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SOUTH CAROLINA-DR-4241

10/24/15

Morning

Issues:

- None.

Summary:

- Governor says in AP interview she can't know how recovery will be paid for until the damage estimate; will keep a promise to repair everything that broke or washed away, but needs to know the bill and how FEMA will pay before figuring out how the state will find the money.
- FEMA spokesman discusses with WBTW how Florence County claimants can re-apply
- FEMA will help survivors at Kingstree and Timmonsville
- Nearly 200 Guardsmen still on duty post-flood.
- DHEC urges public take steps against mosquito breeding
- Free tetanus shots this weekend for anyone wanting updated vaccine
- Many volunteer groups still in the state, including Jewish organization and Red Cross centers
- WLTX interviews frustrated renters who have questions about their rights after their homes were damaged by the flood. Lawyer says they have the right to move out despite lease
- Shore area preparing for new round of potentially destructive king tides this coming week. "You should accept that it could all be gone."
- Berkeley County Animal shelter official blames FEMA in part for being overwhelmed with animals and lack of resources
- Veterinarians report more cases of parasite infections since flood
- Georgetown County school children exhibiting signs of skin infections from floodwaters
- Restoration expert advises about mold remediation, explaining bleach is not the proper cleaner
- Charleston CBS station has headline saying churches "turned away by FEMA," but with FEMA explanation
- Salvation Army looking for Columbia warehouse space for flood relief efforts

Analysis:

- Gov. Haley's interview with the AP about the state's recovery was widely used by broadcast and print outlets. FEMA explains to several reporters what organizations it can't cover, such as churches. Lots of clips today about animals: over-taxed shelters, flooded vet clinics, rescues and pet health issues. A wide range of volunteer and nonprofit organizations are still active and publicizing their services.

Social Listening Analysis:

TOPICS FROM SOCIAL MEDIA:

- **FEMA.** Conversations regarding FEMA and the flooding are minimal. While there continues to be a small amount of [negative discussions](#) about dealing with denials from FEMA, most posts deal with sharing relevant resources from FEMA on disaster aid and recovery.

- **Community relief.** Many volunteer groups helping with [item sorting](#), feeding, and clean up shared end-of-the-day updates on their progress throughout the day. The volume of conversations from these volunteer efforts continues at a high level, with most posts [found on Facebook pages](#) where coordination efforts and tracking of volunteer needs take place. Many of these efforts in the past week have shifted to recording [specific material needs](#) requested by affected families and filling those needs directly. There have been a few mentions in the last day [cautioning volunteers](#) to look out for people who aren't really in need due to floods asking for help and donations.
- **Health and safety.** An [announcement](#) about mosquito control measures scheduled in Charleston, residents in nearby areas have been actively discussing the prevalence of mosquitoes due to the floods. Most of these conversations simply center around sharing [annoyances](#), while there are a few mentions of the mosquitoes causing [difficulties](#) for people working to clean up flooded areas.
- **Public/private flood response.** Charitable organizations responding to the floods have continued to share updates about their work, primarily through [photos](#) and [positive messages](#) about their accomplishments. Private companies have also been sharing updates of their [contributions](#) to the flood relief effort.

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Floods

AP Interview: Haley says SC to rebuild, though costs unknown

By The Associated Press, Oct. 23, 2015

(Widely used)

COLUMBIA, S.C. — As Gov. Nikki Haley seeks to rebuild her state after a history-making storm ravaged South Carolina earlier this month, she keeps returning to the memory of seeing raging floodwaters in the capital city.

In an interview with The Associated Press the governor said she had prayed to keep the people of her state safe amid the destruction.

"The idea the water was up that high was terrifying," the governor told The Associated Press on Wednesday in a 20-minute interview in her office, recalling the sight of roaring floodwaters more than 25 feet above normal on the Congaree River, reaching almost to the top of a Columbia bridge. "My thought was — how many people couldn't get out."

Now, as the recovery from the floods that drowned 12 South Carolinians continues, political considerations are emerging.

Chief will be how to pay for repairs. There have been no official damage estimates, but the floods will likely be the costliest disaster since Hurricane Hugo in 1989, which did \$13.5 billion of damage to the U.S. in inflation adjusted dollars, most of it in South Carolina.

Haley says she can't know how it will be paid for until the damage estimate is in.

She insists she will keep her promise to repair everything that broke or washed away, but needs to know the bill and how much the Federal Emergency Management Agency will pay before figuring out how the state will find the money.

"We're going to do the assessments. We're going to see what FEMA takes care of. We're going to see what the state needs to do after that. I'm not touching any of the reserve (funds) because we don't have to at this point and time. If that changes, we will deal with that," Haley said Wednesday.

Lawmakers have almost universally praised the governor for her handling of the floods. But some wonder if the infrastructure damage was made worse because roads and bridges aren't being maintained.

Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter thinks the governor can extend the compassion she has for flood victims or the people affected by the church shooting to the poor in South Carolina looking for health care. Under Haley, the state has refused to take federal money to expand Medicaid.

"I think the governor has shown tremendous leadership. I appreciate the fact she recognizes South Carolina can't do this alone and there is a role for the federal government to play," said Cobb-Hunter, D-Orangeburg.

Haley, however, said her positions on her core issues have not changed.

"We have gone through tragedies over this past year. But my philosophical ideas have not changed," Haley said. "Just my experiences have."

The damage and the deaths have prompted Haley to display more emotion in public than she might want. Tears came to her eyes as she spoke to reporters in the days after the June shootings at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church. She looks pained in photos taken flying over the flooded state.

"I think that I'm stronger than I realized. I think I am much more emotional now than I used to be," Haley said. "The compassion, the pain that people of this state have gone through has just eaten to my core. It is something that sits with me every day."

Florence County residents denied FEMA assistance urged to re-apply

By Jamarlo Phillips

WBTW, Myrtle Beach-Florence CBS, October 23, 2015

LAKE CITY, SC (WBTV) – The Federal Emergency Management Agency has spent more than 47 million dollars in assistance in South Carolina.

But a number of people in the Pee Dee who have registered say they've been denied.

City of York resident Ken Spears owns a farm house in Johnsonville. Since he is not a resident of the area he cannot get assistance through FEMA.

"This land has been in my family since King George. It's been paid all of those years. I do not qualify for FEMA," stated Spears.

FEMA Representative Mike Wade says if a person lives on a farm and it is their permanent residence on the farm then their residence may be eligible for assistance.

But for those people who are residential, a rejection letter wasn't quite the expectation.

Ann Peguse lives in Lake City and she was denied assistance but FEMA is offering her a chance to re-apply.

"I think it's still a blessing to be able to appeal it. I mean for myself, I don't know for anybody else. but that's still a blessing," said Peguse.

FEMA Representative Mike Wade says there is a sixty day window to appeal after you get your letter of denial.

"If they don't understand it and they bring the letter in with them our applicant services people will actually help them through that process and tell them what they need to write in the letter. It has to be faxed in or mailed into our processing center," explained Wade.

Residents say re-applying is a chance for recovery.

"FEMA is here for us. So you have the damage, get your papers and read. Call FEMA because it's best not to be asking anyone because they really do not know the procedures of FEMA," Peguse added.

Wade says there have been 3,655 people in Florence County that have applied for FEMA.'

The Pentecostal Holiness Church Worship Center will be open seven days a week from 8am until 6pm.

The registration deadline to apply for FEMA is December 4, 2015

FEMA representatives to assist citizens in Timmonsville

By Whitney Hill

[WMBF](#) Myrtle Beach-Florence NBC, Oct. 23, 2015

FLORENCE COUNTY, SC (WMBF) – FEMA representatives will be at the Senior Citizens Center in Timmonsville on Saturday, October 24 and Sunday, October 25 to help residents with flooding-related claims.

The representatives will provide FEMA registration information, check the status of pending claims and assist with other disaster related questions, according to a news release from Florence County Emergency Management.

The Senior Citizens Center is located at 104 N. Kershaw Street in Timmonsville.

FEMA, Red Cross, Governor's group to be in Kingstree at Recreation Center, helping citizens file necessary claims

By Dianne Owens

[Florence Morning News](#), Oct 23, 2015

KINGSTREE, S.C. - Williamsburg County officials are urging citizens impacted by the recent flood to register with FEMA. One way to do so is at the Disaster Recovery Center at 2084 Thurgood Marshal Highway, Kingstree, in the Williamsburg County Recreation Building.

Citizens can register with FEMA and ask questions concerning claims. The DRC is open daily from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Citizens can also contact FEMA officials at 1-800-621-3362, or via internet www.disasterassistance.gov/.

Additionally, members of the American Red Cross are also on site, in the Short Term Recovery building of the Williamsburg County Emergency Management Division at 2086 Thurgood Marshall Highway, Kingstree, SC.

They will be assisting citizens from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily until further notice.

On Monday, Oct. 26, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Gov. Nikki Haley, and officials with state and federal agencies, and non-profit organizations will offer residents disaster relief assistance in her next Team South Carolina flood relief event. T

This is also in the Williamsburg Recreation Center.

At the DRC and through the Team South Carolina Day for Florence and Williamsburg County residents at the recreation center, citizens can register for financial assistance from FEMA, apply for disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration, learn more about repairing and flood proofing their homes, and get information about assistance for farmers with crop losses or damage from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency.

Also, citizens can apply for unemployment benefits from the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce, apply for food and financial assistance from the S.C. Department of Social Services and get information about mental health and other healthcare services from the S.C. Department of Mental Health and the S.C. Department of Health and

Human Services.

Help with insurance claims will be offered from the S.C. Department of Insurance and citizens can receive a free kit to test well water from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, as well as get a free tetanus shot from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Williamsburg County Government Officials are advising citizens affected by the severe storms and flooding, who may receive a letter from the Federal Emergency Management Agency saying they are ineligible for disaster assistance, to not be alarmed or discouraged.

It may mean that FEMA does not have all the information needed to make a decision regarding an applicant's disaster assistance, a press release from county officials said.

Several reasons exist for why flood survivors receive ineligibility determination letters and yet may be eligible for assistance. For example, the applicant may still need to return insurance information, the press release said, as well as provide information to prove occupancy or ownership of the damaged property or fill out all necessary paperwork.

Citizens may need to complete and return the U.S. Small Business Administration loan application.

Applicants with insurance should contact their insurance company and ask for a settlement letter detailing exactly what is covered under their claim. They should mail insurance settlement information to FEMA – Individuals and Households Program, National Processing Service Center, P.O. Box 10055, Hyattsville,

Dianne Owens is editor of the Weekly Observer newspaper that serves Hemingway, Johnsonville and their surrounding communities in South Carolina.

Aiken County now eligible for federal reimbursement after S.C. flood

[Aiken Standard](#), Oct 23 2015

Aiken County has been added to the list of South Carolina counties eligible for federal reimbursement after the heavy flooding experienced across the state earlier this month.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, approved public assistance for Aiken, Calhoun, Dillon and Greenwood counties on Friday, according to a press released issued by the office of Gov. Nikki Haley.

This assistance from FEMA enables state and local agencies, including certain private nonprofits, to recoup costs for storm response, debris removal and infrastructure damage.

The FEMA Public Assistance program is a reimbursement grant program, and typically, the federal share is 75 percent and the state or local governments pay the remaining 25 percent, according to a press release. Eligible private nonprofit groups are responsible for the full 25 percent.

South Carolina Residents impacted by floodwaters can get food assistance

[The Associated Press](#), October 23, 2015

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP and DSS Press Release) – South Carolina residents who lost property or income due to this month's historic flooding are eligible for temporary food assistance.

The state Department of Social Services announced Friday that people living in 20 counties affected by the disaster can apply for debit-like cards that can be used to buy food at grocery stores and other retailers.

DSS says the 20 counties affected are Bamberg, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Greenwood, Horry, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, Sumter, and Williamsburg.

People can apply beginning Tuesday through Dec. 3.

Applicants must show they suffered unreimbursed losses in the disaster, such as damage or destruction to their home or lost wages.

People in certain ZIP codes within the counties who already receive help through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program will automatically get money added to their cards. Others will have to request a supplement.

