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Rain dissipates, but problems remain

WATER SCARCE

Broken water mains cause headaches for hospitals, shelters and residents

FATALITIES

At least five people died in vehicles found in flooded Columbia-area streets

DAM BREAKS

Pressure from flood waters continue to cause breaches in dams



DNR officer Brett Irvin and Lexington County Deputy Dan Rusinyak carry June Loch to dry land after she was rescued Monday from her home in the Pine Glen subdivision off of Tram Road in the St. Andrews area in northwest Columbia.

Canal dike breached; safe water sites set up

BY CLIF LEBLANC
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City employees are installing boulders as they work to repair a dike break at Columbia's downtown canal and water plant, while others are trying to find all the breaks in water lines that feed the capital city and rural Lower Richland in the aftermath of historic floods.

At least 12 water line breaks have been identified, but, "We're going to find a lot more than that," assistant city manager Missy Gentry said Monday.

City crews and private contractors are working on the dike and trying to isolate the number of breaks, she said. City officials would not



A car float in Gillis Creek near the Devine Street bridge on Monday.

INSIDE

Repairing damaged roads will cost millions and take months, 3A

Death toll rises, roads remain closed

BY ANDREW SHAIN
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As rains that caused the worst flood in Columbia in more than a century ended Monday, thousands of people in the Midlands lacked water and power, dozens of roads remained impassible and the death toll continued to rise.

At least five people, ranging in age from 24 to 78, died in vehicles found in flooded Columbia-area streets since Sunday, Richland County Coroner Gary Watts said.

Two of the victims were found Monday morning near Lake Katherine on Shady Lane and on Teague Road, near Sun View Lake. The other three victims were found

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SOUTH CAROLINA FLOODING

Flood worries rising

Obama OKs federal funding for 8 counties

11 dead, 100s rescued; long cleanup ahead

More than 500 state roads, bridges closed



A man makes his way through floodwaters Monday in the parking lot of The Citadel Beach Club on Isle of Palms.

BAC SMITH/AP

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A flood unlike any other in South Carolina history has killed 11 people and left scores homeless, but as Lowcountry rivers and creeks rose Monday, the threat was far from over.

Gov. Nikki Haley said after speaking with the president that she had asked the federal government to declare disaster areas of 11 counties, including the tri-county area that saw more than 26 inches of rainfall in spots during a four-day span. Late Monday, President Barack Obama approved eight counties, including Charleston and Dorchester, for federal funding.

The move speeds the flow of money to help displaced homeowners and local agencies scrambling to clear roads and keep the peace.

"We haven't seen this level of rain in the Lowcountry in 1,000 years," she said. "That's how big this is. That's what South Carolina is dealing with."

Even as the rain stopped Monday, people continued to flee their water-logged homes. More than 900 were staying at shelters statewide. Nearly 40,000 were left without running water. Schools were closed again in a

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BRAD NETTLES/STAFF

Jewel Daniel carries a neighbor's child as residents of Lakeview Drive in the Ashborough neighborhood in Summerville leave their flooded homes Monday.

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Swollen rivers to create hazards downstream

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The forecast calls for clearer skies, but the Lowcountry isn't out of the storm — at least not yet.

The threat of flooded rivers, impassable roads and inundated homes has increased in the days ahead due to

swelling waters in the Midlands.

"While it may not be raining in the Lowcountry, the rivers that are coming to the Lowcountry are still rising," warned John Shelton, chief of the hydraulic monitoring section for the S.C. office of the South Atlantic Water Science Center.

At least 15 rivers and creeks across

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'Once in a thousand years'

BY DAVID SLADE
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South Carolina's record-smashing days of rain created a 1,000-year flood event that scientists may be studying for years, caused by a confluence of weather events.

Some parts of the Charleston area

received twice as much rain as Hurricane Hugo dropped in 1989, though mercifully without hurricane winds or a storm surge.

