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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Florence Morning News: Gov. Haley talks job creation to Hartsville Rotarians

http://www.snow.com/news/politics/article_f0218aa2-5d1a-11e3-9877-001a4bcf6878.html

Ardie Arvidson

Members of the Hartsville Rotary Club welcomed S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley with a standing ovation Wednesday when the state's top elected official arrived at Pam's Restaurant to speak with the club. Haley, a guest of Hartsville Rotarian Brenda Newsome, greeted the club with her customary "It's a great day in South Carolina," salutation. She then spoke briefly on a number of topics, including ethics, welfare, jobs, roadways, education and health care reform. In all, the governor's presentation lasted about 20 minutes and was followed by a question-answer session.

WTMA: Gov. Haley Challenges South Carolinians to Do Something Kind

[http://www.wtma.com/common/more.php?](http://www.wtma.com/common/more.php?m=58&ts=1386166816&article=16F7D2BE5CED11E3B51EFEFDADE6840A&mode=2)

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During the 47th Annual Governor's Carolighting event at the Statehouse Tuesday, Gov. Nikki Haley challenged South Carolina residents to do something kind this holiday season. South Carolinians are also urged to share their acts of kindness using social media, by posting on the governor's Facebook page, or via Twitter by tweeting @nikkihaley using the hashtag #SCChristmasChallenge.

Note: "I want to challenge each and every family to do one random act of kindness," Gov. Haley said in a statement. "Whether it's having a soldier for dinner because they don't have a family nearby to go to, visiting a nursing home, or baking cookies for an elderly neighbor, each act of kindness can help affect our state for the better."

WBTW: Governor challenges South Carolinians To perform random acts of kindness

<http://www.wbtw.com/story/24131495/challenges-south-carolinians-to-perform-random-acts-of-kindness>

Governor Nikki Haley announced the South Carolina Christmas Challenge yesterday at the 47th Annual Governor's Carolighting. In recounting the numerous examples of South Carolinians reaching out to their fellow neighbors and lending a helping hand, the governor issued a statewide challenge to perform a random act of kindness during this holiday season.

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WSPA: Gov. Haley Issues Challenge For Random Acts Of Kindness

<http://www.wspa.com/story/24125906/gov-haley-issues-challenge-for-random-acts-of-kindness>

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley is challenging everyone in the Palmetto State to perform one random act of kindness this month. Haley announced the South Carolina Christmas Challenge at the 47th Annual Governor's Carolighting event in Columbia Monday.

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The State: Nikki Haley making first appearance at USC Darla Moore econ conference

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/12/04/3138703/buzz-nikki-haley-making-first.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

Gov. Nikki Haley will make her first appearance at the University of South Carolina's Darla Moore School of Business 33rd annual Economic Outlook Conference next week. Haley speaks after 2014 forecasts by USC economists Doug Woodward and Joey Von Nessen. Other governors, including Jim Hodges and Mark Sanford, have come to the economic outlook events in the past, a USC spokeswoman said. Haley replaced the business school's namesake, Lake City financier Darla Moore, on the USC board of trustees with a campaign donor soon after the Lexington Republican took office in 2011.

Post and Courier: National report highlights strengths and weaknesses of state justices' financial disclosures

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131204/PC1610/131209763/1009/national-report-highlights-strengths-and-weaknesses-of-state-justices-x2019-financial-disclosures&source=RSS>

Natalie Caula Hauff

South Carolina was among the majority of states in the country failing in a national investigative report that graded the financial disclosures of state supreme court justices. In all, 43 states, including South Carolina, received failing grades from the Center for Public Integrity, a nonprofit investigative news organization based out of Washington, D.C., which recently released its report.

Note: Passage of the ethics reform is among Gov. Nikki Haley's top agenda items. If the amendment were to pass, members of the General Assembly would be required to disclose the sources of their income.

