

American Maze Match



Mayor Proclaimed April Child Abuse Prevention Month

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Miller said that one function of the eCommunity partnership is to provide loans for new or existing businesses that cover up to 60% of a total loan. The remaining 40% must be secured from other sources, such as a bank, credit union, or public funding options.

Miller said there is no cost to be involved and that the application deadline for 2026 is March 31. Two to four new eCommunities are accepted each year, according to Miller. Communities who are not selected are encouraged to apply again in following years. Mayor Coulter said that he felt this type of partnership could be a big help to the community.

Library Report

Library Director Anneliese Brubaker presented her library report for February and March. Brubaker was pleased to report that the library has seen very good participation in February with 195 total participants across all library programming. Passive programming is doing especially well, which are things that people can do without having to sign up. Brubaker said that the Blind Date with a Book had a lot of participants in February, and St. Patrick's Day activities did well in March. Also in March, spring break programming was well attended with story time, a teens and tweens tie-dye party, and Lego Day.

Coming in April, 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, a nationwide program encouraging parents to read with their children

from birth to age five to build early literacy skills, is being organized by Ariel Treece.

Brubaker reported that the library has received a \$250 materials delivery grant, which covers the courier expense and helps distribute books and DVDs to other libraries in the state. Additionally, Brubaker said, the library received a very generous \$2,000 donation from a regular patron. The funds were perfectly timed, said Brubaker, as the library's Cricut machine, used to create bulletin boards, had recently failed.

Brubaker also noted that she is still working to bolt down the shelving in the children's section as per an insurance audit recommendation. She explained that because the concrete floors were created to withstand a great deal of weight, anchoring the shelves has been a challenge, but that she is actively working toward a solution.

Street Vacation Process

The council had a discussion regarding the establishment of a process for vacating streets and/or alleyways in the City of Eureka. Council members discussed the need for an application or some kind of documentation when a street vacation is requested, to ensure that the process is completed correctly and consistently.

Council discussed the potential need for an administrative fee to cover tasks required to complete the process, such as ordinance creation, publication costs and staff-hours. Notification of

impacted parties such as utility providers, garbage collection, emergency services, and neighboring property owners was also considered.

Code Enforcement Officer Steve French stated that, because the vacated streets or alleyways are city-owned, taxpayers would ultimately be affected and asked if the adjacent property owners should be required to purchase the land from the city rather than having it fall to them by default. Mayor Coulter said that this question might best be answered by City Attorney William McClendon.

Council also debated in what order the specific committees or departments might be asked to review a request for a street vacation. The transportation committee, the street department, and the planning and zoning commission would all need to be involved in the process. It was agreed that the application process would cover the questions regarding the chain of order.

A rough draft of the application was presented for council members to review and make recommendations at a future date.

Sale of Tax Credits

City Clerk Renee Burk announced that a buyer has been found to purchase the city's state historic rehabilitation tax credits. Robert Thompson, a Kansas limited liability company, has offered to purchase the city's total \$41,000 in tax credits at the price of 85 cents on the dollar.

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The Outlook After An MS Diagnosis

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a chronic disease of the central nervous system. MS disrupts the flow of information between the brain and the body, which can cause various symptoms that adversely affect daily life. According to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, nearly one million people are living with MS in the United States. Globally, that number is estimated to exceed 2.8 million.

If MS is a concern for you or your family, the following information can shed greater light on the illness.

What occurs with MS?

The NMSS says when a person has MS, the immune system mistakenly attacks myelin, which is the protective sheath that covers nerve fibers.

This damage starts out as communication problems in the central nervous system, but can progress to permanent damage or deterioration of the nerves

themselves. Current statistics show that MS is at least three times more common in women than men, suggesting that hormones or a genetic

factor may come into play.

Additionally, the disease is prevalent in regions farther from the equator, leading researchers to believe there is a link between vitamin D deficiency and developing the condition. In 2015, scientists demonstrated a clear link between low vitamin D and MS. They found that people who naturally had lower levels of vitamin D were more likely to develop MS. Researchers in Oxford also have discovered that vitamin D could affect the way a gene linked to MS behaves. However, there currently is no evidence that high vitamin D levels reduce the risk

of developing MS, although the Mayo Clinic reports studies have shown that taking 400 IU or more of vitamin D a day lowers the risk of MS in women.

Types of MS

MS can manifest in different forms. The most common is Relapsing-Remitting MS (RRMS). This is characterized by defined attacks of new or increasing neurologic symptoms followed by periods of partial or complete recovery. Many RRMS cases may eventually transition to Secondary Progressive MS (SPMS), which Cedars-Sinai says is marked by a gradual, steady worsening of neurological and physical disability. A smaller percentage of people are diagnosed with Primary Progressive MS

(PPMS), where symptoms worsen steadily from the start without early relapses or remissions, says the Cleveland Clinic.

Symptoms of MS

Symptoms of MS can vary widely depending on where the nerve damage occurs, but typically include:

- Fatigue
- Difficulty walking or loss of balance
- Blurred vision or pain in eye movement (optic neuritis)
- Cognitive changes

Look ahead

Doctors generally use MRI, blood tests, optical imaging of the nerves in the eye, and potentially a lumbar puncture to diagnose MS. Currently there is no cure for MS. Treatment tends to focus on disease-modifying therapies that can slow the progression of worsening symptoms. Physical therapy and medications to regulate additional symptoms also may be prescribed.

One can expect a normal life expectancy with MS, as only in very rare cases is MS fatal, advises the Cleveland Clinic. A care team will help a person through the MS journey to prevent complications and improve quality of life.



Schoolhouse for Sale

Historic Union Valley schoolhouse at 2301 Quail, Fall River on approx. 1 acre (Liberty Township property). Well on site, rural water available, electrical has been connected previously, 3 miles from Flint Oak. Conditions of sale; schoolhouse cannot be torn down. Open house will be Apr 12 1-4.

Sealed bids due April 21 6pm either by mail or in person at 1871 Road 23, Fall River 67047.

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