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'Moccasin Lady' welcomes national archeological group to Ft. Tombeche

The University of West Alabama's Center for the Study of the Black Belt Program Coordinator, Mrs. Rosa Hall, is pictured portraying Moccasin Lady, a 19th-century Choctaw woman during a recent tour by members of The Archaeological Conservancy at Ft. Tombeche. See story on page 6-B.

Photo by Gena D. Robbins



Gosa dismissed from Bell law suit

Joe Bell's widow is suing City of York, David Rowry and Gosa for \$3 million

Former York Mayor Carolyn Gosa has been dismissed from a wrongful death federal lawsuit filed by Elizabeth Bell, wife of deceased husband Joe Louis Bell of York.

United States District Court, Northern Division District of Alabama, Western Division, Judge Sharon Lovelace Blackburn signed the order Friday, March 25.

Gosa was being sued along with former York Police Chief David Rowry and the City of York for \$1 million each by the Bell family.

Joe Louis Bell, 55, died in Church's Restaurant on Sept. 18, 2008 from a single gunshot wound to the side from Rowry's

police pistol.

Rowry was convicted of Manslaughter by a Sumter County Circuit Court Jury on Dec. 3, 2009. Rowry is serving a 15 year sentence to the Alabama Board of Corrections.

According to testimony at the trial, Rowry was attempting to make an arrest when he and Bell briefly struggled over Rowry's gun according to some witnesses. Other witnesses said the two were feet apart, but Bell was approaching Rowry who had his gun drawn. Bell was unarmed. Bell out weighed Rowry by over 100 pounds.

Gosa was dismissed from the suit on a motion by the Plaintiff, Elizabeth Bell. Bell asked the

judge to dismiss the defendant, Carolyn Mitchell-Gosa, in her individual capacity. The order stated the motion was "Dismissed with prejudice."

"Dismissed with prejudice" means the case can not be brought up again or refiled against Gosa.

The order went to on to state that, "This dismissal shall not affect any other right, claim or cause of action which the Plaintiff (Bell) has, or may have, against any remaining defendant."

The Motion to dismiss was filed by Birmingham Attorney David Gespass with the law firm of Gespass and Johnson. Gespass is working with the

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Hospital Authority ponders offer to manage Hill Hospital

By Herman B. Ward, Jr. Associate Editor

Hill Hospital Board members agreed to consider a proposal from HospitalMD, to manage, lease, or purchase the hospital Tuesday evening, April 5.

Former Hill Hospital physician and administrators Dr. Perry Wallace and Gerald Kidd, revisited York, and expressed their interest and

concern for the community. HospitalMD CEO Jim Burnette and Vice President Ryan Zondervan also visited the hospital and met with the board.

"Our message to you would be to keep doing everything you can to keep this hospital open," encouraged Jim Burnette.

Burnette assured the board that if the existing physicians

worked together with the administration, Sumter County could maintain a hospital.

"Whether you do business with us or not, do whatever you have to do, to keep the hospital open and avoid at all cost, any option to close your hospital," added Burnette.

Hospital Board Chairperson Shirley Byrd told the panel that the board has done, and will

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York-Livingston Rotary joins Sumter Chamber

Sumter County Alabama Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Allison Tucker, center, accepts a check from York-Livingston Rotary Club members Richard Losch, left, and Jimmy Collins, right. The Rotary Club, who now meets in Livingston at UWA, voted to join the Sumter Chamber of Commerce at its Tuesday, March 29 meeting. Tucker spoke to the civic group and gave an update on the Chamber and its projects. Sumter Chamber Executive Director Tucker encourages other civic organizations and churches to join the Chamber to help the organization to promote Sumter County to bring in more businesses and jobs. Civic club and church dues are only \$50.00 per year, according to Tucker. You may reach Tucker at the Chamber's office at 502 Lafayette St., or P.O. Box 1619, Livingston, AL 35470. The Chamber's office telephone number is (205) 652-1580 and Fax number is (205) 652-1580. You may visit the Chamber's website at <http://www.sumterchamber.com> or email Tucker at sumterchamber@yahoo.com.

Photo by T. McGraw

Kinterbish student's hair set on fire on school bus

By Tommy McGraw Publisher

A Sumter County High (SCHS) male student set fire to a Kinterbish female student's hair while they were on a school bus Wednesday, March 23.

Sumter County School Parent Gloria Townsend chas-

tised Schools Superintendent Dr. Fred Primm and the Sumter County Board of Education (SCBOE) for the delayed action in addressing the "bullying attack" on her daughter.

Townsend addressed the SCBOE at their regular meeting Tuesday night, April 5 at the F.

N. Nixon Building in Livingston.

The student did not suffer and severe burns to the head, but a portion of the hair was burned.

Ms. Townsend provided photographs of her daughter's head to board members who passed

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Urologist screen record 168, still time to be screened

Urology Centers of Alabama, the Urology Health Foundation and the Sumter County Health Department broke the record by screening 168 men for prostate cancer Saturday, April 2.

"Last year 104 men were screened in Sumter County. These men know the importance of early detection and screening for prostate cancer. Last year four men in Sumter who were screened were found to have prostate cancer and needed treatment," according to Dr. Thomas E.

Moody, president of the Urology Health Foundation.

Prostate cancer is the second leading killer (behind lung cancer) among men in the USA. One in six men (one in four African American men) will have prostate cancer sometime in their life. "Early detection and treatment are key factors in addressing prostate cancer," said Dr. Moody. No one knows the exact cause of prostate cancer. Doctors can seldom explain why one man develops the disease and another does not.

Research has shown that men with certain risk factors are more likely than others to develop prostate cancer. A risk factor is something that may increase the chance of developing a disease. Age is the strongest risk factor for prostate cancer. The disease is rare in men younger than 40, but the chance of getting it goes up sharply as a man ages.

A man's risk of prostate cancer is higher than average if his brother, father or uncle had the disease. Race is also a risk fac-

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One hundred and sixth eight men in Sumter County took the time to have a simple exam to see if they might have prostate cancer. Urology Centers of Alabama, the Urology Health Foundation and the Sumter County Health Department test the 168 men Saturday, April 2 at the Sumter County Health Center in Livingston. Albert Henderson, standing, left, and Eddie Henderson, seated, are being tested by Nurse Rosie Cunningham and Dr. Tom Holley in white coat.

Sumter County's 7-Day Forecast

April 7-13

This Week's Local Forecast

Thursday Partly Cloudy 82/67	Friday Partly Cloudy 83/66	Saturday Partly Cloudy 86/66	Sunday Cloudy 87/65	Monday T-storms 79/58	Tuesday Sunny 81/55	Wednesday Sunny 84/60
Precip Chance: 10% Precip Chance: 20% Precip Chance: 10% Precip Chance: 20% Precip Chance: 30% Precip Chance: 0% Precip Chance: 0%						

Weather Trivia

Based on average yearly snowfall, what is the snowiest location in the U.S.?

Answer: Stampede Pass, Wash. with 440.3 inches per year.

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