DSS released the following dates and locations to apply for assistance:

Week of October 27 – 29

Bamberg: Bamberg County DSS Office

374 Log Branch Rd.

Bamberg, SC 29003

Calhoun: John Ford Community Center, Gymnasium

304 Agnes Street

St. Matthews, SC 29135

Clarendon: Clarendon County DSS Office

3 S. Church St.

Manning, SC 29102

Colleton: Colleton County DSS Office
215 S. Lemacks St.
Walterboro, SC 29488
Lee: Lee County Parks & Recreation (Receptionist Building)
121 E. College St.
Bishopville, SC 29010
Newberry: Newberry County DSS Office
2107 Wilson Rd.
Newberry, SC 29108
Williamsburg: Williamsburg County DSS Office
831 Eastland Ave.
Kingstree, SC 29556
Week of November 2 – 6
Lexington: Lexington County DSS Office
1070 S. Lake Dr.; Suite A
Lexington, SC 29073
Richland: Word of God Church and Ministries
119 Diamond Lane
Columbia, SC 29210
Sumter: Sumter Civic Center
700 W. Liberty Street
Sumter, SC 29150
Dorchester: Crossroads Community Church
505 Gahagan Rd.
Summerville, SC 29485
Week of November 16 – 20
Florence: Florence Civic Center
3300 W. Radio Dr.
Florence, SC 29501
Horry: Horry County DSS Office
1951 Industrial Park Rd.
Conway, SC 29526
Berkeley: First Baptist in Moncks Corner
112 East Main Street
Moncks Corner 29461
Charleston: Charleston Area Convention Center
(North Charleston Coliseum)
5000 Coliseum Dr.
North Charleston, SC 29418
Week of December 1 – 3
Darlington: TB Thomas Recreation Center
701 West Washington Street
Hartsville, SC 29550
Georgetown: First Baptist Church
219 Cleland Street
Georgetown, SC 29440
Greenwood: United Center for Community Care
929 Phoenix Street
Greenwood, SC 29646
Kershaw: Kershaw County Recreation Center
1226 Laurens Street Ext.
Camden, SC 29020
Orangeburg: US Army Reserve Center
1132 Cook Rd.
Orangeburg, SC 29118

Haley: 'Team S.C. stepped up' during flooding

By Princess B. Williams T&D Staff Writer

[Times and Democrat](#), Orangeburg, Oct. 24, 2015

Hundreds of people filled the Orangeburg County YMCA gym Friday to receive disaster assistance as Gov. Nikki Haley joined state, federal and non-profit organizations in providing supplies and help.

"This was a blessing. Without it, I don't know what we would do. We're not really wealthy people. We can't afford to just say 'I'm going to go take out a big expensive loan and have this big fancy roof put on,'" said Debbie Canaday, who lives between Bowman and Orangeburg.

Officials handed out kits including toiletries, cleaning supplies and nonperishable food. Those who showed up had the opportunity to apply for disaster loans, unemployment benefits, food and financial assistance, and even receive free tetanus shots.

Canaday says the ceiling of her home fell in and the roof leaked. The foundation of her home was washed away and cracked, which caused the roof to buckle, creating a hole for rainwater to enter her home.

Now her home is covered in mold.

"We go in there with the bleach. You wipe it out. The next day, it's right back again," Canaday said.

She refers to the situation as a never-ending battle.

"I think that's what a lot of people aren't understanding is that mold and this mildew can make you sick. I've already had to go to the doctor and be put on antibiotics because of having to breathe in so much of it," Canaday said.

She came out to the Orangeburg County YMCA to receive help. She applied for emergency assistance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Canaday also applied to the Small Business Administration for help with her foundation and roof.

"That's what it's going to take to get our house back to living conditions -- to get the foundation pushed back up to where it's supposed to be and to get the ceilings replaced that are falling into the floor," she said.

"Orangeburg is a very poor community, but what makes us rich is the fact that we pull together," Canaday said.

Haley's Team South Carolina event brought together several agencies and nonprofits, including FEMA, SBA, S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce Security, S.C. Department of Social Services, Salvation Army and Red Cross.

Sylvia Disher of Bowman was also among those seeking help Friday. She said her ceiling collapsed and her yard is like a pond.

"It's hard getting in and out to do things. My yard is still filled with water," she said.

"With them giving this help that we are getting today, that will help me get some of the stuff cleaned up," Disher said.

FEMA has already visited her home, and she's waiting to hear from them over the next few days.

"The help is greatly appreciated, because we didn't have flood insurance. We never thought we were going to need it," Disher said. "Now it's time to try to make it better for ourselves, and get the help that we need."

Haley said flood victims do not need to search for assistance.

"We want to bring what they need to them," she said.

She listed the services that are available, including housing assistance and unemployment benefits.

"This is to lift people up to get them to where they need to go," Haley said.

The next step on Haley's agenda is rebuilding.

"All that's about pulling people together, letting them know we're going to come to you, and we're going to do it as a strong South Carolina," she said.

"If you were blessed, pay it forward and understand that there's people who've lost everything. If you've lost everything, understand that you've got a group of South Carolinians that have your back," Haley said.

Haley says the state's emergency systems were prepared and performed well during the storm.

"We pre-positioned. We knew that when it wasn't the hurricane, we still saw this front coming, so everybody was placed where they needed to be. Team South Carolina stepped up," Haley said.

Now the National Guard is "doing 130 projects around the state, fixing local and county roads," Haley said.

The South Carolina Department of Transportation has opened at least 60 percent of the roads that were closed.

One of the main infrastructure needs is water.

"It was almost half a million people that were without water or had tainted water. We're getting that back down," Haley said.

Recovering has been a process.

"Every day there's a new set of challenges. But every day we're stepping up and making sure it's Team South Carolina and we're taking care of needs," she said.

State Disaster Recovery Coordinator Kevin Shwedo said South Carolina is assembling a team of individuals at the federal and state levels to identify the requirements that are not being met by traditional means.

"We're hoping to within the next week completely train this staff, and then to get them to look hard for resources to go ahead and fill the gaps to where the traditional bureaucracies may fail us," Shwedo said.

Shwedo says a lot of the federal support is designed to immediately restore infrastructure, businesses and families.

"The governor is trying to take existing resources, so they don't come out of other areas that need the kind of money and support that this community needs right now. She's giving me very senior people from other cabinet agencies to stand this on up and do the casework necessary to get us moving again," he said.

What you need to know about permits for rebuilding after flood

By Joyce Koh

[WLTX](#) 19 CBS Columbia, October 23, 2015

Columbia, SC (WLTX)- Those who are in the process of rebuilding are required to apply for a permit, but when it comes to rebuilding on floodplains and flood ways, things can get tricky.

In the City of Columbia, they're breaking the permitting process down into steps: green light, yellow light and red light.

If you are not in the flood plain, or your home is already elevated...you're in the green. City of Columbia flood manager Ali Khan said you can apply for a permit right away.

"If the structure is not in the 100 year flood plain and you got flooded, we don't require you to fill out our flood plain packet," Khan said. "You can just come into our zoning office and pull the permit

The city said you're at a yellow light if you are in the flood plain and do not have your home elevated. In that case, you would have to fill out the Flood Hazard Permit Application and determine if the structure has substantial damages.

"We just have to look at it very closely, we look at our application, we look at the cost estimate, we have our own assessment team who are going to go out and assess the damage."

if the damage is more than 50 percent of the structure, then you are at a red light. This means that you would either have to bring your home up by at least 2 feet off of base flood elevation. In some cases it's more cost efficient rebuild from scratch.

Contrary to some county ordinances, the city does allow rebuilding to take place even if you're on a flood way.

"According to our ordinance, they can only build on the same footings," he said. "As long as they stay within that footprint, they're fine. They have to build 2 feet above the flood plain. They can go up, but they can't encroach outside."

Post-Flood News Developments

[The State](#) (Columbia), Oct. 23, 2015

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COLUMBIA HELP HOTLINE

The city of Columbia has a new flood help hotline.

Mayor Steve Benjamin announced Friday the launch of the Columbia Area Recovery Effort (CARE) Hotline. The number is 1-866-272-1976.

The hotline serves as a resource to anyone in the Metro Columbia area and throughout the Midlands region who was affected by the October floods and has questions they need answered.

"Whether you need help or you want to help, the CARE Hotline is here for you with a variety of experts on site to answer your questions and help you get the information and services you need," Benjamin said. "We may not have all the answers, but we won't rest until you do."

LEX-RICH 5 MAKE-UP DAYS

Lexington-Richland 5 school district announced plans on Thursday to make up a second day missed earlier this month because of flooding.

The district's students will now report to school on Nov. 9, which was previously a student holiday. The district

already made up one of the five days it missed because of flooding, holding school on Oct. 12.

Lexington-Richland 5 spokeswoman Katrina Goggins said the district will make up more than the two days already announced. A decision on when to add more makeup days, based on any more inclement weather closures, will come later, the district said in a press release.

SOME CAYCE PARKS REOPEN

Cayce city officials have announced timelines for the opening of parks and trails that have been closed since historic flooding hit the Midlands earlier this month.

City officials urge people using the reopened trails and parks use caution and to stay on designated pathways.

The Cayce Riverwalk will open its four phases as follows:

Phase 1, from the North Avenue entrance to the Blossom Street Bridge, will reopen Saturday.

Phase 2, from the North Avenue entrance to Riverland Park, will be closed until further notice due to substantial repairs.

Phase 3, from Riverland Park to the Thomas Newman Boat Landing, is currently closed but is expected to reopen next week. Its parking lot will reopen Saturday.

Phase 4, from the Thomas Newman Boat Landing to the Timmerman Trail, will reopen Saturday.

City officials said the entrance near the Cayce Tennis and Fitness Facility on the Fort Congaree Trail will also reopen Saturday.

Riverland Park Entryway Park and the Granby Gardens Park will both be closed for planned improvements, officials said.

CALHOUN GETS RECOVERY CENTER

A disaster recovery center is now open in St. Matthews to help flood survivors. The center, at John Ford Community Center, at 304 Agnes St., is open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week, until further notice.

Representatives from the S.C. Emergency Management Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Small Business Administration and other agencies are at the center to answer questions about disaster assistance and low-interest loans. They can also help survivors apply for aid.

FLOODWATERS BREED MOSQUITOES

Residents are urged to take steps to reduce breeding grounds for mosquitoes, the Department of Health and Environmental Control advised Friday.

Officials say you should check your property for any containers that could be holding rain or floodwater. It only takes as few as five days for water in containers as small as a bottle cap to become active breeding sites for mosquitoes.

Remember to protect yourself when outdoors by wearing light-colored, long sleeves and pants. You might also want to wear insect repellent. For protection while indoors, repair any damaged or broken doors and screens to prevent mosquitoes from entering buildings.

If you notice a significant increase in the mosquito population in your area, DHEC asks that you contact your local city or county's mosquito control program.

Tenants Demand Answers In Flood Aftermath

People at some apartments complexes that were damaged by the flood are wondering what their options are.

By Savannah Levins

[WLTX](#) 19 CBS Columbia, October 23, 2015

COLUMBIA, SC (WLTX)- Many calls to our On Your Side Line in the past few weeks have been from renters, like Amanda Braxton, who want to know their rights in the wake of the flood.

"We're frustrated, we want answers; we want to know why? Why are we being left to live like this?" Braxton said.

It's been two weeks since floodwater rushed into her Columbia apartment.

"Being woken up by two feet of water rushing into your house is traumatic enough," she said, "but the after experience now seems to be just as traumatic, because we're stuck."

She says the complex, Austin Woods, has still not made repairs, and managers still can't tell her if the apartment is safe for her and her one year old son to live in.

"In the days after, we looked to management to say 'what do we do?' 'Where do we go?' 'Is it safe?' And they haven't given us that."

Austin Woods management has not responded to our multiple requests for comment, but Braxton says they told her she can't get out of her lease.

But Housing Law unit head attorney Adam Protheroe says that's not the case.

"They can essentially move out," Protheroe said. "As long as you give your landlord a written notice within seven days after you do that, the lease can be determined to be terminated."

And because Braxton has been forced to live only on her top floor, Protheroe says she is entitled to a rent reduction if she doesn't want to (or can't) move out.

"You can move out of the part that's damaged, continue to use the rest, but the renter would be able to have their rent reduced based on the part of the property they can't use," he said.

Patricia White lives in Columbia housing complex Mallard Point.

"DHEC came in and they said 'you have got to leave. You're going to die in here,'" she said.

Management there asked us to leave the property and also has not responded to our request for comment.

White says they refuse to fix the damage in her apartment.

But Protheroe says that, too, is unacceptable.

"They can send a 14 day letter to their landlord, that needs to say specifically what the problem is and what needs to be fixed," he advised. "It would give the landlord 14 days to fix that problem and they can say if the problem isn't fixed in that time, they will consider the lease terminated and move out. A tenant has the right to live in a place that's fit and habitable, that's what the law says,. And if there's a serious health or safety problem, then obviously that's not the case."

For free legal advice, [click here](#), or [learn more here](#).

Upstate dams deemed unsafe under emergency deadline

More dams than 600 inspected in South Carolina

[WYFF](#), NBC Greenville, Oct 23, 2015

LAURENS COUNTY, S.C. —The South Carolina Department of Environmental Control has issued an emergency order to fix dams across the state.

Seven dams in Laurens, Greenwood, Anderson and Spartanburg counties are now considered unsafe by DHEC after the historic flooding slammed the state.

So far DHEC records show that they have accessed 645 dams statewide.

Seventy-five of those dams fall under the emergency order where owners must lower water levels in reservoirs and submit a plan from engineers to fix problems by 5 p.m. on Oct. 30.

The Lakeside Country Club Dam is one of two in Laurens County on the list.

The earthen dam is currently rated by DHEC as having the highest level of risk to life and property if it were to fail.

J.R. Hawkins, golf course superintendent, said he believes the 34-year-old structure won't fail.

He said the golf course was slammed with 17 inches of rain when the state was hit with devastating flooding.

Hawkins said DHEC wants them to remove all trees off the back of the dam and address a small seepage in the area.

He said standards have changed over the years, and they must now replace the trees with turf but said their budget would take a hit if they have to a complete reconstruction of the dam.

"We're going to do our best to solve this problem without having to reconstruct the dam, because financially for a small facility, that's not feasible," said Hawkins.

Hawkins said they have hired an engineer and will continue to work with DHEC on submitting a plan before the deadline.

New king tide threatens further dune erosion, possible flooding

By Audrey Hudson

[Myrtle Beach Sun News](#)/Myrtle Beach Online, Oct. 23, 2015

Highlights

A second king tide for October runs Sunday through Friday

Work crews are shoring up dunes to protect against crashing waves

Severity of impact depends on wind, rain

Grand Strand beaches will take another pounding of king tides beginning Sunday that are predicted to deliver a two-foot higher surf and further scour fragile dunes already damaged by the recent historic storm.

Backhoes circled like beach Zambonis earlier this week in some North Myrtle Beach areas as the heavy-duty vehicles moved sand from low-tide stretches near the water to stabilize the dunes.

The ridges were sliced in half by the double whammy delivered just weeks ago, when more than 20 inches of rain on shore literally collided with the higher tide and the two forces of rushing water cut new paths through the knolls.

2 foot amount tides will rise next week

"We want to patch it up before the high tides, we don't want high tides spilling through the gaps in the dunes onto Ocean Boulevard," said Pat Dowling, North Myrtle Beach spokesman.

“Hopefully there won’t be high waves and a lot of wind associated with the next tide, but we will probably have to be back out there when that is over with to do more patching,” Dowling said.

King tides occur only a few times a year, sweeping the ocean farther ashore to cause street flooding in low-lying areas and the rapid erosion of dunes.

Officials are keeping a close watch on weather forecasts for extenuating conditions that could strengthen this king tide’s destructive force, such as rain and strong winds.

The National Weather Service is predicting the higher tides through Friday, with moderate winds ranging from 5 to 15 miles per hour. Forecasters say the good news is that no rain is expected until late Wednesday through Thursday when the king tides will begin to recede. The normal high tides will increase from five-and-a-half feet to nearly seven feet by Tuesday, before receding to normal tide lines by week-end.

The expanse of glimmering white sand on Pawleys Island still stretches broadly from private beach homes to the water during low tide, appearing untouched by the recent storm.

But the dunes tell a different story.

The sandy ridges were shaved back 6 to 18 feet when the king tide combined with the passing of Hurricane Joaquin along the Eastern seaboard. Instead of seven foot king tides, the storm added another two feet of crashing waves that clawed the dunes back out to sea or shoved it onto the roads.

The swells bulldozed sand from beneath beach staircases that cascade from the dunes all along the island, leaving jagged scars of erosion and a vulnerable dune system.

About two feet of sand across the beach expanse was washed away, so a normal high tide now covers 80 percent of the shore -- that amounts to three miles of an island that stretches three-and-a-half miles, said Pawleys Island Mayor Bill Otis, Jr.

“The fear is that this next king tide will add to the damage already done,” Otis said. “It won’t be as dramatic like it was during the last king tide, but it’s going to hit these dunes.

“It won’t be pretty,” Otis said.

Flooding is expected to cover some roads next week on the island, but Otis said it won’t be the nearly one foot of water that poured over the dunes and walls earlier this month.

“We will probably have to close the causeways during high tide next week. We don’t want people driving through when they can’t see the road, and we’ve had people drive off the road,” Otis said.

“If you can’t see the white line, it’s dangerous,” Otis said.

A half-dozen beach accesses in Georgetown County are still closed for repairs to walkways and stairs that erosion separated from the dunes. The closures are at Garden City Beach access number 44 and Litchfield Beach access numbers 61 through 66.

So long as the forecast for moderate winds and low rainfall holds, residents in Garden City Beach should expect some moderate street flooding, said Lisa Bourcier, spokeswoman for Horry County.

Officials are still calculating the damage done to the 14 miles of beaches in the county’s jurisdiction. Bourcier said next week’s tide could further erode the dunes, “but it definitely won’t be like the storm we had.”

Garden City Beach residents should also expect to see barricades on the roads when flooding occurs and Bourcier urged motorists to slow down when driving through the area.

“A lot of times those wakes from vehicles can cause property damage, even in tidal issues like this,” Bourcier said. “During the last high tide, some people received damage because of people going through so fast causing wakes to go into buildings and causing additional damage.”

Myrtle Beach “recovered remarkably well” from the storm, said city spokesman Mark Kruea. Beyond the further loss of sand, the high tides aren’t expected to create additional damage.

“Mother Nature has been very busy, but the sand has built back up and the beach is in fairly decent shape,” Kruea said.

“We’ll make sure the blue barrels won’t get washed away, holding back the ocean is the function of the dunes – that’s why the dunes are there and we protect them,” Kruea said.

Cherry Grove and Windy Hill in North Myrtle Beach are dealing with some of the same erosion issues faced by Pawleys Island -- only a thin strip of beach remains during normal high tides.

The last king tides combined with the strong surf and wind from Joaquin to cover the storm water drainage outflows along the beaches and blocked the normal escape route for heavy rain runoff on shore.

If you’re going to stay here, you have to accept it could all be gone. It’s all about having the right attitude – you either rebuild, or you don’t. Janice Caruso, owner of the Cabana Mart

It was the record rainfall looking for a path to the sea that caused the most damage, flooding streets and some businesses along the Grand Strand.

Janice Caruso, owner of the Cabana Mart on South Ocean Boulevard between 15th and 16th avenues South in North Myrtle Beach, has lived in the area for more than 30 years and grown accustomed to the unpredictable nature of her neighbor across the street.

"I don't trust that ocean, it doesn't know where it belongs," Caruso said. "But if we get water in here, we'll just push it back out."

The owner's son made sure the small store was prepared for the last king tide, moving items onto plastic crates.

Caruso's not overly concerned about the coming king tide. Living by the sea, she says, produces a determined mindset.

"If you're going to stay here, you have to accept it could all be gone. It's all about having the right attitude – you either rebuild, or you don't," Caruso said.

Work to repair roads continues in Lexington County

By Mike DeSumma

[WIS TV NBC Columbia](#)

LEXINGTON COUNTY, SC (WIS) - County public works crews and teams in Lexington along with the National Guard haven't seen much rest in recent days.

About 146 roads in Lexington County had to be shut down when the historic rainfall hit. Most of those were dirt roads.

As of today, public works director Wren Barrett says the number of closures has been reduced to 20 roadways. According to officials, most of the remaining roads are "passable." That means vehicles can pass down the roads. However, when it comes to fixing them completely, Barrett says that's going to take more time.

"In some cases, we actually have to rebuild the base of the road so that takes a lot of effort, additional effort," Barrett said. "But we also have crews that are going out and actually doing the normal maintenance on the road to try to get those roads repaired."

The National Guard is also on hand to help county officials with several road projects. Private contractors have also been called in to assist.

Barrett says, in all, the total costs of the projects throughout the county could reach \$7 million.

Lexington County officials are looking to get most of that expense reimbursed through FEMA.

OVER CAPACITY: Shelter 'overflowing' with 300 unwanted pets since flood

@LindsStreet

[Berkeley Independent](#), October 23, 2015

Berkeley County's public animal shelter has had more than 300 animals come through its doors since the historic flood that swamped the Lowcountry earlier this month, according to shelter Executive Director Marcia Atkinson.

Atkinson's frustration and emotion is barely contained as her staff and the shelter's capacity has been stretched to the extreme. On top of that, federal emergency workers did not show up at the appointed time to bring dollars to their aid, she said Friday.

"FEMA didn't show up," Atkinson said, adding that she was by the phone all day since 5 a.m. "We were not missing any important calls."

According to Atkinson, the shelter's capacity is at 120. Dogs are in crates outside the building, and more keep coming in.

"I'm just going to take every animal with their sad story that they were displaced ... who's left to take them? They're bringing them to us. I'm not going to kill any more animals. I'm going to let them fill up this property and let someone see," Atkinson said. "We're getting bombed with dogs. Dorchester and Charleston aren't open for business."

But Kay Hyman, director of community engagement at the Charleston Animal Society, said that is "absolutely false."

Rachel Nisbet, first vice president of the board of directors at Frances R. Willis, said the Dorchester County shelter is accepting only animals that are brought in by Dorchester County Animal Control officers.

Both the Charleston Animal Society and the Frances R. Willis SPCA in Dorchester County are holding special reduced-fee adoption events this weekend to try to find permanent homes for the many animals that have come through their doors.

Frances R. Willis will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days with reduced adoption fees.

The Charleston Animal Society will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is offering free adoptions.

As of almost 5 p.m. Friday, 66 animals had already been adopted at the society, Hyman said.

But Berkeley County will keep its doors open.

"We agonize and suffer and try to save every animal we can," Atkinson said.

The nonprofit shelter accepts monetary donations directly on its website docwilliamssPCA.org, and is also looking for volunteers to help. Donation items needed include blankets and dog and cat food that is high-protein and no-dye.

Flood leaves overcrowding in Lowcountry animal shelters

By Alexis Simmons

[WCSC](#) Live 5 CBS Charleston, Oct 23, 2015

BERKELEY COUNTY, SC (WCSC) - Animal shelters across the Lowcountry are overcrowded because of the flood.

The Doc Williams SPCA in Berkeley County is more than 100 animals over their usual capacity. Shelter officials are asking for volunteers to help out as they get dogs in from Animal Control each day.

"We're just setting up best we can to house them, water them and keep them because my other kennels are full," says Shelter Manager, Amanda Hayes.

Hayes says the shelter has also received animals from families who have been displaced by the flood because they are no longer able to keep them.

"The building is made for... 120 to 130 animals and we are inside the building at 250 [animals] so we're twice the capacity," says Hayes. "Plus... we're having to find spots for outside."

People who work at the shelter tell me the biggest things you can do is to donate food or volunteer your time because there are plenty of opportunities to help out.

"A lot of [volunteers] spend most of their time cleaning which is very, very important," says SPCA Shelter Veterinarian, David Clugmen. "If we got more volunteers there is a ton of animals that could use a walking and some loving."

Clugmen has been checking the health of the incoming cats and dogs. He says FEMA will be coming in soon to assist with finding homes for the animals.

