

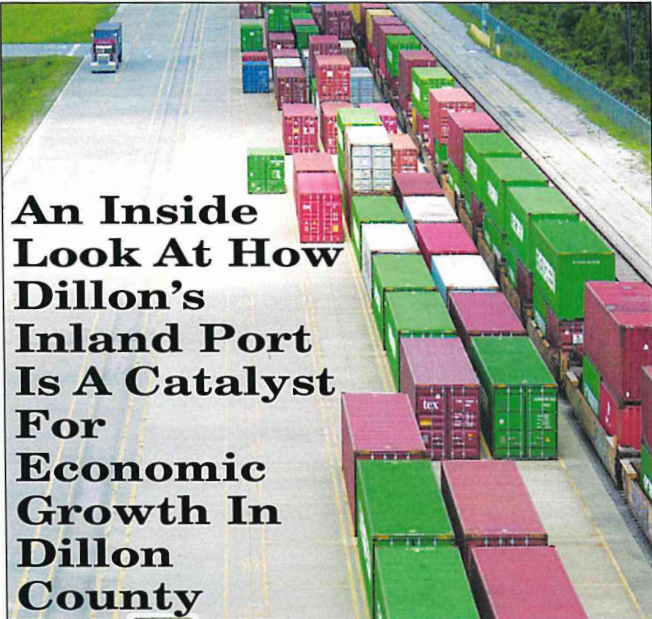


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## An Inside Look At How Dillon's Inland Port Is A Catalyst For Economic Growth In Dillon County

Photo of shipping containers at Dillon's Inland Port from the top of the transloader crane. Photo By Landry Collins/The Dillon Herald

By Vickie Rogers  
 Recently, Vickie Rogers and Landry Collins from The Dillon Herald had the opportunity to tour Inland Port Dillon, a key hub in South Carolina's logistics network. During their visit, Rachel Jackson, the Operator Team Leader, and Michael Elmore, the Terminal Manager, provided a comprehensive overview of the port's operations.

The tour offered a detailed look at how the port operates. The process for trucks entering and exiting the port for pick-up and drop-off was explained thoroughly. The facility employs advanced technology to streamline these processes. Notably, there are three yard trucks dedicated to moving containers within the port, ensuring efficient handling and transfer.

A central feature of the port's efficiency is its camera system. This system captures multiple images of shipping container numbers and truck information, significantly speeding up the pick-up and drop-off process and helping to alleviate congestion.

Inland Port Dillon serves as a one-stop shop that integrates imports, domestic transportation, and storage. This setup allows businesses to bypass the traditional step of staging products at a larger distribution center, enabling a more direct movement of goods to their final destinations. This streamlined approach reduces the supply chain steps and enhances overall efficiency.

Inland Port Dillon exemplifies how technology and strategic design can optimize logistics and contribute to economic growth. By reducing congestion and offering a comprehensive range of services, it plays a pivotal role in supporting

South Carolina's supply chain infrastructure and fostering regional economic development.

Inland Port Dillon, a pivotal addition to South Carolina's port infrastructure, has been making waves since its launch in 2018. Positioned strategically in Dillon County, this inland port has quickly become a cornerstone of regional economic development, providing a vital link between the Port of Charleston and businesses across the eastern Carolinas. With its recent performance milestones and the impact on local industries, Inland Port Dillon stands as a testament to the benefits of well-planned logistics and transportation hubs.

Located near the I-95 corridor, Inland Port Dillon was established to address the logistical needs of SC Ports' customers in the region. Its location was meticulously chosen for its proximity to major highways and its potential to serve a diverse range of industries. Initially anchored by Harbor Freight Tools, the port has seen substantial growth, expanding its clientele to include agricultural producers, manufacturers, and retail businesses.

Fiscal year 2024 marked a significant achievement for Inland Port Dillon. The port handled 42,771 containers, a notable 9% increase from the previous fiscal year. This achievement is particularly remarkable as it represents the first time the port has surpassed 40,000 rail moves in a single fiscal year. Such growth underscores the port's success in meeting the increasing demand for efficient cargo handling and transportation.

The economic impact of Inland Port Dillon extends far beyond its immediate vicinity.

A recent economic impact study revealed that SC Ports generates a staggering \$9.7 billion economic impact in the Pee Dee region. This contribution is felt across various sectors, including agriculture, advanced manufacturing, and retail.

Overall, SC Ports supports around 260,000 jobs statewide, illustrating that approximately one in nine jobs in South Carolina is tied directly or indirectly to port activities. This extensive network of employment underscores the significance of ports like Inland Port Dillon in driving economic growth and stability.

The success of Inland Port Dillon is not just measured in cargo volumes but also in its role as a catalyst for business development and recruitment. Rodney Berry, Dillon County Economic Development Director, points out that the port has become a major factor in attracting prospective industries to the southeast. The cost savings associated with exporting and receiving goods through Inland Port Dillon can be substantial, providing a competitive edge for businesses considering expansion or relocation.

Berry's observations highlight the port's influence on regional economic dynamics. "The Inland Port continues to be the motivation behind many of the calls I receive from prospective industry looking to expand in the southeast," Berry noted. "Years ago, so many of us fought diligently to create this opportunity, and it's now starting to pay dividends. The port is giving us a lure/advantage in one of the most competitive businesses in the world, which is industry recruitment!" (See Inland Port cont. on Page 8A)

## Acknowledgement Of Exceptional Efforts During And After Tropical Storm Debby



City of Dillon Vector truck. Photo By Landry Collins/The Dillon Herald

By Vickie Rogers  
 The Dillon Herald extends heartfelt thanks to the City of Dillon, Dillon County, Lake View, and Latta Street Departments and Roads Crews for their exceptional efforts in managing the aftermath of Tropical Storm Debby. The dedication and hard work of these teams before, during, and after the storm were instrumental in ensuring the safety and well-being of our communities.

In the face of substantial rainfall and flooding brought by Tropical Storm Debby, these teams worked tirelessly to maintain effective drainage systems. Their commitment to

clearing ditches and storm grates, even during the height of the storm, played a crucial role in alleviating floodwaters and minimizing damage.

The prompt and efficient response from these local public works teams was critical in preventing prolonged flooding and ensuring our communities' resilience. Their hard work and dedication reflect a high standard of public service and a deep commitment to our region's recovery and safety.

Additionally, we would like to recognize the efforts of all of Dillon County's First Responders. These dedicated individuals left their families to

respond to emergency calls, bravely venturing out during the storm to assist with every service request. Despite the tremendous challenges posed by the flooding, law enforcement, fire, rescue, EMS, and 911 dispatchers worked tirelessly to ensure public safety, often at the expense of their own time with loved ones.

The Dillon Herald acknowledges and deeply appreciates the invaluable service of all involved. Their efforts during Tropical Storm Debby exemplify the resilience and dedication of our community and reflect the highest standards of public service.

## Arrests Made In Murder Investigation



Na'Sir Zamarion Moody Contributed Photo



James Jabari McNeil

Dillon County Sheriff's Office Detectives and the Violent Crime Task Force arrested the following in the murder of Jaheem Maurice Farmer:

James Jabari McNeil, 21, from Dillon is charged with Murder and Armed Robbery.  
 Na'Sir Zamarion Moody, 19, from Dillon is charged with Murder, Armed Robbery and Possession of a weapon during a violent crime.

