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# Cloverdale Connect

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The February issue of Cloverdale Connect is all about LOVE. We have a LOVE photo album, a Love Song quiz, LOVE messages, and more. Most of us are suffering from cabin fever, we miss our children, grandkids, our parents, our grandparents, our friends; we miss going to the movies, meeting friends out for a meal, traveling by plane, cruise ship or train; we are weary of mask wearing and social distancing so let's make an extra effort in 2021 to be kind, patient and considerate.

I've always been a warm weather person and now that it's February, I'm so looking forward to Spring. We've begun tidying up the garden – pruning, raking, harvesting citrus – and I love to see new growth beginning to peek out of the soil. Likewise, with the availability of the vaccine, we can see a more positive outlook for the future. Quite possibly we can begin to make plans again without the fear of cancellation.

Let's keep a positive outlook, and take this opportunity to keep what's good in our lives and trim away what's not – just like in the garden.

I'll see you around town!

*Dana*



Ray & Ann Smith, happily married for decades, reading Cloverdale Connect together – now that's LOVE!

## Just a few of the Chamber's accomplishments... during Covid

- Put together a list of businesses allowed to be open and what accommodations they made to serve their customers during the initial Shelter-in-Place order.
- Produced over 40 short videos featuring our local businesses in order to familiarize our residents with them and highlight the Covid-19 safety precautions they adopted to keep their customers, employees and themselves safe.
- Continually modifying the website to provide links to financial resources available for our small businesses struggling through Shelter in Place and business shutdowns. We have also personally worked with our businesses to help them with the application processes.
- