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## Duncan's BBQ becoming premier GOP event

By Rudolph Bell

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ANDERSON — The first year U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan organized his Faith & Freedom BBQ, several hundred people from Anderson and environs came to hear a South Carolina political personality, former U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint.

When the annual fundraiser opened Monday night at the Anderson Civic Center, Duncan had drawn an estimated 1,200 Republican activists, his spokesman said, some from as far away as Charleston and Myrtle Beach.

They heard a national GOP personality and potential 2016 White House hopeful, U.S. Sen.

Marco Rubio of Florida, in what has become one of the biggest Republican events in South Carolina.

In terms of attendance, it now rivals the state GOP's annual Silver Elephant Dinner in Columbia, confirmed Matt Moore, state party chair.

Duncan's barbecue, however, is still smaller than Democratic U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn's annual Fish Fry in Columbia, where it's "nothing for us to have 2,000 to 3,000 people," Clyburn said, depending on whether there's a presidential or gubernatorial election.

Two other possible Republican presidential candidates, Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul and Texas Gov. Rick Perry, are also in South Carolina this week to

greet voters a year and a half ahead of the state's first-in-the-South presidential primary.

Paul was scheduled to join U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney for a barbecue in Rock Hill on Monday night that Mulvaney said would draw 400 to 450 people, most of whom had not been to one of his events before.

Perry goes to Columbia on Wednesday and Thursday for a series of events, including the University of South Carolina's football game against Texas A&M, Perry's alma mater.

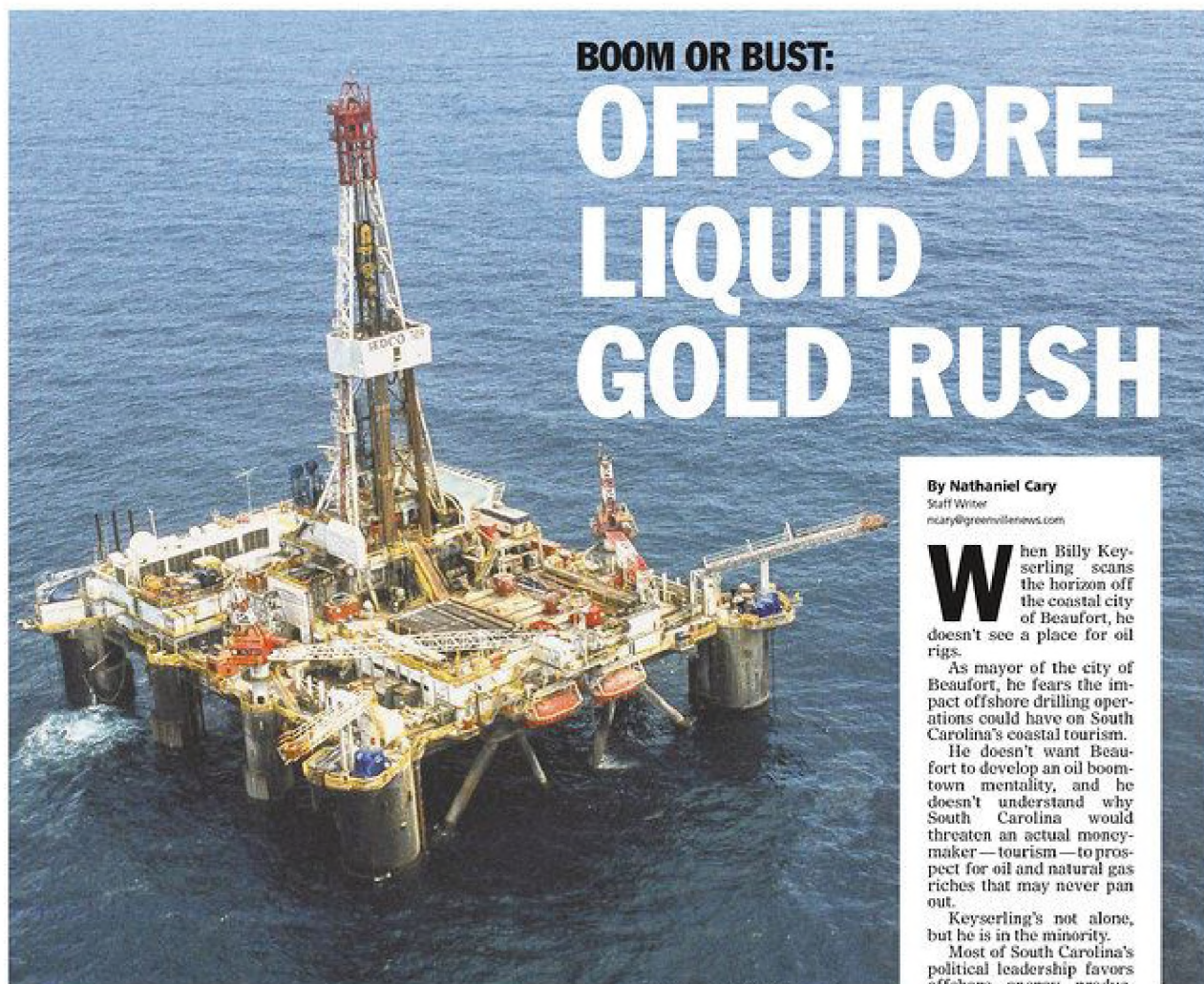
At Duncan's barbecue Monday night, Rubio was interrupted four times by hecklers objecting to his views on immigration.