A 17 year old juvenile from Dillon is also charged with Murder, Armed Robbery and Possession of a weapon during

a violent crime. All are being held at the Dillon County Detention Center where they await a bond hearing.

This is an ongoing investigation. If you have any information, you're asked to contact Detective Dennis Cox at 843-774-1432, non-emergency dispatch at 843-841-3707, email at [dcox@dillonsheriff.org](mailto:dcox@dillonsheriff.org) or through our Facebook page. You may also contact Pee Dee Crime Stoppers at 888-CRIME-SC (888-274-6372). You may remain anonymous.

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## Pop-Up Farmers Market Held



Johnnie Leuhrs & Mayor Tally McColl enjoying the Farmers Market Photo By Vickie Rogers/The Dillon Herald

The Pop-up Farmers Market was held at the South Plaza beside the fountain in downtown Dillon on Monday, August 12, from 4 p.m.-7p.m.

List of August Vendors:  
 Susie's Sweet Sensations  
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They also gave out large insulated bags to all customers. There was a \$50 Market Moolah giveaway and other prizes.



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### DEATH NOTICES

Joyce Quintella Bethea passed on Saturday, August 10, 2024, at McLeod Medical Center in Florence, South Carolina. Bartell Funeral Home, LLC of Dillon, SC is in charge of these arrangements. The family is receiving friends at 1302

Blake St., Dillon, SC. Herbert McRae passed on Monday, August 12, 2024 at his residence in Dillon, SC. Bartell Funeral Home, LLC of Dillon, SC is in charge of these arrangements. The family is receiving friends at 310 South 14th Avenue, Dillon, SC.

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### River Flooding Forecast As Of Monday, August 12

FLOOD STAGE	GAUGE LOCATION	LATEST	FORECAST
NONE	WACCAMAW RIVER at Conway	12.1'	Crest 14.5' SUN
	WACCAMAW RIVER at Longs	13.9'	Crest 14.7' WED
ACTION	GREAT PEE DEE RIVER at Pee Dee	22.6'	Crest 24.8' WED
	LITTLE PEE DEE RIVER at Galivants Ferry	13.9'	Crest 14.0' TUE
MINOR	LUMBER RIVER at Lumberton	21.4'	CREST 21.5' TUE
	LUMBER RIVER at Nichols	23.4'	Very Slow Fall 21.7' THU
MODERATE	LYNCHES RIVER at Effingham	12.7'	Crest 15.1' WED
	BLACK RIVER at Kingstree	12.2'	Very Slow Fall 11.9' THU
MAJOR	BLACK CREEK at Quinby	11.7'	Very Slow Fall 9.9' FRI

The latest river levels and when they will crest, (if they haven't already). While the levels will not get close to those of Hurricanes Matthew and Florence, it's still very impactful for those living in flooded areas.

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## Photos From Tropical Storm Debby's Aftermath



Photo of flooding in front of East Elementary School  
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Photo of the Bridge on Lester Road in Floydale  
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Photo on Hwy. 57 South in Floydale  
Photo By Landry Collins/The Dillon Herald



Photo of flooding on S. 1st Avenue, Dillon  
Photo By Landry Collins/The Dillon Herald

## August Daily Holidays And Observances

**August 1:** U.S. Air Force Day, National Girlfriends Day, Respect for Parents Day, National Mountain Climbing Day, Homemade Pie Day, National Spider-Man Day, National Planner Day, Swiss National Day, World Lung Cancer Day, Lammas Day  
**August 2:** Dinosaurs Day, National Coloring Book Day, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day, International Beer Day\* (first Friday), National Water Balloon Day  
**August 3:** National Watermelon Day, Clean Your Floors Day, National Disc Golf Day, Sandcastle Day, National Mustard Day\* (first Saturday), National Campfire Day\* (first Saturday)  
**August 4:** U.S. Coast Guard Birthday, National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day, Assistance Dog Day,

National Friendship Day, National Sisters Day, National White Wine Day, American Family Day\* (first Sunday)  
**August 5:** Work Like a Dog Day, National Oyster Day, Blogger Day  
**August 6:** National Root Beer Float Day, Wiggle Your Toes Day, National Fresh Breath Day, Farmworker Appreciation Day, Fiesta de San Salvador  
**August 7:** Sea Serpent Day, National Lighthouse Day, National Raspberries and Cream Day, Purple Heart Day  
**August 8:** International Cat Day, International Infinity Day, National Dollar Day, National Frozen Custard Day, National Mochi Day, National Pickleball Day, Take a Penny, Leave a Penny Day

**August 9:** Book Lovers Day, National Women's Day, International Day of the World's Indigenous People, National Hand Holding Day, National Rice Pudding Day, International Coworking Day  
**August 10:** Smithsonian Day, National Lazy Day, National Spoil Your Dog Day, National Bowling Day\* (second Saturday), Garage Sale Day, National S'mores Day, World Lion Day  
**August 11:** Play in the Sand Day, National Son and Daughter Day, National Face Mask Day, National Hip Hop Day, National Raspberry Bombe Day  
**August 12:** International Youth Day, National Middle Child Day, National Vinyl Record Day, World Elephant Day, Tisha B'Av  
**August 13:** International Left-Handers Day, National Filet Mignon Day, National Prosecco Day

**August 14:** National Financial Awareness Day, Love Your Bookshop Day, National Creamsicle Day, World Calligraphy Day, World Lizard Day  
**August 15:** National Failures Day, Chant at the Moon Day, National Relaxation Day, National Lemon Meringue Pie Day, National Back To School Prep Day  
**August 16:** Tell a Joke Day, National Roller Coaster Day, National Rum Day, National Authenticity Day, National Hawaiian Shirt Day, National Kool-Aid Day, National Bratwurst Day  
**August 17:** National Black Cat Appreciation Day, International Homeless Animals' Day\* (third Saturday), International Geocaching Day, National Nonprofit Day, National Thrift Shop Day, World Honey Bee Day  
**August 18:** Helium Discovery Day, Bad Poetry Day, National Couple's Day,

National Fajita Day, National Ice Cream Pie Day, World Breast Cancer Research Day, Tu B'av  
**August 19:** World Photography Day, Orville Wright's Birthday, National Aviation Day, National Potato Day, World Humanitarian Day, International Bow Day, International Orangutan Day  
**August 20:** Virtual Worlds Day, National Lemonade Day, National Radio Day, National Bacon-Lovers Day, National Chocolate Pecan Pie Day  
**August 21:** Poet's Day, National Spumoni Day, National Senior Citizens Day  
**August 22:** International Tongue Twister Day, National Take Your Cat to the Vet Day, National Tooth Fairy Day, National Bao Day, National Burger Day, World Plant Milk Day  
**August 23:** Ride the Wind Day, National Sponge Cake Day, Buttered Corn Day, Hug Your Sweetheart Day, International Blind Dog Day, National Cuban Sandwich Day  
**August 24:** Strange Music Day, Vesuvius Day, National Waffle Day, Pluto Demoted Day, National Peach Pie Day  
**August 25:** National Banana Split Day, National Whiskey Sour Day, National Kiss and Make Up Day, National Park Service Day, National Secondhand Wardrobe Day  
**August 26:** National Dog Day, National Women's Equality Day, National Cherry Popsicle Day  
**August 27:** National Just Because Day, International Lottery Day, National Banana Lovers Day, World Rock Paper Scissors Day  
**August 28:** National Red Wine Day, National Bow Tie Day, National Cherry Turnover Day, Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day  
**August 29:** Individual