"It's stressful and it's harder because you're here you're doing more and only have so many hours in a day," says Hayes. "Everybody still has to get fed, everybody still has to get clean... you still have to do well check-ups... and anybody who has animals knows it's a constant cleaning."

Shelter officials encourage people to come out to adopt or foster because there are plenty of animals ready for a home.

"We want them all to go home, that would be our happy place," says Hayes.

On Saturday the ASPCA will be hosting the 4th Annual Mega Match-A-Thon that will run through October 26th. Local shelters will be hosting special adoption events. The Charleston Animal Society will be offering free adoptions on all of its animals during the event.

Jewish Organization Brings Comfort to the Midlands

By Janae Frazier

[WLTX](#) 19 CBS Columbia, October 23, 2015

A Jewish organization is one of the many groups that's come to SC to help. WLTX

Columbia, SC (WLTX) - People from all over the nation are continuing to flock to our state to help with flood relief efforts.

Among those who's helping is a Jewish group with several volunteers has arrived to serve.

"We're here in Columbia, South Carolina assisting anybody that needs the help, I mean from any walk of life that just needs to have their home cleaned out from the flood water," Dorothy Maples explained passionately.

Maples is a site leader for Nechama Jewish Response to Disaster.

Nechama actually means "comfort" in Hebrew. The organization has volunteers from all over the country bringing comfort to the Midlands.

The group worked on Easter Street Friday on a home that was not only severely damaged by the flood but that was also looted soon after.

Consuela Andrews's grandmother lives in the house the volunteers have been working on. Andrews says the support has warmed her heart.

"Words cannot describe it, I got so overwhelmed yesterday, it was about 10 people here, just wanting to be here, wanting to help," Andrews said. "It just I mean I just can't even put it into words it was just overwhelming, and it feels great to know that there are still people out in the world like that."

It'll take some time to rebuild but with the help of selfless volunteers like the group with Nechama, the fresh start will be here soon enough.

If you need assistance with your home, you can get in contact with Nechama by calling 211 or visiting their website, <http://nechama.org/>.

Free Tetanus Shots Over the Weekend

WLTX 19 CBS Columbia, October 23, 2015

Columbia, SC (WLTX) - There will be more opportunities for people to get a free tetanus shot over the weekend.

The Tdap shots are being given to anyone who may have been exposed to floodwaters, or who may just want to update their current vaccination status.

The vaccines will be available at the following dates and times:

Saturday, October 24

Community Complex

7 Maple St.

Manning, S.C.

9 a.m.-noon

Neeses Town Hall

6357 Savannah Hwy

Livingston, S.C.

1:45-4:30 p.m.

Richland Main Library

1431 Assembly St.

Columbia, S.C.

9 a.m.-noon

Cayce-West Columbia Library

1500 Augusta Road

West Columbia, S.C.

1:00-4:30 p.m.

Civic Center

700 W Liberty St

Sumter, S.C.

9-11 am

Lee Parks and Recreation Center

121 E. College St.

Bishopville, S.C.

1:30-4:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 25

Aquatic Center

2550 St. Matthews Road

Orangeburg, S.C.

9 a.m.-noon

Calhoun County First Steps

304 Agnes St.

St. Matthews, S.C.

1:30-4:30 p.m.

Midlands

Southeast Library

7421 Garners Ferry Road

Columbia, S.C.

9 a.m.-noon

Eastover Library

608 Main St.

Eastover, S.C.

1:00-4:30 p.m.

Blaney Fire Department

2344 Hwy 1 South

Elgin, S.C.

1:30-4:30 pm

Almost 200 area National Guard troops still deployed in recovery from historic South

Carolina flooding

By Andrew Dys

[Rock Hill Herald](#), Oct. 23, 2015

Highlights

More than 190 troops from York, Chester and Lancaster counties remain deployed

Construction and roads projects continue

ROCK HILL — Almost three weeks into the recovery from historic flooding in South Carolina, more than 190 National Guard soldiers from armories in Rock Hill, Fort Mill, Lancaster and Chester continue to perform vital road repairs in construction efforts around the state.

Local soldiers make up almost a third of all the guardsmen still deployed statewide. Most of them left regular jobs for active duty service, although some are full-time guardsmen who work at armories but have been shifted to recovery duty.

The 178th Combat Engineer Battalion based in Rock Hill – with soldiers from armories in Fort Mill, Chester and Lancaster – has worked on road and dam jobs in Richland, Lexington, Bamberg, Georgetown, Clarendon, and Williamsburg counties, said Maj. Tom Meares, executive officer for the battalion.

At the zenith of activating part-time guardsmen to active duty 10 days ago, 310 area soldiers were deployed. Local guardsmen have completed 40 road repair projects around the state.

At least 19 people died in the flooding that washed out bridges, roads, and dams in the Midlands, Pee Dee and coastal regions.

Because 178th soldiers have expertise in road repair, the unit is working on seven road repair sites in Lexington, Bamberg and Richland counties.

The command staffs of the 178th and the 122nd Battalion from Edgefield have merged into a construction task force that is leading road repairs for the hardest-hit areas, Meares said. The unit's soldiers already helped complete restoration of the Columbia Canal and Beaver Creek Dam, which were two of the state's most important projects for restoring drinking water and safety.

More than 680 National Guard soldiers from around the state remain deployed, said Lt. Col. Cindi King, spokesperson for the guard.

Salvation Army in need of warehouse space for flood recovery efforts

[Columbia Regional Business Report](#), Oct. 23, 2015

The Salvation Army is looking for warehouse space as it continues flood recovery efforts.

The organization is seeking at least 50,000 square feet of space that would be in use for nine to 12 months. The ideal warehouse would also have a pair of tractor trailer high docks, office space for several desks and one drive-in bay.

“We are hoping to hear from people who have connections to others who own warehouse space and who could be of assistance to The Salvation Army and its pursuit of helping people through this next phase of disaster relief,” the organization said.

The building needs to be large enough to provide shared space with various other partner organizations which offer repair service. The nonprofit said it anticipates storing drywall, roofing supplies, refrigerators and other materials used to repair damaged homes.

Those who can help should contact Incident Ross Patterson at this email or call 336-608-9166.

Red Cross officials to offer services Saturday at White Chapel Holiness Church near Johnsonville

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JOHNSONVILLE, S.C. — As people in South Carolina recover after the recent floods, American Red Cross caseworkers are meeting one-on-one with those affected to help them create their recovery plans, navigate paperwork and access additional resources.

On Saturday, Oct. 24, Red Cross officials will be at White Chapel Holiness Church, 419 S. Midway Dr., Johnsonville, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

For information about available Red Cross services and resources, call (855) 773-3175.

Local Red Cross resource centers open to assist flood victims

By Kimberlei Davis

[WOLO ABC Columbia](#), Oct 23, 2015

COLUMBIA, SC (WOLO) -- Volunteers with the American Red Cross are continuing their efforts to support

people on the road to recovery after devastating flooding uprooted lives and destroyed homes across the Palmetto state.

On Friday, services will be available to help people create personal disaster recovery plans, navigate paperwork and access additional resources at the following multi-agency resource centers:

Temple of Faith Bible Way Church

2850 Congaree Road, Gadsden, SC

Oct. 23 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

1001 5th Avenue, Conway, SC

Oct. 23 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Georgetown First Baptist Church

219 Cleland Street, Georgetown, SC

Oct. 23 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Williamsburg Recreation Center

2086 Thurgood Marshall Hwy, Kingstree, SC

Oct. 23 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

For additional information about available Red Cross flood related services and resources, please call (855) 773-3175.

Experts explain how to deal with post-flood mold issues

By Christel Bell

[WMBF](#) Myrtle Beach-Florence NBC, Oct. 23, 2015

HORRY COUNTY, SC (WMBF) - As many residents continue in the cleaning process, there could be hidden damage the flooding may have left in homes. Experts explain just how serious mold can be and what you need to know to protect you and your family.

Certain types of mold can grow within 48 hours and in some cases it can take just three weeks for mold to surface, but the excess moisture in a home is all the mold needs to grow.

"Anytime you have water come into your home, and it's not properly dried you're going to have mold, it's indefinite, it's going to happen," explained Michael Burke, a bio-hazard expert, with A&I Fire & Water Restoration in Myrtle Beach.

Burke said when checking a home for damage, it should be a priority for homeowners to look for mold. Burke says his company has been busy responding to calls since the flood about water damage, and particularly mold concerns. "When we come in, we get the water out of the house, we extract the water from the house, remove any wet building materials, that won't dry out or can't dry out in a sufficient amount of time, then dry the structure out," he explained.

Mold can quickly develop; it can take 48 hours or even three weeks before the signs surface. Burke said mold won't always be seen. It could be hidden behind walls, underneath the home and even inside insulation.

Burke said people that suffered actual home flood damage are not at risk. He said homes that did not get water damage could still see mold because of the excessive moisture of the rain and water.

"Having a house on a crawl space or a raised house it could be growing underneath the house whether it's in the insulation, the duct work, or the structure," said Burke. "Look at the two-by-fours too, it (mold) could grow down there and initially start to develop in the house."

The health risks from mold can be serious. Symptoms include shortness of breath, a stuffy nose, irritated eyes, wheezing or skin irritation. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, even more serious risks could include mold infections developing in the lungs. Burke added, "If you have allergies, asthma, or something similar, it may be a problem right away. Some people may not notice it for years that mold could be growing in their home."

Burke adds trying to remove the mold on your own can be done, but he recommends calling a professional to make sure the mold is disposed of properly, and to prevent re-growth.

Household products, like bleach, are not recommended. Burke says most products contain water, which will make the treatment ineffective as mold could resurface from moisture once it begins to dry.

"Using bleach or something like that isn't sufficient enough, you actually need some antimicrobial, a product the Environmental Protection Agency regulates to kill mold," stated Burke.

Homeowners concerned about mold should contact an industrial hygienist to have air quality test performed that will check for mold in the home.

Burke says there is an industrial hygienist in most of the counties in the area.

Turned away by FEMA, lowcountry churches rebuild with faith

By DaShawn Brown

WSCS CBS Charleston, Oct. 23, 2015

CHARLESTON, SC (WCSC) - A single building along Charleston's Bees Ferry Road is home to three ministries: Abundant Life Church, Kingdom Vision Christian Center, and faith-based private school, Capers Preparatory Academy.

Three weeks ago, all three suffered massive damage in the midst of an historic flood event statewide.

The building stood under nearly four feet of water, and without flood insurance.

"FEMA won't help us," said property-owner Jan Denham, also a pastor at Abundant Life Church.

Denham said flood insurance on the property exceeded \$10,000, and decided to operate without it.

A FEMA spokesperson said non-profits, like churches, instead should contact the Small Business Administration, or SBA.

The administration offers loans, while FEMA offers grants, but to individuals, like homeowners and renters.

Denham said she spoke with an SBA representative, who offered the church a small business loan at a four percent interest rate.

Instead, the owner and pastor turned to help from the community, which she says, has been flooding in.

"We've had doors donated to us. My brother in law from Hilton Head has gotten tiles."

Denham said for a while, the building and all of its ministries went unnoticed, which stands behind Crosstowne Christian Church, a building she once owned and sold.

"Nobody really knew we were back here, that three ministries were back here," she said.

"We just had a peace that God was going to put it together."

Meanwhile, inside Crosstowne, the walls appear to have its own equator, with dry wall stripped nearly four feet high, a clear indication of where the water once stood.

"We don't have a dollar value of its cost, but its easily over half a million dollars," said Pastor Paul Rienzo of the damage.

Three weeks ago, members kayaked much of the electronics out of the church in hopes of salvaging them. Rienzo said all the office supplies and furniture was destroyed.

Rienzo said Crosstowne hasn't begun the rebuilding process, but is hopeful flood insurance will cover most of the physical damage. He says the church is spending a good deal of money moving equipment back and forth to their temporary home at Citadel Mall Cinema.

"I was shocked at how different it looked," said longtime member Staci Mclain.

"It is unbelievable to think there was 3-4 feet of water throughout the entire building."

