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**UAMS Offers Free Health Screenings, Concert in McGehee**

LITTLE ROCK — The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) is hosting Party With a Purpose, a community event offering free health screenings and a concert, on Saturday, July 29 in McGehee.

Hepatitis C, HIV and blood pressure screenings, as well as glucose testing and mental health assessments, will be available during a resource fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the McGehee Men’s Club Community Center at 1 South Airport Road. Printed resource materials, games and prizes, and educational activities for children also will be available, and food trucks will provide a complimentary lunch.

A concert showcasing Arkansas entertainers follows at 7:30 p.m. at the same location. Attendance is free for anyone who received a free confidential HIV screening test, available at the resource fair.

The event is aimed at residents of Desha, Chicot, Drew, Jefferson and Pulaski counties, but all Arkansans are welcome to attend.

Sponsored by the Research and Evaluation Division of the UAMS Department of Family and Preventive Medicine, the day’s events aim to provide health resources and screenings for rural Arkansans while dispelling stigma and myths regarding health disparities, as well as to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C and other health concerns.

Free health screenings and rapid testing for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases are also regularly available at the UAMS Gap Services office at 1609 E. Ash St. in McGehee.

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