Rights Day, National Chop Suey Day, Lemon Juice Day, More Herbs, Less Salt Day  
**August 30:** National Beach Day, National Grief Awareness Day, National Toasted Marshmallow Day, International Whale Shark Day, National Holistic Pet Day  
**August 31:** National Trail Mix Day, National Matchmaker Day, Eat Outside Day, National Zoo Awareness Day, World Distance Learning Day, International Overdose Awareness Day

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## \$1.8B Mystery Could Cost SC Taxpayers Millions To Solve

Contributed Story

The S.C. taxpayer tab for outside attorneys and accountants hired in connection with investigations into the mystery \$1.8 billion could run up to more than \$5 million, records show.

And so far, no state agencies are claiming their share of the \$1.8 billion, while a state task force created by the governor more than three months ago to investigate the matter still won't say publicly whether the money even exists.

For the fiscal year that started July 1, lawmakers designated \$3 million for "audit contracting" through the state Department of Administration, which later this month awarded a contract with a "potential" \$3 million value to a global consulting firm to provide "forensic accounting services" in reviewing the \$1.8 billion, according to online department and state budget records.

Lawmakers also appropriated another \$1.8 million for outside legal fees through the S.C. Attorney General's Office, which, according to records recently provided to The Nerve by the office under the state open-records law, hired an international law firm to defend the state in a related federal Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) investigation.

The combined \$4.8 million provided to the Attorney General's Office and Department of Administration would come out of state surplus funds, budget records show.

Separately, the S.C. Comptroller General's Office hired two law firms to represent the agency in the SEC investigation, which has been ongoing since at least last summer, according to records recently provided by the office under the S.C. Freedom of Information Act. A "current" maximum collective \$330,000 is designated for the two firms, according to an agency spokeswoman.

The most recently available records from the Comptroller General's and Attorney General's offices show that a total of \$747,156 has been paid to the three law firms.

To put the possible total \$5 million-plus taxpayer cost of the hired outside help into some context, it would be larger than the current overall budgets of several state agencies, including, for example, the State Ethics Commission and Department of Consumer Affairs.

And the disputed \$1.8 billion is far more than the total budgets of most state agencies. As The Nerve previously has pointed out, it equates to more than \$300 for every man, woman and child in South Carolina; or, according to the South Carolina Policy Council — The Nerve's parent organization — up to \$1,440 per taxpayer, based on a formula similar to the one used for state taxpayer rebates in 2022.

The Policy Council in April recommended rebating the full amount to taxpayers if no state agencies claimed the money by June 30 or if agencies couldn't provide evidence by then of their share of the funds.

Republican Gov. Henry

McMaster on April 11 created a task force made up of representatives from six state agencies, including the Governor's Office, to investigate the \$1.8 billion and gave the panel a July 1 deadline — which has long since passed — to find answers, according to the Department of Administration and media reports.

The "working group," which typically has been meeting secretly on a weekly basis since April, as The Nerve previously revealed, has included staffers from the offices of the governor, attorney general, treasurer, comptroller general and auditor, as well as from the Department of Administration, according to "meeting notes" provided by the department to The Nerve.

Treasurer Curtis Loftis, Comptroller General Brian Gaines, Auditor George Kennedy and Department of Administration Executive Director Marcia Adams routinely have attended meetings, records show.

In a written response Friday to The Nerve, Department of Administration spokeswoman Brooke Bailey again didn't directly answer whether the \$1.8 billion actually exists, saying that the task force and the newly hired global consulting firm are "working to determine the existence, purpose and intended destination of the \$1.8 billion in question." She added that a report, based on the consulting firm's "review of the state's cash and investments," is due by Dec. 31.

To date, the task force is "not aware of state agencies' claims to the \$1.8 billion," Bailey also said, repeating an earlier answer to The Nerve.

"Attorney work product" It's unclear whether the \$1.8 billion — if it exists — is made up of state, federal or "other" funds, which include such things as state gasoline taxes, lottery proceeds, college tuition, part of the state sales tax earmarked for K-12 education, and court fees and fines.

The Nerve in May revealed that as of mid-April, the state had a total of more than \$9 billion in other fund reserves. The total state fiscal 2024-25 budget, which includes state, federal and other funds, is \$42.2 billion.

The disputed \$1.8 billion was the subject of a critical 116-page interim report released in April following an investigation by a Senate Finance subcommittee chaired by Sen. Larry Grooms, R-Berkeley. The report accused Loftis of failing to disclose the funds for seven years "despite his explicit statutory duty to do so."

After Gaines in an October 2023 letter asked Loftis to investigate a related cash balance, the Senate Finance Committee researched the matter and determined the fund had a balance of about \$1.8 billion, according to the subcommittee's report.

That discovery followed a separate subcommittee investigation in 2022 into a \$3.5 billion accounting error, which, according to the report, stemmed from an earlier conversion to a different state accounting system and occurred during the tenure of

ex-Comptroller General Richard Eckstrom, a Republican who resigned in April 2023 after 20 years in office.

Grooms has said publicly that Loftis, a Republican who was first elected in 2010, should resign. Loftis has denied all allegations, publishing a lengthy defense on his agency's website, which, among other things, contends that the \$1.8 billion is "not missing or recently discovered," and that his office has been "fully transparent about the matter."

The Nerve last month submitted a Freedom of Information Act request to the Treasurer's Office asking, among other things, for the names of the financial institutions where the \$1.8 billion, if it exists, currently is deposited. The Nerve's request cited "SCEIS Fund 30350993," which was identified multiple times in a March 14 letter from Loftis to Grooms.

In a July 11 written response, the Treasurer's Office denied the Nerve's request, contending the bank records, "to the extent that they exist," are exempt under the open-records law as "any and all records" related to the fund are considered "attorney work product of the Governor's Working Group."

The Freedom of Information Act, however, doesn't require the Treasurer's Office to exempt the requested records, but only allows it to do so.

SEC probe At the end of January this year, the Attorney General's Office hired the Atlanta-based King & Spalding law firm, according to a retention agreement for "special counsel" regarding the "Securities and Exchange Commission Matter." The firm on its website says it has more than 1,300 attorneys in 24 offices worldwide.

The agreement, which the office provided earlier this month to The Nerve under the Freedom of Information Act, says the firm will "represent the State in connection with an SEC investigation," listing it as "In the Matter of State of South Carolina, A-04055," though it doesn't give details of the probe.

The Nerve in June revealed that King & Spalding lawyers with experience in handling Securities and Exchange Commission matters were hired by the S.C. Attorney General's Office to represent the state in connection with the \$1.8 billion. The Nerve obtained the retention agreement after that story was published.