Crosstowne members also gushed over the community support, hailing fellow churches like Seacoast, Northwood Assembly, and Grace on the Ashley for stepping in to help.

"Grace on the Ashley, my offices are there now," Rienzo said.

The pastor said it could be another four months before the church on Bees Ferry Road is ready for Sunday service.

"We don't consider this a tragedy," he added.

"What happened in other people's lives, that was a tragedy, what happened in Columbia, that was a tragedy, but this is not a sad story."

Volunteers Continue to Help With SC Flood Relief

By Jennifer Ready

WOLO Columbia ABC, Oct 23, 2015

Columbia, S.C. (WOLO) -- Three weeks after historic floods hit the midlands, hundreds of volunteers continue to help with the recovery efforts.

"There are angels among us and I'm proud to say they are in Columbia," said Teri Stomski.

In the South Beltline area, Stomski and several volunteers helped distribute donations to Columbia's flood victims. For weeks, they've had a large supply tent with goods spanning from bleach to food and clothing. Stomski came up with the idea days after the flood when she realized there was a need in that area.

"There was no one here," said Stomski. "I said this is not Columbia, this is not the way Columbia would react, nobody must know they are down here."

Immediately she sprung into action. She rallied volunteers, coordinated donations, and set up a Facebook and GoFund-Me page for residents hit by the floods.

"It's been an amazing show of empathy and compassion," said resident and volunteer Rachel Larrett.

Larrett is a resident near South Beltline impacted by the floods. Despite her own troubles she too spends days

under the tent determined to help others.

"We're at the point where there isn't a lot of tearing down dry wall but it's picking up after," said Larrett.

Larrett said they will continue to help residents as long as they are needed. To help you can visit their website southbeltlineclean.com or their Facebook page: S. Beltline Gills Creek Community Clean Up.

Baby shower shines a light on flood impacted families

By Leah Holloway

[WACH](#) Fox 57, October 23rd 2015

10/23/2015 — WEST COLUMBIA, SC (WACH)-Ashyle Wilkerson has organized an event that will hopefully give back to families affected by the flood.

"This was devastating its important to keep peoples spirits up and let them know you understand and are willing to help", says Wilkerson.

Ashyle is holding a baby shower for those families who lost everything during a heartbreaking time in South Carolina history.

Through this whole experience, Ashyle wanted to help one individual in particular.

"My husband and I lost close to everything in the flood", says Ebony Aiken, who is expecting the arrival of a baby girl in one week.

Ashyle felt a special bond between her and Ebony. In sharing that special bond, the two made a surprising discovery that they are cousins.

So Ashyle decided to give her a special surprise by replacing all of the baby shower gifts Ebony lost in the flood.

"Mostly everything in here belonged to my daughter so I'm really excited for her to come in here and be surprised", says Wilkerson.

"I am very surprised i was not expecting this at all", says Aiken. "We didn't even know we were family and its unexpected for somebody to go through and out of there way to do something like this for you."

Ashyle hopes this gift to her family and others will shine a positive light during a devastating time.

The Diocese of Charleston assists those affected by the flooding

[South Strand News](#), October 23, 2015

Officials with the Catholic Diocese of Charleston said they are committed to assisting those recovering from recent flooding in Georgetown County and other areas of the Lowcountry and the state.

Over the past several days, the diocese and Catholic Charities South Carolina have provided food, fresh water, personal hygiene products, laundry services and financial support to hundreds of flood victims throughout the state.

"Many of our brothers and sisters in South Carolina lost everything in the floods and are still hurting. We are dedicated to helping them as they work to recover from the damaging waters," said the Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmone, bishop of Charleston. "As Jesus tells the crowds in the Gospel of Luke, 'Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.'"

Diocesan, parish and Catholic Charities officials have been assisting flood victims throughout the state. Their efforts include:

Distributing nearly 900 bags of food to flood victims in the Georgetown area and the Pee Dee region;

Assisting members of St. Cyprian Catholic Church in Georgetown by providing them with food and cleaning supplies;

Disseminating clothes and personal hygiene items to various Columbia community agencies that are supporting flood victims;

Giving financial aid to those in need including covering the cost of a hotel room for a homeless Columbia women who will soon give birth;

Spearheading relief efforts for individual parishes, i.e. parishioners at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Columbia are gathering food, water and relief supplies and distributing the items to members of the parish and community;

Those outside the state are also assisting with relief efforts. Over the weekend, a truck filled with food donated by students at Charlotte Catholic High School was delivered to the Conway Catholic Charities Office.

Personnel with the Catholic Diocese of Charleston pledged to continue working with flood victims in the upcoming days, weeks and months; however, financial assistance is necessary to carry on this important mission. The public is asked to send check donations to the Diocese of Charleston at 901 Orange Grove Road, Charleston, SC 29407. Donations can also be accepted online at www.sccatholic.org. Please designate the check or online payment "Flood Relief Fund."

Diocesan officials are also available to help those still suffering and requiring assistance due to the floods. They are asked to contact the Pee Dee office of Catholic Charities at 2294 Technology Boulevard in Conway. Their number

Black River one of 17 in South Carolina to set USGS streamgage record

[Kingstree News](#), October 23, 2015

During the historic October 2015 floods in South Carolina, 17 U.S. Geological Survey streamgages recorded the highest peak streamflow and/or river height (or stage) since those streamgages were installed. An additional 15 USGS streamgages recorded peaks in the top 5 for their periods of record. One of these streamgages, located on the Black River at Kingstree, South Carolina, recorded its largest peak in the 87 years it has existed. The streamgage showed that the Black River reached a peak streamflow of 83,700 cubic feet per second and a stage of 22.65 feet. The previous maximum on the Black River occurred on June 14, 1973. Additional annual peak stage data collected by the National Weather Service at the gauge prior to USGS operation indicates this is likely the highest flood since 1893. "This was absolutely an historic flood for South Carolina," said John Shelton, the USGS hydrologist who oversaw the agency's field response and gauging operations in South Carolina. "Throughout the event we continued to monitor our network of about 170 real-time streamgages, and we sent dozens of teams out in the field to verify what we were seeing. Fortunately, we have quite a few long-standing streamgages in South Carolina, so we can put these floods into historical context." One of the longest-running streamgages in South Carolina is the one on the Congaree River in Columbia, with annual records back to 1892 and even flood information for 1852. That means that there are 123 years of record to place the October 2015 floods into perspective. The USGS streamgage on the Congaree River at Columbia peaked at 185,000 cubic feet per second at a peak stage of 31.8 feet on October 4, 2015. When compared to the historical flood record, this peak ranks eighth out of 123 years of record with the peak of record being 364,000 cubic feet per second at a peak stage of 39.8 feet on August 27, 1908. However, the October 2015 flood on the Congaree River is the highest since April 8, 1936, when the river peaked at 231,000 cubic feet per second at a peak stage of 33.3 ft. For comparison, an Olympic-sized swimming pool contains 88,000 cubic feet, so the October 4, 2015, peak on the Congaree River at Columbia would fill a little over two Olympic-sized swimming pools every second. Throughout the entire flood, the USGS deployed nearly 100 people who collected almost 250 distinct streamflow measurements in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia; deployed and recovered storm-tide sensors and Rapid-Deployment Gauges; and flagged and determined the elevation of close to 600 high-water marks in support of response and recovery missions for FEMA. The effort, led by the USGS South Atlantic Water Science Center, which has offices in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia, was supported by teams from other USGS offices in Alabama, Florida, Mississippi and Pennsylvania. A total of 8 streamgages were destroyed or damaged during the floods in South Carolina, with five replaced with Rapid-Deployment Gauges within hours of the gauge outage. In South Carolina, the teams made about 140 streamflow measurements at about 86 real-time streamgages to verify or update existing information on streamflow at that site. This information, along with a comparison of historic peak flows or stages and a chronology of major flood events in South Carolina since 1893, is available in a new USGS report entitled "Preliminary Peak Stage and Streamflow Data at Selected USGS Streamgaging Stations for the South Carolina Flood of October 2015."

Georgetown County School District: 24 Andrews, Rosemary students treated for skin conditions resulting from flood water

By Max Hrenda

[South Strand News](#), October 23, 2015

Although the flood waters that ravaged Georgetown County left noticeable damages on buildings and properties, it also left its mark on several residents, too.

The Georgetown County School District confirmed that about 24 students at Andrews High and Rosemary Middle schools exhibited signs of a skin malady after classes resumed when flood waters receded.

Despite the discovery and subsequent diagnoses of flood-related skin conditions, however, GCSD Lead Nurse Laura Tucker said the number of incidents, though higher than normal, was no cause for alarm.

"This is not considered an outbreak or anything like that," Tucker said. "We're just trying to monitor everything closely and any child or student who demonstrates symptoms, we're really encouraging the parent to get them to their medical doctor so the doctor can prescribe medication for whatever the particular condition is."

While several conditions were identified, Tucker said the most common ailment was impetigo, a bacterial skin infection that is not uncommon among children.

"It's nothing you wouldn't commonly see," Tucker said. "But, most likely ... the contaminated and stagnant flood waters and the warm conditions exacerbate the skin conditions you might see under normal circumstances."

Impetigo occurs when one of two types of bacteria — staphylococcus aureus or streptococcus pyogenes — infiltrates the skin through an existing irritation or wound. Once the infection sets in, it manifests itself through blisters

on the skin that could later burst or drain fluid.

According to Dr. Leon Bullard, a medical consultant with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, bacterial infections like impetigo can be a hazardous result from flooding.

“Obviously you worry about bacterial infections from contaminated water, contaminated by sewage and septic tank overflow,” Bullard said. “Common bacteria that exist in the soil can be stirred up by flood waters.”

Because of that, skin conditions like impetigo and ringworm — the two most common conditions among AHS and RMS students — can manifest themselves after floods. After the school’s nurses identified the symptoms of the affected students, Tucker said, those students were then referred to their own primary physicians for diagnosis and subsequent treatment.

“The doctor may prescribe antibiotic ointment or cream, or they may prescribe an oral antibiotic,” Tucker said. “It just depends on the specific diagnosis.”

Tucker added DHEC guidelines require students to undergo treatment for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to school. Additionally, she said she and her staff have been taking steps to ensure the infection does not spread.

“I want the public to be reassured we are monitoring students closely,” she said. “All the affected students who have been seen in the health room by the school nurses have been sent to their medical doctor for specific diagnosis and treatment. We are also following DHEC’s recommendations for aggressive cleaning procedures, with bleach. ... We’re also discouraging close physical contact, sharing personal items, scratching, those sorts of things that can spread the infection.”

On Thursday, Oct. 22 — one day after a Times inquiry into the number of infections in AHS and RMS — students at the two schools were provided copies of a letter from Superintendent Randy Dozier that offered information on certain skin conditions and outlined the district’s preventive cleaning measures.

Apart from the school district, however, Bullard said there was no DHEC data that indicated an increase in the number of reported skin ailments in Georgetown County.

“At this point,” he said, “there is no indication of a recurring problem.”

In Wake Of Recent Flooding, Take Steps To Reduce Mosquito Breeding Grounds

By Randy L. Key

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Columbia, SC – In the wake of recent flooding, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is urging residents to take steps to reduce breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

Residents are asked to check their property for any water-retaining containers.

DHEC officials say it only takes as few as five days for water in containers as small as a bottle cap to become active breeding sites for mosquitoes. You should empty out any containers that are holding water (such as pool covers, boat covers, tires, pots, pet bowls, toys, etc.) and remove debris from gutters to help discourage a larger mosquito population from developing. Also, trim back thick shrubbery and overgrown grass on your property.

Remember to protect yourself when outdoors by wearing light-colored, long sleeves and pants. You might also want to wear insect repellent. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has a web-based tool to help you find the proper insect repellent for your time spent outdoors.

For protection while indoors, repair any damaged or broken doors and screens to prevent mosquitoes from entering buildings.

If you notice a significant increase in the mosquito population in your area, please contact your local city or county’s mosquito control program. If you live in a municipality that does not have a mosquito control program, you can contact a private operator to help you get control of a major mosquito problem.

Each of us can be proactive in reducing the mosquito population and preventing disease transmission by regularly eliminating breeding areas and standing water on our property.

