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# Sparklight® Completes \$250,000 Upgrade to Dexter, Missouri Network

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## Sparklight® Completes \$250,000 Upgrade to Dexter, Missouri Network

Sparklight®, a leading broadband communications provider, recently completed a \$250,000 upgrade to its robust, fiber-rich network in Dexter, Malden, Campbell, Kennett, Bloomfield, Bernie, Essex and Senath, Missouri.

In addition to further strengthening the reliability and performance of its high-speed internet service, Sparklight is engineering a network designed to meet the long-term connectivity needs of these Missouri communities

“Sparklight is committed to providing fast, reliable internet service to our residential and business customers and understands how critical high-speed internet is in keeping them connected to what matters most,” said Reid Morgan, Sparklight General Manager. “Our customers’ digital needs are advancing rapidly, and we are actively working to stay ahead of those needs with continuous investment in a network that will support our customers and community – now and in the future.”

For more information about Sparklight, visit [www.sparklight.com](http://www.sparklight.com).

### About Sparklight

Sparklight® is a leading broadband communications provider and part of the Cable One family of brands, which serves more than 1.1 million residential and business customers in 24 states. Sparklight provides consumers with a wide array of connectivity and

entertainment services, including high-speed internet and advanced Wi-Fi solutions, cable television and phone service. Sparklight Business provides scalable and cost-effective products for businesses ranging in size from small to mid-market, in addition to enterprise, wholesale and carrier customers.

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## Sparklight Awards \$30,000 to Teachers Building a "Stronger Connection"

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Sparklight®, part of the Cable One family of brands, recently announced the winners of its "A Stronger Connection" social media campaign, which recognized teachers who are making a difference in the 24 states served by the company.

Twenty teachers each received \$1,500 and the individuals who submitted the winning nominations each received a back-to-school prize pack.

"This prize means the world to me as I have never been the recipient of anything so generous and thoughtful," said Teacher Appreciation Award Winner Ashley Arellano of Whipple Ranch Elementary School in Show Low, Ariz. "I come to work as a teacher every day because I truly love it and there isn't anywhere else I'd rather be. The students and community make each day worth it. I am truly blessed."

Teacher Appreciation Award winners included:

Lacey Anderson, Williams Intermediate — Pell City, Ala.

Ashley Arellano, Whipple Ranch Elementary School — Show Low, Ariz.

Candace Batiste, Moss Point Career & Technical Education — Moss Point, Miss.

Savannah Bowers, Duncan High School — Duncan, Okla.

Wesley Brooks, Williams Intermediate — Pell City, Ala.

Stacey Buck, Republic High School — Republic, Mo.

Dan Dye, South Central Career Center (High School) — West Plains, Mo.

Adrienne Gonzalez, Owensville High School — Owensville, Mo.

Trenna Hanlin, Timmerman Grade School — Emporia, Kan.

Juanita Harris, Harmony Leadership Academy — Texarkana, Ark.

Neil Hohenstein, Taylorville High School — Taylorville, Ill.

Jessica McLenna, Heights Elementary School — Middleton, Idaho

Chuck Moore, Sullivan High School & Sullivan Middle School — Sullivan, Mo.

Ginger Nolker, Prairie Song Academy — Kirksville, Mo.

Bobbi Jo Noblin, Senath-Hornersville Middle School — Senath, Mo.

Matt Peabody, Taylorville Junior High School — Taylorville, Ill.

Shea Phillips, Texas High School — Texarkana, Texas

Sheila Sparks, West Plains High School — West Plains, Mo.

Melba Tatum, Eden Elementary — Pell City, Ala

Amy Thornton, Eden Elementary — Pell City, Ala.

"We are proud to honor the commitment and hard work of the exceptional educators in the communities we serve," said Trish Niemann, Vice President, Communications Strategy. "These teachers are real heroes, making a lasting difference in the lives of their students, their schools and their communities."

[For more information please click HERE.](#)

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# Stoddard County Commission Meeting for Monday, November 7, 2022

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## Stoddard County Commission Meeting for Monday, November 7, 2022

Bloomfield, MO - The Stoddard County Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Jeff Crocker, Heartland Area Land Owners, introduced himself to the Commissioners. Crocker represents landowners who want to develop their land. For example farmers who might want to put solar panels on their land. Commonly referred to as HALO, "They seek to organize, educate, and engage member landowners to better advocate for their own land use priorities. Their landowner members are passionate about their land, their world, and stewarding the resources that feed America and power its economy."

### Bell City Update

Bell City Improvement Corporation (PIC) functions alone; however it is up to the mayor and the city council to get involved and appointment members. This according to Peter Coutavas, IDA Director. Mr. Finney had come to a previous meeting and asked questions about the Bell City Improvement Corporation. Mr. Coutavas will call him and let him know what he found out with regards to the group.