The Attorney General's Office earlier told The Nerve it doesn't discuss pending investigations, while an SEC spokesman said the federal agency doesn't comment "on the existence or nonexistence of a possible investigation."

The retention agreement appears to indicate that the investigation could be a civil or administrative case, noting that the Attorney General's Office "in its sole discretion" could designate assistants to "oversee the litigation," and that the office must be "included in any settlement discussions."

On its website, the SEC says its mission is to "protect

investors; maintain fair, orderly, and efficient markets; and facilitate capital formation."

The SEC is responsible for bringing civil and administrative actions for violations of federal securities laws, and partners with law enforcement agencies to "bring criminal cases when appropriate," according to its website.

No one has accused any S.C. officials of any criminal wrongdoing.

Asked for details about investment income from the \$1.8 billion, the state Treasurer's Office in its July 11 response to The Nerve said it couldn't provide that information, noting the agency "does not invest in SCEIS fund, it invests in pooled investment portfolios."

Yet according to the Senate Finance subcommittee's report, Loftis claimed during sworn testimony in April that the \$1.8 billion fund "earned \$225 million in interest that has been spent by the General Assembly."

"If his claim is accurate, then his failure to disclose the fund may have impaired the General Assembly's fiduciary responsibility to ensure proper application of the earnings," the April 16 report contended.

The "meeting notes" of the June 4 meeting of the governor's task force first indicated that King & Spalding attorneys "provided legal advice" to the group, though no specifics on the discussion were listed. Firm attorneys have attended subsequent weekly meetings virtually, according to meeting notes.

Under the retention agreement, five identified King & Spalding lawyers would be paid hourly rates ranging from \$945 for an associate attorney to \$1,405 for a firm partner, with \$200-\$500 hourly rates for paralegals, project assistants and other attorneys. The contract also covers approved expert and consultant fees, as well as travel and overnight lodging expenses.

Republican Attorney General Alan Wilson signed the agreement on Jan. 30. Through April 30, lawyer and other personnel fees totaled \$503,507, records provided to The Nerve show.

Also included with those records was a formal request by Wilson's office to the state Executive Budget Office (EBO), which is part of the Department of Administration, to use \$1.8 million in non-recurring funds to "retain outside counsel to represent the State's interests" in a "complex securities matter."

The request noted that the Attorney General's Office "does not have the necessary expertise to defend the State in this complex securities matter," though no details of the "matter" were provided in the document. The \$1.8 million would be needed through the remainder of this calendar year, according to the request.

In a recent written response to The Nerve, Assistant Deputy Attorney General Harley Kirkland said the request was made to the EBO on April 10 — the day before McMaster created the special task force, according to the Department of Administration.

Kirkland said the Legislature

subsequently approved the request, providing The Nerve with the conference committee's budget version approved last month, which listed the \$1.8 million only as "legal fees."

Under the retention agreement, the Attorney General's Office "understands that the cost of handling matters is not predictable and that the Special Counsel has not made a commitment or promise as to the maximum fees and expenses necessary to complete the Matter."

Other outside help Last summer, Comptroller General Gaines hired the Wyche law firm, which has offices in Greenville, Spartanburg and Columbia, to represent his agency on "Issues Regarding SEC Investigation," though no details of the probe were included in the copy of the agreement provided to The Nerve, which appeared to have at least one paragraph deleted.

Under the Aug. 31 agreement, which involves the firm's Columbia office, "discounted" hourly rates for firm partners and associates involved with the case were listed at \$500 and \$300, respectively, with hourly rates for paralegals set at \$230. Other legal costs and travel expenses are covered under the agreement.

From August 2023 through May this year, paid legal fees and costs totaled \$170,233, according to records provided by Gaines' office under the open-records law.

Besides the Wyche firm, Gaines approved hiring the Atlanta law firm of Robbins Alloy Belinfante Littlefield to represent "certain employees" in his office in the SEC investigation, according to a May 13 agreement. As with Wyche, no details about the probe were listed in the copy of the agreement provided to The Nerve, which appeared to have several paragraphs deleted.

Among other practice areas, the law firm, which bills itself as "One of Atlanta's Leading Litigation and Regulatory Firms," represents "whistle-blowers" in SEC cases, according to its website.

Under the retention agreement, the top hourly "discounted" rate for firm partners is \$595, while other attorneys who might assist would be paid \$395 to \$495 per hour, with legal assistants' hourly fees set at \$205. The agreement also covers other related costs, including travel and lodging.

Through June, the firm was paid a total of \$73,416 in legal fees and costs, records from Gaines' office show.

In a written response Monday to The Nerve, comptroller general spokeswoman Kimberly McLeod said the "current" maximum amount designated for legal fees and costs is \$80,000 and \$250,000 for the Robbins and Wyche firms, respectively.

Representatives from the state treasurer's and auditor's offices, as well as the Department of Administration, said in recent written responses to The Nerve that they have hired no outside attorneys to represent their respective agencies in connection with investigations into the

\$1.8 billion, or had no related records.

Deep numbers dive Four days after last month's related Nerve story was published, the Department of Administration formally started the process to hire an "independent forensic accounting firm" to review "all cash and investments held in the State Treasury," according to online department records.

Under the "request for proposal," which was posted on June 24, the awarded contractor "must, as part of the forensic accounting review, provide findings and recommendations for any corrective entries and actions necessary, along with recommendations for procedures and controls to be implemented in the future."

The proposal said the \$1.8 billion "issue" was identified as "part of the \$3.5B restatement," referring to the \$3.5 billion accounting error that occurred during former Comptroller General Eckstrom's tenure.

"The State does not have an understanding at this time that any criminal and/or unauthorized activity occurred," the proposal noted, though adding, "It is possible that the forensic services performed by the firm could identify information suggesting conclusions contrary to the current understanding."

Forensic accountants can work in criminal or civil investigations, using "accounting, auditing and investigative skills when conducting an investigation," according to the Institute of Certified Forensic Accountants, which has a U.S. office in Delaware.

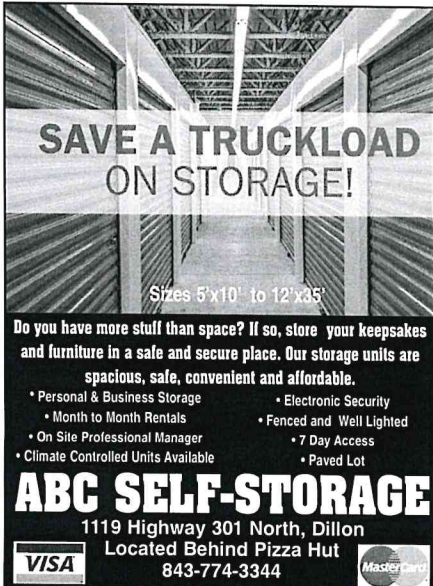
On July 17, the Department of Administration posted an online notice that it had awarded a contract with a "potential value" of \$3 million, which would run from July 18 to next June 30, to AxiPartners LLP in Washington, D.C.

Among other services, the consulting firm, which is headquartered in New York and has 25 offices worldwide, on its website says it brings "hands-on experience to recommending, designing, and implementing enhancements to internal accounting controls, and conduct monitoring and testing of policies and procedures pursuant to settlement agreements."