For more information on mosquitoes and local mosquito control contact information in your area, [click here](#).

Flood forced Timmerman students out of school, but couldn’t stop learning

Timmerman School in Forest Acres was flooded with several inches of water

Two local churches welcomed students onto their campuses while the school is restored

‘A lot of good is coming from this,’ principal Liz Jordan said

By Sarah Ellis

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Nine-year-old Lina Mooney’s grandfather gave her a \$50 bill for her birthday. She gave it away to Timmerman School.

“I wanted to buy myself something, but I thought my school’s a lot more important than myself,” she said.

Her fourth-grade classmate, 10-year-old Dylan Herd, made donation boxes to set up in some local businesses.

Nine-year-old Anthony Szari pulled \$150 from his savings account to donate to his school. His fourth-grade teacher cried when he handed it to her.

The independent Christian Timmerman School, which sits on Eightmile Branch, on Atascadero Drive in Forest Acres, has received lots of love and help in the three weeks since several inches of water flooded the school.

The day after the flood, more than 100 volunteers came to the school to start the clean-up process – staff, parents and grandparents, former students, local public and independent schools and businesses from all around the community. Students from Greenwood Christian School even drove down to help.

I wanted to buy myself something, but I thought my school's a lot more important than myself. Nine-year-old Lina Mooney

The flood has been a teaching and learning opportunity for the school and its 300 students, principal Liz Jordan said. Not only have the children gotten to see what it means to "love thy neighbor," but the flood was an opportunity "to let them know that we are not in control. ... And it takes things like this to get our minds thinking straight again."

"A lot of good is coming from this," Jordan said. "It's good for the children to see that things happen, but you can always persevere, and you can always make some lemonade out of lemons."

Despite the destruction to their campus, Timmerman's students were able to return to learning even before some Richland County public school students thanks to two local churches – that "don't know us from Adam," Jordan said – that opened their doors to Timmerman.

Since last Monday, one week after the flood, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in downtown Columbia has hosted the school's preschool and kindergarten classes, while first through eighth-graders are meeting at Crossings Community Church on Clemson Road.

The Crossings pastor, Paul Pepin, has told the school he doesn't want the children to leave, Jordan said. "Their words were, 'This church doesn't belong to us. It belongs to God. And God would say come right on in,'" Jordan said.

But both students and staff are eager to get back home to Timmerman. "My school's important to me. It helps me learn," Mooney said. "... I like my personal area. ... I also miss the tire swing."

Jordan said she's hopeful students might be back in the school by the end of next week. But there's still work to be done before teachers can move back into their classrooms.

It's good for the children to see that things happen, but you can always persevere, and you can always make some lemonade out of lemons. Liz Jordan, Timmerman School principal

Hundreds of books – textbooks, workbooks, library books – were lost to water damage. It was unfortunate timing that the school had just begun reorganizing its book supply room the week before the flood and had stacked many books on the floor for organization.

Computer units and tablets that had been sitting on the floor, school supplies, curriculum materials and items from some students' lower-level lockers also were lost to the flood.

Flooring had to be replaced throughout the school. On Thursday, blue tile was being laid in the cafeteria, with a new Timmerman "T" pattern laid in the center of the room.

The floodwaters had carried away the school's brand-new picnic tables. They still are nowhere to be found. And they moved the school's Dumpster across the parking lot.

But of all the items that were unmoved by the flood was a flimsy outdoor bench that Jordan had been trying to get rid of for two years. "It did not move one iota," Jordan said. "I said, 'My mother's sitting in it.' She was sitting in it defying that water!" Jordan's late mother, June Timmerman, founded the school 61 years ago out of her own den.

Jordan can't get rid of that bench now.

"I know Mom was right behind me all the time (in the aftermath of the flood) going, 'OK, that's right. Do that. Do that, and then make sure you get this,'" Jordan said. "It's very important to me that my children come back ... to something even better. And they are."

Personal watercraft aid Horry County firefighters, police during recent flood rescue efforts

By Michael Smith

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Jet Skis and WaveRunners are a popular recreation choice in Myrtle Beach area rivers, channels and oceanfront.

But when historic floods drowned dozens of homes earlier this month, personal watercraft served vital, lifesaving functions.

During the Oct. 4-5 flood and its aftermath, Horry County Fire-Rescue deployed three Jet Skis loaned to the department by Lack's Beach Service.

They were used in all areas of the county, including Carolina Forest, Conway, Socastee and Little River, said interim chief Scott Thompson.

“It was a heat of battle kind of thing,” he said. “The resource was offered and we put it to good use. It turned out to work really well, so we used them for several days and they were a real benefit to us.

“We’re just used to driving into those neighborhoods in a vehicle and it got to where we couldn’t do that,” Thompson continued. “So we had to use some floatation methods.”

According to fire department estimates, personal watercraft were responsible for rescuing or assisting about 200 people during the flood.

Firefighters helped some homeowners evacuate and others to retrieve personal belongings and essentials from homes.

That was the case in Cameron Village of S.C. 707, where most homes themselves didn’t flood, but streets were impassable because they were submerged in several feet of water.

“We had people who were there and that water didn’t go away for a couple of days. It was like their houses were surrounded by a moat,” the chief said. “They had problems getting supplies in.”

Horry County police does possess two Jet Skis that it uses for various rescue operations, particularly along the shore, said Lt. Raul Denis, spokesman for Horry County police.

Denis couldn’t say exactly how long the vehicles have been in service, though he said the Beach Patrol has used them for at least 20 years.

The department’s latest purchases include 2014 and 2015 models. They cost about \$10,000 each.

“We use them to perform rescues and to patrol the oceanfront,” Denis said. “Obviously speed is a factor when you’re performing a rescue.”

During the Horry County flood, the police department watercraft were used at Cameron Village, Lee’s Landing near Conway and Pint Circle in Longs to check on properties and transport residents in flood zone, Denis said.

Neither of the police department’s watercraft was available during the flood, however, because they were already in use elsewhere in the county.

In Carolina Forest, the fire department launched a Jet Ski in the BelleGrove subdivision, where BelleGrove Drive, Oakhurst Drive and several cul de sacs were completely flooded.

And in the Conway area, some communities turned into virtual lakes, making watercraft the only way in or out.

“[Along] some parts of the Waccamaw River, the water was over your head in some places,” Thompson said. “You couldn’t walk. [One firefighter] jumped off a Jet Ski to go to a house and the water went over his head.”

Personal watercraft are agile, making them a great choice to perform water rescues and because of their towing capabilities, they’re ideal for transporting personal belongings, Thompson said.

The vehicles are also beneficial because they shield firefighters and victims from potentially contaminated floodwaters, the chief said.

“Once you get water like that, you’ve got septic and sewer systems that are exposed,” he said. “The ground water comes up through that. You have a lot of nasty bacteria that comes up. Also it’s not summer, it’s fall and [the water] is a little cooler.”

George Lack, owner of Lack’s Beach Service, said another benefit of personal watercraft is that they’re more suitable than boats in relatively shallow water.

“In those circumstances where water may not be deep enough to operate a propeller craft, they’re ideal for the shallow water,” Lack said. “One man can launch them and one man can handle them.”

Thompson said HCFR has previously evaluated whether it should add personal watercraft into its arsenal, but the decision to do so boils down to priorities and cost.

The October flood and incidents like it are extremely rare occurrences.

For most HCFR operations, Thompson said boats are a better choice since water patients in need of rescuing often require immobilization, something not possible with a Jet Ski or WaveRunner.

Because of rip currents and waves, personal watercraft are ideal for beach patrol operations, Denis said.

“They’re used whenever swimming is a risky maneuver,” he said, “especially when there’s riptides and we need quick access.”

Old Mill Brew Pub reopens after flooding

By Mike DeSumma

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LEXINGTON, SC (WIS) - Weeks after the historic flood, more businesses at the Old Mill in Lexington are starting to open their doors once again.

Owners at the Old Mill Brew Pub welcomed customers back this week. The restaurant was one of several shops

affected when a dam behind the mill broke.

The brewery at the brew pub was left completely washed out. Staffers say it could be a few more weeks before everything is back online.

For now, they say they it feels great to be able to serve food and operate during their normal hours again.

"I don't know if there's a word for it besides you're just...you can breathe now a little bit," Old Mill co-owner Kelly Clinger said. "Even though there's still a lot of work to do, we can breathe just a little bit right now so it's a good feeling."

Other shops, like Creekside Restaurant at the Old Mill, have also been able to reopen since the flood.

Some stores, however, are still in the process of rebuilding.

Vet reports increase in parasite cases since flood

By Brennan McDavid

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MYRTLE BEACH, SC (WBTW) – The sun is out, but some pets are feeling under the weather.

"The most common thing that we're seeing right now are parasitic infections that affect the intestinal tract," said Associate Veterinarian Dr. Andrea Pennington.

These type of parasites are most commonly found in water, according to Dr. Pennington.

"Our pets take in either by drinking the water or licking the water, even if the contaminated water gets on them and they lick it off their fur, they can get exposed to these parasites," she explained.

Some symptoms include diarrhea, stomach pain or loss of appetite.

"If they're eating dinner and all of the sudden they've only eaten half of it, there might be something going on," Dr. Pennington adds.

Most of the water in Horry County has receded, but Pennington says dogs are still at risk because the soil remains damp.

"Certain fungal species that usually aren't very common this time of year are having a chance to bloom, to come up out of the soil," said Dr. Pennington.

Dogs will then inhale these spores and Dr. Pennington says it can cause respiratory issues. She's also seen quite a few snake bites since the flood.

Dr. Pennington says the older a dog is, the more at risk they are to catching a parasite or an infection. If you suspect your dog is sick, she says it's best to take your pet to the vet.

How a village helped rebuild Four Paws Animal Clinic after flood

Forest Acres clinic had 11 feet of water

Community members, animal lovers helped out

Clinic, once in Forest Acres, reopens Friday in new location

By Salley McInerney, Contributing columnist

[The State](#) (Columbia), Oct. 23, 2015

The heart of this story lies in the heart of every person who's ever loved an animal.

Oh yes, it's about the 1,000-year flood and what it did to destroy Four Paws Animal Clinic in Forest Acres, but when you dig through the mud and mess of earlier this month, you'll discover what that formidable bond between human being and critter can do.

A mud line above the door and windows mark the high water level on Four Paws Animal Clinic building, in Forest Acres.

A mud line above the door and windows mark the high water level on Four Paws Animal Clinic building, in Forest Acres. Provided photograph

A lot. A whole lot.

But first, the flood.

The clinic was located a stone's throw from Gills Creek, just off Forest Drive, behind a fabric store. Flood City, as it turned out.

That Friday afternoon, heavy rains were forecast for the weekend. Veterinarian and Four Paws co-owner Tracy Wales said all pets were sent home and the clinic was prepared for "some water."

"We lifted up all our lift tables and basically moved anything up from the floor about two feet, thinking we were probably going to get some water ... I was worried that we were going to have to replace some floors. Then we put sandbags outside the doors and we went home.

"On Saturday morning, it was just sort of misting. We kind of laughed at the weatherman. Wrong again.

"Then, when my husband, Eddie, and I woke up Sunday morning, we turned on the television. I thought, 'Oh my

God, the clinic is drowning.' We just knew it was under water."

Which it was.

Flood waters rose 11 feet – stopping just 6 inches below the clinic's roofline.

"We got in there on Thursday," Wales said, "and it was mass destruction. There was debris, mud. The smell was unbelievable. We found medication bottles in the ceiling. We were all kind of speechless. I think we were all just thinking – thinking we've got a lot of work to do. We really didn't talk; we just started shoveling."

All sorts of folks turned up to help as the soggy days went by, including Maribeth Word.

I met Word earlier this week. I asked her why she got so involved in the clinic's restoration. Word's face crumpled. Tears fell.

"It involves family," she tried to explain.

I hated to push. "Family?"

"She came over. She came over and helped me with Ruby. Ruby was dying."

"She" is veterinarian Nori Warren, the other co-owner of Four Paws. Ruby was Word's beloved Boykin Spaniel which, two years ago, was in the last difficult throes of life at Word's home.