South Carolina News:

CNN: In South Carolina, Democrat keeps Obamacare at arm's length

<http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2013/12/04/in-south-carolina-democrat-keeps-obamacare-at-arms-length/>

How will red state Democrats handle Obamacare as a hot-button campaign issue in 2014? Here's a small clue. In South Carolina, Democratic state Rep. Bakari Sellers, who is running for lieutenant governor next year, filed a bill Wednesday to "lessen the burden" of the medical device tax on South Carolina businesses. The bill was "pre-filed," meaning it will be taken up next year when the legislative session begins in Columbia. Sellers' bill would provide a tax credit to companies in the state developing or manufacturing medical devices, essentially reimbursing them for the tax, a vital source of funding for the Affordable Care Act.

The State: Bakari Sellers files bill 'lessening burden of Obamacare'

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/12/04/3138623/election-2014-bakari-sellers-files.html>

Adam Beam

State Rep. Bakari Sellers has filed a bill that attempts to block a portion of Obamacare in South Carolina, just like lots of other state lawmakers have done. The difference is Sellers is a Democrat, and he is running for statewide office. The federal Affordable Care Act requires companies seeking approval for new medical devices to pay a tax to the Food and Drug Administration. Sellers' bill -- H.4365 -- would offer companies in South Carolina a state tax credit that would offset that tax. In a news release, Sellers said the bill would "lessen the burden of some provisions the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)."

Greenville News: GOP needs 'hopeful vision,' Perry says in Greenville

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131204/NEWS03/312040044/GOP-needs-hopeful-vision-Perry-says-Greenville>

Rudolph Bell

The Republican Party will have to be more than the "anti-Obama party" if it expects to regain power in Washington, Texas Gov. Rick Perry said in Greenville today. "We can't be the anti-Obama party. That's not a vision. It's a message, but I don't think it's a winning message," Perry told GreenvilleOnline.com after speaking at the downtown Hyatt during the annual meeting of the Electric Co-Ops of South Carolina. Perry said Republicans instead need to communicate a "positive, hopeful vision for America." They haven't done that well enough lately, he said, or they'd occupy the White House and control the Senate.

Post and Courier: Jenny Sanford, 6 others seeking seat on Charleston airport board

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131203/PC05/131209800/1177/jenny-sanford-6-others-seeking-seat-on-charleston-airport-board>

Warren L. Wise

South Carolina's former first lady, a field representative for her ex-husband and the head of the region's tourism agency are among several high-profile candidates seeking a seat on Charleston County Aviation

Authority. In all, seven people applied for the position on the 13-member board that pays \$35 per meeting. Six of them are women, including Jenny Sanford, ex-wife of former governor and now U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford. Aviation Authority Chairman Andy Savage has been pushing for more women to be seated on the board, which was all male until early November. The election of Linda Page as Mount Pleasant's mayor last month brought the first female member to the board in several years.

Associated Press: SC justices: Judge can mull appeal, then new trial

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

Meg Kinnard

A South Carolina judge who considers an inmate's post-conviction relief appeal can then preside over that person's new trial, the state's highest court ruled Wednesday. The state Supreme Court overturned a ruling by the Court of Appeals in the case of Robert Watkins, 48, who was originally convicted on armed robbery and weapons possession charges in 2002. The lower appellate court dismissed Watkins' direct appeal two years later, and Circuit Judge Larry R. Patterson judge turned down Watkins' request post-conviction relief, or a petition for a new trial based on errors made by his attorneys during his trial.

The State: Rep. Wendell Gilliard Files Five Bills Dealing With SC's Homeless Population

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

Adam Beam

Tuesday was the first day lawmakers could file bills in advance of the upcoming legislative session. State Rep. Wendell Gilliard filed six bills, and five of them were about the state's homeless population. "We do more for animals -- and don't get me wrong, I'm an animal lover -- but it looks like in our society we do more for animals than we do for human beings," Gilliard said. "Just in Greenville here a couple of weeks ago we had a homeless person die of hypothermia. He was left out in the cold. Far too many times in this state there are stories (like that)." Some of the bills are practical while others call for more awareness of the state's homeless population.