The site also notes that many of its staff members have "extensive experience presenting to" the Securities and Exchange Commission and other regulators to "help clients restore credibility to their financial reporting."

Under a proviso in the current state budget, an interim audit report from the awarded contractor must be submitted to the governor, Senate president, House speaker and chairmen of Senate Finance and House Ways and Means committees by Sept. 30, with a final report due by Dec. 31.

But the Department of Administration can "in its sole discretion" extend the audit completion date "if necessary," according to the proviso.



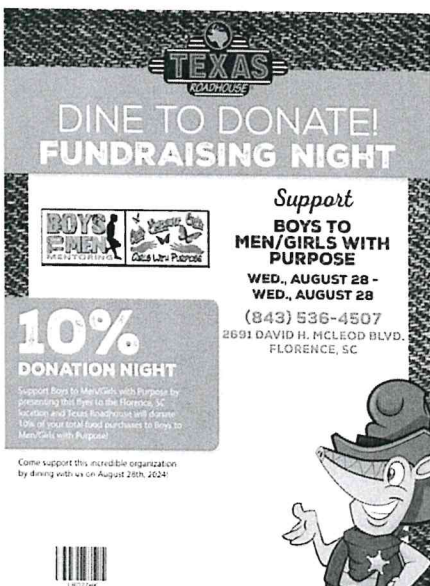
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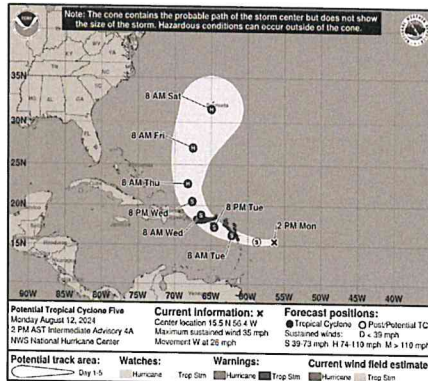
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## Air Force Hurricane Hunters Investigating Tropical Cyclone Five



Air Force Hurricane Hunters investigating this system. Tropical storm conditions and heavy rain expected in portions of the Leeward Islands early Tuesday. Key Messages for Potential Tropical Cyclone Five August 12, 2024 11:00 AM EDT 1. The disturbance is expected to become a tropical storm as it reaches the Leeward Islands. Tropical Storm Warnings are in effect for most of these islands, where tropical storm conditions are expected to begin

late tonight. 2. Heavy rainfall may result in locally considerable flash flooding and mudslides in areas of the Leeward and Virgin Islands by later today into Wednesday, and over Puerto Rico late Tuesday into Thursday. 3. A Tropical Storm Warning is now in effect for the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, where tropical storm conditions are expected to begin Tuesday night or early Wednesday.

## Centenary Methodist Church Will Hold Its Seventy-Fourth Annual Homecoming

Centenary Methodist Church will celebrate its seventy-fourth annual Homecoming on Sunday, August 25 at 11:00 a.m. Kay McGirt, lay lead from Rowland, will deliver the message and music will be provided by Jane Hale. There will also be special music prior to the service beginning at 10:30 so please plan to arrive early. Bring a chair and your favorite dish for the picnic immediately following the worship service. Everyone is welcome. Centenary is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is located at 2585 NC Hwy 130 East, Rowland, NC.

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The General Election for federal, state, county and various local offices will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Any person wishing to vote in this election must register no later than Sunday, October 6, 2024. Registration by mail forms will be accepted if postmarked by Monday, October 7, 2024. The early voting period for this election begins on Monday, October 21 and ends on Saturday, November 2, 2024 through Sunday (closed Sunday, October 27). The following early voting centers will be open during the early voting period from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.: Monday through Saturday, 305 W. Hampton St., Dillon, S.C. 29536. Voters will be asked to provide one of the following Photo IDs at their polling place:  
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• Federal Military ID  
• Includes all Department of Defense Photo IDs and Veterans Affairs Benefits Card  
• U.S. Passport  
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If you have one of these IDs, you are ready to vote. Voters should remember to bring one of these IDs with them to the polling place. Voters without Photo ID can get one free of charge from the Department of Motor Vehicles or their county voter registration office. Voters who encounter an obstacle to getting a Photo ID should bring their paper registration card without a photo with them to their polling place. These voters can then sign an affidavit swearing to their identity and to their obstacle to obtaining a Photo ID and vote a provisional ballot. This ballot will count unless the county board of voter registration and elections has grounds to believe the affidavit is false. For more information on Photo ID, visit [sVOTES.org](http://sVOTES.org) or contact your county board of voter registration and elections.  
At 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 5, the County Board of Voter Registration and Elections will begin its examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes at Dillon County Voter Registration and Election Office, 305 W. Hampton St., Dillon, S.C. 29536. Office Phone: 843-774-1401.  
At 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 8, the County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in this election. This hearing will be held at Dillon County Voter Registration and Elections Office, 305 W. Hampton St., Dillon, S.C. 29536.  
The following precincts and polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on election day. Always check your polling place at [sVOTES.gov](http://sVOTES.gov) before leaving to vote in any election.

Precincts	Polling Places (location)
001 East Dillon	Dillon Middle School, 1803 Joan Dr., Dillon, S.C. 29536
002 West Dillon	Royal Fire Department, 301 W. Howard St., Dillon, S.C. 29536
003 South Dillon	Dillon City Fire Department, 209 S. 8th Ave., Dillon, S.C. 29536
004 Latta	Latta Art Center, 107 NW Railroad Ave., Latta, S.C. 29565
005 New Holly	County Fire Department #6, 3418 Highway 34 W., Latta, S.C. 29565
006 Lake View	Lake View Community Center, 106 Richard Temple Blvd., Lake View, S.C. 29563
007 Kemper	Dillon County Fire Department, Station 3, 2203 Hwy. 41, S., Lake View, S.C. 29563
008 Gaddy's Mill	County Fire Department #4, 1624 Gaddy's Mill Rd., Hamer, S.C. 29547
009 Mt. Calvary	American Legion Hall, 2014 Hwy. 9 E., Dillon, S.C. 29536
010 Bermuda	Lee Cassey's Store, 437 Bermuda Rd., Dillon, S.C. 29536
011 Pleasant Hill	Pleasant Hill Community Center, 1452 Pleasant Hill Rd., Hamer, S.C. 29547
012 Hamer	Hamer Canaan School, 428 Elkans Rd., Hamer, S.C. 29547
013 Oakland	Oakland Community Center, 2034 Oakland Rd., Dillon, S.C. 29536
014 Carolina	Carolina Fellowship Hlg., 6114 McInnis Loop, Little Rock, S.C. 29567
015 Little Rock	Little Rock School, 2326 Worship St., Little Rock, S.C. 29567
016 Minors	Minors Community Center, 1832 Minors Rd., Dillon, S.C. 29536
017 Oak Grove	Fire Department #9, 1723 Highway 38 West, Latta, S.C. 29565
018 Manning	New Memorial Temple Fellowship Hall, 2061 Highway 301 S., Dillon, S.C. 29536
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## Dillon County Schools Volleyball Schedules