"I called Dr. Warren and she came over and helped me. She sat there with me."

Word wiped away her tears.

"The people at Four Paws are just real special to me," Word said. "They take of your family."

And so I suppose it is no surprise that after the flood, a lot of folks took care of Four Paws.

F3, a men's fitness and fellowship group, threw its weight behind the initial clean-up of the Forest Drive facility. Numerous veterinary clinics in the Columbia area helped Four Paws clients with their pets while the clinic was closed. A Columbia businessman offered up a Devine Street building for the clinic to move into. The city of Columbia made sure Four Paws had all the permits it needed.

And it's the people like Word – folks who love their pets and prevail upon Four Paws for their care – who've pulled the clinic out of the muck and put it back on the map – literally, a block or two up from Five Points.

Clients, and friends and family of clients, have raised more than \$50,000 for the clinic. They have washed thousands of stainless steel medical instruments recovered from the mud. They have supplied the clinic with all kinds of necessary items – towels and blankets, chairs and magazines for the waiting room. They have painted, they have swept, they have cleaned bathrooms.

"They have given so much and we are just so thankful," Wales said. "The human/animal bond is stronger than most human/human bonds and people are so grateful for the care their pets get."

I asked Wales what she would be thinking on Friday, when the clinic reopened.

"Chaos. We used to have 10 computers. Now we have one. It will be emotional too, and maybe at the end of the day, we will all be able to reflect upon it. Celebrate the fact that we made it."

And reflect upon that formidable bond between human being and critter.

And celebrate what it can do.

Elderly woman rescues dog from the flood and finds its owner

By Tara Pettitt

[WACH](#) Fox 57, Columbia, October 23, 2015

COLUMBIA, SC (WACH) -- In the wake of mass flooding across South Carolina, people from all over the midlands have gone above and beyond to help. Despite the disaster impacting one Columbia woman's home, she didn't hesitate to go against the floodwaters and rescue an animal lost in the storm.

Mary Anderson, a small elderly woman that lives in the northeast side of Columbia, has rescued dozens of dogs over the last several decades, but her most recent is one she'll never forget. When her brother told her there was a puppy stuck across the street in the floodwaters, she wasted no time coming to its rescue.

"My brother had just left me and said 'there's another dog over there!' and I thought he was kidding! And I looked, and was like 'there's a dog over there!'" said Anderson.

While her own house was filling with water, she said she couldn't let the dog drown in the flooding.

"I got across the road, and of course there was water going there too, and I had to go down into one of the ditches and slopped through that, and I wasn't really ready for that."

After getting the pup to safety, Anderson said she had to find its owner. She drove around the area for more than five hours until she found a group of kids that recognized the dog and knew who it belonged to.

"They thought they knew who this lady was, and I said 'well, can you help me find his mommy?' "

Not long after, Anderson found the dog's owner who couldn't be more thankful.

"I said 'what is your dog's name?' and she said 'Cato' and I said 'that's a nice name. that's a very very nice name.'"

It's a name Anderson says she'll never forget, because she could never imagine losing her own.

She added that as much as she would have loved to keep Cato all to herself, it brought her just as much happiness seeing the look on Cato's mom's face after she thought she lost him in the storm.

Flood water cleanup delays reopening of Sullivan's Island library

By Prentiss Findlay

[Charleston Post and Courier](#)

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Reopening of the Edgar Allan Poe Library on Sullivan's Island has been delayed until Nov. 2, officials said Friday.

The branch has been closed since floodwaters got into the building three weeks ago, the Charleston County Public Library system said.

"Remediation specialists are working to dry out the building and lower humidity levels so new flooring can be installed," the system said.

The Poe Library was one of two library branches damaged in the recent flood. The other — West Ashley branch in South Windermere — already has reopened.

Sullivan's residents are encouraged to visit either the Mount Pleasant Regional Library or the Village Branch Library until Poe reopens.

The island library is the only one of 16 branches to suffer any significant damage from the storm. Some 2,000 children's books valued at \$15 each were ruined by the moisture. The shelves will be restocked with duplicate copies of children's books from other branches.

Rainwater settled in the library children's room because it is the lowest point of the 2,000-square-foot building. The adult section was relatively unscathed.

Officials have been conducting air quality tests in the library as part of the clean-up from the flooding which has been estimated to cost \$20,000.

The Cheat Sheet: Drip Dry Edition

By Will Whitson

[WISTV](#) 10 NBC Columbia, Oct. 24, 2015

COLUMBIA, SC (WIS) - You may have been wondering where The Cheat Sheet has been lately. Well, The Cheat Sheet has been wondering that exact same question. But just like the laws of physics work in The Terminator film franchise, it's best not to try and ask questions, and just enjoy the ride.

THE DAY: Team South Carolina Day wrapped up two events this week, one in Gadsden and one in Orangeburg County. The one stop shop for all things government assistance brought in thousands to each event, and each person had the opportunity to get a free shot.

No, not the fun kind. A tetanus shot. But seriously, folks, if you're cleaning up flood damage, get a free DHEC tetanus shot. Lockjaw is no laughing matter.

THE CANDIDATES: Republican Senator Marco Rubio is back in South Carolina, stopping off in the Midlands Friday night. Rubio, who caught flak from Democrats in 2013 after grabbing a water bottle mid-rebuttal to President Obama's State of the Union Address, received a care package from GOP frontrunner Donald Trump which included a case of bottled water. This package arrived around the same time hundreds of thousands of South Carolinians were under a boil water advisory. A few high profile Republicans expressed frustration at the timing of the gag.

On the Democratic side, the race is down to three candidates after Lincoln Chafee and Jim Webb dropped off the ticket. For those of you still scratching your head and saying "Who?" they were the bottom two of the five. Bonus points if you can name a candidate that isn't Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders! (Hint: It's Martin O'Malley!)

THE WINNER - South Carolina: The Palmetto State took a beating in October, there's no doubt about that. But #SCStrong is more than a hashtag. In the midst of unprecedented rain statewide, and now left with extensive damage, state government and state citizens have taken a proactive approach to rebuilding. First responders were ready for the flood, and Emergency Management personnel got less sleep during the event than a USC student during finals week. Give yourself a pat on the back, SC, that'll do.

THE LOSER - The South Carolina General Assembly: There isn't so much a loser this week as there is a group that is very, very unfortunate. After failing to pass a road reform bill last year, lawmakers now have to deal with a crumbling infrastructure that has actually crumbled in some places. Roads and bridges are destroyed, with many out for the foreseeable future. The pressure is on lawmakers again in January to get real repair money on the books. And, like last session, lawmakers can choose to debate it into oblivion with arguments over "revenue neutral" bills and tax offsets. But, if they fail to pass a bill this time, it could mean long, fixable detours will stay in place a lot longer. And the voters who take those detours are like velociraptors, they remember.

Except, unlike velociraptors, they vote. They don't eat lawmakers. At least, I hope not.

THE TAKEAWAY: Be really glad we don't live in a world with velociraptors. And get a tetanus shot!

Darlington County School District will make up one flooding day

By Whitney Hill

[WMBF](#) NBC Myrtle Beach-Florence, Oct. 23, 2015

DARLINGTON COUNTY, SC (WMBF) – The Darlington County School District announced Friday that February 12 will be a regular school day for students to make up the day district schools missed because of the flooding.

February 12, which was originally set aside for parent-teacher conferences, is the first of three inclement weather days listed on the board-approved 2015-2016 school district calendar, according to a news release from the DCSD.

The missed school day also caused the end of the quarter and the report card release dates to be pushed forward one day.

The parent-teacher conferences scheduled for Thursday, February 11, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. will continue as planned.

Additional times for parent-teacher conferences will be offered by schools from February 15 through February 18; each school will provide the new parent-teacher conference times to the parents of their students.

The release states South Carolina state law requires school districts make up the first three days of school missed due to inclement weather. Even though Governor Haley declared a state of emergency during the floods, her declaration does not have any bearing on the requirement for school districts to make up missed days. A state of emergency declaration permits the governor and state agencies to mobilize resources and reassign employees as needed.

Click the link to view the revised 2015-2016 DCSD Calendar in PDF Format – 1 MB

<http://ftpcontent4.worldnow.com/wmbf/REVISED%202015-16%20DCSD%20Calendar%20-%20revised%2010-22-15.pdf>

You can also access the revised calendar on the school district's website at www.darlington.k12.sc.us.

NBSC donates \$100,000 to flood recovery effort

By Warren L. Wise

[Charleston Post and Courier](#), Oct 23 2015

NBSC announced Friday a donation of \$100,000 to three South Carolina agencies supporting recovery efforts after the historic rainfall and flooding earlier this month across the Palmetto State.

Money from the division of Synovus Bank will be divided equally among the Low Country South Carolina Chapter of the American Red Cross, United Way of the Midlands and the Central Carolina Community Foundation.

"While the water from these historic floods has receded, the impact of the storm will be with us for some time," said Chuck Garnett, president and CEO of NBSC.

All NBSC branches continue to accept donations for recovery funds administered by the Columbia Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations around the state.

Harvest Hope team up with motorcycle clubs to aid in flood recovery

By Matthew Stevens

[WACH Fox 57](#), October 23, 2015

COLUMBIA, SC (WACH) - Bikers from across the Midlands will be giving back to those affected by the historic flooding.

Several motorcycle clubs and dealerships have teamed up with Harvest Hope in this effort.

A fundraising ride will take place Saturday, October 31.

However, donations are being accepted at numerous locations prior to the ride. Donations that the group is looking for include food, water, toiletries and monetary.

Locations taking donations before the Halloween ride are: Carolina Honda, Harley Haven, Columbia Powersports, Thunder Tower, Jacks Custom Cycles.

All proceeds go to Harvest Hope

South Carolina relief trailer getting filled but residents can still donate

By Tosin Fakile

[WFXL](#), Albany, Ga., October 23rd 2015

The South Carolina relief trailer is about three-quarters full according to city officials and they are still urging

residents to come out and donate.

The initiative put together by city leaders is collecting needed supplies for people affected by the recent flooding in South Carolina in a trailer donated by Interstate National Lease.

"A lot of times people sort of want to know what the role of a city leader is and its bringing the community together and this was just a part of it. If you are a community and you can't take care of your neighbors then you're not much of a community," said BJ Fletcher, City Commissioner Ward 3.

Fletcher said it's all about giving back.

Unfortunately we went through this in 94, we went through this in 98 and there are so many people in this community that was on the receiving line back then," Fletcher said. "Just ask them to reach out and remember how they felt when they got that little special package. It means the world to you when you've already lost almost everything you have," she added.

They will be receiving more supplies from resident on Saturday October 24th between 8 a.m. and Noon.

"When you wake up tomorrow, a lot of times Saturday you don't have much to do we're still needing bleach baby diapers, look at what you needed back then, nothing's changed its just different people," Fletcher said.

Eugene Anderson with Albany Fire Department said there will be a receiving truck at the Albany mall on Saturday to collect donations which will be brought back and loaded on the big trailer located on Pine Avenue.

Officials said they will ship the trailer out to South Carolina once it is full hopefully by next week.

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WACH Fox Good Day (News)

... insurance, that didn't have anything and wasn't going to get but minimal help from fema. we collected like maybe three storable units full of furniture already. last week, you got a call from ...



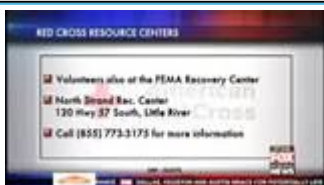
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WACH Fox Good Day (News)

... officials want you to know help is out there. fema, along with other federal an state agencies are working together to help make the process a little bit easier. right now, 22 counties in the ...



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News 13 NOW (News)

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News 13 NOW (News)

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Federal Emergency Management Agency on WCBT-CHS (NBC) - Charleston, SC

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News 2 Midday (News)

... goes from ten to two on monday. available resources include federal emergency management agency and disaster loan application and food stamp assistance and a water test kit. ...



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FEMA on WJBF (ABC) - Augusta, GA

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WJBF News Channel 6 at Noon (News)

... counties in south carolina now eligible to get some reimbursement from fema for the flooding that occurred earlier this month. that list--just released by the governor's office--means ...



