

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS NAVIGATE THE NEW NORMAL

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COVID-19 brought changes and challenges no one expected, and everyone is still adjusting in one way or another 6 months into our nation dealing with the pandemic. A-State made the decision to re-open campus and hold in-person classes for the fall semester. With the new semester brought new challenges for registered student organizations: how could meetings and events be held while following socially distancing guidelines?

Guidelines are easier to follow when it comes to RSO meetings, as meetings can easily be held over Zoom, and RSOs also received a list of guidelines which included the amount of people allowed in each of the meeting rooms available in the student union. This semester, the available rooms for meetings and events are the Cache River room, St. Francis River room, Arkansas River room, Black River room, White River room, Mockingbird room, auditorium, and Centennial Hall.

Each room allows a different amount of people based on its size, making rooms such as Centennial Hall or the auditorium prime real estate for large events that may be held by RSOs. In addition, events can be held on the lawn, and information tables are outdoors only.

These limitations make events hard to hold, but not impossible. Madison Garrett, a senior history major from Paragould, Arkansas and A-State

Feminist Union president, said, "CDC guidelines are really affecting the way I run this organization. I had a lot of ideas planned for this semester but due to the pandemic a lot of them had to be scrapped. Luckily, maneuvering through virtual options is helping me keep some of those ideas, just restructuring them to fit the virtual format. If campus ultimately closes, I believe the Fem U might be able to keep active virtually which is ultimately the main goal for now."

Many organizations are putting themselves out there by utilizing the many social media options available. In July, the A-State NAACP published an infographic highlighting Black-owned businesses in Jonesboro, which can be found on their Instagram and Facebook. With the start of the new semester, many RSOs posted about their organization and its executive board on social media.

Although not impossible, hosting events and running an RSO this semester will be a challenge for those in charge.

Students interested in seeing what RSOs the campus has to offer can visit <https://www.astate.edu/rso/> for an alphabetical list of RSOs and contact information.

A-State continues to keep students in the loop and up to date on all things regarding COVID-19 and any new guidelines through the university website and student emails. For more information, you can visit <https://www.astate.edu/safety/novel-coronavirus/index.dot>.

Jonesboro to get Spirit Halloween

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Despite the rumors, it is confirmed via Spirit Halloween's website that Jonesboro is getting a Spirit Halloween this year, as it usually does.

This year's Spirit Halloween location will be in the former Pier 1 Imports next to Office Max on East Highland Drive.

Spirit Halloween offers a wide variety of children's and adult Halloween costumes, decorations and other novelty items.

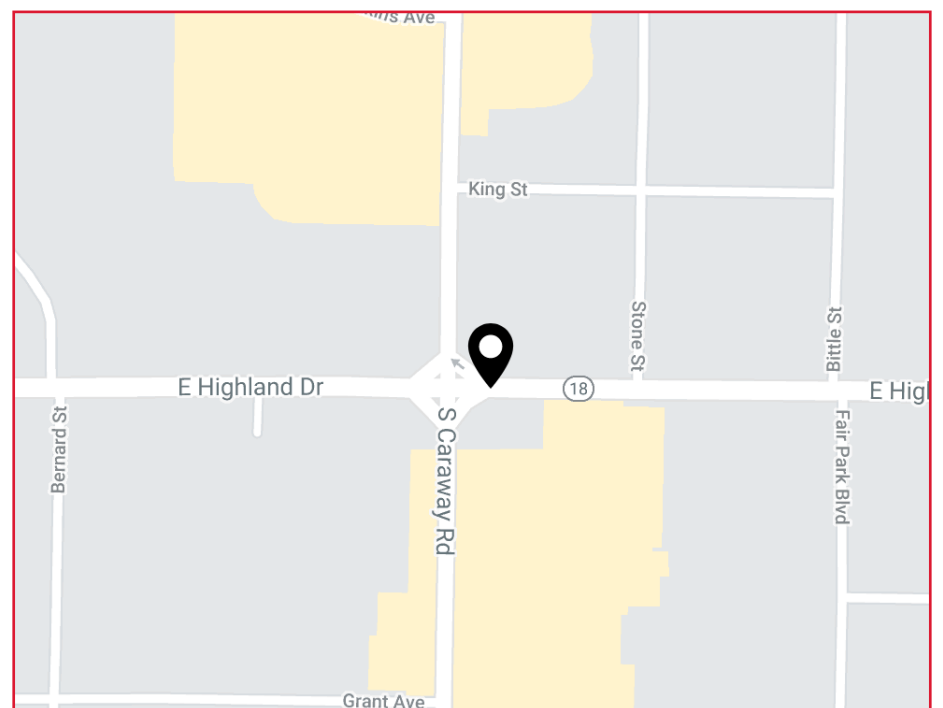
The store is set to open on September 18. Hopefully, this means that Halloween this year won't be as cancelled as we all thought.

