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Chesterfield County eligible for Disaster Unemployment Assistance

Region Report

Chesterfield County, as well as Berkeley and Charleston counties, are now eligible for Disaster Unemployment Assistance, according to an announcement by Gov. Nikki Haley and the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce. Funds will be made available to assist people who became unemployed as a direct result of Hurricane Matthew.

Workers or business owners meeting the following criteria may be eligible for benefits: individuals who are unemployed due to the disaster, and do not qualify for regular unemployment insurance benefits; self-employed individuals and small business owners who lost income due to the disaster; individuals who were prevented from working due to an injury caused by the disaster; individuals who have

become the major supplier of household income due to the disaster-related death or injury of the previous major supplier of household income; individuals who are unable to reach their job or self-employment location because they must travel through the affected area and are prevented from doing so by the disaster; and individuals who were to commence employment or self-employment but were prevented by the disaster.

The DUA program makes funds available to assist people who became unemployed as a direct result of Hurricane Matthew. It also is available to small business owners and the self-employed, including 1099 contract workers, who lost personal income due to the disaster.

DEW Executive Director Cheryl Stanton said South Carolina workers may be eligible for unemployment insur-

ance benefits under the DUA program.

Individuals must first apply for regular unemployment insurance benefits. To apply, call 1-866-831-1724 or go to my-benefits.dew.sc.gov. The deadline for applying is 30 calendar days from the date that DEW announces the availability of DUA in the county. If the individual is found to be ineligible for UI benefits, a DEW representative will contact them directly and will assist with the DUA application.

Applications filed after the deadline will be considered untimely and DUA benefits may be denied unless the individual provides good cause for filing after that date. Applicants must submit their Social Security number, check stubs and other documentation to support the claim that they were working or self-employed when the disaster occurred.

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Carolina Canners expanding operations

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Carolina Canners Inc., an independent Pepsi bottler and production cooperative, hosted a ground breaking ceremony Tuesday, Oct. 25. Employees, business partners, state and local dignitaries manned golden shovels during groundbreaking ceremonies for Carolina Canners' \$45 million, 45,000-square-foot plant expansion last week in Cheraw.

Among the dignitaries present were S.C. Rep. Richie Yow, who presented certificates from the S.C. House of Representatives recognizing the employees of Carolina Canners and the Avant family.

"This company is one of

the reasons Chesterfield County is tied for 10th place in unemployment in the state," said Yow.

Also present was S.C. Sen. Vincent Sheheen.

"I've been to a lot of announcements, but this is the real deal because with Car-

olina Canners, the money stays here. Mark Avant and the team are home-brewed. We are ready to share a drink with you," said Sheheen, picking up a bottle of Pure Leaf tea.

"We are excited to move forward with this investment, which represents a true partnership between Carolina Canners and PepsiCo. For 48

years, the City of Cheraw, Chesterfield County and the State of South Carolina have provided a great business climate for us to operate and compete in, and we look forward to continuing this positive relationship for many years to come," said Carolina Canners CEO Jeff Stevens.

Expected to create 40 new jobs within the coming year, the new hot-fill manufacturing line will be used primarily to produce the Pepsi-Lipton Tea Partnership's fast-growing Pure Leaf, a premium iced tea brewed from real tea leaves.

"Pure Leaf is one of the

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fastest-selling products in our portfolio – so fast it's been hard to keep it on the shelf," said Pepsi-Lipton Tea Partnership Vice President and General Manager Emily Silver. "As supply has struggled to meet demand, this groundbreaking is a saving grace for Pure Leaf and genuine iced tea lovers in the Southeast. It's the quintessential win-win scenario: a win for the state of South Carolina, a win for local trade customers and consumers and a win for our expanding alliance with CCI."

Operating in Cheraw since County: Chesterfield

1968, Carolina Canners has expanded its South Carolina operations multiple times over the last 40 years. The facility specializes in bottle injection molding and features two bottle-filling production lines, two can-filling production lines and a fountain syrup production line. The company also serves as a joint purchasing agent for many of the region's Pepsi bottlers.

"We are very humbled and proud to be able to make this announcement. This event would not have been possible without many people at Carolina Canners, the Pepsi-Lip-

ton Tea Partnership, Gov. Nikki Haley and her staff, the S.C. Department of Commerce, Chesterfield County, the Town of Cheraw, the Department of Transportation, several utility companies and numerous others," said Carolina Canners board president Mark Avant.