Tropical moisture from Hurricane Joaquin and a second storm system was squeezed by two conflicting

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United Way

Tri-County Flood Recovery Fund

Trident United Way, in partnership with The Post and Courier, has launched the Tri-County Flood Recovery Fund. You can donate as little as \$10 by texting FLOOD to 27722. For more information, see **A7**.



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Charleston Deals today

Footlight Players
\$35 for two tickets to
Hay Fever (\$60 value).
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RESCUE AND RECOVERY

'A CATASTROPHE OF INCREDIBLE PROPORTION'



Lee Burton, right, owner of a small bookstore inside the Webb Rawls Gallery in the Forest Acres area in Columbia, makes his way to a side door to survey the damage inside his completely flooded store on Monday. "I lost a lot of historic South Carolina books in there," he said.

Columbia residents pick up the pieces

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Resilient Columbia residents returned to their homes and businesses Monday to pick up what was left after historic floods swept through Saturday and Sunday.

Cheryl Stevenson had waded through waist-high water in the dark early Sunday morning to escape her quickly flooding duplex on the bank of a creek in the Forest Acres community.

Monday, she opened the front door to find her furniture rearranged like jigsaw puzzle pieces. She stepped through the front door onto soggy, muddy carpet and looked at the 4-foot-high water line. Pictures ruined. Furniture destroyed. Everything caked in mud.

"Don't ever underestimate the power of the good Lord," she said. "Don't ever underestimate the power of water. It's nothing to play with."

Across the river, shards of broken garden pots and empty wooden structures were all that was left of what was Forest

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Cheryl Stevenson, a homeowner in the Forest Acres area of Columbia, stands in her flood-soaked bedroom on Monday. Along with family members, Stevenson worked to remove everything she could that was salvageable.

Deadly storm system prompts presidential disaster declaration

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COLUMBIA — President Barack Obama has declared portions of South Carolina a major disaster area in the wake of a storm system that dumped historic levels of rain from the coast to the Midlands, killing nine people and leaving a large swath of South Carolina damaged.

The president's action, which had been sought by the state, makes federal funding available to affected individuals or government agencies in the counties of Berkeley, Charleston, Clarendon, Dorchester, Georgetown, Horry, Lexington, Orangeburg, Richland, Sumter and Williamsburg.

The declaration came Monday as rescues and evacuations continued and heavy rains eased. One area of Columbia was evacuated Monday afternoon following a dam failure that caused flash flood warnings for the Forest Acres community. Several other dams in Columbia were at risk of breaching, officials said.

"My whole district is basically under water right now," state Sen. Joel Lourie said minutes after the dam broke. "There are 22 acres of water going downstream again into the Forest Lake, Lake Katherine area, which was already overrun. It is a catastrophe of incredible proportion at this point."

Officials also Monday began what they said would be a lengthy process of assessing statewide damage from the storm.

Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin estimated damage in his city alone at more than \$1 billion, and that was before the latest dam break.

Lourie told *The Greenville News* that the damage to the state's infrastructure continues to mount.

"I think we clearly had an infrastructure challenge two days ago," he said. "We are at a crisis point at this date and I think it is going to take billions of dollars of resources just to bring us back to where we were, which was not a very good place to start with."

Flood warnings remained in effect for the Midlands into Monday night, and other Columbia neighborhoods

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Seneca officer had resigned month before fatal shooting

But Tiller rescinded his intent, stayed with department

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The Seneca police officer who shot and killed unarmed teen Zachary Ham-

confirmed Lt. Mark Tiller sent in his resignation letter in early June but said the officer rescinded his intent within the three-week time frame allowed, meaning he never left the department.

the letter, he said, and he declined comment on why Tiller decided not to leave the department.

Neither Tiller nor Covington could be reached for additional comment. Tiller is on administrative leave pending the outcome of investigations by the State Law Enforcement Division and federal

went wrong July 26 outside of a Hardee's restaurant. Named as defendants are Tiller, Covington and the Seneca Police Department.