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## VOLLEYBALL

2024 VARSITY/JV SCHEDULE

<b>8/26</b>	<b>Fairmont</b>	
<b>8/27</b>	<b>Hartsville</b>	
<b>8/29</b>	<b>Hannah-Pamplico</b>	
<b>9/3</b>	<b>Johnsonville</b>	
<b>9/5</b>	<b>Fairmont</b>	
<b>9/10</b>	<b>Hemingway</b>	
<b>9/12</b>	<b>Lake View</b>	
<b>9/17</b>	<b>Green Sea Floyds</b>	
<b>9/19</b>	<b>Carvers Bay</b>	
<b>9/24</b>	<b>Hannah-Pamplico</b>	
<b>9/26</b>	<b>Johnsonville</b>	
<b>10/3</b>	<b>Hemingway</b>	
<b>10/8</b>	<b>Lake View</b>	
<b>10/10</b>	<b>Green Sea Floyds</b>	
<b>10/15</b>	<b>Carvers Bay</b>	
<b>10/17</b>	<b>Loris</b>	

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## VOLLEYBALL

2024 VARSITY/JV SCHEDULE

<b>8/27</b>	<b>Dillon</b>	<b>JV-4:30   V-5:30</b>
<b>8/29</b>	<b>Green Sea Floyds</b>	<b>JV-5:00   V-6:00</b>
<b>9/3</b>	<b>Carvers Bay</b>	<b>JV-5:00   V-6:00</b>
<b>9/5</b>	<b>Hannah-Pamplico</b>	<b>JV-5:00   V-6:00</b>
<b>9/10</b>	<b>Johnsonville</b>	<b>JV-5:00   V-6:00</b>
<b>9/12</b>	<b>Latta</b>	<b>JV-5:00   V-6:00</b>
<b>9/16</b>	<b>South Columbus</b>	<b>JV-4:30   V-5:30</b>
<b>9/17</b>	<b>Hemingway</b>	<b>JV-5:00   V-6:00</b>
<b>9/23</b>	<b>Dillon Christian</b>	<b>JV-4:30   V-5:30</b>
<b>9/24</b>	<b>Green Sea Floyds</b>	<b>JV-5:00   V-6:00</b>
<b>9/26</b>	<b>Carvers Bay</b>	<b>JV-5:00   V-6:00</b>
<b>10/3</b>	<b>Johnsonville</b>	<b>JV-5:00   V-6:00</b>
<b>10/7</b>	<b>Dillon Christian</b>	<b>JV-4:30   V-5:30</b>
<b>10/8</b>	<b>Latta</b>	<b>JV-5:00   V-6:00</b>
<b>10/10</b>	<b>Hemingway</b>	<b>JV-5:00   V-6:00</b>
<b>10/14</b>	<b>Hannah-Pamplico</b>	<b>JV-5:00   V-6:00</b>
<b>10/17</b>	<b>Dillon</b>	<b>JV-4:30   V-5:30</b>

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## VOLLEYBALL

2024 VARSITY/JV SCHEDULE

<b>8/27</b>	<b>Lake View</b>	<b>JV-4:30   V-6:00</b>
<b>9/4</b>	<b>Georgetown</b>	<b>JV-5:30   V-7:00</b>
<b>9/5</b>	<b>Waccamaw</b>	<b>JV-5:30   V-7:00</b>
<b>9/10</b>	<b>Marlboro County</b>	<b>JV-5:30   V-7:00</b>
<b>9/12</b>	<b>Aynor</b>	<b>JV-5:30   V-7:00</b>
<b>9/17</b>	<b>Loris</b>	<b>JV-5:30   V-7:00</b>
<b>9/24</b>	<b>Georgetown</b>	<b>JV-5:30   V-7:00</b>
<b>9/26</b>	<b>Waccamaw</b>	<b>JV-5:30   V-7:00</b>
<b>10/1</b>	<b>Marlboro county</b>	<b>JV-5:30   V-7:00</b>
<b>10/3</b>	<b>Aynor</b>	<b>JV-5:30   V-7:00</b>
<b>10/8</b>	<b>Loris</b>	<b>JV-5:30   V-7:00</b>
<b>10/15</b>	<b>Cheraw (DH)</b>	<b>V-5:30</b>
<b>10/17</b>	<b>Lake View</b>	<b>JV-4:30   V-6:00</b>

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## VOLLEYBALL

2024 VARSITY/JV SCHEDULE

<b>8/22</b>	<b>Conway Christian</b>	<b>JV Start-4 PM</b>
<b>8/26</b>	<b>Emmanuel Christian</b>	<b>JV Start-4:30PM</b>
<b>8/27</b>	<b>Kings Academy</b>	<b>JV Start-4:30PM</b>
<b>8/29</b>	<b>Marlboro Academy</b>	<b>JV Start-4 PM</b>
<b>9/5</b>	<b>Conway Christian</b>	<b>JV Start-4 PM</b>
<b>9/10</b>	<b>Christian Academy</b>	<b>JV Start-4:30PM</b>
<b>9/12</b>	<b>Emmanuel Christian</b>	<b>JV Start-4 PM</b>
<b>9/16</b>	<b>Kings Academy</b>	<b>JV Start-4:30PM</b>
<b>9/17</b>	<b>Florence Christian</b>	<b>JV Start-4:30PM</b>
<b>9/19</b>	<b>Pee Dee Academy</b>	<b>JV Start-4 PM</b>
<b>9/23</b>	<b>Lake View</b>	<b>JV Start-4:30PM</b>
<b>9/24</b>	<b>Christian Academy</b>	<b>JV Start-4:30PM</b>
<b>9/26</b>	<b>Williamsburg Acad.</b>	<b>JV Start-4:30PM</b>
<b>9/30</b>	<b>Marlboro Academy</b>	<b>JV Start-4:30PM</b>
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<b>10/7</b>	<b>Lake View</b>	<b>JV Start-4:30PM</b>
<b>10/8</b>	<b>Carolina Acad. (DH)</b>	<b>V Start-4:30PM</b>
<b>10/10</b>	<b>Williamsburg Acad.</b>	<b>JV Start-4 PM</b>

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## Team USA Shines Bright In 2024 Paris Olympics

The 2024 Summer Olympics, held in Paris, were a notable success for Team USA, both in terms of medal count and overall performance. The United States demonstrated its athletic dominance across a wide variety of sports, maintaining its traditional hold over the Games while also showcasing new talents. Team USA once again led in overall medals with 126 (40 Gold, 44 Silver, and 42 Bronze), which is 35 more than second-place China. However, Team USA and China tied in Gold medals with 40 each. Great Britain, France, and Australia rounded out the top five in overall medals.

Swimming

Katie Ledecky once again brought home Gold, this time earning it in the 1500m Freestyle and the 800m Freestyle. Torri Huske won three Gold medals in the Women's 100m Butterfly, Mixed 4x100m Medley Relay, and the Women's 4x100m Medley Relay. Bobby Finke won Gold and broke a World record in the Men's 1500m Freestyle. Team USA also won Gold in the Men's 4x100m Freestyle Relay.

Track and Field

Noah Lyles won Gold in the Men's 100m. Grant Holloway won Gold in the Men's 110m Hurdles. Cole Hocker won Gold in the Men's 1500m.