"This is proof of what can happen when there is a collaborative effort on the part of business and government, as well as a progressive and pro-business climate like there is here in the great State of South Carolina. We hope that this is just the beginning of

many future ventures for Carolina Canners and for our affiliates," Avant continued.

Hiring for the new positions will begin in the second quarter of 2017, and those interested in joining the Carolina Canners team should visit the SC Works Web site.

"Carolina Canners is and always has been an asset to our community and its citizens. Chesterfield County thanks Carolina Canners for their confidence in our workforce, and we appreciate their continued investment and support," said Chesterfield County Economic Develop-

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ment Board Director Kim Burch.

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development has approved job development credits related to this project.

Carolina Cannery plans to host a ribbon cutting ceremony in May 2017 when the new line is officially up and running.



Joan Yates/Editor

Pictured from left, PepsiCo's Mario Mercurio and Emily Silver dig into new Pure Leaf capacity and partnership with Carolina Cannery's Mark Avent and Jeff Stevens.

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Haley to visit Lowcountry to discuss Hurricane Matthew

RIDGELAND (AP) — Gov. Nikki Haley is heading to the Lowcountry to talk about recovery from Hurricane Matthew. The governor's office said Haley will be in Ridgeland today as part of a relief event. The event is set from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Jasper County Farmers Market.

Federal, state and nonprofit organization officials will be available to

answer questions from residents of Beaufort, Jasper, Colleton and Hampton counties about helping families and businesses after the storm.

Those who visit the event can register for financial help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. They can also apply for disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

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Richland rec board won't release report

COLUMBIA (AP) — The Richland County Recreation Commission has refused Gov. Nikki Haley's request to turn over an internal report into possible sexual harassment by the commission's indicted former leader.

Haley requested the report and other documents earlier this month, saying she needs the information because she thinks she has the legal authority to follow a request from several Richland County lawmakers to remove five members of the board who supported ex-director James Brown III.

Brown resigned after he was indicted on a misconduct in office charge. Prosecutors say Brown tried to coerce female employees to have sex with him.

The commission turned over other documents requested by the governor, who asked for records about the hiring of relatives of Brown and an explanation of his \$40,000 raise.

But the internal harassment report has been contentious for months. The commission has given it to lawmakers, but refused requests from media outlets. Board members refused to give their reason for not turning over the report at a special meeting Thursday night, but later sent a statement saying the document wasn't going to be given to the governor because it is an issue in a lawsuit.

The commission planned to turn the other 500-or-so pages of information over to Haley on Friday.

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Staff reports
FORT MILL

A Fort Mill financial company will expand and add 175 jobs at its York County site.

South Carolina and York County officials announced Thursday that OneMain Holdings, which already has a location on Munn Road in Fort Mill near S.C. 160 and Interstate 77, has started hiring for new positions.

OneMain Holdings has a presence in 44 states

with more than 1,800 branches and 11,000 employees, a statement from state officials said.

Britt Blackwell, York County Council chairman, said in a statement that the county congratulates the company on its expansion and choice to make York County a home for its business.

"Their decision to expand here will create more diverse job opportunities

for our vibrant workforce," Blackwell said in a statement.

Gov. Nikki Haley also praised the expansion, saying South Carolina continues to work toward having the most competitive business environment and skilled workforce possible.

The area also is home to the Lash Group, which is adding 2,400 jobs to the area in its new headquarters.

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FLORENCE – Individuals who sustained recent storm damage in Florence County and three other Pee Dee counties now are eligible for federal assistance.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew, individuals in Darlington, Dillon and Williamsburg counties also can ask for aid from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, officials in S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley's office announced Monday night.

Individuals in 11 other counties also qualify for assistance. Those counties are Allendale, Barnberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Colleton, Dorchester, Georgetown, Hampton, Jasper, Lee and Sumter.

They join Marion and Orangeburg counties, which qualified for individual assistance last week.

Assistance can include money for temporary rental assistance and essential home repairs for primary homes, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help survivors recover from the effects of the disaster.

Survivors can register online at DisasterAssis-

tance.gov or by calling 800-621-3362. Disaster assistance applicants who are deaf or hard of hearing should call 800-462-7585 (TTY); those who use Video Relay Service can call 800-621-3362. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days per week until further notice.

The FEMA public assistance program is a reimbursement grant program. Typically, the federal share is 75 percent and the state or local governments pay the remaining 25 percent,

whereas eligible private nonprofit groups are responsible for the full 25 percent.

