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## Letter to the editor

# Thanks for helping break screening record in Sumter

Dear Tommy,  
  
Thank you for your outstanding article.  
The front page placement was great and thanks to your help, we had a record turnout.  
Last year we had a very good

response of 104, but this year we had a record of 168 people came in and were screened for prostate cancer.  
We could not have done it without your help!  
Kindest regards,

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# More urology ... from front



Sumter Health and Wellness Center Director Debra Clark holds up a sign in Livingston to help bring in the 168 men who were tested the Sumter County Health Department for prostate cancer Saturday, April 2. The Urology Centers of Alabama, the Urology Health Foundation and the Sumter County Health Department provided the free screening for the men. The T-shirt Clark adorns states that one in six caucasians will have prostate cancer and one in four black men will test positive for the deadly disease.

tor for prostate cancer. Prostate cancer is particularly important for African American men because they are significantly more likely to be diagnosed with prostate cancer and their death rate from this disease is two and one-half times greater than the rate for Caucasian men.  
Because there are no noticeable symptoms of prostate cancer while it is still in the early stages according to Dr. Moody that is why screening is so critical. In more advanced stages, symptoms may include difficult or frequent urination, blood in the urine or bone pain. Every man age 40 or over should resolve to be screened annually.  
Screening for prostate cancer involves a simple blood test called a PSA that measures the level of protein called prostate-specific antigen in the blood. Normally PSA is found in the

blood at very low levels. Elevated PSA readings can be a sign of prostate cancer. A physical examination is also given to detect prostate cancer. This exam is called a DRE or digital rectal exam. These tests take approximately 10 minutes to perform and could save a man's life.  
If a man missed the free prostate cancer screening on Saturday, Urology Centers of Alabama and the Urology Health Foundation will be offering these screenings in the following counties:  
April 16, 2011, Lowndes County Health Department; May 7, 2011, Choctaw County Health Department; May 21, 2011, Greene County Health Department; June 11, 2011, Butler County Health Department; August 20, 2011, Monroe County Health

Department; September 17, 2011, Perry County Health Department; October 1, 2011, Hale County Health Department; October 29, 2011, Wilcox County Health Department; November 5, 2011, Conecuh County Health Department and on November 19, 2011, Marengo County Health Department.

## Commission on Improving State Government ask Alabamians to share ideas with new website

MONTGOMERY, Alabama (April 1, 2011) – Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey announced today the launch of a new website that will give Alabamians a means to share with the Commission their ideas on how to make state government more efficient and effective. The website will serve as an important tool to allow Alabama's citizens to directly participate in the process.  
Lt. Governor Ivey, who serves as Chairman of The Alabama Commission on Improving State Government, said the site, www.improve.alabama.gov, will be operational as of today.

"We want all Alabamians to have a voice in what they think the Commission should consider as it evaluates ways to reduce costs, improve efficiencies and hopefully guide our state to better economic times," Lt. Governor Ivey said.  
Governor Robert Bentley signed an executive order in January creating the 25-member Commission and charged it with reviewing previous studies and making recommendations to reduce government spending with little reduction to essential services.

Lt. Governor Ivey said the Governor has asked her group to deliver a preliminary report of recommendations by June 1 and says the website is an effective method for the Commission to receive workable ideas.

"The Governor knows I am committed to reaching our goals, and, with the input of the people of Alabama, we all can participate in reaching those goals," Lt. Gov. Ivey said.

# Sheriff's Report Deputies arrest five

Sumter County Sheriff Tyrone Clark issued his weekly press release of person arrested by the Sumter County Sheriff's office.

Sheriff Clark also urges anyone with information regarding crimes in Sumter County to contact the Sheriff's Office at 205-652-7984.

### Arrests

Wesley Winston, 18, black male (BM) of 1125 Ward Rd. 16, Cuba, was arrested on March 29 and charged with assault Second Degree. The

arresting officer was Sgt. Jeff Shaw, Sumter County Sheriff's Office (SCSO.)

Janice Faye Gordin, 55, white female (WF) of 3012 Mt. Alvan Rd, Vicksburg, Miss, was arrested on March 30 and charged with Theft of Property, First Degree. The arresting officer was Chief Deputy Robert Cottrell, SCSO.

Laurie Thompson, 63, BM of 203 Monroe St., York, was arrested and charged with Failure to Appear (FTA). The arresting officer was Deputy

Cedric Bell, SCSO.

Eddie Graham, 60, BM of 128 Shelton Rd, Cuba, was arrested on April 4, and charged with Driving Under the Influence (DUI), Second Offense. The arresting officer was Deputy Tyrenza Washington, SCSO.