BART BOATWRIGHT/STAFF

U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., center, meets Joe and Jessica Denison during U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan's annual Faith & Freedom BBQ on Monday at the Anderson Civic Center in Anderson, S.C.

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## BOOM OR BUST:

# OFFSHORE LIQUID GOLD RUSH

By Nathaniel Cary

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**W**hen Billy Keyserling scans the horizon off the coastal city of Beaufort, he doesn't see a place for oil rigs.

As mayor of the city of Beaufort, he fears the impact offshore drilling operations could have on South Carolina's coastal tourism.

He doesn't want Beaufort to develop an oil boomtown mentality, and he doesn't understand why South Carolina would threaten an actual money-maker — tourism — to prospect for oil and natural gas riches that may never pan out.

Keyserling's not alone, but he is in the minority.

Most of South Carolina's political leadership favors offshore energy production. And a poll, paid for by oil lobbyists, says 77 percent of South Carolinians

Beaufort Mayor Billy Keyserling is among those who fear the impact that offshore oil drilling platforms like this one owned by Shell oil company could have on tourism in South Carolina. But most of the state's political leaders favor offshore energy production. A poll paid for by oil lobbyists says 77 percent of South Carolinians support offshore drilling.

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## CofC may launch diversity program



College might accept all students from top tier in certain Lowcountry counties

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In a dramatic move to increase diversity and the number of Lowcountry students who enroll, the College of Charleston is consider-

ing accepting all students in certain counties who graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school classes.

President Glenn McConnell said college leaders are discussing launching a pilot program, which could begin as early as the



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2015-16 school year. It likely would include Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties, as well as two or three rural Lowcountry counties.

The school faculty would have to approve the plan before it could move forward, he said. But if it does, school officials later this fall could begin recruiting high school seniors in the selected counties.

The plan is modeled after the state of Texas' "Top 10% Rule," a law passed in 1997 that guarantees admission to all state-funded universities to Texas students who

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## Soaring moment



Crowds get a close-up look at Executive Director Jim Elliott of the Center for Birds of Prey prepares to release a bald eagle back into the wild Monday at Boone Hall Plantation.

### Bald eagle struck by car is set free after treatment at bird center

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MOUNT PLEASANT — Not every 9-year-old gets a chance to touch a bald eagle, much less a tiny one. Barnett Gilson didn't hesitate

to stroke the tail feather. Then he watched rapt as the bird leapt free.

The young female eagle was released Monday at Boone Hall Plantation in the marsh environs near Horlick Creek, after a six-month rehabilitation at the Center for Birds

of Prey in nearby Awendaw. She had been struck by a car in southern Charleston County, apparently while scavenging on the roadside, said Jim Elliott, center director.

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## Festival cooks up changes

Wine + Food to offer more time with chefs as it marks 10th year

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The Charleston Wine + Food Festival is overhauling its Culinary Village, the geographic and spiritual center of the yearly festival. With ticket sales set to launch Wednesday, staffers reveal that tasting tents in 2015 will shake off their trade show format in favor of an emphasis on education and interaction.

"We read every little bit of feedback as it related to the Culinary Village," said Executive Director Gillian Zettler, alluding to mounting complaints that the area was difficult to navigate and not representative of the caliber of talent participating in the festival.

In response, the temporary Marion Square settlement has been restructured to feature a concert stage, ongoing demonstrations and more chances to converse with chefs.

"There were a lot less restaurants there over the years," said Patrick Emerson, who's serving as the festival's wine and beverage director. His Culinary Village responsibilities

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## Critics say Darkness to Light leaving backers out in cold

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Two hours before committee members were scheduled to discuss plans for the upcoming Darkness to Light gala during a June meeting, they learned that the November event — long considered one of Charleston's biggest black-tie parties — had been canceled.

A series of smaller, "grass-roots" events would do a better job reaching a national audience, Darkness to Light President and CEO Jolie Logan told the group in an email. A local gala wasn't a good fit anymore.

"We have had so much growth over the last several years, and there's one thing that hasn't changed — the gala,"

### About Darkness to Light

"The ultimate mission of D2L, to end childhood sexual abuse, can only be accomplished by sharing the solution of prevention, awareness and education with more and more people," according to the nonprofit's website. To learn more about Darkness to Light's training programs or to donate, visit [D2L.org](http://D2L.org).

Logan said in a recent interview. "It served its purpose."

While Logan and her Board of Directors insist this was simply a strategic business move — particularly because a \$100-per-ticket party no longer seemed like the best way to spread

their message about preventing child sexual abuse — some longtime supporters and employees interviewed by The Post and Courier worry that Darkness to Light is unraveling and that canceling the gala was simply the latest in a string of poor management decisions. Local volunteers who remain deeply committed to the cause believe Logan is alienating the community that nurtured this organization from the ground up in favor of becoming a national brand.

"It just feels like they're turning their backs on the hand that fed them for so many years when they were getting started," said Katie Sharda, who started volunteering for Darkness to

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Jolie Logan, President and CEO of Darkness to Light holds a staff meeting at the company headquarters in Charleston on Thursday.



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## Police chief: Drug analyst resigns

Columbia police chemist suspected of mishandling evidence in nearly 200 cases

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Columbia Police Chief Skip Holbrook said Monday that the department's only drug analyst has resigned and that 188 criminal drug cases in which her tests were crucial evidence are now in jeopardy.

The drug tests done by Brenda Frazier in those 188 cases will

need to be reviewed by other agencies following an internal audit of the department's drug analysis lab, Holbrook said at a news conference at police headquarters.