Last week Florence County was declared a disaster zone by President Barack Obama, but until Monday evening, it had not yet been approved for individual aid from FEMA.

"Damage assessment teams were here last week to get preliminary totals, so right now we just have to wait," said Andrew Golden, a spokesman for the Florence County Emergency Management Division.

Golden said the process

includes FEMA representatives assessing the county's damage and getting that information to S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley, who will send it to the president for approval.

At last check, Florence County officials said at least 29 homes were destroyed during Hurricane Matthew, 64 suffered major damage and 768 suffered minor damage. That total is more than \$12 million in damages.

Golden said that number will increase as more assessments are made.

"Those numbers were still going up, and we're not sure where it will stop," he said. "There still are flooded areas that haven't been assessed, because there's no way to access them because of flooding. As soon as we can access those areas, we'll continue to fill the numbers in."

Florence is one of 13 counties declared by President Obama as a disaster area for assistance to public service agencies. This means county and municipal governments will be eligible for federal assistance.

Morning News reporter Joshua Lloyd contributed to this report.

Title: **Haley visits Marion to aid hurricane Victims**

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Haley visits Marion to aid hurricane victims

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MARION—Gov. Nikki Haley met a large crowd gathered in the Marion County Administration Building on Friday for the first Team South Carolina Hurricane Matthew relief event.

"This is something we had to do," Haley said. "We had complete devastation in the area and I don't want people searching to go for what they don't know to find. I want to bring all of the resources to them. This is our way of bringing Team South Carolina to them."

The event serves as a one-stop shop where residents can find out about resources available to families and businesses to aid recovery. It includes a list of representatives from more than a dozen state and federal agencies along with nonprofit organizations to assist those in need after Hurricane Matthew.

Haley said the event covers a variety of needs including insurance claims, food, blankets and other supplies.

"What we're trying to do is give as much comfort as we can," Haley said. "I want them to know there is someone that can answer their questions."

Haley said the collective effort will continue. "I wish I had a miracle," she said. "What I can tell them is we're not going to leave them behind and do anything and everything we can possibly do."

Local officials are also at work. Sen. Kent Williams has been working with volunteers organizing the Marion County Recovery Team. "We're just very appreciative and have a

distribution center along with 15 care centers set up throughout the county, using our faith-based community," Williams said. "The response here is overwhelming and shows that people are in need. I just want to thank Team South Carolina for putting this together and working together to help victims across the Pee Dee."

Marion County Administrator Tim Harper said he was pleased that the governor decided to start in Marion County. "It's for our citizens and we're excited to have a good turnout and that people could be assisted in every way possible," Harper said.

Sellers Mayor Barbara Hopkins said residents are in serious need of help. "People lost their homes and more than 53 homes are devastated," she said. "The Sellers area got hit so bad. Even during the storm while I was helping flood victims get to the church, an electrical wire hit my house and burned it down. I have nothing but I thank God that I'm still here. My main objective is to help the people of Sellers get what they need."

Bonnie Scott and Deborah Briston of Mullins were among the crowd. Both had damage to their homes from the storm. "We need assistance on

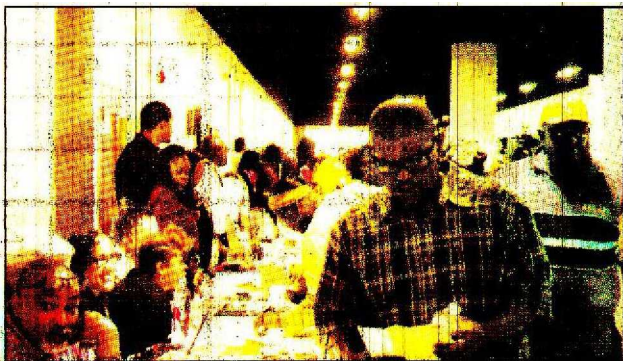
just about everything," Scott said. Briston said the loss of food, cars, flooding and property damage has residents looking for answers.

Team South Carolina included local high school students unloading supplies, local physicians providing a free health clinic, and volunteers distributing

Red Cross supply boxes.

Team South Carolina Pee Dee Day will also serve residents of Darlington, Dillon, and Florence counties.

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A crowd seeks assistance during Gov. Nikki Haley's Team South Carolina Marion County Day visit. More than a dozen different agencies, free health clinic and supplies were available at the Marion County Administration Building.



Marion County Department of Social Services staff are among the agencies helping visitors find assistance during the first Team South Carolina Hurricane Matthew relief event at the Marion County Administration Building.

