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Take a look at Spooky Sites Around A-State!

## SAB hosts Halloween Trivia Night



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The Student Activities Board hosted a Halloween Trivia Night Monday night. The trivia game was played through Kahoot and the first place winner received a \$100 Visa gift card, second place won a \$25 Visa gift card and third place received an A-State swag bag.

## New 3D art building brings opportunities for A-State artists

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With the new Center for Three-Dimensional Arts building scheduled to open in 2021, this could bring new opportunities for art majors and new artists in the community.

In September of 2018, the Art + Design Department was graced with a generous \$6.7 million grant by the Windgate Foundation, a Little Rock-based organization dedicated to supporting contemporary craft and visual arts.

This record-breaking donation laid the seed in the form of a new building for 3D artwork. The seed was planted, as the groundbreaking took place in the spring of 2020.

Dimensional Arts will feature a nearly 22,000 square foot space for sculptures and ceramics.

The larger space will provide expansion into the worlds of woodwork and metal-crafting.

It will also bestow a second gallery space, larger spaces for advanced students, more offices for faculty and a sculpture garden.

This new building is set to replace the old art annex currently used for art students.

Located just across from the Fine Arts Building, the Fine Arts Annex presents current limitations for art majors specializing in sculpting and ceramics.

The space is significantly smaller, reducing any chances of creating any large-scale projects.

Office space for staff also leaves them cramped inside.

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## Several issues on ballot could have impact on the state

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The 2020 Election is underway as early voting continues in Arkansas. The presidential election is a hot topic, but several issues on the ballot could have a more significant impact on Northeast Arkansas and the state.

Outside of the presidential election, Arkansas voters will have a chance to elect a U.S. Senator and four U.S. Representatives and vote for or against three proposed amendments to the Arkansas Constitution.

At the national level, incumbent Republican Sen. Tom Cotton is seeking reelection. However, Libertarian candidate Ricky Dale Harrington Jr. is challenging Cotton's seat. Incumbent Republican Rep. Rick Crawford, who represents Arkansas' 1st Congressional District, is running unopposed.

Several representative seats are up for the taking at the state level, and three issues proposed to the state constitution. Voters will elect representatives at the district level, but the proposed measures are state-wide. For more information on local elections, visit the Arkansas Secretary of State website at [www.sos.arkansas.gov](http://www.sos.arkansas.gov).

Arkansas Issue 1, the Transportation Sales Tax



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With early voting underway and with election day just under a week away, it is important to note other issues on the ballot that could have an impact on Northeast Arkansas and the state as a whole. Several representative seats are also up for the taking at statel level.

Continuation Amendment, would continue a 0.5% sales tax enacted in 2012.

The tax will expire in 2023 unless Issue 1 passes. If it does, the tax will become permanent. Currently, the revenue from the tax goes toward state and local highways, roads and bridges. A vote for Issue 1 is a vote for extending the tax. A vote against Issue 1 is a vote to end the tax in 2023.

Arkansas Issue 2, nicknamed the "Term Limits Amendment," is a bit more confusing. Though framed as a term limit amendment, it would essentially end term limits for the Arkansas legislature.

Currently, Arkansas senators and representatives can serve up to 16 years in the Arkansas General Assembly. If Issue 2 passes, that would be amended to restrict legislatures to terms that could last no

more than 12-consecutive years but would allow them to return after a four-year break.

It would eliminate the 16-year hard cap and allow legislatures to potentially hold office for a lifetime, so long as they have a four-year break after every 12-year stint.

A vote for Issue 2 is a vote to enact the 12-year term limits with legislatures' potential to return to office. A vote against Issue 2 is a vote to keep the

current 16-year term limits in the Arkansas General Assembly.

Arkansas Issue 3, the Initiative Process and Legislative Referral Requirements Amendment, deals with citizens' ability to petition the state government.

The proposed amendment would triple the required distribution of signatures on any petition. Under current law, half of the valid signatures must be spread across 15 counties. Under the new

amendment, that number would spike to 45 counties.

Not only would this amendment increase the required distribution of signatures, but it would also decrease the time to do so by six months. The amendment would push the deadline to submit a petition back from mid-July to Jan. 15.

More so, the amendment would also eliminate the "extra chance" petitions get as well. Currently, deadlines can extend by 30 days if a petition has at least 75% of the needed signatures. Under the new law, this grace period would no longer exist.

Finally, the measure would impose an April 15 deadline to challenge any November ballot issue. It would also require a 3/5 vote — instead of a simple majority — in both the house and senate to refer a measure to voters.

State Rep. DeAnn Vaught, the bill's sponsor, argues the bill would allow more Arkansans to have a say in what issues make the ballot. At the same time, opposition claims it takes power away from the people.

Craighead County voters can cast their ballots during the early voting period (up to Nov. 2) at the Craighead County Election Annex located at 315 W. Jefferson St. in Jonesboro, or at the Lake City Courthouse at 107 Cobean Blvd.

Vote. It matters.