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Customer service company Morley is opening a new facility in Greenville County and adding 270 new jobs, Gov. Nikki Haley's office announced last week.

The new customer contact center and jobs will be part of a \$1.7 million investment on Brookfield Parkway in a new 25,000 square foot facility. Morley provides customer service to outside clients, including Fortune 500 companies.

The facility's address is in Greenville, but it will actually be in the city of Mauldin, according to a press release.

"The City of Mauldin is extremely pleased to welcome Morley to our community along with their \$1.7 million investment and the addition of 270 high-tech jobs," said Mauldin Mayor Dennis Raines in the release.

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## TRAPPED

# Rescue crews save Loris man trapped in hole

■ A man was saved after spending more than five hours trapped in a hole on private property off Red Bluff Road in Loris on Monday night. He was flown to an area hospital by helicopter.

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A man was flown to the hospital by helicopter Monday night after rescue crews spent more than five hours freeing him from a 10-foot deep hole in the ground in Loris.

Horry County Fire Rescue was called about 5:30 p.m.

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Public Works, North Myrtle Beach Fire and Myrtle Beach Fire departments, worked to free him.

A medical helicopter was provided from Whiteville, N.C., for a flight to Grand Strand Medical Center. The man was in stable condition when he was flown and was cared for while crews worked to free him, Gibbins said.

He was treated for dehydration and was at risk for a condition called “compartment syndrome” – a dangerous and potentially deadly condition that can result when parts of the body are

Monday to a property off Red Bluff Road just outside the Loris area after the injured man’s family called first responders, according to Assistant Chief Justin Gibbins with Horry County Fire Rescue.

The man was using a

tractor to dig a hole on private property, and Gibbins said the man got into the hole for an unknown reason and became stuck when unstable soil caved in on him.

“The wall of the hole fell in on him, trapping him,”

said Gibbins.

The man was trapped for about five hours as more than 50 rescue personnel members, including crews from HCFR, Horry County

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deprived of normal blood flow, Gibbins said.

The rescue process was a labor-intensive one that required trench panels being put in place and safety measures to be taken before the man could be dug out by hand, Gibbins said.

Crews used a vacuum truck provided by Horry County Public Works that’s typically used for cleaning out storm drains, pumps to drain the dangerous groundwater flooding the hole, and shovels and buckets to dig out the mounds of mud and remove it from the area for

the man who was buried up to his chest in mud and up to his chin in ground water, Gibbins said.

Only certain rescuers were allowed in the hole with the man because 40 hours of extra training must be done to certify a person to aid in a trench rescue, and the qualified rescuer must also complete eight

hours of re-certification to keep up their training on the rare-type of rescue, authorities said.

Gibbins said there were rescuers on scene who had gone through five years of re-certification who had

never used their training before Monday night when they saved a man’s life.

There are trenches all over Horry County, typically worked around by professional crews, said Gibbins; and it’s seldom that someone becomes endangered in a situation involving a hole or trench, but crews must be trained to save a life when someone does need this rare type of rescue.

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■ A state budget board approved the school's \$32 million plan to expand its football stadium, ignoring a panel's claim the project is too expensive. The stadium's seating capacity will increase for CCU's move to the Football Bowl Subdivision.

BY JAMIE SELF

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COLUMBIA

A state budget board approved Coastal Carolina University's \$32 million plan to expand its football stadium, ignoring a higher educa-

tion panel's rejection of the project as too expensive.

The S.C. Fiscal Accountability Authority approved the project in a

3-2 vote Tuesday with support from the state's chief budget writers in the House and Senate and the state's top accountant.

Gov. Nikki Haley and S.C. Treasurer Curtis Loftis opposed the project, saying the S.C. Commission on Higher Education had rejected proposals for Brooks Stadium four times.

"If you override CHE (the Commission on Higher Education) today, then why have it?" Haley asked, adding that the move would set a dangerous precedent for

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## STADIUM

other universities and colleges looking to move forward on building projects without the commission's support.

The stadium expansion is necessary for Coastal Carolina's football program to move up from the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (previously Division I-AA) to the Football Bowl Subdivision (previously I-A).

Approving the stadium project - which will increase seating capacity to 20,700 in support of the university's move from the Big South Conference to the larger Sun Belt Conference - would send a message to colleges and universities that they can lobby lawmakers directly for support of projects and ignore the commission's decisions, giving "every university the ability to say the CHE

doesn't matter," she said.

"How will you ever be able to say that you're con-

servative, accountable in any way setting standards for higher education?"

Earlier this year, state lawmakers approved Coastal's stadium project in the state budget and also exempted the Conway university from getting required approval from the S.C. Commission on Higher Education.

Haley vetoed the bill, but lawmakers overrode it.

"From the beginning we've been confident in our plan and the track record of this university," CCU athletic director Matt Hogue said. "Did we have to maybe change our game plan? Sure. But we were confident in our plan all along and we're pleased we were able to get to the finish line."

Approval of the \$32 mil-

lion plan doesn't grant the university state funding, but as a public university it must receive state consent. The project will be funded largely with bonds. Hogue said the bond amount will be nearly \$23 million and will be paid back by the university over 25 years. The total financing plan takes into account other sources including Chanticleer Athletic Foundation contributions, athletic department revenue and donations.

Haley said the commission had recently shifted its focus to provide more of a watchdog role over college and university spending. That role would be undercut if lawmakers approved the project despite the commission having rejected it.