The resignation disclosure was contained in the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Anderson.

Tiller has said he fired in self-de-



Heisman winner George Rogers at Greenwood
Touchdown Club Sports 1B

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'Fire hose' of moisture slams S.C.



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Residents observe rising floodwaters along the Black River Swamp on Monday in Kingstree, S.C. An inundated South Carolina turned Monday to surveying a statewide road system torn apart by historic flooding and going door-to-door to check on people in swamped neighborhoods.

By SEANNA ADCOX
and JEFFREY COLLINS
Associated Press

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ricane that devastated Charleston. "We didn't see this level of erosion in Hugo. ... This water doesn't fool around."

Much-feared Hurricane Joaquin missed the East Coast, but fueled what experts at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration called a "fire hose" of tropical moisture that aimed directly at the state. A solid week of rainfall killed at least 12 people, sent about 1,000 to shelters and left about 40,000 without drinkable water.

One of latest to die was McArthur Woods, 56, who drove around a barricade and drowned Sunday night. His passenger managed to climb on top of the sedan, which stalled in the

rushing water. A firefighter rescued her after someone heard her screams. "She came out the window. How she got on top of the car and stayed there like she did with that water—there's a good Lord," Kershaw County Coroner David West said.

By Monday, the heaviest rains had moved into the mid-Atlantic states. Along the Jersey Shore, some beaches devastated by Superstorm Sandy three years ago lost most of their sand to the wind, rain and high surf.

South Carolina authorities mostly switched Monday from search and rescue into "assessment and recovery mode," but Gov. Nikki Haley warned citizens to remain careful as a

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CLEANING UP THE STORM

Flooding leaves residents shaken

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Greenwood County Fire Coordinator Steve Holmes said it was the "definition of a flash flood."

"Two hours before it started I drove by Wilson Creek and everything was fine," he said.

When he returned to the neighborhood, it was to begin evacuating and rescuing residents from flood waters, he said.

Some homes were faced with 4 feet of rushing water from the nearby creek, he said.

"We told everybody what we were going to do and to gather their essentials, because they had to get out," he said.

Julio Delgado, 21, lives in the neighborhood with his mother, Rafaela Martinez and his sister, Citlalli Martinez.

"I was asleep when the firemen came knocking," he said. "My sister woke me up and said there was a flood."

"Everything the fire department said helped calm us down and keep us from panicking," said Citlalli Martinez, 28. "They were very professional."

It wasn't long after the residents were informed of the danger that the rescue teams began separating them by a river-like stream, Holmes said.

"Firemen had to carry and walk people through the water," he said. "The only vehicles that could get across the water were four-wheel drive trucks with diesel engines, he said."

A Ford F-550 used in the rescue had water halfway up the doors, he said.

"I was just amazed by how wonderful



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Residents in the Wilson Creek neighborhood faced flood waters as high as four feet Sunday morning, when rain overflowed the nearby creek, said Emergency Medical Services Director Derek Kinney.



SUBMITTED

Much of a paved private drive at the edge of Abbeville County near Honea Path was damaged during the weekend weather coming from Hurricane Joaquin.

How to report damage

Greenwood and Abbeville counties are in the early stages of damage assessment from the recent storm. If you sustained damage to your residence, business or rental property from the storm, call 864-942-8553 in Greenwood County and 864-366-2400 ext. 2230 in Abbeville County.



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A one-lane bridge on Secession Street Extension in Abbeville County was under Long Cane Creek during the heavy rainfall over the weekend from Hurricane Joaquin.

Area teams assess damage

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As rains are no longer sweeping through the area, damage assessment teams began their sweep through Greenwood County on Monday.

Documenting storm damages and locations and identifying affected

people, the teams started assessing areas where damage was reported and making general sweeps of unreported areas, according to Greenwood County Manager Toby Chappell.

Chappell said the teams will take as long as necessary to assess the county.