Post and Courier: Kansas, Wisconsin dangling incentives to lure Boeing 777X

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131204/PC05/131209740/1177/kansas-wisconsin-dangling-incentives-to-lure-boeing-777x>

Warren L. Wise

Add Kansas and Wisconsin to the list of states hoping to land the production of Boeing's new 777X passenger jet. Kansas is assembling an economic incentive package to present to the Chicago-based aerospace giant by the Dec. 10 deadline, Gov. Sam Brownback's spokesman Eileen Hawley said Wednesday. Wisconsin is, too, though it was not one of the states Boeing requested bid packages from last month after the machinists union in Washington and Oregon rejected a labor agreement that would have guaranteed 777X work in Washington state, according to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp.

Associated Press: SC Rep. Vick going on trial for DUI charge

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=u2eFIRYO

Jeffrey Collins

South Carolina state Rep. Ted Vick's trial on a 2012 drunken driving charge is starting without him. A prosecutor and Vick's attorney began picking a six-person jury late Wednesday afternoon for the Columbia Municipal Court trial for the Democrat from Chesterfield. Vick was not present. His lawyer, state Rep. Todd Rutherford, said Vick was at training for the South Carolina Army National Guard. Rutherford says Vick can make it to court if he wants to testify.

Associated Press: Taxpayers to fund \$286K of Clemson chief's salary

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=5zfwMwQU

A state board has approved paying \$286,000 toward the salary of Clemson University's incoming president. Clemson announced last month that Jim Clements will take the job in January. The board agreed to match Clements' salary of \$775,000 at his current job as president of the University of West Virginia. Tuesday's vote by the Agency Head Salary Commission means taxpayers will fund about a third of that. Private funds will provide the rest. Clements will be the state's highest-paid university chief.

Local News:

Greenville News: Tension rises in county GOP

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131204/NEWS03/312040074/Tension-rises-county-GOP>

Ron Barnett

The first shots of a potential civil war within the Greenville County Republican Party were fired this week, with the resignation of three tea party-aligned officials who say the GOP has abandoned its conservative principles on the local, state and national level. Harry Kibler, immediate past first vice chairman, Linda Weeks, an executive committeeman, and Tanglewood precinct President Magda Aguila turned in letters of resignation, complaining that they have been chastised, marginalized and ostracized for trying to hold Republican office holders accountable to following the GOP platform.

Island Packet: Local lawmakers lay out their vision for the next legislative session

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/12/03/2828539/local-lawmakers-lay-out-their.html#storylink=cpy>

Zach Murdock

Trash, the Jasper Port and business development were on the minds of five area state politicians Tuesday night. State Sens. Chip Campsen, Tom Davis and Clementa Pinckney and state Reps. Shannon Erickson and Kenneth Hodges discussed those topics with more than 60 business owners and local officials during the Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce's Annual Legislative Reception. The event was held at The Arsenal. The trash talk concerned flow control legislation which could eliminate the ability of local governments to control how waste is handled.

Associated Press: Columbia voters reject strong-mayor government

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

Voters in South Carolina's capital city have rejected the idea of switching to a strong mayor form of government. The referendum failed Tuesday, with 57 percent of voters saying "no" to giving Columbia's mayor more authority, leaving executive duties with the city manager. Fewer than 12,000 people voted. By law, supporters cannot try again for four years. The concept failed despite the bi-partisan backing of current and former officeholders, including Republican Gov. Nikki Haley, former Democratic Gov. Jim Hodges, and former Republican Attorney General Henry McMaster.

National News:

Associated Press: Hagel says staff cutbacks will save \$1 billion

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=y8zHmRwf

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said Wednesday that cutting his Pentagon staff by 20 percent will save at least \$1 billion over five years. At a Pentagon news conference, Hagel laid out details of the plan, which was announced in broad terms last summer. It is part of a larger proposal to reorganize his staff and trim the budgets of various civilian defense headquarters. Hagel also called on Congress to avoid another year of forced budget cuts known as sequestration.

Associated Press: Tech gurus help boost speedy Internet in schools

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=VSCaXhQS

Kimberly Hefling

Needed to keep a school building running these days: Water, electricity - and broadband. Interactive digital learning on laptops and tablets is replacing traditional textbooks in many cases. Students are taking computer-based tests instead of fill-in-the bubble exams. Teachers are accessing far-off resources for lessons. Technology is changing the way students are taught - and tested. But there's a catch - most of it is occurring in schools that have rich connectivity to the Internet.

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