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Brian White, R-Anderson, disagreed Tuesday, joining S.C. Comptroller General Richard Eckstrom in pushing the project to approval.

White applauded the commission's efforts to watchdog higher education projects, but said that the project was vetted by and won approval from the Joint Bond Review Committee - another state spending board that must approve construction projects.

Eckstrom said the stadium has been a longtime goal for the school, which has made great strides in establishing itself as a sustainable, thriving university.

Brooks Stadium currently accommodates 9,214 fans and was designed to grow with the football program.

It opened for CCU's inaugural home game in 2003 with 6,408 seats. Nearly

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1,000 seats were added prior to the 2006 season, and another 1,600 were added behind the north end zone in 2010.

The need to expand Brooks Stadium is tied to the Chants' move to the Sun Belt and FBS. The football program will debut in the Sun Belt in 2017 and become a fully-eligible FBS member in 2018, and the NCAA requires FBS teams to maintain an average paid attendance of 15,000 per home game at least once every two years.

CCU has additional institutional requirements to

reach the FBS level, and according to NCAA Bylaw 20.9.9.5.1, failure to comply with any FBS requirements twice in a 10-year period would result in restricted membership and a ban of at least one year from postseason football.

"We wouldn't be allowed in FBS ultimately [without the expansion]," CCU head football coach Joe Moglia said. "In two or three years if we never got that stadium built, that would be an issue."

Coastal Carolina and the Chanticleer Athletic Foundation have been raising

private funds for the project for the past few months, with several six-figure gifts, according to CCU president Dave DeCenzo.

The Chants already had a pledge from the CAF for a \$2 million contribution upon completion of the construction with annual contributions of \$500,000 from the CAF and \$200,000 from athletic department revenue over the life of the bonds that will provide the upfront funding.

"We can get back to our planning and ultimately

bidding the contracts," Hogue said. "That's the next

step. This was the last filter. I think everybody is excited and energized to get back to our plans for expansion."

The expansion will not likely be completed until sometime after the 2017 football season. Hogue said temporary seating structures could be erected if needed in the meantime.

"The timeline is undetermined until we can get a contractor hired," Hogue said. "Obviously we want to get everything done as fast as we can."

*The Sun News reporter Alan Blondin contributed to this article.*

### S.C. D-I stadium comparison

School	Stadium name	Built	Last expansion	Capacity
Clemson	Memorial Stadium	1942	2006	81,500
South Carolina	Williams-Brice Stadium	1934	1997	80,250
Wofford	Gibbs Stadium	1996	N/A	13,000
Furman	Paladin Stadium	1981	1985	16,000
Coastal Carolina	Brooks Stadium	2003	set for 2017	9,214 (21,000 in expansion)
Presbyterian	Bailey Memorial Stadium	2002	N/A	6,500



RANDALL HILL For The Sun News

CCU players, seen standing along the sideline during the annual spring scrimmage game at Brooks Stadium in Conway, will see changes to their stadium in the coming year. Expansion will bring more seats for fans, too.

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The letter was signed by the presidents of Bob Jones University, Columbia International University, Charleston Southern University, North Greenville University,

Ersine College and Seminary, Southern Wesleyan University, and Anderson University.

Haley said she appreciated their input.

“South Carolina has a proud tradition of upholding religious freedom,”

she said in a response provided to The Associated Press. “I look forward to working with the universities to make sure we continue to honor that tradition.”

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# Haley to stump for North Carolina's embattled governor

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Facing a tough re-election challenge, North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory will get some help on the campaign trail this week from his neighbor to the south.

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley will attend a fundraiser Thursday for McCrory in Fayetteville, Haley's office said.

Aligning himself with Haley could help McCrory, who has slid behind N.C. Attorney General Ray Cooper, his Democratic challenger, in the polls.

N.C. Democrats hope to win over voters who are

upset about a new state law that requires transgender people to use the bathroom of their birth sex.

The law does not apply to private businesses, said a spokesman for McCrory, who signed the controversial legislation known as HB2.

Haley rejected a similar proposal in South Carolina, saying it was unnecessary.

N.C. Democrats also are banking on GOP disillusionment with Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump to help them in down-ballot contests against Republicans,

including McCrory.

Haley has criticized Trump repeatedly, including during her nationally televised GOP response to President Obama's January State of the Union address.

Haley enjoyed a rising national profile and popularity after she pushed to remove the Confederate flag last summer from the State House grounds in the wake of the massacre of nine African-Americans in a Charleston church.

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## Legislators to review SC's 'outdated' tax code

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S.C. legislators will review state tax laws, including whether to propose changes in the taxes paid by residents.

The 14-member panel will look at the state's income, sales and property taxes.

"Our outdated tax code needs a dramatic transformation in order to promote economic competitiveness and increase the size of our citizens' paychecks," S.C. House Speaker Jay Lucas, R-Darlington, said in a statement.

A broader, flatter tax code would spur job growth and provide greater opportunities for S.C. families, Lucas said.

Many, including S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley, criticize South Carolina's top income tax bracket — 7

percent — as being too high. However, because of the state's income tax exemptions, most S.C. residents end up paying lower income taxes than residents of neighboring states.

The study committee is to report its findings before the start of the January legislative session.

S.C. taxes have been studied repeatedly.

In 2010, for example, a commission recommended repealing, amending or modifying more than 60 of the state's 80-plus tax exemptions, which cut state revenues by \$3 billion a year. Legislators never acted on those recommendations.

S.C. House Speaker Pro Tempore Tommy Pope, R-York, will chair the committee.

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