"From what we know now, we

Some damage may not be covered

By MARY KATE MCGOWAN
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State Farm Insurance agent Frank Coyle said he took the first claim call at 1:30 a.m. Sunday after a tree fell on a customer's garage.

Taking calls at home throughout the weekend, Coyle said he was surprised by the small number of claims filed Monday relative to storm damage. With about four auto claims and 10 homeowner claims resulting from fallen trees, he said most people have called him about water damage, which he cannot help much with as flood insurance and homeowner insurance are different things.

Renters policy is the same as homeowners' policy, minus coverage for the house, according to Coyle. If someone rents a property and their belongings are flooded, their renters insurance policy will not cover the flood damages.

"You buy insurance to protect you from the worst thing that could happen," Coyle said. "This weekend, we learned that sometimes it actually does happen."

Another Greenwood insurance agent was also surprised about the low number of claims filed Monday.

Steve Wall, Nationwide Insurance agent, said he has about 12 water-related claims resulting from falling trees.

"Right now they're just trying to get their lives back together, and they haven't bothered with filing the insurance claim yet," he said.

As the storm begins to clear, the damage is more evident.

When inspecting property for damage, Wall said people need to speak with their insurance agents before filing a claim. This will help

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Edisto overflows at Aiken County line



STAFF PHOTO BY DERREK ASBERRY

Several inches of Norman Courtney's house, right across the Lexington County line on Highway 113, are under water due to runoff from the Edisto River.

Local roads damaged during historic floods

BY DERREK ASBERRY
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Less than a quarter of a mile from the Aiken County line, Lexington County resident Norman Courtney said it would take a boat to get to his front door because of the 14 inches of water surrounding his house.

The bottom of the house, located just a few yards away from North Edisto Bridge on Highway 113, is sitting in runoff water from the northern part of the Edisto River. On his property right next to the large pool of water, Courtney was surrounded by his family Monday morning as they spoke about the next steps. Courtney said he'll be staying with family for a while.

Courtney said he's been living at the same location for 15 years and that he's never seen anything this bad.

"I had hopes of it not getting this bad up until about 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon. At that point, I could tell

it wasn't getting any better; and last night, around 9:30, I had to leave because it got worse," he said.

Courtney is one of several residents in the area and hundreds of thousands across the state impacted by the weekend flooding.

After President Barack Obama validated S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley's state of emergency declaration Saturday, the Palmetto State suffered historic flooding numbers.

Monday reports confirmed 10 weather-related deaths and at least 10 counties or municipalities that have declared states of emergency with many imposing overnight curfews.

The City of Aiken has seen less than 5 inches of rain, but the more rural areas of the county leading up to the Lexington line have not been as fortunate.

More on the Edisto

Courtney's inch-count is consistent with the rest of the Wagener area, according to Aiken County Councilwoman Kathy Rawls.

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STAFF PHOTO BY DERREK ASBERRY

Lexington County resident Norman Courtney looked out at his house after flooding covered the bottom portion of it. Courtney's house is about a quarter of a mile from the Aiken County line.



PHOTOS

For more photos of flooding throughout Aiken County visit aikenstandard.com/photos

SCHOOLS CLOSED

Aiken County schools to remain closed today. 2A

ROADS CLOSED

Several Aiken County roads remain closed. 8A

POWER OUTAGES

Almost no power outages reported in Aiken County. 9A

CRIME WATCH

Price gouging a concern for flood victims. 3A

HELPING VICTIMS

FOIAS accepting donations for flood victims, pets. 3A

LANGLEY DAM

Langley Dam remains intact despite heavy rains. 2A



JASON LEE/THE SUN NEWS VIA AP

Jerry Hardy and his wife Tracey evacuate their family from floodwaters on Waccamaw Drive near Conway on Monday.

'Fire hose' of moisture slams S.C.

BY SEANNA ADCOX AND JEFFREY COLLINS
Associated Press

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President Barack Obama has signed a disaster declaration, ordering federal aid to help recovery efforts in South Carolina.