Frazier submitted her resignation Monday, the chief said.

Last week, Holbrook closed the department's drug lab after a departmental review found Frazier wasn't following stan-

dardized procedures required to make sure her drug testing results were accurate. Her determinations for both the weight of tested drugs, and what kind of drugs were being tested, are open to question, law enforcement officials have said.

Frazier, who had been working at the lab since 2011, had done analyses in a total of 746 cases, Holbrook said, and she had testi-

fied in court numerous times.

Midlands criminal defense lawyers, notified Friday of the drug lab problems, said they are glad Holbrook and 5th Circuit solicitor Dan Johnson are taking action to review Frazier's cases.

"This is serious - her job is important. Her drug tests can put people away for five, 10, 15 years," said Jack Swerling, a Columbia defense lawyer who has

handled numerous high profile drug and murder cases. He has taught at University of South Carolina Law School, held seminars and commented on national television.

"The fact that she was involved in upwards of 1,000 cases is very significant, particularly for people who may have been convicted

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## GAME WEEK

Avid fan base, Spurrier help fuel USC's rising status in the SEC

Kickoff meets rush hour: The game before the game

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September 1990. The cry rattled from Hilton Head to Greenville - after years of wandering in the wilderness as an independent, South Carolina was joining the Southeastern Conference.

The move meant money. Spotlights. National exposure. Surely success - long-term success that Gamecock fans had always desired - would follow.

It has. It just took a while.

USC's athletics program is in its heyday, a revived football team leading the way. Division, conference and national championships have arrived in Columbia.

"The perception among the member institutions about the culture here are so different than they were," said athletics director Ray Tanner, at USC since 1996. "It's not easy in the Southeastern Conference. It's a great conference, the best one in the country as far as competition, revenue, exposure, but it's a tremendous challenge to sustain success."

The majority of the 22 years since they first suited up for SEC competition were like USC's previous athletics history - pockets of brilliance that cast little light on the overall dark surroundings. While enjoying the view in 2014, the perches from 1992 on were usually looking up at the rest of the conference.

Steve Spurrier, a crucial piece of USC's rise, put it best.

"We got up there a little bit, but we're still not at the top."

After three consecutive 11-win seasons, the

By BERTRAM RANTIN  
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An early USC kickoff time - and no planned early dismissals for government and university employees - is expected to snarl traffic leading into and out of downtown Columbia Thursday.

This will be the University of South Carolina's fifth Thursday football home opener since 2005, but

the 6 p.m. kickoff is the earliest yet. That is expected to intensify congestion in the areas around and leading to Williams-Brice Stadium throughout the day.

S.C. Highway Patrol officials expect the biggest push to be two to four hours before kickoff, as tailgaters navigate for spots immediately around the stadium and commuters start leaving for the day.

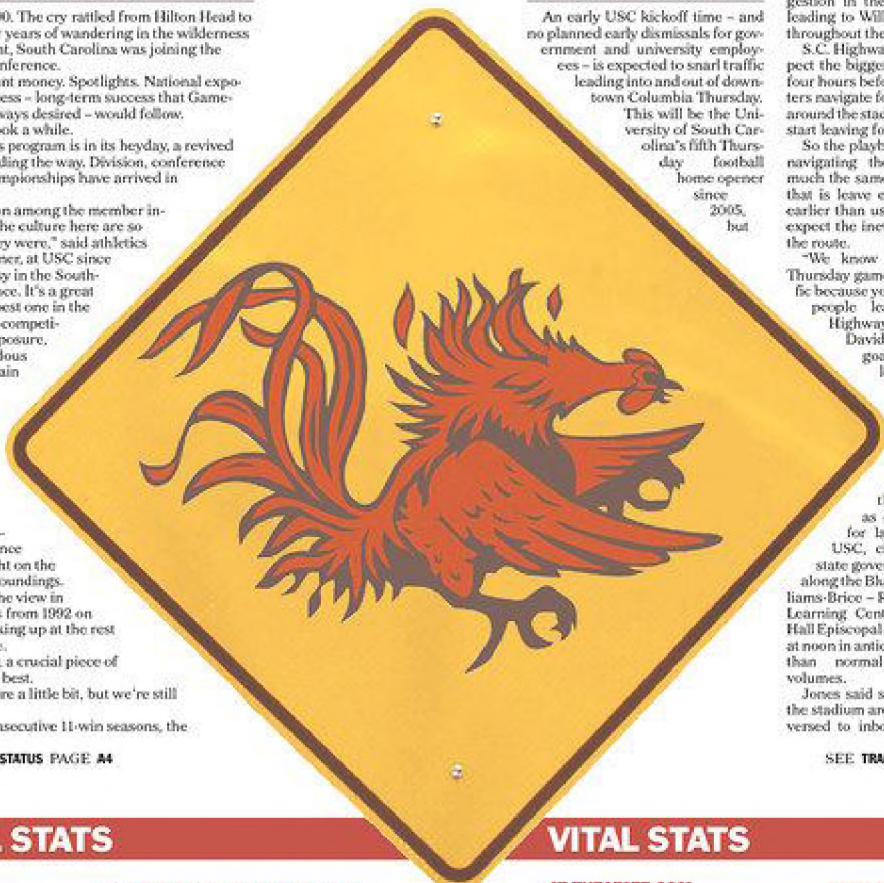
So the playbook for successfully navigating the traffic will look much the same as in years past - that is leave early (perhaps a tad earlier than usual), be patient and expect the inevitable bumps along the route.

