report of missing money in an unidentified magistrate court in Lexington County. SLED spokesman Thom Berry confirmed the investigation Wednesday, saying only that it is under way. He declined further comment. County Council hasn't been briefed on the situation, council chairman Bill Banning of West Columbia said. The amount of money allegedly missing isn't known. There are nine magistrates in the county. The judges handle traffic violations as well as misdemeanor offenses that have a maximum penalty of 30 days in jail and \$500 fine. They also handle small claims matters up to \$7,500 and landlord-tenant disputes.

The State: Columbia's Palmetto Compress officially for sale

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/09/03/2958832/columbias-palmetto-compress-offically.html#storylink=cpy>

Jeff Wilkinson

The historic Palmetto Compress Warehouse is officially on the market. The Columbia Development Corp., the quasi-public agency that owns the building for the city of Columbia, has issued a request for proposals from developers nationally. The deadline for replies is Sept. 18. So far, about 25 developers from as far away as Chicago have expressed interest in the nearly century-old, former cotton warehouse, said Fred Delk, the corporation's executive director.

Greenville News: United Way announces \$16.6 million fundraising goal

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130904/NEWS/309030101/United-Way-announces-16-6-million-fundraising-goal>

Amy Clarke Burns

Sprawled across a massive video screen at the front of the TD Convention Center ballroom was a massive figure: \$16,600,000. Those 10 digits represent the goal of the United Way of Greenville County's annual fundraising campaign, which runs through Oct. 31. It's an increase of \$800,000 over last year's goal of \$15.8 million, which was exceeded in the end by more than \$200,000. The kickoff luncheon included hundreds of

volunteers, representatives from agencies supporting by United Way and from businesses supporting the campaign.

Greenville News: Upstate chosen as site for three-day kidney awareness bike ride

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130904/NEWS/309040048/Upstate-chosen-site-three-day-kidney-awareness-bike-ride>

The Upstate has been chosen to host the seventh annual Tour DaVita, a three-day, 220-mile bike ride that raises awareness for kidney disease, it was announced today. The race, sponsored by local kidney doctor association Carolina Nephrology and healthcare provider DaVita, will be held from Sunday, Sept. 15, to Wednesday, Sept. 18, representatives of the association said. Funds raised will go toward Kidney TRUST, a 501(c)(3) organization that provides free kidney health screenings. Tour DaVita's route begins at the Cherokee Youth Sports Complex in Gaffney. Participants will ride 60 miles southeast to Chester on the first day, and can choose an 80- or 100-mile route west to Fountain Inn on the second. The final day features a 60-mile ride west from Fountain Inn to Seneca.

Post and Courier: Kindred Healthcare sells Mount Pleasant hospital to Vibra

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130904/PC05/130909740/1177/kindred-healthcare-sells-mount-pleasant-hospital-to-vibra>

John McDermott

Kindred Healthcare Inc. has sold its newly renovated Mount Pleasant rehabilitation hospital as part of a \$166 million deal. The company's sale of the East Cooper facility and 13 others to an affiliate of Vibra Healthcare was finalized this week. The deal was announced in April. Louisville-Ky.-based Kindred said the 14 medical centers it sold were not within the 21 core geographical areas it is concentrating on around the country. "These transactions will significantly advance our repositioning strategy, strengthen our financial position and allow us to sharpen our focus on our integrated care markets," said Paul J. Diaz, chief executive officer.

Island Packet: Only 1 candidate so far for Port Royal council election

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/09/03/2664225/only-1-candidate-files-so-far.html#storylink=cpy>

Erin Moody

With only days remaining before the deadline to file for two open seats on Port Royal Town Council, only one person has submitted the required paperwork. Although both incumbents -- Mary Beth Gray Heyward, 58, and Vernon DeLoach, 84 -- have said they intend to run for another term, as of Tuesday afternoon, only Gray Heyward has done so, according to town clerk Tanya Payne. No challengers have filed. Candidates must file for the election by noon Friday. That process includes an economic-interest form and a \$100 filing fee. Interested residents can pick up candidate packets at Town Hall at 700 Paris Ave.

National News:

Forbes: Interactive Map: In 13 States Plus D.C., Obamacare Will Increase Health Premiums By 24%, On Average

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/theapothecary/2013/09/04/interactive-map-in-13-states-plus-d-c-individual-health-premiums-will-increase-by-an-average-of-24/>

Avik Roy

Obamacare makes many significant changes to the U.S. health-care system, but one category of change stands out above all others: the degree to which the law reshapes the market for individually-purchased health insurance. Will the "Affordable Care Act" live up to its name and make health insurance less expensive? To help the public understand the impact of Obamacare on individual-market premiums, my Manhattan Institute colleagues and I have crunched the numbers and created an interactive, state-by-state map, where you can find out how Obamacare affects insurance rates where you live. The results may surprise you. In less than four weeks—on October 1, 2013—Obamacare's subsidized insurance exchanges are supposed to be fully on-line. But as of today, the relevant governmental agencies have only made public the insurance carrier filings for 13 states and the District of Columbia. In other words, we're still waiting for important information on health insurance premiums from nearly three-fourths of the states.

New York Times: On Syria, a U.N. Vote Isn't Optional

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/04/opinion/on-syria-a-un-vote-isnt-optional.html?_r=1&

Oona A. Hathaway and Scott J. Shapiro

The world is in a bind. Syria has violated basic norms of international law and humanity by using chemical

weapons on its own people. The United Nations, which is supposed to secure international peace, is paralyzed by the intransigence of Russia and China, which hold vetoes on the Security Council. It is no surprise that both liberal interventionists and neoconservative realists are advocating American military intervention, even if it is illegal. As President Obama said on Saturday, "If we won't enforce accountability in the face of this heinous act, what does it say about our resolve to stand up to others who flout fundamental international rules?"

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