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Thumbs up, thumbs down

BMW makes a million; Exxon visits SRS; Bryson bears theft

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BMW makes a million

Thumbs Up to BMW Manufacturing Co. for completing the 1 millionth vehicle manufactured at its Greer facility. The millionth car, a Z4 M roadster, was unveiled last week, about 11 1/2 years after the plant produced its first car, which rolled off the line on Sept. 8, 1994. It's been said before, but bears repeating: BMW is a key to the Upstate's economy. The millionth vehicle highlights its prominence among area manufacturers. Here's to a million more.

Exxon visits SRS

Thumbs Up to Rep. Bob Inglis for taking officials from ExxonMobil to tour the Savannah River National Lab, which is conducting important research toward alternative fuels. Bringing in the top oil company to pitch possible investment in the lab may not reap immediate dividends, but, as Inglis told The News, at least they got exposed to it.

Bryson bears theft

Thumbs down to the hooligans who stole Bryson Elementary School's concrete bear mascot, painted it orange and put it on a table at Bell's Crossing Elementary. Someone may have been trying to have some fun, but it still amounts to vandalism. Bryson is bearing up well, so to speak, and making the best of a bad situation. Its art club is planning to repaint the mascot so it again looks like a bear.