"We know that historically a Thursday game brings a lot of traffic because you (also) have a lot of people leaving work," said Highway Patrol Lance Cpl. David Jones. "Our No. 1 goal is to tell people to leave early and to be patient."

Some nearby institutions are heeding that advice.

While there were no across-the-board dismissals as of Monday planned for large employers like USC, city of Columbia or state government, two schools along the Bluff Road route to Williams-Brice - Richland 1's Olympic Learning Center and Heathwood Hall Episcopal School - will dismiss at noon in anticipation of the higher than normal weekday traffic volumes.

Jones said several lanes around the stadium are scheduled to be reversed to inbound-only around 2



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View pre-game and post-game traffic maps around the stadium. Also, the Highway Patrol traffic plan for Thursday's USC home game opener. And read about what's new

## GAMECOCKS VS. AGGIES

**Who:** No. 9 USC vs. No. 21 Texas A&M

**When:** 6 p.m. Thursday

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## Wal-Mart still offering jobs

### New North Augusta store needs 140 more employees

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Wal-Mart store manager Daniel LaDow needs 140 more employees before the store opens in late October at Exit 5 in North Augusta.

About 160 employees have already been hired, and LaDow is currently working to train them by using a partnership with Southern Wesleyan University to have a mass orientation. But, more workers are needed.

"Our hiring site is kind of small, so we've got 40 people here. We've built a relationship with Southern Wesleyan (University), and they allow us to come here to do our orientation," he said. "This is the first step; they come into orientation and get told about the dress code and different policies and how they'll get schedules and checks. They'll do this for one day, along with a safety walk at the store and then some more paperwork."

After completing the orientation and

**Interested?**  
For more information about jobs at the new Wal-Mart in North Augusta, visit the hiring center at 517 Edgefield Road or call the center at 803-426-1802.  
There are job openings for full time, part time and temporary employees, as well as hourly management positions.

safety walk, the associates will have more training before they are ready for the sales floor.

"In two days they'll come back and do computer-based learning training," LaDow said. "Then we'll send them out

to different stores around the area so they can get job-based training. They'll be experienced when we open the store."

LaDow and his staff are currently working out of a hiring center, located at 517 Edgefield Road, until Sept. 15. Then, they will begin working out of the store. From Sept. 15 until the late October grand opening, staff will work to stock shelves and prepare the store for its grand opening.

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## Getting the word out



STAFF PHOTO BY ROB NOVIT

## Presentations on sales tax to begin

BY ROB NOVIT  
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Aiken High School's science building, completed just last year, has changed the landscape for those driving by the school on Rutland Avenue and certainly for the students who attend the school.

Aiken County School administrators would like to see the rest of the high school campus match that building and the advantages it offers over the aging facilities that surround it.

An artist's rendition — presented by School District Superintendent Dr. Beth Everitt and Deputy Superintendent David Caver — depicts a future with an almost entirely rebuilt school. The bulk of the remaining buildings on the campus were constructed in 1953.

The administrators discussed the one percent sales tax proposal that community residents will be asked to vote on in November during a Monday media conference at the District's central office.

Along with other top administrators, Everitt and Caver will soon begin such presentations for people throughout the county — all of them strictly informational, Everitt said.

District personnel and School Board members cannot advocate in favor of a one percent sales tax increase or use any public funds to do so, Everitt said.

With the District's existing budget for new construction and maintenance, a project like the new Aiken High would take 20 to 30 years, Caver said.

However, that project, and others in the District, could be completed in about 10 years — based on the outcome of the one percent sales tax vote in November.

Voter approval would add one cent per dollar in sales tax on certain purchases, with the major exemption being grocery items intended for consumption at home.

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Aiken School Superintendent Dr. Beth Everitt, right, and Deputy Superintendent David Caver participate in a media conference about the one percent sales tax increase the School Board is seeking in the November general election. District administrators plan to bring informational presentations to the public throughout the county.



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This artist's rendition depicts Aiken High School in the future with nearly all buildings replaced. Aiken County School District administrators said that such a project could take 20 to 30 years with current revenue or could be completed in 10 years with additional revenue from a one percent sales tax increase. The School Board will take that proposal to voters in the November general election.

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## Former AHS player loves foreign basketball





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IN BEAUFORT COUNTY

## Council increases school tax rate

District says 1.8-mill raise not enough, \$2 million deficit likely for this year

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As another school year begins, Beaufort County schools could be staring at another deficit.

County leaders voted to raise the property-tax rate for schools Monday, but by less than half the rate school officials had requested.

County leaders voted to raise the property-tax rate for schools Monday, but by less than half the rate school officials had requested. That means the school district likely will face about a \$2 million deficit this year, school leaders estimate. In the spring, a \$4 million deficit forced the district to freeze hiring and go into its savings.

"It's essentially a mid-year budget cut," superintendent Jeff Moss said. "Without looking at the numbers, I don't know where that will come from. But I don't want to use my fund balance two years in a row."

Beaufort County Council unanimously approved, with Councilman Bill McBride absent, to adjust the tax rate to 103.5 mills to raise \$14.9 million for county public schools at its meeting on Hilton Head Island. That's an increase over the 101.7-mill rate the council set in June.

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### SANTEE COOPER APPROVES LOAN

State-owned utility Santee Cooper has approved a \$4 million loan to help Beaufort County build a 40,000-square-foot building in the Myrtle Business park in Bluffton.

The undeveloped lot behind the county's government center on Bluffton Parkway near S.C. 46 already has utilities installed there by a previous owner. The

county and Lowcountry Economic Alliance intend to use the building to entice businesses to relocate to the area.