Quincy Hall won Gold in the Men's 400m. Rai Benjamin won Gold in the Men's 400m Hurdles. Team USA won Gold in the Men's 4x400m Relay.

Masai Russell won Gold in the Women's 100m Hurdles. Gabrielle Thomas won Gold in the Women's 200m. Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone won Gold in the Women's 400m Hurdles. Team USA also won Gold in the Women's 4x100m Relay and the 4x400m Relay.

Gold medals were also brought home in Men's Shot Put, Women's Discus Throw, and Women's Long Jump.

Gymnastics

Simone Biles was a star again in the Olympics after

winning Gold in the Individual All-Around, Vault, and Team All-Around (Simone Biles, Jade Carey, Jordan Chiles, Sunisa Lee, and Hezly Rivera).

Wrestling

Sarah Hildebrandt won Gold in the Women's Freestyle 50kg. Amit Elor won Gold in the Women's Freestyle 68kg.

Basketball

Team USA won Gold in Women's Basketball after defeating France 67-66 in a thrilling finish. A'ja Wilson was named MVP of the tournament after finishing with 21 points, 12 rebounds, and 4 blocks in the final game.

Team USA won Gold in Men's Basketball after defeat-

ing France 98-87 in the final game. Stephen Curry led the charge in the final game with 24 points and 5 assists. LeBron James was named MVP of the men's tournament.

Soccer

Team USA also showed their dominance in Women's Soccer after they defeated Brazil 1-0 to win Gold. Mallory Swanson scored the game-winning goal. The USWNT won their first Gold since the 2012 Games.

Other Sports

Team USA also secured Gold medals in sports like Fencing, Track Cycling, Shooting, Road Cycling, Rowing, Weightlifting, Golf, and Surfing.

Closing

As the 2024 Olympics end, the significance of teamwork stands out as a defining feature of these Games. Across all disciplines, the power of collaboration and mutual support has been on full display. Teams have come together, blending individual talents into a cohesive unit, showing that true Olympic success is as much about connection and unity as it is about individual skill. These moments of shared triumph and perseverance will leave a legacy, demonstrating that when athletes unite with a common purpose, they achieve not just medals, but something far greater—an enduring sense of collective achievement.

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HEARING BEING held within 30 days at the Dillon County Magistrate's Office to apply for a title to a 2008 Honda Accord LX, VIN# 1HGCP26358A113133; a title to a 2010 Cadillac Escalade, VIN# 1GYUKBEFAR210808, Lil Pete's Towing, 102 Davis Street, Latta, SC 29565.

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CDL CLASS A OR B DELIVERY DRIVER

Dillon Provision Co. Local Meat Distributor (in business 68 years) has an opening for one CDL licensed driver. Store door deliveries within a 200-mile radius of Dillon, S.C. Warehouse shipping and receiving work available while not driving. Driving record and background check required. A random drug and alcohol testing company. Attractive starting pay rate with company paid benefits, including company funded retirement. We are seeking an individual capable of handling responsibilities with minimum supervision. If you are willing to work hard at making a future for those you support, this could be the employment you have been looking for. Submit resume to Jay Home, Dillon Provision Co., Inc., 408 N. 1st Ave., Dillon, S.C. 29536

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PSYCHIC READINGS by Lisa. Call 843-632-1555 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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ABC Self-Service Storage 1119 Hwy. 301 North, Dillon. 843-774-3344 Located behind Dillon Pizza Hut.

Legal 101

NOTICE

James Dockery Jr., The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a Petition seeking termination of your parental rights regarding your child, N.S.D. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You may respond by filing an Answer to the Petition filed against you. A copy of the Petition may be obtained at the Clerk's Office for the Juvenile Court of Hawkins County, Tennessee, which is located at 115 Justice Center Dr. Rogersville, TN, 37857 Ph: 423-272-5034. Your Court date is October 18th, 2024, at 1PM. You must appear that day at the Hawkins County Courthouse where this matter is being heard. If no Answer is filed, a Default Judgment will be taken against you without further notice to you. ENTERED this 2nd day of August, 2024, /s/ Sharon Green HON. SHARON GREEN JUVENILE JUDGE PREPARED/SUBMITTED BY: /s/ Aaron I. Guinn Aaron I. Guinn, BPR # 024456 Associate General Counsel 2555 Plymouth Rd. Johnson City, TN, 37660 423-794-9674 TEL aaron.guinn@tn.gov

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given by the County Council of Dillon County, South Carolina of a public hearing relating to the proposed enactment of an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE (1) AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND MELSAM SOLAR, LLC AND ANY SPONSOR AFFILIATES WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; (2) REVOCATION OF THAT CERTAIN FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND MELSAM SOLAR, LLC, DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 16, 2021; AND (3) OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

The public hearing will be held in the Dillon County Council Chambers located at 109 South 3rd Avenue, Dillon, South Carolina, beginning at 5:00 P.M. on August 28, 2024.

Subject to the rules of County Council regarding appearances, members of the public are invited to attend and make comments concerning the proposed ordinance. DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the following estate must file their claims on form #371ES with the Probate Court of Dillon County, the address of which is Post Office Box 189, Dillon, S.C. 29536, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed (Form #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Hans Christian Mullinax Date of Death: April 922 2024 Case Number: 2024-ES17-000142 Personal Representative: Tammy Mullinax Address: 120 China Drive, Latta, S.C. 29565.

NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE OF a decree hereof granted in the case of: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC vs. Angie Morris Wall; Andrew Shane Wall; C/A No. 2023CP1700379, The following property will be sold on September 3, 2024, at 11:00 AM at the Dillon County Courthouse to the highest bidder ALL THAT CERTAIN PACE, PARCEL OR LOT OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF DILLON, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, CONTAINING 1.852 ACRES, FRONTING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF BLACK BRANCH ROAD, ALSO KNOWN AS STATE ROAD S-17-175, AND BEING SHOWN ON A PLAT SURVEYED FOR KENNETH WAYRICKS BY PITTMAN LEESON SURVEY COMPANY DATED FEBRUARY 16, 2004 AND SEPTEMBER 14, 2006, AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT FOR DILLON COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK 40 AT PAGE 45. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDING THEREOF IS INCORPORATED IN AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION. Derivation: Book 563 at Page 272, 776 Black Branch Rd, Dillon, SC 29536

TMS/PINH 081-00-00-258 SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, DILLON COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EASEMENTS AND/OR, RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. TERMS OF SALE: A 5% deposit in certified funds is required. The deposit will be applied towards the purchase price unless the bidder defaults, in which case the deposit will be forfeited. If the successful bidder fails, or refuses, to make the required deposit, or comply with his bid within 30 days, then the property will be resold at his risk. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 3.75% per annum. If for any reason the Plaintiff's agent does not appear to bid at the sale, the sale will be deemed canceled. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Dillon County Clerk of Court at C/A #2023CP1700379. NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search prior to the foreclosure sale date.

