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# Route MM in Stoddard County Reduced for Repairs

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## Route MM in Stoddard County will be Reduced for Pavement Repairs

Route MM in Stoddard County will be reduced to one lane as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform pavement repairs.

This section of roadway is located from Route U to Route J.

Weather permitting, work will take place Wednesday, July 13 through Wednesday, July 20 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

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## M\*A\*S\*H Camp for High School Students

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### **2016 Sikeston M\*A\*S\*H CAMP**

#### **Missouri AHEC Science & Health Camp for High School Students**

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS! Have you ever wondered... What is it like to perform surgery? Work in the ER? Have a career in health care? Stop wondering! Register now for the 2016 Missouri AHEC Science & Health (M\*A\*S\*H) Camp! Learn about science in the field of medicine, nursing, dentistry, and other health care occupations. Participate in hands-on learning activities that include: vital signs, CPR, first aid, suturing, injections, dissections labs, oral health, and more! And YES... have FUN too!

The Sikeston M\*A\*S\*H Camp is a summer day camp that will be held at the Sikeston Career and Technology Center on Wednesday, August 3 and Thursday, August 4 from 9:00am to 4:00pm both days. All high school students in the Southeast Missouri region are invited to attend.

### **2016 Poplar Bluff M\*A\*S\*H CAMP**

#### **Missouri AHEC Science & Health Camp for High School Students**

The Poplar Bluff M\*A\*S\*H Camp is a summer day camp that will be held at the Three Rivers College of Nursing & Allied Health on Wednesday, August 10 and Thursday, August 11 from 9:00am to 4:00pm both days. All high school students in the Southeast Missouri region are invited to attend.

All students must complete an application in advance and submit it by the appropriate deadline. The cost of attending this 2 day camp is only \$20.00. This will cover all expenses including lunch (both days), a t-shirt, and all activities. Payment should be in the form of a check or money order made payable to SEMO AHEC and submitted with an application. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis and participants accepted will be notified by email.

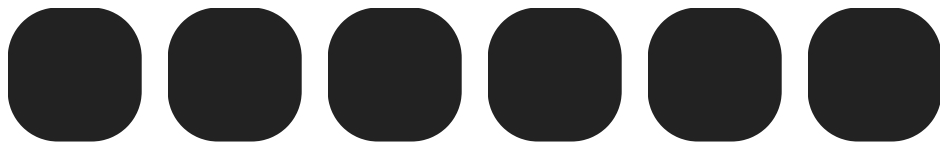
Information and applications can be obtained by visiting [www.semoahec.org/mashcamp](http://www.semoahec.org/mashcamp) or by email from Sarah Jackson, SEMO AHEC Program Specialist, at [sarah@semoahec.org](mailto:sarah@semoahec.org). Early response is highly encouraged, as capacity is limited for these events.

M\*A\*S\*H\* Camp is a collaborative effort of community partners including: the Southeastern Missouri Area Health Education Center (SEMO AHEC) and the Three Rivers College of Nursing & Allied Health. The mission of all academic and community partners in this unique learning opportunity is to provide early exposure and academic enrichment to students who are interested in becoming health care professionals in the Southeastern Missouri region.

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# U.S. Poly Hiring in Graphics Art Department

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## U.S. Poly Hiring in Graphics Art Department

**Dexter, Missouri** - U.S. Poly has an immediate opening in our graphics art department.

Job responsibilities include: Graphic art and design creation, film positive output, catalog layout, and web design.

You must be fluent in Illustrator and Photoshop. Digital print experience is a definite plus. Minimum of 12 months experience is required.

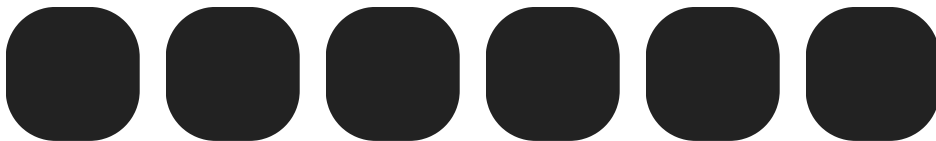
This is a full time position with benefits that include retirement and Health insurance.