The county purchased the 7.7-acre lot late last year for \$115 million, which was covered in part by two economic-development grants from Palmetto Electric Cooperative and Hargray Communications. The full project is expected to cost \$7.5 million, including the \$4 million loan.

IN BEAUFORT

## Nonprofit backs off on Lipsitz property

The Beaufort County Open Land Trust has received \$50,000 in pledges, but wanted at least \$400,000 before proceeding.

By ERIN MOODY  
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A plan to extend the waterfront view along the Bay Street bluff overlooking the Beaufort River is on hold, at least for a while.

The Beaufort County Open Land Trust is far short of the money it needs to buy the Lipsitz home at 2012 Bay St., according to executive director Cindy Baysden.

"We would love to get that piece of property, but it's a little bit bigger than we can handle," she said.

The trust has received \$50,000 in pledges so far but would need another \$700,000. The board of directors wanted at least \$400,000 pledged before committing to the sale, Baysden said.

"We were hoping to discuss it one more time, but unless someone steps up with some significant funds, we're not going to be able to do it," Baysden said.

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## Locally, hurricane likely to produce strong currents

Cristobal drenches Caribbean, but expected to pass Beaufort County



THEOPHIL SYSLO • Staff photo

Thomas Joyner, 25, of Hilton Head Island rides a wave on Monday at Burkes Beach on Hilton Head Island. Hurricane Cristobal's effects on Beaufort County's coastline will likely be limited to rip currents and swells through tonight.

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**R**ough waters will roll along Beaufort County's coast as Hurricane Cristobal passes by far offshore today, according to a National Weather Service meteorologist.

The storm has dumped rain on several islands in the Caribbean during the past week, but Cristobal won't have

An advisory for coastal flooding was in effect Monday night, owing to higher tides from the storm, Berry said.

Shore Beach Service on Hilton Head Island and Hunting Island State Park rangers said they were prepared to notify beachgoers of the stronger cur-

### FUNERAL FOR MICHAEL BROWN

## Mourners: Turn anger into action

"Let your voices be heard," a cousin of the slain 18-year-old implores of black Americans.

By JIM SUHR  
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Mourners filled an enormous church to remember Michael Brown — recalling him as a "gentle giant," aspiring rapper and recent high school graduate on his way to a technical college.

But the funeral that unfolded Monday was about much more than the black 18-year-old who lay in the closed casket after being shot to death by a white police officer. The emotional service sought to consecrate Brown's death as another in the long history of the civil



Brown

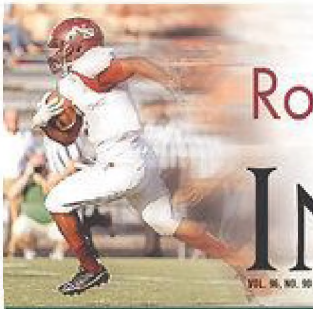
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Death toll for Hurricane Cristobal

**20,000**  
Estimate of how many people in Puerto Rico are without power

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## ■ ARREST

### Police extradite murder suspect from W. Virginia

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City of Greenwood authorities are returning a suspect to Greenwood County this week to face murder charges here.

Officials said officers went to West Virginia on Monday to extradite Blake Parrish, a 26-year-old Greenwood man wanted in connection with a November 2012 shooting along Moss Creek Lane. Tavaris K. Lester, a 21-year-old Greenwood man, was shot twice in the back and died from his wounds seven days later at Self Regional Medical Center.



BLAKE PARRISH

Investigators linked Parrish to the incident and said he faces a murder warrant when he returns to Greenwood. That's expected to be today but could come as late as Wednesday, authorities said.

A fugitive task force from the U.S. Marshals Service nabbed Parrish on the Greenwood warrants July 28 in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Marshals in South Carolina tracked Parrish to West Virginia and asked the U.S. Marshals Service there to help apprehend him. Officials believe he may have been living with family members in the Eastern Panhandle area.

According to Marshals Services reports, the task force traced Parrish to an apartment in Martinsburg and arrested him following a short foot pursuit. Officials said he was booked on charges of fleeing and obstruction of justice by Martinsburg police in connection with the chase.

Berkley County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Christopher Quasebarth said Parrish appeared for a hearing in circuit court there last week. That opened the door for Greenwood police to pick him up and extradite him to face charges in the 2012 shooting.

He became the fourth suspect against whom charges were filed in connection with the incident, and the third Greenwood man

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## ■ FUNDING

### Area parks in need of upgrades

By COLIN RIDDLE  
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In the wake of the new dog park announcement, we are reminded of two other parks, the fate of which is entirely in the hands of residents and area businesses.

West Cambridge and Magnolia parks, both maintained by the Greater Greenwood Parks and Trail Foundation partnered with The Parks Commission, are in need of equipment upgrades.

Two parks built almost entirely by grants and donations, according to Natalie Parra-



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Singer/songwriter Prevo Rodgers Jr. sings his song "Moonshine" in his Saluda studio.

### Songwriter returns to airwaves following voice paralysis

By MATT BRUCE  
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Music was a first love for Prevo Rodgers Jr., an affair that began when he taught himself to play guitar and write songs by the time he was 16. He's performed at festivals and venues across the state and region.

Rodgers' relationship with music has seen its highs and lows during the past 30 years, but it is a passion that's remained embedded in his blood.