The president's action on Monday makes federal funding available to people in Charleston, Dorchester, Georgetown, Horry, Lexington, Orangeburg, Richland and Williamsburg counties.

Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the flooding.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency said damage surveys are continuing in other areas, and additional counties may be designated for assistance after the assessments are fully completed.

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AREA DEATHS

Betty Gill Eubanks, Graniteville
Brian C. Snipes, Aiken
Cornell Hall, Lexington
Stanley Bernard "Bo-Bo" Bing, Aiken
Deaths and Funerals, 6A

WEATHER

Locals assist flood victims in Columbia



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOEY PATSOURAKOS

BY DEDE BILES
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Sunday was not a day of rest for Aiken resident Joey Patsourakos and his stepson, Dalton Martin. From around 9 a.m. until after sunset, they were in Columbia helping rescue people who were trapped in their homes because of flooding and providing other assistance.

2500 truck.

"The current was so strong it was almost like we were in white-water rapids, and it was slamming our boat into trees," Patsourakos said. "Transformers on tops of poles were exploding. It felt like a war zone."

Patsourakos decided to go to Columbia after reading a Facebook post by a friend about some missing trucks whose boxes were surrounded by



SPORTS

ACES IN SPOTLIGHT AS PLAYOFFS SET

The MLB postseason field is set. The Astros and Yankees and Cubs and Pirates start off the action as they play in the wild card games Tuesday and Wednesday. **1B**



SPORTS

EDWARDS MAKES SHRINE BOWL ROSTER

Conway receiver and South Carolina recruit Bryan Edwards was the lone area player selected for the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas on Monday. **1B**

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Alex Scroggins stops to help rescue a dog left behind in a flooded home on Waccamaw Drive in Conway.

HURRICANE JOAQUIN

Horry assessing damage in wake of storm, floods

Horry County Schools and Georgetown County schools closed Tuesday

About 16 people were staying at shelters provided by Horry County

Schools, government offices, businesses and roads are closed due to flooding

BY MAYA T. PRAHBU
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Horry County officials will spend the next few days assessing the damage to hundreds of homes, buildings and roads and begin cleanup after a drenching storm dropped as much as 24 inches of rain on the area over the weekend.

Damage could worsen for those who live along the Wacca-

maw River in Conway, as forecasters expect the river to crest as high as 15.9 feet. The flood state for Waccamaw River is 11 feet.

Horry County spokeswoman Lisa Bourcier said police, fire and rescue officials were on the streets Monday to double check roads that had been closed to see what the damage had been and if they could be reopened.

Road damage and flooding along portions of major roads

such as U.S. 501, Grissom Parkway and U.S. 701 caused Horry County Schools and Georgetown County Schools to cancel classes Tuesday.

Many areas of Horry County got total weekend rainfall in the double digits, ranging from 8.92 inches measured in Galivants Ferry as of 8 a.m. Monday to Longs being measured at 23.74 inches as of 10:15 a.m. Monday.

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Disastrous flooding on the Waccamaw predicted to strike Friday

BY AUDREY HUDSON
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Torrential rains that wreaked havoc across Horry County began to recede Monday, but for

dicted to swamp riverbanks and invade homes by Friday.

A vacant field above the landing materialized into a parking lot filled with cars Sunday night — a timely move as water blocked the road by Monday

flooded streets to reach their cars and make scheduled doctor appointments, last-minute grocery store runs, or to haul in supplies for livestock.

Kia Ford has a horse trailer ready for a speedy exit with her pony "Angel" out of Lees Landing if the predictions for a 15-foot crest of the Waccamaw River on Friday hold true.

It's only been two years since the last flood caused devastation in this low-lying area and many residents

EDITOR'S NOTE

We are enacting early deadlines again for the Tuesday print edition so carriers can make deliveries if road conditions are safe. They also will deliver any missed Monday editions.