### Bootheel Regional Planning Commission

According to Katelyn Lambert, they have almost completed the roof for the Bootheel Regional Planning Commission. Tomorrow is the Bid Opening for the HVAC. Once all that is complete that should be the end of the grant they received.

### Duck Creek Township - Administration Update

The only Bid received for the Duck Creek Township was from Bootheel Regional Planning Commission. It was \$30,000 for the administration of the blacktop of a road in the Duck Creek Township. The Community Development Block Grant require the bidding of the administration of the grant. The Commissioners sent a letter to 23 potential bidders.

Commissioner Jarrell made a motion to accept the bid from Bootheel Regional Planning Commission to administer the grant for Duck Creek Township. The grant will go towards

the paving project. Seconded by Commissioner Talkington. Both voted yes.

Commissioner Carol Jarrell made a motion to accept the minutes from October 31, 2022. Commissioner Talkington seconded the motion. Both voted yes.

The minutes stated two items. Associate Commissioner Jarrell made a motion to approve the minutes for October 24, 2022 and a motion to adjourn at 10:42 a.m.

Commissioner Carol Jarrell made a motion to accept the Ads & Abates from the Collector, Josh Speakman. Commissioner Talkington seconded the motion. Both voted yes.

### Stoddard County Collector Josh Speakman Update

Real Estate Tax and Personal Property Tax bills went out in the mail. Don't forget you can do an instalment payment plan with the County Collector. Go to the website [www.stoddardcollector.org](http://www.stoddardcollector.org)

Sign up now to pay your 2022 Stoddard County taxes on a monthly installment basis. Contact the collector's office at (573) 568-3327 for more information.

"Your payments will be based on the amount you paid for the previous year taxes. There will be ten equal installments, with the eleventh and final installment being the balance of the tax due. Taxes not paid in full by December 31st will result in late penalties and fees being charged which will be the responsibility of the taxpayer; and, the payment plan may be terminated.

We will only accept automated payment from your bank account. Please contact our office for further information regarding payment. If you are planning to sign up for automated payment, please fill out and sign the Automated Payment Service authorization and agreement form to enroll in the installment payment plan. Please read the Installment Program fact sheet for additional information regarding the automated payment process.

Real estate and personal property taxes are eligible for installment payments at this time. Payment plans will be set up for each individual account. Delinquent taxes are not eligible for the payment plan. For example, your 2021 real estate taxes must be paid before enrolling in a payment plan for your 2022 real estate taxes.

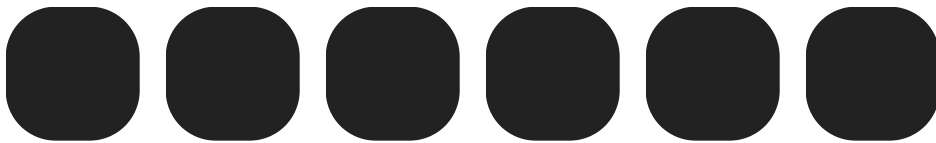
If you currently escrow your real estate taxes with a mortgage company or related servicing company, you will not be able to set up a payment plan for that particular parcel of land at this time. Remember, payment plans will be set up for each individual account regardless of the number of properties you own."

Commissioner Jarrell made a motion to adjourn at 11:33 a.m. Seconded by Talkington. Both voted yes.

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The City of Puxico has placed a proposition on the November 8, 2022, ballot. This proposition if approved will make the position of city collector an appointed position rather than an elected position.

The Puxico Board of Aldermen feel that by making the position of city collector an appointed position, it will have a broader list of prospective applicants with the necessary skills to choose from if the position becomes vacant at any time.

At this time, because city collector is an elected position, a person must run for the office every four years. In order to run, the person must live within the city limits and must have lived in Puxico for at least a year before he or she can fill out the paperwork to run for office. This limits who can be city collector.

If the voters of the City of Puxico vote “yes” on the City’s Proposition No. 1, it will make the position of city collector an appointed job. This proposition will be found on the back side of the November ballot at the bottom of constitutional amendments. It will appear only on those ballots given to city resident voters.

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# City of Dexter, MO - General Municipal Election Filing

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## City of Dexter, MO - General Municipal Election Filing

The office of the city clerk, Crystal Bishop has send out a press release with regards to the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, April 4, 20223 for the following offices:

Ward I Alderman - Two Year Term

Ward II Alderman - Two Year Term

Ward III Alderman - Two Year Term

Filing of an office may be done at Dexter City Hall, 301 East Stoddard Street, during regular business hours, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 6, 2022 and closing at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 27, 2022.

Filing for these offices may be done in the City Clerk's office during regular business hours from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday, through Friday.

City's Holiday Schedule:

Christmas: City Offices will close at Noon on Friday, December 23, 2022 and will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 27, 2022.

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