James W. Peterson, Jr. Special Referee for Dillon County Brian P. Yoho Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 100200 Columbia, SC 29202-3200 (803) 744-4444 016487-01246 Website: www.rogerstownsends.com

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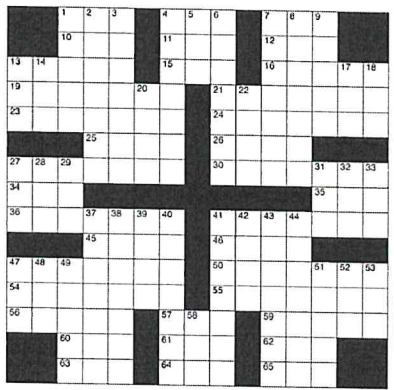
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Sunny Side Up Bistro intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license and/or permit that will allow the sale and off premises consumption of beer, wine, and at Dollar General Store 813A Radford Blvd., Dillon SC, 29536. To object to the issuance of this license and/or permit, submit an ABL-20 protest form by August 21, 2024. Submit the ABL-20 online at MyDORWAY.dor.gov, or email ABL@dorsc.gov.

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WEEKLY PUZZLES



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Major American automaker (abbr.) 4. Pressure measurement 7. Two-year-old sheep 10. Indigenous person from Laos or Thailand 11. Up in the air (abbr.) 12. Actress de Ammas 13. Not moving 15. Cool! 16. Bog anus genus 19. Perceptible by touch 21. Type of test 23. Monetary units 24. Collection of various things 25. Sum of five and one 26. Type of sword 27. Hates 30. Immobile 34. Pic \_ \_ mode 35. Moved quickly 36. Passenger's place on a motorbike 41. A way through 45. Former US Secretary of Education Duncan 46. Leader 47. Flowing 50. Greetings 54. Remedy 55. Soft lightweight fabric 56. Building material 57. Sea breeze 59. A way to cause to be swollen 60. One and only 61. People get one in summer 62. Wreath 63. Thus far 64. They \_ 65. Sea eagle

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Policemen (French) 2. Toy dog 3. Inflamed colon disease 4. Can't move 5. Helps little firms 6. Lists of names, subjects, etc. 7. Takes down 8. Makes possible 9. Wife of Julius Constantius 13. Engine additive 14. Arctic explorers (abbr.) 17. Written account 18. Consumed 20. Something the first shall be 22. No (slang) 27. Gov't lawyers 28. Peyton's little brother 29. Small amount 31. Investment vehicle 32. Fall behind 33. Midway between northeast and east 37. Head pain 38. Popular sport in England and India 39. King Charles's sister 40. Boat race 41. About fish 42. Mailservant 43. Able to be marketed 44. Tinner 47. Parts per billion (abbr.) 48. Paddle 49. Oneness 51. Bitter chemical 53. Very fast airplane 58. Swiss river

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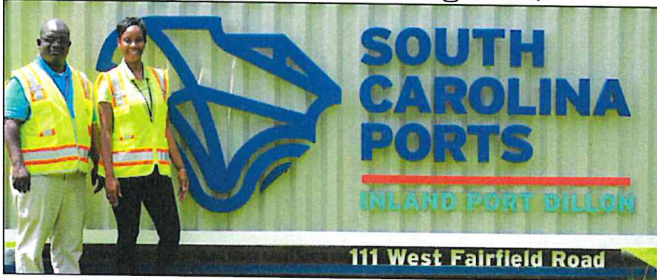
PUZZLE ANSWERS

Grid of puzzle answers with letters filled in according to the clues. The grid is 15 columns wide and 15 rows high, with some cells containing letters and others being empty or containing a small grid of letters.

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## Inland Port

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Michael Elmore, Terminal Manager and Rachel Jackson, Operation Team Leader  
Photo By Landry Collins/The Dillon Herald



Photo of a toplift lifting shipping containers at Dillon's Inland Port.  
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Barbara Melvin, President and CEO of SC Ports, emphasizes that Inland Port Dillon is part of a larger vision for a robust port system that supports the entire state of South Carolina. "Having a well-run port system and rail-served inland ports in South Carolina attracts port-dependent businesses to invest in our state and create new jobs," Melvin said. "We make bold

investments with big impacts. SC Ports is proud to play a role in supporting the Pee Dee region's economy and creating opportunities in our communities. We look forward to growing together for years to come."

The strategic importance of Inland Port Dillon is evident in its ability to connect supply and demand efficiently. The port's location within a 3,400-acre industrial

site and its close proximity to I-95 provide a significant advantage for importers and exporters in the eastern Carolinas. By utilizing CSX rail services, businesses can benefit from reduced inland truck miles, enhanced cost control, and faster turnaround times for empty container returns.

Inland Port Dillon has been recognized as a national model for efficient cargo

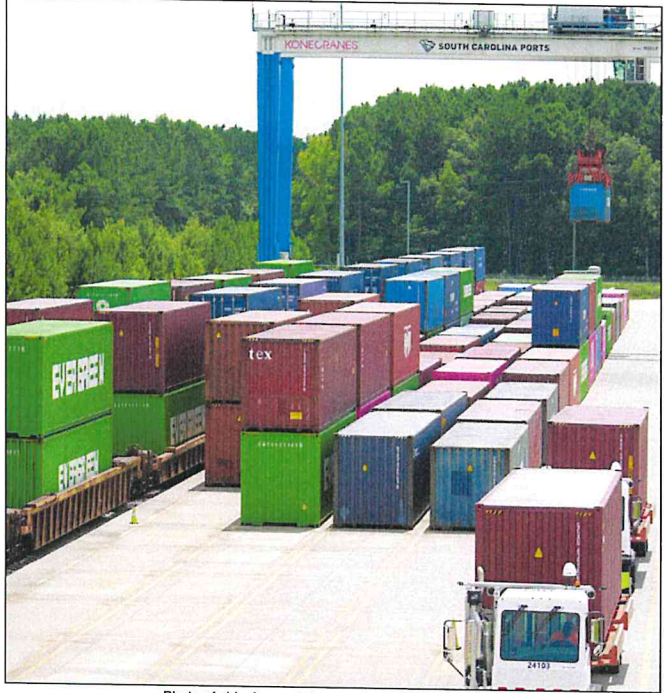


Photo of shipping containers and the transtainer crane.  
Photo By Landry Collins/The Dillon Herald

movement via rail. The port's design and operations exemplify how inland ports can reduce emissions and accelerate goods to market. This model aligns with broader goals of sustainability and efficiency within the logistics and transportation sectors.

The port's performance and growth reflect its success in achieving these goals. By leveraging rail connectivity, Inland Port Dillon minimizes the environmental impact associated with truck transportation while optimizing cargo flow.

This approach not only benefits businesses but also contributes to broader sustainability efforts. Inland Port Dillon has firmly established itself as a vital asset for South Carolina's economy, demonstrating significant growth and impact since its inception. Its strategic location, impressive performance metrics, and role in attracting business make it a key player in the state's economic development. As the port continues to expand and evolve, it will undoubtedly remain a cornerstone of the region's logistics and

transportation infrastructure. With ongoing investments and a commitment to efficiency and sustainability, Inland Port Dillon is poised to continue driving economic growth and enhancing the competitive edge of businesses in the eastern Carolinas. As South Carolina's port system evolves, Inland Port Dillon will undoubtedly play a central role in shaping the future of regional and statewide economic success.



Photo of a container hauler at Dillon's Inland Port.  
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