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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Sun News: Grand Strand officials plan joint PR campaign to urge Bikefest attendees to obey the law
http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/10/13/4536405_exclusive-grand-strand-officials.html?sp=/99/134/&rh=1#storylink=cpy

Maya T. Prabhu

Haley met with elected officials and managers from Myrtle Beach, Atlantic Beach, North Myrtle Beach, Surfside Beach and Horry County for a little more than 30 minutes in a private meeting Monday afternoon to continue to discuss plans to improve safety during Memorial Day weekend going forward.

Note: “We’ve had separate meetings but there’s no reason why we couldn’t have done this sooner,” Haley said. “Everybody is at the table. Everybody wants to be a part of the solution. Everybody is working towards the same goal. There are no differences among us at this point, and that’s the reason why I think this is going to go very well.”

Sun News: StarTek welcomes politicians, employees at ribbon-cutting
<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/10/13/4536403/startek-welcomes-politicians-employees.html?sp=/99/134/>

Jason M. Rodriguez

StarTek, the area’s newest large employer, opened its doors Monday to local dignitaries and Gov. Nikki Haley to show off the public-private partnership officials have been working on for more than a year now.

Note: “I will tell you that StarTek is one of the coolest companies we’ve seen in a long time,” Haley said at a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Haley toured the company’s new 50,000 square-foot building near Towne Centre in Carolina Forest. “What I appreciate about StarTek is they put as much time and effort into the quality of life for their associates as they do for their sales, and that says a lot about this company.”

Note: Haley said she believes StarTek represents much of what the state represents, which is why she thinks the deal to bring StarTek to the beach was a good one. “It’s a testament to this area. It’s a testament to this community,” Haley said. “They are in the customer service business. South Carolina is in the customer service business.”

WMBF: Startek officially open for business and hiring in Horry County
<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/26775324/startek-officially-open-for-business-and-hiring-in-horry-county>
Lisa Gresci

Local and state officials attended Startek's ribbon cutting. The call center will supply the county with more than 600 new jobs. Startek officially opened their doors after Monday afternoon's ribbon cutting. Many officials, both county and state, attended the event. Presidents and CEOs of HTC, Santee Cooper, Horry Georgetown Technical College, County Chairman Mark Lazarus, as well as Governor Nikki Haley.

WBTW (Video): Governor Haley attends StarTek Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Monday
<http://www.wbtw.com/story/26769438/governor-haley-attends-startek-ribbon-cutting-ceremony-on-monday>
Gov. Nikki Haley visited the South Carolina coast for the ribbon cutting at a new call center expected to create more than 600 jobs. The dedication was held on Monday for StarTek's new call center in the Carolina Forest area just west of the Intracoastal Waterway. It's one of 15 call centers the company operates worldwide.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Associated Press: SC gubernatorial debate to focus on jobs, economy
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=hRGXhEFD
Seanna Adcox

The debate Tuesday at Charleston Southern University in North Charleston will focus on jobs and the economy. Haley frequently mentions her administration has announced tens of thousands of jobs. Both Democratic Sen. Vincent Sheheen and independent candidate Tom Ervin say her numbers don't represent reality. Many announced jobs won't materialize for years, if at all.

Associated Press: Biden in South Carolina just weeks before election

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=jbmUZ3tW

Meg Kinnard

Vice President Joe Biden is continuing his midterm election campaigning, returning to South Carolina to help Democrats on the ballot in November. The White House says Biden is in Columbia on Tuesday, speaking at a get-out-the-vote event for the South Carolina Democratic Party at Allen University.

The State: VP Biden headlining \$5,000 per couple fundraiser in Columbia

http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/13/3743060_vp-biden-headlining-5000-per-couple.html?rh=1

John Monk

Vice President Joe Biden will headline a \$5,000-a-couple fundraising lunch Tuesday at the Columbia home of former state Democratic party chairman Dick Harpootlian.

Note: Democratic gubernatorial candidate State Sen. Vincent Sheheen, D-Kershaw, was invited but is not expected to attend since he is preparing for his Tuesday night debate with Gov. Nikki Haley and three other challengers.

Associated Press: Hutto, Ravenel debate without Sen. Graham

http://thetandd.com/news/hutto-ravenel-debate-without-sen-graham/article_3c560574-534c-11e4-9678-9fdf3a6050ff.html

Jeffrey Collins

Lindsey Graham wasn't at the U.S. Senate debate Monday night, but like the relative who doesn't show up for Thanksgiving dinner, the incumbent was the main topic of conversation between Democrat Brad Hutto and independent Thomas Ravenel.

