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## Oconee County still studying jail options



**BY CARLOS GALARZA**  
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WALHALLA — Oconee County is still poring over its options for proceeding with the construction of a new jail. County Administrator

Scott Moulder said Thursday that he is consulting with Joe Lee of Carter, Goble and Lee on finding a way to move forward with the project.

Moulder said one option that he might look at is whether building a smaller

facility at the existing jail site could be allowed by Walhalla's zoning ordinance.

Moulder indicated that he's looking at other options as well, and whether he discusses the possibility of building a smaller jail in Walhalla

would depend on "how far I go with the other options."

The city's Board of Zoning Appeals threw Oconee's jail plans for a loop in July when it denied a county request for a special exception to build the jail.

The board sided with residents who said the jail posed safety concerns, created a nuisance from noise and lighting, and devalued their nearby properties.

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## 2 accidents send multiple people to hospital



Two adults and an infant were taken by ambulance to Oconee Medical Center following a three car accident Thursday afternoon in Seneca. The wreck was the second of two accidents that occurred Thursday on Highway 123. The first accident, bottom right, took place at the intersection of Hwy. 123 and Carson Road, also involved three cars and sent multiple individuals to the hospital. Highway Patrol, Seneca Fire Department and Seneca Rescue Squad were on scene at both accidents.

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## Roach found guilty

John Ronald Roach was found guilty of criminal sexual conduct toward a 13-year-old girl.

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WALHALLA — A 64-year-old Walhalla man was found guilty Thursday of performing sexual acts on a 13-year-old girl with whom he was living.



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**John Ronald Roach, 64, was convicted Thursday of second-degree criminal sexual conduct with a minor and performing a lewd act on a minor. The one-day trial focused on a Jan. 24, 2010, incident between Roach and a 13-year-old girl.**

John Ronald Roach was convicted of second-degree criminal sexual conduct with a minor following a one-day jury trial.

He was sentenced to two years in prison and five years probation.

Public defender Daniel Day, who represented Roach in the trial, told Judge Alec Macaulay that Roach is a Vietnam combat veteran and has numerous health issues. Macaulay took Day's information into consideration in deciding

his sentence.

"A lot (of people) didn't come back from Vietnam, but for those who did, it's up to us to make the most of our lives," Macaulay said. "I am conscious of your situation, but I tried to structure a sentence for not only your place in life, but that will give some security to those who need our protection."

Macaulay ordered Roach to register as a sex offender and in the child abuse and neglect database upon being released from prison.

He also can have no contact with the victim for the rest of his life.

**THE TRIAL**

Assistant Solicitor Lindsey Simmons said Roach's charges stem from an incident on Jan. 24,

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## Gadhafi killed in hometown battle

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SIRTE, Libya — Moammar Gadhafi, Libya's dictator for 42 years until he was ousted in an uprising-turned-civil war, was killed Thursday as revolutionary fighters overwhelmed his hometown of Sirte and captured the last major bastion of resistance two months after his regime fell.

Interim government officials said one of Gadhafi's sons, his former national security adviser Muatassim, was also killed in Sirte and another, one-time heir apparent Seif al-Islam, was wounded and captured.

The 69-year-old Gadhafi is the first leader to be killed in the Arab Spring wave of popular uprisings that swept the Middle East, demanding the end of autocratic rulers and the establishment of greater democracy.

"We have been waiting for this moment for a long time. Moammar Gadhafi has been killed," Prime Minister Mahmoud Jibril told a news conference in the capital Tripoli.

His death decisively ends a regime that

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Libyans celebrate Moammar Gadhafi's death Thursday in Tripoli, Libya. Libya's information minister said Moammar Gadhafi was killed Thursday when revolutionary forces overwhelmed his hometown, Sirte.

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