You can find all the latest coverage at MyrtleBeachOnline.com. Access to that content and all other news will be free for the rest of the week so all residents can stay up-to-date on how to stay safe.



COASTAL CAROLINA LOCAL FAVORITE NOW A KING

On Saturday, George "Chip" Mullen took home two memories. He watched his beloved Coastal Carolina University take down Alabama A&M 55-0, all while wearing his homecoming king crown. **3A**



LOCAL S.C.'S SCOTT PLAYS ROLE WITH FORUMS

South Carolina's Tim Scott won't sit idly by as the GOP looks to name its candidate. The senator has orchestrated several forums with GOP candidates vying for the party's nomination. **3A**



LOCAL NAMES STILL SECRET IN POLICE SHOOTING

Nearly three years after Gregory McDaniel was shot twice, losing a kidney, during a police drug raid on a South Carolina home where he was sleeping, he still doesn't



STUDENTS LEARN WHAT TO DO IN A FIRE

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AREA PLAYERS MAKE SHRINE BOWL ROSTER

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'A HUGO-LEVEL EVENT'

SOUTH CAROLINA SLAMMED

LOCAL

Sheriff: Columbia area desperately needs bottled water

Spartanburg County Sheriff Chuck Wright is asking residents to donate bottled water that is desperately needed in the flood-ravaged Midlands. The Sheriff's Office early Monday delivered about 7,000 bottles of water in a 26-foot truck to the Lexington County Law Enforcement Center to help residents who have no drinking water because of the flood. It was gone in two hours. Beginning immediately, residents can drop off bottled water at the Sheriff's Office, 8045 Howard St., Spartanburg. See related coverage on A6

STATE



Suspect hasn't been told who shot him

It's been nearly three years since Gregory McDaniel was shot twice, losing a kidney, during a police drug raid on a Fairfield County home where he was sleeping. But no one will tell McDaniel who shot him. C1

BUSINESS



BOTTOM LEFT: Floodwaters break through a walkway in Columbia on Monday. After a week of steady rain, the showers tapered off Monday and an inundated South Carolina turned to surveying a road system shredded by historic flooding. **CHUCK BURTON/AP** **BOTTOM RIGHT:** A kayaker makes her way through floodwaters on Sullivan's Island, Monday. The Charleston and surrounding areas are still struggling with floodwaters due to a slow moving storm system. **MIC SMITH/ASSOCIATED PRESS** **TOP:** Jeanni Adame rides in her boat as she checks on neighbor Tara Saracina to see whether she wants to evacuate in the Ashborough subdivision near Summerville on Monday. **MIC SMITH/ASSOCIATED PRESS**

'Fire hose' of moisture drenches state

By Seanna Adcox
and Jeffrey Collins
The Associated Press

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Much-feared Hurricane Joaquin missed the

Spartanburg drying out while flooding persists elsewhere

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Spartanburg County is drying out after several days

of Emergency Management. The few remaining safety concerns relate to falling trees since the National Weather Service issued a

the Sumter ITEM

Once in a millennium

Historic flooding decimates tri-county area

WATER ADVISORY

City of Sumter asks all customers to boil water before drinking.

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SHELTERS OPEN

Birmie HOPE Center and Sumter High School are open if you need to relocate.

A2

BE CAREFUL OUT THERE

Bridge collapses on Whites Mill Pond on U.S. 15; SCDOT is re-routing traffic.

A3

THROUGH YOUR EYES

See reader-submitted photos from the vast rainstorm.

A9



Residents of Golfair Court paddle through the neighborhood Monday morning. The public is being advised to stay home if at all possible, and according to local officials, a 7 p.m.

KEITH GEDAMKE / THE SUMTER ITEM



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Morning News

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Partly sunny and warmer.
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Parts of a residential backyard washed away and formed a stream as waters rose early Monday near the Oakdale community in Florence.



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PHOTOS BY JOSHUA LLOYD/MORNING NEWS

Yards along the waterfront at Forest Lake in Florence flooded after the lake's level rose overnight Sunday.