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Mullins City Councilwoman Terry Davis talks with Gov. Nikki Haley during the first Team South Carolina Hurricane Matthew relief event at the Marion County Administration Building on Friday. Davis brought along Mullins High School JAG students to help unload Red Cross supplies to distribute to more than 1,200 residents.



Gov. Nikki Haley greets Mullins High School JAG students volunteering to help during the first Team South Carolina Hurricane Matthew relief event at the Marion County Administration Building on Oct. 28.

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**FACEBOOK FEEDBACK**

Our readers expressed their views through Facebook on topics featured last week in the *Jasper County Sun Times* and on our website.

Here are a few of their comments:

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Joyce EM Gerald: Thank you Governor Haley for coming to Jasper.

Title: **Governor's presence is a boost for Jasper**
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Governor's presence is a boost for Jasper

Gov. Nikki Haley is returning to Jasper County. It'll be good to see her again.

Haley's visit to Ridgeland on Wednesday for a Team South Carolina Hurricane Matthew information event is aimed to offer assistance for Lowcountry residents in Jasper, Beaufort, Colleton and Hampton counties, but it's encouraging that not only was Jasper chosen to host the event, but Gov. Haley is joining state and federal officials.

Her presence shows us that Jasper County remains on her radar. Gov. Haley was here in May to discuss the progress of Jasper's port, and local officials beamed over her continued endorsement.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew, many residents trying to recover have questions and seek help.

Lowcountry Day at the Farmers' Market offers myriad services, including opportunities to register with FEMA, apply for benefits and get help with insurance claims.

For one day Jasper is the hub for all storm-related questions, and we are pleased Gov. Haley has made it a priority to be part of the event.

Jasper County Council Chairman Marty Sauls cer-

tainly appreciates Haley. During the storm, Sauls said, the county worked close with the governor's office and he was pleased with the constant communication.

"She knew firsthand what our county was going through," said Sauls, who noted there's likely millions of dollars' worth of damage.

Continued communication is important, Sauls said.

He said County Council works hard to help the county grow and Gov. Haley's support is integral to Jasper's development.

"She knows Jasper County is growing and she has made a greater effort to work with Jasper County," Sauls said.

Visiting the county - a two-hour ride from Columbia - isn't a herculean effort, but it shows us that Gov. Haley doesn't consider Jasper an afterthought.

There are still hundreds of people in the Lowcountry who need post-storm assistance, and it's nice that those who seek help will also get a chance to greet the governor.

Sauls said healing from the hurricane gets a boost from Gov. Haley's visit.

"What a better way to do that than have the governor set up in the heart of Jasper County," Sauls said.

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Gov. Nikki Haley will be in Ridgeland on Wednesday for Lowcountry Day, where officials will be on hand to answer questions about help after Hurricane Matthew.

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Haley coming to Ridgeland event on hurricane relief

JCST STAFF REPORT

Help is on the way. As Jasper County and the rest of the Lowcountry recovers from Hurricane Matthew, Ridgeland is the site for an information-gathering event.

Gov. Nikki Haley will visit Ridgeland on Wednesday for a Team South Carolina Hurricane Matthew relief event, according to a news release.

Team South Carolina Lowcountry Day will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Jasper County's Farmers Market at

9935 South Jacob Smart Blvd. It will serve residents impacted by the storm from Jasper, Beaufort, Colleton and Hampton counties.

At the event, residents can find out about resources available to families and businesses to aid recovery.

The event will bring together representatives from state and federal

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agencies and nonprofit organizations to assist those in need in the wake of the storm.

"It's huge for her to be here," County Council Chairman Marty Sauls said. "Anytime you have the leader of the state helping, it speaks volumes about our relationship."

Sauls anticipates more than 1,000 people will participate.

At Team South Carolina Lowcountry Day, residents can:

- Register for financial assistance from FEMA
- Apply for disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration
- Learn more from FEMA about repairing and flood-proofing their homes
- Get more information about assistance for farmers with crop losses or damage from the U.S. Department

of Agriculture Farm Service Agency

- Apply for unemployment benefits from the state Department of Employment and Workforce

- Apply for food and financial assistance from the

state Department of Social Services

- Get information about mental health and other health care services from the state Department of Mental Health and the state Department of Health and Human Services

- Get help with insurance claims from the state Department of Insurance

- Receive a free kit to test well water from the state Department of Health and Environmental Control

- Receive a free tetanus shot from the state Department of Health and Environmental Control.