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Trunk or treats are popular family-friendly Halloween fun.

Happening at A-State

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The GSA to host a fundraiser at Creegan's Irish Pub tonight
The Arkansas State University Gender and Sexuality Alliance will host a drag show at Creegan's at 8 p.m. Entrance is \$5.

The Lawnmower
A self-driving lawnmower has been spotted around campus. See 4A for more.

Arkansas FOIA Training Symposium
An Arkansas Freedom of Information Act Training Symposium for government officials and the public will be held Nov. 5 from 1-3 p.m. in the First National Bank Arena auditorium on the Arkansas State University campus.

The event is hosted by Arkansas Municipal League; Quattlebaum, Grooms & Tull PLLC; and Arkansas State University School of Media and Journalism. A panel will provide an overview of FOIA requirements and answer questions about fulfilling FOIA requests.
Speakers include Jenna Adams, litigation counsel, Arkansas Municipal League; Christoph Keller, litigation associate, Quattlebaum, Grooms & Tull PLLC; William C. Mann III, senior litigation counsel, Arkansas Municipal League; Lanny Richmond II, code and opinions counsel, Arkansas Municipal League; and John Tull III, managing member, Quattlebaum, Grooms & Tull PLLC. Jeff Hankins, vice president for strategic communications for the ASU System and vice chair of the Arkansas FOIA Task Force, will moderate the discussion.
Admission and parking are free using the lower red entrance to First National Bank Arena.

Dean of Graduate School Job Opening
The position of Dean for A-State's graduate school has been posted as an international search. To apply, go to astate.edu/jobs.

HALLOWEEN IN JONESBORO

There are a lot of events taking place in Jonesboro to celebrate the upcoming holidays Thursday and throughout the weekend. So, grab a costume and go eat too much candy!

For Night Owls:

Halloween show featuring regional bands Tiny Jackets -- 9 p.m. Oct. 31 at Creegan's
Halloween Block Party -- all night on Oct. 31 in downtown Jonesboro
Halloween Night -- 10 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Vault
Fraternal Order of Eagles Halloween Party -- 8:30 p.m. Nov. 1 on Gilmore Street

All-Ages Fun:

Halloween Art Bash -- 5:30 p.m. Oct. 31 at A-State Fine Arts Building
Trunk or Treat -- 6 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Meadows apartments
Trunk or Treat -- 6 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Community Fellowship Church
Fletcher Dodge Trunk or Treat -- 3 p.m. Oct. 31 at Fletcher Dodge Chrysler Jeep
Dead of the Dead -- 6 p.m. Nov. 3 at the Hispanic Center of Jonesboro

- Halloween can be a fun time to kick back and have a good time; just be sure to stay safe.
- When going out, especially on one of the busiest nights of the year, make sure to always tell someone. Whether it's to a bar, party or around the street picking up candy, in case anything happens, it's good for a friend or family member to be able to find you in the event of an emergency.
 - Stay hydrated, particularly those over 21 who plan to be drinking.
 - Always have a designated driver.
 - Be careful when driving -- kids will be in the streets during Halloween, and traffic could be heavy.

Henderson State University votes to join ASU System

HSU is the third higher education institution to join the Arkansas State University System



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High school students tour HSU during Reddie Day.

The Henderson State University Board of Trustees voted to join the Arkansas State University System last week and proceed with development of a merger agreement.
The move is subject to approval of the ASU Board of Trustees and the Higher Learning Commission, as well as action by the Arkansas General Assembly.
ASU President Chuck Welch said the target for finalizing the transition would be no later than Jan. 1, 2021.
The board also voted in favor of Henderson retaining its name and mascot, the Reddies, as a member of the ASU System. The team also decided to seek outside legal counsel to finalize a merger agreement.
"We are enthusiastic about the decision of the

Henderson State board to join the ASU System family," Welch said. "We know system affiliation wasn't an easy decision and pledge to do everything we can to honor Henderson's rich tradition and mission of service to students. I'm confident that affiliation with the ASU System would strengthen Henderson, our institutions and all of higher education in Arkansas."
On July 29, Henderson signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the ASU System to provide various operations support services to the university.
"I'm really pleased that Henderson State University will maintain its name, unique traditions and history as we serve the next generation of Reddies," said Elaine Kneebone, acting president and general counsel of Henderson. "We look forward to working with the ASU System on the merger

agreement."
Welch was president of Henderson State from July 2008 to April 2011 immediately prior to becoming president of the ASU System.
Founded as a private institution in 1890, Henderson has a strong liberal arts heritage with more than 65 undergraduate and graduate programs that gives the university its status as Arkansas's public liberal arts university. It became a public institution in 1929 and is the second oldest university in Arkansas under state control.
HSU also offers degrees in science, business and education. They have an honors program as well as an international program.
Henderson would become the second four-year institution in the ASU System and the third higher education institution to join the system in four years. Mid-South Community College

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in West Memphis became Arkansas State University Mid-South in July 2015, and College of the Ouachitas in Malvern will become Arkansas State University Three Rivers effective Jan. 1, pending approval of the Higher Learning Commission.
Henderson, which competes in National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II sports, would become the third ASU System institution with an intercollegiate athletics program.
Arkansas State has an NCAA Division I program, and ASU Mid-South competes in NJCAA Division II women's and men's basketball.
The ASU System, based in Little Rock, serves almost 23,000 students on campuses in Arkansas and Queretaro, Mexico, and globally online with a total operating budget of

\$285 million.
The ASU System includes Arkansas State University, a four-year Carnegie R2 Doctoral research institution in Jonesboro with degree centers in Beebe, Mountain Home, Blytheville, Forrest City, and West Memphis.
Arkansas State University Campus Queretaro opened in September 2017.
The system's two-year college institutions include ASU-Beebe, with additional campuses in Heber Springs and Searcy and an instructional site at Little Rock Air Force Base; ASU-Newport, with additional campuses in Jonesboro and Marked Tree; ASU-Mountain Home; and ASU Mid-South in West Memphis.



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