You may email your resume too: [Jason@uspolyinc.com](mailto:Jason@uspolyinc.com) U.S. Poly 16143 N. Outer Rd  
Dexter, MO 63841 573-624-4266

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# President Orders Flags to Half Staff

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

As a mark of respect for the victims of the attack on police officers perpetrated on Thursday, July 7, 2016, in Dallas, Texas, by the authority vested in me as President of the United States by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, I hereby order that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions **until sunset, July 12, 2016.**

I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same length of time at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

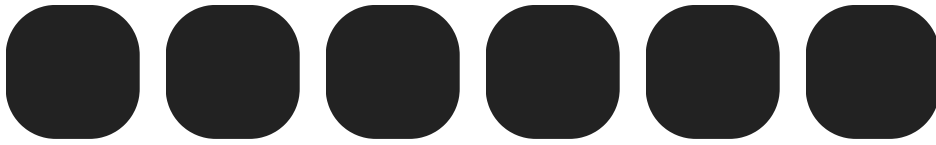
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of July, in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.

BARACK OBAMA

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# Black Bear Travels Nearly 400 Miles Across Southern Missouri

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**Traveling black bear is a reminder to be “Bear Aware.”**

**Whitewater, Missouri** - A three-year-old black bear sighted in Whitewater Friday morning is a reminder to southeast Missourians to be “Bear Aware” according to the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). Whitewater resident Phillip O’Kelly saw the bear with his daughter on their front porch, but when the bear heard humans, it took off, he said.

“It was probably about 100 feet from the porch,” O’Kelly said. “I came out to look at it and as soon as it heard our commotion it turned around to run off.”

O’Kelly said his property is surrounded by woods and is a place where his family enjoys seeing wildlife of all kinds.

“He wasn’t aggressive, was just looking around and he definitely wasn’t hurting anything,” O’Kelly said. “I hope people just let him be.”

O’Kelly noticed the bear was wearing a collar and ear tag, so the family contacted the MDC’s Southeast Regional Office to report the sighting.

“I’ve been tracking this bear and watched it trek about 400 miles across the southern part of the state,” said Jeff Beringer, MDC resource scientist who leads the Missouri Black Bear Project.

Beringer’s research confirms multiple bear sighting reports made to Bollinger County Conservation Agent Jeff Scott this week, were all related to the same bear as he traveled through the area.

The Missouri Black Bear Project has entered its second phase. First, biologists trapped and radio-collared bears across southern Missouri. This helped them to estimate how many bears are in the state. Now the biologists are measuring survival and reproductive rates of female bears as well as keeping track of survival of first-year cubs.

“This bear probably left Christian county because his mother ran him off and because young male bears have an instinct to move and find unrelated females,” Beringer explained. “Not all bears move this far, but long dispersals are common for male bears.”

Beringer said the bear sighted in Whitewater was originally captured when it was 18-months-old in Christian county, where it wintered. Sometime the following year, the bear traveled to Warren County where he dened.

“This spring, a landowner took pictures of him and sent them to me and I noted the collar and knew he was a long way from home,” Beringer said, adding that studying the animal’s movements gives MDC an opportunity to see how bears use corridors and other physical barriers like roads and rivers. Beringer said the bear was recaptured and given a new collar in May and has since traveled on its own to southeast Missouri.

“He’s probably looking for a female and I expect he will settle down somewhere this summer, since he’s three-years-old now,” Beringer said.

Beringer said this bear sighting is a good reminder for Missourians to be “Bear Aware” by making efforts to keep bears wild. Residents should ensure bird feeders are put away, trash is kept out of reach and any pet food is stored inside at night.

“A fed bear is a dead bear,” Beringer said. “Bears are creatures of habit, so if they find they can get a free meal somewhere, they’re likely to stick around and that’s when they get into trouble.”

O’Kelly said although he enjoyed seeing the bear, his property doesn’t have things sitting out that might make the bear stay.

“It’s neat to see a bear in real life, instead of on television,” O’Kelly said. “He was a cute bear to look at, but we hope people let him be and he can travel on and stay out of trouble.”

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