

Election Day is coming soon Here's what you need to know

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As midterm elections nears and early voting kicks off, here's important information you'll need to know as either a first-time voter or a resident from a different county/state wishing to vote for the local/state midterm elections.

Important dates:

Early voting began Oct. 24 and continues through Nov. 6 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for Craighead County residents. On Saturdays, the hours change to 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The last day to early vote is Nov. 7 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Nov. 4 is the deadline for county transfers to register to vote in the county they wish to partake in for the general election.

Lastly, Election Day is Nov. 8 at 7:30 a.m., to 7:30 p.m.

Where to go:

When you receive your registration card to vote, it

will advise you where you can go to vote. Craighead County residents can vote at: Bay Community Center, Bono Community Center, Brookland Baptist Church, Caraway City Hall, Arkansas State University 1st National Bank Arena and Lake City Courthouse/Eastern Annex.

If you are not a Craighead County resident, scan the QR code to find your voting station.

What to bring:

Any form of identification: Arkansas driver's license, photo ID card, gun license, U.S. passport, student ID from an Arkansas-based institution, U.S. military identification document, voter verification card, etc.

If you are a first-time voter and you did not submit a copy of your identification when you registered, you'll need to bring is a driver's license or non-driver's license ID, or a current utility bill, bank statement, government

check, paycheck or any form of government documents with your name and address.

Absentee voting:

Absentee voting allows you to cast your vote through mail if you can't vote in person. The deadline for request is Nov. 1. For return ballots, it's Nov. 8 by 7:30 p.m.

To request one, contact your county clerk in which you are a county resident for OR complete an application form at the Arkansas Secretary of State website.

To be qualified you'll have to have a reason to not vote in person, such as an unavoidable issue that prevents you from physically voting, having an illness/disability, being a member of the Uniformed Services and are away from your polling location, or you're a U.S. citizen but are temporarily living outside of U.S. territory limits.

Any other concerns or question you may have can

EARLY VOTING TIME

Monday - Friday 8am - 6pm
Saturday 10am - 4pm

LOCATIONS

Jonesboro Election Annex
Lake City Courthouse
Brookland City Hall
Bono City Hall
Bay Community Center

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The times and locations to early vote in Craighead County

be answered by contacting voterservicesso.arkansas.gov

Last words:

These are the essential elements of information and knowledge for you to be ready and prepared as a voter. If you're registered, do the proper

independent research of who is running in your county and state, check your candidates' policies and how that may reflect your own wants/needs to either better or improve the community and others. Your vote matters!



QR code to find voting locations outside Craighead County

Advanced service learning students introduce Sexual Assault Awareness Week

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Sexual Assault Awareness Week is a new event on campus introduced by three students in the advanced service learning course. The week aims to educate students on sexual assault as well as inform them of resources should they be assaulted.

"Not everybody knows the different forms and actions that can count as sexual assault," said Mary Carden, a senior interdisciplinary studies major from Wynne. "We wanted to have at least a week's worth of events for people to come out (and learn)."

"I personally know people who have been sexually assaulted, but never actually

went through with reporting it," said Abbey Edrington, a senior interdisciplinary studies major from Paragould. "I feel like (this week) will get people to know there's other people to help and support them."

The week began with a showing of the documentary "The Hunting Ground". On Tuesday, they held a presentation over the different aspects and legalities of sexual assault, including Title IX, the Clery Act and other resources. Wednesday saw a panel with the University Police Department, Office of Title IX and the Counseling Center, as well as an anonymous questionnaire.

The week concluded on Thursday with the walk "Light

Up the Night". Students walked around campus wearing glow sticks and holding posters. In addition, the clock tower was lit teal.

According to the event's description on the Arkansas State University calendar "This walk is glow in the dark themed so we can shine a light on what sexual assault is and how it is a issue we face where ever we may go. During our walk there will be different statistics along our path to show students that this is a real issue and it happens more than we think it does."

This week is a result of a major project in Courtney Bracy's advanced service learning course. It is a semester-long project that also serves as



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Students listen to the Wednesday night panel consisting of representatives from Title IX, University Police and the Counseling Center.

the main grade for the course. "I know our professor has been wanting to do it for the

past couple years and just hasn't found a good time to bring it up," Edrington said.

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Students participating in the Light Up the Night walk make signs before the walk begins. The clock tower is lit teal in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

CAMPUS CRIME



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Oct. 21 | 1:45 p.m.

Officer Daniel Bradway was dispatched to the University Police Department in reference to an accident that had already occurred. When he arrived, he met with both complainant one and suspect one. Suspect one stated that on Oct. 17 at approximately 6:30 p.m., he was pulling out of the parking lot at 2509 Aggie Road, when he struck the passenger side front end of complainant one's parked and unoccupied vehicle. Suspect one told Bradway he was pulling through and did not swing wide enough and caught the front passenger side with his vehicle. Bradway could not locate the collision on the security video, however, he did see when suspect one pulled out of his parking spot at the time he stated. Photographs of the damage were taken. Suspect one stated that he did

not have any damage to his vehicle that he was worried about and refused to have any pictures taken of his vehicle.

Oct. 19 | 11:39 a.m.

Victim one reported that while she was stopped at the traffic light near the Johnson Avenue/Marion Berry Parkway intersection awaiting to make a right turn onto Johnson Ave. Her vehicle was struck in the rear bumper area by a white pickup truck. Victim one reported that the other driver exited the vehicle, looked at her car and stated it looked fine. She stated that the male driver then got back into his vehicle and left the area.

Oct. 17 | 1 p.m.

Officer Chad Hall was requested to the Police Department to take a statement in reference to a bike being stolen from 2509 Aggie Road. He was met by victim one, who stated he had brought his bike to campus at approximately 11 p.m. on Oct. 15 and left it in the

bicycle rack. Victim one stated when he went back for it on Oct. 16, his chain had been cut and his bicycle was gone. He then gave a description of the bike, as well as a picture that closely resembles his bicycle. He stated that the picture has green accents that his bicycle does not have. Hall then reviewed cameras from that night and observed suspect one and suspect two near Arkansas Hall with a bicycle that matched the provided description. Suspect one proceeded to travel near the Arkansas Hall front lobby, then near the Welcome Center. Afterwards, suspect one was observed near the STEM Den, then near the Honors parking lot. Suspect two was spotted near North Park Quads on an unreported bicycle. Suspect one was spotted near the nursing tower leaving campus down N. Caraway Road. Suspect two was spotted near Red Wolf Den riding a bicycle into the woods near E. Johnson Avenue.