So when the Saluda native heard his latest song playing on a Nashville, Tennessee-based radio station last week, it was music to his ears. The song is a lighthearted bluegrass ditty called "Moonshine," an ode to the restorative powers of backwoods hooch. Rodgers croons about a down-on-his-luck

#### More info

■ To hear Rodgers and company's "Moonshine" track, visit his ReverbNation page at [www.reverbnation.com/prevorodgersjr/song/417432-veterans-hand](http://www.reverbnation.com/prevorodgersjr/song/417432-veterans-hand).

■ To vote for the track as one of the weekly Top 40 songs by a new artist, visit the Iceman's page at [www.theicemancavern.com](http://www.theicemancavern.com) and click on the tab at the top of the page. Voters can vote for the song once every 24 hours until the selection show airs at 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

boozehound whose life is falling apart. Even as he loses his wife, home and freedom, the man continues to find resolve in the song's feel-good chorus of, "But everything's gonna be just fine. Still got my moonshine."

"The song itself has taken a life form of its own," said Woodruff singer/songwriter Travis Smith, who helped co-write the tune. "Just sitting around joking around and we came up with the theme of moonshine. We wrote about a man losing everything he had, but he still had his moonshine."

The track leans heavily on an old hillbilly-styled baseline melody and prominently features a fiddle to complement Rodgers' throaty vocals, which invoke the ghost of a life-worn Johnny Cash.

"It's different and it's funny. And I think that's what's cool that it's not a serious song," said Dwayne Moore, a Ninety Six songwriter who collaborated with Rodgers in crafting the record. "It's a fun song that you can just kind of laugh at and say, 'Man, I've either

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### Dan Rossman, who piloted B-25 that sank in Lake Greenwood in 1944, dead at 90

By ST. CLAIRE DONAGHY  
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The late Daniel Rossman is associated with an often-talked-about incident in Greenwood's aviation history that occurred on the same date as D-Day, the invasion of then German-occupied France, during World War II. Rossman was one of two Army Air Service students in training in the Upstate, under the guidance of an instructor, when a B-25 bomber went down in Lake Greenwood.

Rossman was at the controls of the twin engine B-25 bomber on a training flight June





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## 1 in custody, 1 sought in shootout

### Suspect charged with attempted murder in incident at car wash

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One shooting suspect is in jail, one is in the hospital and one is still at large after Friday's shootout at Chatman's Car Wash on North Main Street.

Diquandrae Lionell Rhabb, 22, of 767 Brand St., was arrested at a local apartment complex without incident late Sunday night. He is being charged with attempted murder,

shooting into an occupied vehicle and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime, said Tonya McGirt, public information officer with Sumter Police Department.



He is being held at Sumter Lee Regional Detention Center, and more charges may be filed, she said.  
Arterrell Marques Witherspoon, 29, was injured in the gunfire that started about 2 p.m. Friday and drove himself to Tuomey Regional Medical Center. He remains in the hospital in good condition. Possible charges for Witherspoon are unclear at this time.

"We're expecting him to be in the hospital for several more days," McGirt said. "If charges are filed, it will be after he's released."

One 58-year-old bystander also sustained non life-threatening injuries and drove himself to the hospital. He was treated and released, McGirt said.

Sumter police are still looking for a third, unidentified man suspected to have been involved in the shooting. He is described as a 6-foot-tall black male with a light complexion and a goatee and between the ages of 17 and 25.

This incident appears to be connected to illegal drug activity, police said, and involves some of the same individuals connected to at least a dozen shooting incidents reported since the beginning of the year in the South Sumter community.

Anyone with information related to this shooting or any others is asked to call Sumter Police Department at (803) 436-2700.

Information can also be given anonymously to Crime Stoppers at (803) 436-2718 or 1-888-CRIME-SC. A cash reward may be available for information leading to an arrest.



K'Mon Myers, 9, practices riding Chaka while holding a flag. He's been in 4-H about a year and will be riding in the upcoming Summer Round Up that his grandparents, Mark and Sandra Myers, put on annually at their farm in Rembert.

## Preparing for the fair

### Kids learn life skills through 4-H program

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Cooler weather brings fairs, and that means it's nearly time for 4-H competitions.

Registration for the 4-H S.C. State Fair events ends Sept. 1, and registration for Sumter County Fair 4-H competitions runs through Oct. 2, said Terri Sumpter, 4-H coordinator with Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service.

One Rembert family has been "heavily involved" in the fairs, she said. "My last two boys have been in 4-H," Sandra Myers said. "My youngest son is 25, and my middle one will be 32 in October. They both started with 4-H when they were 9 years old. They loved horses and cows. They liked showing them, and they liked to compete. It was thrilling to them, and it brought rewards. It exposed them to other aspects of agriculture and helped them become the men they are now."

Because her sons had to help around the 60-acre Greenfield Farm, some of it was work, but it grew to be an outlet for them as well, Myers said. Now, her grandchildren are participating in 4-H.

At 12, Zyarriah has been competing a few years and has won a number of accolades.

"I grew up around horses," said the seventh-grade Ebenezer Middle School student. "I love barrel racing and pole bending. It's part of me. I enjoy it."

When she wins ribbons and trophies, it gives her a sense of accomplishment, Zyarriah said.

"It means all the practice, hard work and pressure really paid off," she said.

Her brother, K'Mon, has been in

#### FAIR SEASON IS COMING

Youth involved in 4-H programs will soon be participating in fairs:

##### SUMTER COUNTY FAIR

When: Oct. 7 — Oct. 12

##### S.C. STATE FAIR

When: Oct. 9 — Oct. 19

4-H about a year, and he, too, has already garnered a few awards.

