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UAMS to Host Boo at the Park Oct. 28 in McGehee

LITTLE ROCK — The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) will host a free, health-related educational event for people of all ages from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 at Gazebo Park in downtown McGehee.

Called Boo at the Park, the family-friendly Halloween-themed event seeks to reduce the stigma surrounding HIV and other health disparities through educational presentations and the sharing of resources.

Health and wellness information will be available at vendor tables, and PG-rated Halloween themed movies will be played. Educational messages about HIV, substance abuse, mental health and other health concerns will be shown between each movie. Refreshments will be provided.

The event is sponsored by the Research and Evaluation Division (RED) of the UAMS Department of Family and Preventive Medicine, using grant funds from the Arkansas Department of Health, Save AR Future (SARF) and UAMS Project HEAL.

The park is located at 106 N. First St. in McGehee.

The division also operates a Gap Services office at 1609 E. Ash St. in McGehee, where free health services are available for residents of southeast Arkansas. The services include rapid testing for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, blood pressure and Hepatitis C screenings, glucose testing and mental health assessments.

UAMS is the state's only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; a hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W.

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