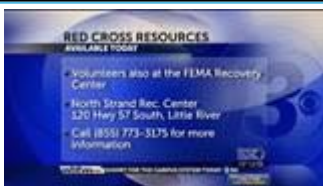
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FEMA on WIS - COL (NBC) - Columbia, SC

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WIS News 10 Midday (News)

... register for financial assistance from fema apply for disaster loans from the u.s. small business administration learn more about repairing and ...



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FEMA on WBTW (CBS) - Myrtle Beach, SC

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News 13 at Noon (News)

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FEMA on WOLO- COL (ABC) - Columbia, SC

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ABC Columbia News at Noon (News)

... orangeburg county today. helping flood victims to get cleaning supplies, fema assistance, housing assistance and utilize several other resources. all that information will be ...



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FEMA on WOLO- COL (ABC) - Columbia, SC

10/23/2015 12:32:26

ABC Columbia News at Noon (News)

... assistance if you have not already. fema says if you received a denial letter, contact them and they will send you another form. they say it could be something that was very small keeping you ...



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FEMA. on WLOS (ABC) - Greenville, SC

10/23/2015 12:35:47

News 13 at 12:30pm (News)

... damage in california, many are homeless. fema has 1200 people still on the ground out there. the streets where homes and empty yards are full of debris. one of the victims explains how ...



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FEMA on WHNS (FOX) - Greenville, SC

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FOX Carolina 4 O'Clock News (News)

... drainage pipe near the creek bed.officials have applied for fema help to fix it...and should know in the next month if their request is approved. the cost to repair the hole is around \$236-thousand dollars! ...



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FEMA. on WCSC-CHS (CBS) - Charleston, SC

10/23/2015 16:22:32

Live 5 News First at 4 (News)

... the flood... why they can't get help from fema. with the holidays ahead, tis the season for package thieves ...



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FEMA on WBTW (CBS) - Myrtle Beach, SC

10/23/2015 17:00:40

News 13 at 5 (News)

... over thirty six hundred people in florence county who have applied for fema but some residents have been denied. residents from across the pee dee have been walking through ...



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FEMA on WACH - COL (FOX) - Columbia, SC

10/23/2015 17:00:54

Modern Family (Other)

... time. we do have a representative live in the studio from fema with us to answer some questions about what you can expect during the recovery process. ...



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FEMA. on WACH - COL (FOX) - Columbia, SC

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Modern Family (Other)

... results to provide ways to get rid of the infected water. >> also, right now, fema inspectors are trying to make the recovery processes as smooth as possible. ...



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FEMA on WBTW (CBS) - Myrtle Beach, SC

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FEMA. on WRDW (CBS) - Augusta, GA

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News 12 First at 5 PM (News)

... kelist of counties getting money from fema to recover from severe flooding earlier this month. the help from fema give state, local, and certain private non- profits money to recoup --it ...



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[FEMA. on WACH - COL \(FOX\) - Columbia, SC](#)

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Modern Family (Other)

... seconds, we talked about the program about if you get a rejection letter from fema it does no mean the process is over. it could be something as simple as a signature missing or a ...



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[FEMA. on WIS - COL \(NBC\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/23/2015 17:17:28

WIS News 10 Live at 5:00 (News)

... get most of that expense reimbursed through fema funding. live in leesville, mike desumma, alert traffic... t.g.i.f another day of sunshine and warm ...



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[FEMA on WPDE \(ABC\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

10/23/2015 17:19:22

ABC15 News at 5PM (News)

... back to normal. fee ma is one resource. fema is one resource. liz is with us to explain. >> reporter: while they try to juggle their monthly bills and bills from the flood, there's ...



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[FEMA on WJBF \(ABC\) - Augusta, GA](#)

10/23/2015 17:29:08

WJBF News Channel 6 at 5 (News)

... bottom of the hour. aiken county has been approved to get fema money after this month's historic flooding. the federal aid enables state agencies, local governments and certain private non-profits to ...



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[FEMA. on WLTX - COL \(CBS\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/23/2015 17:32:43

News 19 Friends @ 5 (News)

... i'm glad the federal agencyies are here. i've been talking to fema and the state agencies and i'm glad to see everybody pull together to help constitch went in need. ...



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[FEMA on WBTW \(CBS\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

10/23/2015 17:58:38

Inside Edition (News)

... and that once rejected...now accepted for fema assistance....more on the struggle for lake city residents...right now on coverage you can count on. good friday evening and thanks ...



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[FEMA. on WJBF \(ABC\) - Augusta, GA](#)

10/23/2015 17:59:22

WJBF News Channel 6 at 5:30 (News)

... repairs to roads and bridges that were damaged. it's part of fema's public assistance program, where the federal government typically pays 75 percent -- and local and state ...



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[FEMA. on WPDE \(ABC\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

10/23/2015 17:59:31

ABC15 News at 6PM (News)

... >>> tonight we have information about flood victims and fema. >>> call it a revival. more and more music lovers are giving the records a spin. >>> this is abc15 news at ...



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[FEMA. on WBTW \(CBS\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

10/23/2015 17:59:46

Inside Edition (News)

... he is not a resident of the area he cannot get assistance through fema. "this land has been in my family since it was dust from king george. it's been paid all of those years. i do not qualify ...



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[FEMA on WBTW \(CBS\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

10/23/2015 18:01:00

News 13 at 6 (News)

... processing center" its something residents say is a chance for recovery "fema is here for us. so you have the damage, get your papers and read. call fema because its best not to be asking anyone ...



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[FEMA. on WIS - COL \(NBC\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/23/2015 18:01:22

WIS News 10 at 6:00 (News)

... get most of that expense reimbursed through fema funding. live in leesville, mike desumma, wis news 10. a nice weekend ahead for us here in the ...



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[FEMA. on WPDE \(ABC\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

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ABC15 News at 6PM (News)

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[FEMA. on WAGT \(NBC\) - Augusta, GA](#)

10/23/2015 18:01:49

NBC 26 News at 6 (News)

... they got the news. the county met fema requirements with 586-thousand dollars in assessed damages. that doesn't include another 500- ...



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[FEMA on WCSC-CHS \(CBS\) - Charleston, SC](#)

10/23/2015 19:00:30

Live 5 News Prime Time At 7 (News)

... by the flooding don't qualify for fema help. where churches can now go for help. "your friday ...



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[FEMA. on WAGT \(NBC\) - Augusta, GA](#)

10/23/2015 19:01:29

NBC 26 News at 7 (News)

... thousand dollars from breached dams and broken roads. fema now deeming aiken county eligible for it's public assistance program. "we were elated and relieved actually because it looked like ...



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[FEMA on WCSC-CHS \(CBS\) - Charleston, SC](#)

10/23/2015 19:02:04

Live 5 News Prime Time At 7 (News)

... find a different story well fema won't help us. jan denham owns the building next door. ...



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FEMA on WPDE (ABC) - Myrtle Beach, SC

10/23/2015 19:02:18

ABC15 News at 7PM (News)

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FEMA. on WTAT-CHS (FOX) - Charleston, SC

10/23/2015 21:52:01

Rosewood (Other)

... the flood... why they can't get help from fema...
coming up on fox 24.. foster: i can't believe you came back for more. rosewood: ...



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FEMA. on WFXB (FOX) - Myrtle Beach, SC

10/23/2015 22:00:13

FOX News at Ten (News)

... be our waitress. flood waters are receding .. and fema is getting to work. but some people won't get money to rebuild from the government. agents say .. don't get upset yet. ...



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Federal Emergency Management Agency on WACH - COL (FOX) - Columbia, SC

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WACH FOX News at 10 (News)

... at this point, she still needs to know just how much the federal emergency management agency will pay before she can find out how much money is needed. the flooding the most likely be ...



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FEMA. on WACH - COL (FOX) - Columbia, SC

10/23/2015 22:02:28

WACH FOX News at 10 (News)

... exit ramp. >>> a reminder tonight about how you can apply for fema assistance. one 800 621 fema is the number you can call. if you haven't done so yet, it ...



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FEMA. on WFXB (FOX) - Myrtle Beach, SC

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FOX News at Ten (News)

... damage. haley says she needs to know how much fema will pay -- for damage. the agency says its already spent more than 47 million dollars in south ...



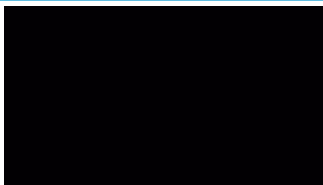
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FEMA on WFXB (FOX) - Myrtle Beach, SC

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FOX News at Ten (News)

... anybody else but that's still a blessing" a blessing that fema representative mike wade agrees with he but wants people to know that you only have sixty days to appeal after you get ...



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FEMA on WTAT-CHS (FOX) - Charleston, SC

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News at 10 (News)

... many still working to clean up... why fema isn't providing aid to churches and non profits.. and in the .
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[FEMA. on WHNS \(FOX\) - Greenville, SC](#)

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Fox Carolina Ten O'Clock News (News)

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[FEMA. on WTAT-CHS \(FOX\) - Charleston, SC](#)

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News at 10 (News)

... are too. the difference is, fema won't help them. dashawn- brown spoke to one that tried to get help ...



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News at 10 (News)

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[FEMA. on WAGT \(NBC\) - Augusta, GA](#)

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NBC 26 News at 11 (News)

... from the heavy flooding earlier this month. the county met fema requirements with 568-thousand dollars in assessed damages. that doesn't include another 500- ...



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[FEMA. on WBTW \(CBS\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

10/23/2015 23:01:26

News 13 at 11 (News)

... the crash remains under investigation. around here... fema says, so far, it's spent about 47 1/2 million dollars ... for flood assistance across south carolina. ...



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[FEMA on WPDE \(ABC\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

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ABC15 News at 11 (News)

... going to cost us to get the house back to normal. >> fema representative say you should take advantage of relief centers and that could help you in many ways you don't realize. >> if you need help the ...



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[FEMA on WJBF \(ABC\) - Augusta, GA](#)

10/23/2015 23:02:23

WJBF News Channel 6 at 11 (News)

... how much it will cost. margaret ann? last week, fema representatives traveled throughout the county with officials to see which areas had the most damage. ...



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Live 5 News at 11 (News)

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5th Quarter (Sport)

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[FEMA on WCSC-CHS \(CBS\) - Charleston, SC](#)

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Live 5 News at 11 (News)

... starting next week.. the fema mobile disaster recovery center in cainhoy will be open everyday! ...



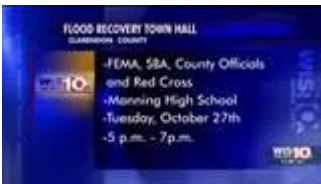
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[FEMA. on WJBF \(ABC\) - Augusta, GA](#)

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WJBF News Channel 6 at 11 (News)

... counties are now eligible for all categories of the fema public assistance program before they only qualified for 2 categories. those who lost property or ..
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[FEMA on WIS - COL \(NBC\) - Columbia, SC](#)

10/23/2015 23:04:43

WIS News 10 Nightcast (News)

... manning high school from 5pm until 7pm. representatives from fema, the small business administrative, county government and the red cross will be there to answer ...



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[FEMA on WITN-GRENC \(NBC\) - Greenville, NC](#)

10/24/2015 04:38:23

Today's Homeowner (Lifestyle)

... will tell you that water can get anywhere in our home. according to fema, \$38,000 annually is the average claim on flooding in a home. not just the basement. and that's where the sump pump ...



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[FEMA on WCSC-CHS \(CBS\) - Charleston, SC](#)

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Live 5 News This Morning Saturday (News)

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[FEMA on WPDE \(ABC\) - Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

10/24/2015 07:03:17

Good Morning Carolinas (News)

... >> it's heart breaking to see all these people lost so much. >>reporter: she applied for fema assistance. they know it is available, but she wasn't aware that banks offering relief for mortgage ...



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[FEMA on WJBF \(ABC\) - Augusta, GA](#)

10/24/2015 07:04:22

Good Morning Augusta (News)

... repairs to roads and bridges that were damaged. it's part of fema's public assistance program. it's where the federal government typically pays 75 percent -- and ...

Thank you,

Christopher Dodge

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