"It's pretty good," said the Rafting Creek Elementary School fourth-grader. "I like horses a little bit, but I like messing with cows a lot." Both will shortly get calves to raise for 18 months, Sandra Myers said.

Her husband and their grandfather, Mark Myers, serves as Zyarriah and K'Mon's trainer.

"He's with them every day, especially this time of year," Sandra Myers said.

In the evening, the children come home and have a snack. Then they do homework and care for their horses. Then it's time to wash up for dinner and get to bed.

There is no TV during the school week, and the computer is limited to school work.

"They don't have time for anything else," Sandra said. "It keeps them out of trouble."

Mark Myers agreed.

"We're teaching youth, not just my grandkids, to be dedicated, to sacrifice, to work hard and be loving," he said. "A horse is like an extended family member. You have to care for them 365 days a year. There are no rain days or feel bad days. They have to be taken care of, and a horse lives a long time. Some think horses 15 years old are over the hill, but a lot

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**DOUBLE DUTY**  
*Morris, Tigers studying two sets of film ahead of Saturday's opener. C1*

**DIVE IN:** *Upstate Scuba taking locals 'places where only few can go.' B1*  
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## Duke assessment drops by \$9.5M

Nuclear station tax bill expected to be down \$2.7M

BY NORMAN CANNADA  
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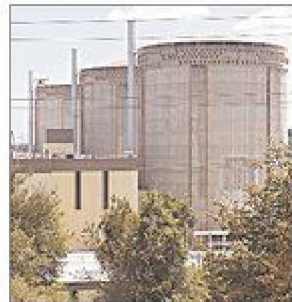
WALHALLA — Duke Energy's Oconee Nuclear Station, which accounts for about 25 percent of Oconee County property taxes, is expected to pay about \$2.7 million less in the coming year based on assessment figures deter-

mined by the S.C. Department of Revenue (DOR). County auditor Ken Nix released the assessment numbers from DOR Monday that valued the Duke property at \$118.6 million — a net decrease of \$9.5 million from a year ago, according to Nix. The figures marked the second time in the

past three years the nuclear plant has seen a multi-million dollar decrease in assessment. In 2012, it dropped by a net of \$10.1 million, and last year DOR's assessment for the Oconee property represented a \$140,000 net increase. Nix said he is still working on a proposed millage

rate to submit to Oconee County Council on Sept. 2. While he said Duke's tax bill cannot be calculated until county council sets the millage next week, Nix said in his statement Monday that Duke's taxes will run approximately \$24.7 million this year,

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The assessment of Duke Energy's Oconee Nuclear Station will decrease this year by a net of \$9.5 million, meaning the plant will pay about \$2.7 million less in property taxes this year than 2013.

JESSICA NEWMAN  
THE JOURNAL

## MUD SLAM

**S**eventy-one teams competed in the Seneca Mud Slam at the Shaver Recreation Complex on Saturday. Proceeds, which are currently being counted, will benefit the Seneca Police Department K-9 unit with a second patrol dog for the city. According to city officials, visitors from three states came to the city for the event, with award-winning teams from Atlanta and Hartwell, Ga., as well as Seneca. "All in all, everyone had a good time," event coordinator Riley Johnson said.

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## Community pays final tribute to Kathy Rogers

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE  
THE JOURNAL

TO DONATE

**WEST UNION** — Friends, family, American Red Cross colleagues, law enforcement officers, first responders and local and state government officials paid their final respects to Kathy Rogers, a member of Walhalla City Council, at her funeral Monday. The daughter of the late Jimmy and Lois Rogers was remembered as much for her beautiful voice and the musical and entertain-



Rogers

**Donations to help** Kathy Rogers' family defray medical and funeral expenses will be accepted until Sept. 15. Donations may be mailed to State South Bank, 201 By Pass 123, Seneca, S.C. 29678. Checks should be made to the Kathy Rogers Fund. Additionally, donation buckets are being placed at various locations in Walhalla.

ment talents she inherited from her parents as for her more than 20 years as director of the American Red Cross in Oconee County.

In contrast to Mon-

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## Bad debt continues to hit OMC bottom line

Hospital lost \$245K in July

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE  
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SENECA — Bad debt continues to eat away at Oconee Medical Center's bottom line.

The hospital's board of directors heard at its monthly meeting Monday evening that despite more revenue being generated in July from an increase in the number of patients using services, bad debt is

\$12.5 million that was budgeted for the month.

However, despite strong patient volumes in the hospital and other services, including the emergency department, surgery, home health and hospice, OMC lost \$245,315 in July, part of \$1.6 million lost through the first nine months of the hospital's current fiscal year that began Oct. 1.

The hospital released a statement saying that

## New administrator ready to work

BY GREG OLIVER  
THE JOURNAL

PICKENS COUNTY — Although he has spent much of his career in the lower part of the state, as well as in neighboring North Carolina, Matthew Delk said he has long wanted to make Pickens County his home.

In fact, Delk applied for the job of Pickens County administrator in 2000, before the county council of that time eventually hired Alan Ours.

"They were looking for an assistant county administrator, and I applied because my wife and I love the area," Delk said earlier this week. "But I was inexperienced at the time."

Delk has gained plenty of expe-







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## Sonoco acquires German company

Deal for Weidenhammer Packaging Group goes for \$383 million

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HARTSVILLE — Sonoco announced Monday that it plans

to buy the Germany-based Weidenhammer Packaging Group for \$383 million, acquiring 100 percent of the corporate and partnership shares. Weidenhammer, based in

Hockenheim, Germany, is a 60-year-old family business with 13 production facilities in the United States, Chile, Russia and other locations in Europe. Sonoco said via a news release

that the acquisition will make it a global leader in rigid paper packaging. Jack Sanders, Sonoco president and chief executive officer, said that the acquisition combines Weidenhammer's

state-of-the-art production with Sonoco's technological capability and will create a strong presence in Southeast Asia, China, Eastern Europe and South America.

