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# Sparklight to Award \$15,000 to Help Students Dream Bigger

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Five winners to each receive \$3,000 to support K-12 STEM projects

Schools and organizations serving K-12 students in Sparklight communities have the opportunity to win \$3,000 to fund their science, technology, engineering or math project or club as part of the internet service provider's annual "Dream Bigger" social media campaign.

K-12 schools and organizations in communities throughout the 21 states Sparklight serves can enter to win simply by sharing a photo and written entry outlining how the money will be used to fund their technology project – whether for equipment, competition fees, field trips or otherwise – and how it benefits students. Five entities will be selected to each receive a \$3,000 award.

"The diverse and innovative ways students in the communities we serve utilize technology both inside and outside of the classroom is impressive and paves the way for our future," said Trish Niemann, Sparklight's Senior Director of Corporate Communications. "In an increasingly digital world, made more evident during the Coronavirus pandemic, we are excited to see how technology is helping students dream bigger, and we want to do our part to help make those dreams happen."

Entries will be accepted from March 1 through March 19 at [sparklight.com/contest](https://sparklight.com/contest). Ten finalists will be selected by Sparklight and the winner will be determined by public voting

from March 22 through March 31. The finalists – as well as the schools and organizations selected to receive the award – will be highlighted on Sparklight’s social media channels, including Facebook and Instagram.

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## Route Z in Stoddard County will be Closed

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[Route Z in Stoddard County will be Closed](#)

Route Z in Stoddard County will be closed as contractor crews perform bridge repairs to Drainage Ditch #37.

This section of roadway is located between County Road 791 and Route W.

Weather permitting, work will begin Monday, March 8, with completion anticipated Wednesday, June 30.

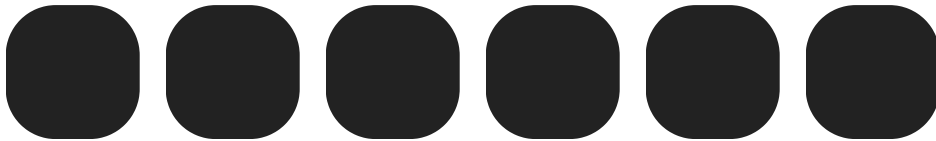
The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For additional information, please contact Resident Engineer Donald Hills at (573) 840-9781, MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT

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# Route E in Stoddard County Reduced for Culvert Replacement

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## Route E in Stoddard County Reduced for Culvert Replacement

Route E in Stoddard County will be reduced to one lane as Missouri Department of Transportation crews replace a culvert under the roadway.

This section of roadway is located between County Road 517 and County Road 527.

Weather permitting, work will take place Tuesday, March 2 through Wednesday, March 3 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily.

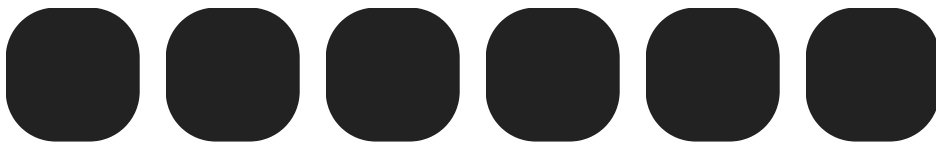
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# Presidential Proclamation - Flags to Fly Half Staff Until Friday

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[Presidential Proclamation - Flags to Fly Half Staff Until Friday](#)

Fly the United States Flag at Half-Staff Immediately Until Sunset on Friday, February 26, 2021 **Remembering the 500,000 Americans Lost to COVID-19**

A Proclamation on Remembering the 500,000 Americans Lost to COVID-19

February 22, 2021 • Presidential Actions

As of this week during the dark winter of the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 500,000 Americans have now died from the virus. That is more Americans who have died in a single year of this pandemic than in World War I, World War II, and the Vietnam War combined. On this solemn occasion, we reflect on their loss and on their loved ones left behind. We, as a Nation, must remember them so we can begin to heal, to unite, and find purpose as one Nation to defeat this pandemic.

In their memory, the First Lady and I will be joined by the Vice President and the Second Gentleman for a moment of silence at the White House this evening. I ask all Americans

to join us as we remember the more than 500,000 of our fellow Americans lost to COVID-19 and to observe a moment of silence at sunset. I also hereby order, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and on 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 February 26, 2021. I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same period 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 twenty-second day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

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# Dexter Bee Club Hosting a Beginner's Bee Class

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## Dexter Bee Club Hosting a Beginner's Bee Class

Dexter, MO - The Dexter Bee Club will have a beginners beekeeper workshop on Saturday, February 27th at 9 .m. This is an all day workshop and the cost is \$35.

This will include a 1 year membership to the Dexter Bee Club, a beginner's booklet, and lunch will be provided.

Tyler Sparkman will be the instructor and the location will be at Pleasant Grove Community Church, 13798 State Hwy H in Dexter. Please RSVP by calling Steve Babb at 421-0010 or Jeremy Bradshaw at 820-2081.

There will also be a drawing among the attendees for a nuc of bees and a hive body from Jake and Andrea Knight.

The class is open to the public! If you are interested in raising bees or just learning more about them, this is a wonderful beginner's bee course.

The president of the Dexter Bee Club is Steve Babb, Vice President is Jeremy Bradshaw and the Treasurer is Angie Laden.

Bee Club meets the first Tuesday of every month at Three Rivers College in Dexter at 6 pm

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