Spirit Halloween Jonesboro

Planned to open 09/18

former Pier 1 - Highland & Caraway
2300 E. Highland Dr, Ste A
Jonesboro, AR 72401
(866) 586-0155

SCREENSHOTS COURTESY OF SPIRIT HALLOWEEN



The map above pinpoints the location of the Spirit Halloween store for those unfamiliar with the area.

As of Tuesday, Sept. 8, the latest update of A-State **active cases** (currently in isolation)

STUDENTS LIVING ON-CAMPUS	STUDENTS LIVING OFF-CAMPUS	EMPLOYEES	VENDORS/CONTRACTORS	TOTAL
27	78	5	0	110

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The A-State website keeps visitors up to date on COVID-19 policies as well as the amount of cases at the university.

THIS WEEK'S POP PICK

Marvel's "Black Panther (2018)"



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This year threw a lot at us: COVID-19, a tornado devastating Jonesboro, Joe Biden receiving the Democratic nomination and now the death of Chadwick Boseman. Many knew Boseman from his iconic role as T'Challa in Marvel's 2018 "Black Panther" movie.

"Black Panther" follows T'Challa's return to his home of Wakanda, an extremely technologically-advanced African country, following the events of "Captain America: Civil War." T'Challa assumes the throne as king of Wakanda following the death of his father.

Aside from his role as T'Challa, other great roles played by Boseman include Jackie Robinson in "42 (2013)" and James Brown in the biopic "Get On Up (2014)."

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<p>ARIES + (March 22 - April 19) Find a good balance between work and home. If you do this, you will be able to maintain a nurturing environment for yourself.</p>	<p>TAURUS (April 20 - May 20) Now is a good time to move forward with a new idea or ongoing project. You have a clear vision of what you need to do to manifest your goal.</p>	<p>GEMINI (May 21 - June 20) You have the mental clarity to trust your intuition when making decisions. Navigating the path ahead should be easy.</p>	<p>CANCER + (May 21 - July 22) Opportunities may fall through and leave you feeling disappointed. Assess your options before jumping into something new.</p>
<p>LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22) Allow yourself to take breaks from constant work and just enjoy yourself. If you find yourself feeling burnt out, this can be especially good for you.</p>	<p>VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) You are allowing self-beliefs to hold you back from new experiences or things you want. You need to face the skeletons in your closet before you can move forward.</p>	<p>LIBRA + (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) You have manifested positivity in your life that will follow you wherever you go. Even when you are facing a difficult time, there will always be a light at the end of the tunnel.</p>	<p>SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) A situation you may be facing seems to have no solution or way out. Routines you are in may no longer be serving you, seek a change.</p>
<p>SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Life goes in cycles. Where you are at now, may not be where you will end up -- remember that you can change things through your decisions.</p>	<p>CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Take time to reflect on yourself, even if it means withdrawing from social circles for a bit. Recharge and check if the path you're on is best for you.</p>	<p>AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Do not allow yourself to be swayed by the drama and opinions of others. Find your calm center and focus on yourself.</p>	<p>PISCES + (Feb. 19 - March 21) Do not silence the advice of others. Your intuition is an important tool, but so are the voices of well-meaning loved ones.</p>