"This transaction represents

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Salea Bor and John Arnold weld part of the new Pamplico water tower riser shaft along with Dan Zenner of Phoenix Fabricators and Erectors in Hyman on Aug. 25. Erection of the 200,000-gallon pedisphere water tower is expected to be complete by the end of September. At that point, paint crews will paint the base and shaft navy blue with a white tank.



Salea Bor of Phoenix Fabricators and Erectors tightens steel sections of the riser shaft before welding it.

## Water tower on the rise

Less than three weeks after the groundbreaking ceremony on the Pamplico water tower, welded steel is rising from the site as the 200,000-gallon water tank in Hyman is built. The \$1.2 million project was financed by both state grants and money from Florence County's second Capital Project Sales Tax. This is one of several rural water projects that will provide desperately needed and expensive water infrastructure to county communities.

The 200,000-gallon water tank will be finished and online within eight months, Pamplico Mayor Gene Gainey said at the groundbreaking ceremony. It will provide the town and area with reliable water.

"This project is the beginning of several major improvements and growth in the Pamplico water system," Gainey said at the Aug. 7 groundbreaking. "This project will enhance service for our existing customers and allow us the future opportunity to provide quality water service for our new customers when we expand to the Evergreen and Salem communities."



## Florence Police Department awarded grant

New software reconstructs crime scenes

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FLORENCE — The Florence Police Department will soon acquire new equipment and software that will aid in the investigation of major crimes and serious motor vehicle accidents.

The department recently was awarded an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$27,267 to purchase a total station laser measuring device and software that will allow investigators to virtually recreate fatal motor vehicle accidents, as well as major crime scenes.

"It's the same system the S.C. Highway Patrol's MAIT uses," Florence police Chief Allen Heidler said, referring to the Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team.

"And it has dual capability in that it also has a crime scene component. We'll be able to utilize both and the software will allow us to integrate the information right into the software to reconstruct precise diagrams."

The software also provides for three-dimensional diagramming, which will allow officers to reconstruct lifelike scenes.

Heidler said the grant will also fund crime mapping software, which will integrate the department's record management system with global imaging and allow officers to study criminal activity trends.

"The officers will be able to download reports at the end of the shift, and this software will create a map, showing exactly where crimes are happening and what type of crimes,"

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## MUSIC MAGIC



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Savannah Elgin, 12, plays her violin for conductor Dr. Terry Roberts (center) and associate conductor Mark Jackson during auditions for the Florence Symphony Youth Orchestra at the Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center on Monday.







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This monument on the campus of South Carolina State University stands in memory of Samuel Hammond, Henry Smith and Delano Middleton.

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Monument honors  
students slain in  
'Orangeburg Massacre'

By **DIONNE GLEATON**  
T&D Staff Writer

A monument on South Carolina State University's campus serves as a lasting tribute to the three students who died in the incident that became known as the "Orangeburg Massacre."

Samuel Hammond, a freshman football player from Florida; Henry Smith, a sophomore from Marion; and Delano Middleton, a 17-year-old whose mother worked at

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"I think it's appropriate to tell the African-American community in South Carolina that we don't just regret what happened in Orangeburg 35 years ago — we apologize for it," Sanford said in a statement.

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## Counties loaned \$6M for industry spec buildings

By **GENE ZALESKI**  
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Orangeburg and Calhoun counties received low-interest loans Monday from state-owned utility Santee Cooper to construct industrial-use buildings in existing industrial parks.

Orangeburg County received a \$4 million loan for the construction of a speculative building at least 75,000 square feet in size at the John W. Matthews Jr. Industrial Park. It will be the park's flagship building.

Orangeburg County Development Commission Executive Director Gregg Robinson said the speculative building is crucial for a county that only has about 170,000 square feet of vacant industrial space to show industries.

"We are out of space," he said. Robinson said companies like to have a building available to them when they visit a location.

The interest rate during the 10-year loan's first five years will be 2 percent and the remaining years will be at the U.S. Treasury rate at the time, Santee Cooper spokeswoman Mollie Gore said. The loan would be repaid in full upon the sale or lease of the building, Gore said.

"The goal is to have the buildings sold to an industry very

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## Women admit theft from recycling firm

By **RICHARD WALKER**  
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Two former Sunshine Recycling employees accused of making fake receipts while living the high life have been ordered to repay the business \$10,000 each.

Tricia Lynn Jeffrey, 38, of North and Courtney Danielle Jeffcoat, 28, of Neeses, each entered a guilty plea Monday to a charge of breach of trust with fraudulent intent of greater than \$10,000.

The two women were sentenced to 10 years, suspended to 90 days in jail, and five years of probation.

Circuit Court Judge Ed Dickson ordered the women to repay their former employer \$10,000 each. Jeffrey was ordered to repay \$100 a month while Jeffcoat is to pay \$250 per month. Their jail time is to be served on weekends.

"That's a year of weekend service," Dickson said.

Prosecutor Harrison Bell told the court the women had given confessions admitting to taking between \$2,000 and \$5,000 week from the business for more than a year. Bell said that comes



Jeffrey



Jeffcoat

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Prosecutor has several  
options on Harrell case

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