The State: Senate challengers debate Graham's absence

http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/13/3743387_elections-2014-senate-challengers.html?rh=1

Cassie Cope

Democrat Brad Hutto, a state senator from Orangeburg, and Thomas Ravenel, a petition candidate from Charleston, criticized Graham for his two decades in Washington as they offered their own stances on foreign policy, the economy and the role of government.

Greenville News: S.C. Secretary of State opponent says hiring temporary workers improper practice

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/14/3743562/sc-secretary-of-state-opponent.html?sp=/99/132/#storylink=cpy>

Tim Smith

Secretary of State Mark Hammond, who has employed Michael D. Kelly since he took office in 2003, told The Greenville News that temporary workers are a financial benefit for a small agency because they are not provided benefits. And he said Kelly has been a valuable employee.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Times and Democrat: Open enrollment: Knowing the cost and the rules

http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/open-enrollment-knowing-the-cost-and-the-rules/article_7e6492e4-5326-11e4-8af8-afc15ef8f888.html

Editorial

THE ISSUE: Affordable Care Act. OUR OPINION: As employers increase costs, options more limited than you think. Tis the season for weighing health insurance. The open-enrollment period for employer plans and at the government marketplace created by the Affordable Care Act is upcoming. It's an important time.

The State: Fate of Lexington County Penny for Pavement sales tax: Perception vs. reality

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/13/3742964/bolton-fate-of-lexington-county.html#storylink=cpy>

Warren Bolton

THE SUCCESS or failure of Lexington County's proposed Penny for Pavement sales tax for roads and other projects could come down to perception versus reality: the perception by some voters that it's just a money

grab or a piling on of new taxes versus the real need to fix some serious road issues.

Post and Courier: The second Ebola alarm

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141014/PC1002/141019718>

Editorial

A health care worker in Dallas who tended to the first victim to die of Ebola in the United States has tested positive for the disease despite having reportedly followed the hospital's safety protocols. This is the second alarm bell to sound an urgent wake-up call about the inadequate preparedness of the American health care system to deal with Ebola.

Island Packet: County must do more to recruit paramedics

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/10/13/3369418/county-must-do-more-to-recruit.html?sp=/99/342/>

Editorial

Two new Beaufort County ambulances are ready to hit the road. Other ambulances have been revamped. And all in the county's active fleet now feature state-of-the-art chest-compression devices that can perform CPR on a patient without interruption and more consistently than a paramedic.

South Carolina News:

Rock Hill Herald: State AG Wilson in Rock Hill speaks on domestic violence, gay marriage

http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/10/13/6416966_attorney-general-alan-wilson-speaks.html?rh=1#storylink=cpy

Bristow Marchant

With high-profile legal challenges swirling around the state and an election in less than a month, South Carolina's attorney general met with some of the women of Rock Hill to talk about South Carolina's struggles with criminal domestic violence. Solving the problem, Alan Wilson told the Woman's Club of Rock Hill, starts with changing what the offense is called under state law.

Post and Courier: DHEC director tests MUSC, Roper Hospital Ebola protocols during undercover drill

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141013/PC16/141019735>

Lauren Sausser

A small woman with wet, blonde hair drove up to the valet stand at Ashley River Tower at the Medical University Hospital shortly after 8 p.m. on Sunday. She said she thought she had the flu. First, she needed to move her SUV into the garage, hospital staff told her. The valet wasn't available.

Florence Morning News: Big economic development coming to Dillon County

http://www.scnow.com/news/article_9f3b1010-5353-11e4-8223-0017a43b2370.html

John D. Russell

Dillon County Council approved two ordinances Monday night involving a fee agreement and purchase of land to attract a Delaware manufacturing company, code name Project Wilma, to build at the Northeast Industrial Park. Council also approved two resolutions surrounding Project Wilma during the meeting.

Florence Morning News: Dillon County Council passes ordinances for Project Wilma

http://www.scnow.com/news/business/article_e4b881ae-530d-11e4-af8c-001a4bcf6878.html

John D. Russell

The Dillon County Council held a called meeting at 4 p.m. Monday and approved two ordinances involving a fee agreement and purchase of land to attract a company from Delaware to build at the Northeast Industrial Park.

Post and Courier: Charleston School Board approves new music charter school

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141013/PC16/141019724>

Amanda Kerr

Charleston County parents will be able to enroll their children in the county's first music charter school in downtown Charleston next year following the School Board's approval Monday of Allegro Charter School of Music. The School Board unanimously approved the charter application for Allegro, which will open with grades 6-9. This is the school's second attempt to receive a charter.