Jeremy Ruffin, 24, BM of 69 Grove St, Livingston, was arrested on April 4, and charged with Theft of Property Third Degree. The arresting officer was Chief Deputy Robert Cottrell, SCSO.

# Livingston Police Report Police make eight arrests

Livingston Police Chief Ashley Welborn issued the latest Livingston Police report. Those arrested and charge with a crime include, Earnest N. Jenkins, 36, of York. Jenkins was arrested March, 11 and charged with Harassing Communications. Jenkins was placed in the Sumter Jail

Denson Deunta Stasher, 24, of Livingston was arrested March 12 and charged with Driving under the Influence of Alcohol. Stasher was placed in the Sumter County Jail.

Maurice Moore, 30, of York was arrested March 13 and charged with Failing to Appear. Moore was released after he posted bond.

Ebony S. Bowden, 25, of Livingston was arrested March 19 and charged with Contempt of Court. Bowden was placed in the Sumter County Jail.

Deja Divine Williams, 22, of York was arrested March 27 and charged with Assault, Third Degree. Williams was released after she posted bond.

Deval M. Byis, 24, of

Livingston was arrested April 1 and charged with Contempt of Court. Byis was placed in the Sumter Jail.

Patrick Deon Gowdy, 25, of Northport was arrested April 2 and charged with Driving under the Influence. He was placed in the Sumter County Jail.

Caun Ali Foster Davis, 40, of Ward was arrested April 5 and charged with Contempt of Court. He was released after he posted bond.

# More Hospital Authority ponders ... continued from front page

continue to do everything they can to keep Hill Hospital open, but while they will consider any proposal, they are more interested in utilizing management services than selling or leasing the facility.

Dr. Wallace commended Hill Hospital administrators for retaining "four solid physicians" that serve the hospital, and encouraged the board to do everything possible to keep the hospital open, keep patients in York, and keep their doctors happy.

"Sending patients over to Meridian, is not really the option. Because once they get over there, they are at the mercy of those doctors who don't know them. They have no responsibility or passion for this hospital," Dr. Wallace said.

"You can be able to keep your patients in your hospital. Use those hospitals for when

you want to refer them to special things. Then the community supports you, and know when they come here, you will watch out for them, and the things that need to be done.

"If you are sending everybody out the door, it gets to the point that they say 'why go there' when they are going to send me to Meridian. I may as well go to Meridian anyway," explained Dr. Wallace.

Dr. Wallace and Burnette also told the board to avoid relying only on out-patient services.

"It's great to have geriatric site, recovery and all these special kinds of programs. But your bread and butter for a community hospital, is community patients," insisted Dr. Wallace.

Dr. Wallace recommended utilizing HospitalMD as a option for Hill Hospital, and

discouraged selling Hill Hospital to a larger, local medical facility.

"When things don't work, they start cutting. When things don't add up, they shut it down. It may be easy to always sell.

The dis-service is that their motive is not to come here and save your town. It's to come in here, shut you down, and convert it into something more user friendly for them," explained Dr. Wallace

Hospital Board member Tommie Armistead told the panel time is a factor, and asked they present a proposal for the hospital board to consider as soon as possible.

Burnette offered to present a proposal next week.

Hear an audio recording of the discussion between HospitalMD and the Hill Hospital board at www.record-journal.net

# More Bell-Gosa ... from front

law firm of Friedman and Gilbert of Cleveland, Ohio. The Ohio attorney's are the second set of attorneys. The first law firm was fired by the Bell family.

Gespas stated in his motion to dismiss, "As grounds, she (Elizabeth Bell) states that, after engaging in initial discovery, she has determined that she (Bell) cannot establish any facts that would support the claim made against Ms. Gosa."

Gosa and several witnesses were deposed or asked questions Thursday and Friday, March 24, 25 by attorneys representing the Bell, City of York, Rowry and Gosa. Gosa was questioned at approximately 11:00 a.m. Thursday morning, March 24 and the motion to dismiss was filed shortly after 3 p.m. the same day.

Judge Blackburn granted the motion on the next day, Friday March 25.

Among the other witnesses that testified March 24, 25 were Sumter County Record Journal Publisher Tommy McGraw, York Police Chief Brian Harris, York City Administrator Tim Sweezy and York Mayor Glenda Dubose.

There are two other \$1 million dollar lawsuits that have been filed in State Court against the City of York.

Clara Pearce filed a \$1 million dollar lawsuit claiming mental harm. She was eating

lunch with Joe Bell the day he died.

Another witness to the shooting, Christopher Holcomb also filed a \$1.3 million dollar law suit against the City of York. He also alleges mental and physical harm because he witnessed the shooting. He was a star witness for the prosecution.

Testimony that was not allowed into the criminal proceedings against Rowry in the Dec, 2009 Manslaughter trial, may be allowed into a civil court proceeding.

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