Floods damage property, force residents to evacuate

BY JOSHUA LLOYD
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FLORENCE — Residents along some of the Pee Dee's waterways are no strangers to rising waters brought on by periods of heavy rain. This weekend, however, record rainfall in a matter of only three days forced many people from their homes and caused

seemingly insurmountable property damage.

Larry Jackson has lived on Black Creek for more than 20 years. His home on East Black Creek Road now sits in 12 feet of flowing water.

"I lost almost everything, and I really don't know what to do next," Jackson said. "My truck, my house, my garage and everything

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CLOSINGS AND DELAYS

» For a complete list of school, daycare, government, business and PDRTA closings and delays, see **PAGE 5A**.

PEE DEE RAINFALL TOTALS

Between midnight Friday and 8 a.m. Monday.

Inches	Where
22	Kingstree
17	Effingham
16	Hemingway
14	5 miles west of Florence
13	7 miles south/southwest of Darlington
9	1 mile west of Darlington

Pee Dee withstands a watershed event

BY MATTHEW ROBERTSON
Morning News
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FLORENCE — Historic rains have passed, but the water associated with them might linger throughout the week as waterlogged soil throughout the Pee Dee drains and waters upstream pass through on their way to the Atlantic Ocean.

The weather forecast today calls for a 20 percent chance of rain, and sunny skies are expected Wednesday, with high temperatures both days in the 70s — a change from heavy rains

from Friday through Monday.

National Weather Service observers reported rainfall totals between midnight Friday and 8 a.m. Monday of 14 inches five miles west of Florence; almost 18 inches at Effingham; 13 inches seven miles south-southwest of Darlington; nine inches one mile west of Darlington; more than 22 inches at three areas around Kingstree and almost 17 inches at Hemingway.

Areas less affected by the rain included Bennettsville with readings

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House of Hope of the Pee Dee to hold Mother-Son Dance

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FLORENCE — House of Hope

"It's a great bonding experience,"

The dance will be held from 7-10 p.m. at St. John's Church in Florence. Generally, the oldest boys who attend the event are 12

"We'll have a popcorn bar, a s'mores bar and hot chocolate bar," Knight said. "There will also be carnival games."

The carnival games will be held

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"All proceeds go to House of Hope," Knight said. "We daily

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SOUTH CAROLINA FLOODING

THOUSANDS WITHOUT DRINKABLE WATER



The Associated Press

Jerry Hardy and his wife Tracey evacuate their family from floodwaters near Conway on Monday. As showers tapered off Monday, the governor warned communities downstream, near the low-lying coast, that they may still see rising water and to be prepared for more evacuations.

‘Fire hose’ of moisture slams SC; at least 12 people killed

By SEANNA ADCOX and JEFFREY COLLINS
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — People across South Carolina got an object lesson Monday in how you can dodge a hurricane and still get hammered.

Authorities struggled to get water to communities swamped by it, and with waterlogged dams overflowing, bridges collapsing, hundreds of roads inundated and floodwaters rolling down to the coast, the state was anything but done with this disaster.

“This is a Hugo-level event,” said Maj. Gen. Robert Livingston, head of the South Carolina

National Guard, referring to the September 1989 hurricane that devastated Charleston. “We didn’t see this level of erosion in Hugo. ... This water doesn’t fool around.”

Much-feared Hurricane Joaquin missed the East Coast, but fueled what experts at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration called a “fire hose” of tropical moisture that aimed directly at the state. A solid week of rainfall killed at least 12 people, sent about 1,000 to shelters and left about 40,000 without drinkable water.

One of the latest to die was McArthur Woods,

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56, who drove around a barricade and drowned Sunday night. His passenger managed to climb on top of the sedan, which stalled in the rushing water. A firefighter rescued her after someone heard her screams.

“She came out the window. How she got on top of the car and stayed there like she did with

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