Index-Journal: Diminishing Local Government Fund forces county's hand

<http://www.indexjournal.com/news/Diminishing-Local-Government-Fund-forces-county-s-hand>

Colin Riddle

Abbeville County Council passed a resolution Monday urging the general assembly to reinstate the proper allocation for the Local Government Fund, an allocation of funds to reimburse local governments for providing state-required services.

Associated Press: Tourism leaders from region gather in Charleston

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=LpoBb7De

The annual fall forum of the Southeast Tourism Society gets underway on Tuesday and continues through Thursday. About 200 industry leaders are attending from the 12-state region that reaches from Alabama and Arkansas to the Virginias. Tourism is a \$210 billion industry in the region.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Charleston voted a top American city for 15 reasons

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141013/PC05/141019756>

Abigail Darlington

Charleston is one of America's favorite cities for more than a dozen reasons, according to the [latest ranking of cities by Travel + Leisure magazine](#). The publication conducted a survey of over 50,000 respondents, who ranked their favorite cities in America in eight categories: culture, shopping, quality of life, people, nightlife, food and drink, type of trip and best city overall.

Aiken Standard: Aiken County's generosity compares favorably to South Carolina's overall rate

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141014/AIK0101/141019760/1004/aiken-county-s-generosity-compares-favorably-to-south-carolina-s-overall-rate>

DeDe Biles

The generosity of Aiken County, as measured by a recent analysis of charitable giving, is impressive compared to figures at the national and state level. But when South Carolina's statistics are broken down on a county-by-county basis, Aiken County ranks in the bottom half.

The State: Donors to campaign for Lexington County tax kept secret

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/13/3743380/donors-to-campaign-for-lexington.html>

Tim Flach

Donations to the group promoting a penny-on-the-dollar sales tax increase in Lexington County will be kept secret. Leaders of the Lexington Penny for Pavement Coalition turned down a request from The State newspaper to review contributions to the campaign promoting the proposal on the Nov. 4 ballot.

Island Packet: Closure of Charleston Coast Guard facility concerns Beaufort County officials

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/13/3743098/closure-of-charleston-coast-guard.html>

Matt McNab

But Rhodes and others are concerned that response times to emergencies will increase after a remote air station closes next month. Facility Charleston will close Nov. 30. The station on Johns Island houses one of the five search-and-rescue helicopters assigned to Air Station Tybee Island.

Rock Hill Herald: Rock Hill mayor implores school board to support tax district expansion

http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/10/13/6416912_rock-hill-mayor-implores-school.html?rh=1

Rachel Southmayd

Speaking before the school board at Monday night's business meeting, Echols said, "I believe that the Knowledge Park project is certainly about our shared future. How we continue to partner with the school district and others for the good of all will give us a stronger future as we move forward."

Rock Hill Herald: York County planning commission gives thumbs down to overlay changes

http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/10/13/6417047_york-county-planning-commission.html?rh=1

John Marks

The commission voted 4-3 against changes that would restrict residential development along S.C. 49 from the Buster Boyd Bridge past Three Points, to the S.C. 557 intersection at Oakridge Road. The York County Council holds a third and final reading, along with a public hearing, on Monday.

National News:

New York Times: Republican-Majority Senate Is Starting to Look Likelier

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/14/business/republican-majority-senate-is-starting-to-look-likelier.html?ref=todayspaper&abt=0002&abg=0&_r=0

Nate Cohn

President Obama, even in his worst hours after the first presidential debate in 2012, held a consistent lead in Wisconsin, Ohio and Nevada. It was always enough to win re-election, and he had multiple paths to victory if any of those states fell through. "Close but clear" was the refrain.

Associated Press: GOP spends \$6M more on North Carolina Senate race

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/gop-spends-6m-more-on-north-carolina-senate-race>

Gary Robertson

The group dedicated to winning a Republican U.S. Senate majority in November intends to more than double its investment supporting North Carolina GOP nominee Thom Tillis' campaign to unseat Democrat Kay Hagan.

Associated Press: Back to reality for Dems as House chances fade

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_HOUSE_STATE_OF_PLAY?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-10-14-03-23-27

Donna Cassata

Democrats' high hopes of mitigating House losses in a rough election year have been dashed by reality. The question now is not whether Republicans hold the House - that's a given. Rather, it's how many seats could the GOP add to its majority on Election Day? And how close could it get to its post-World War II high of 246 in Harry S. Truman's administration?

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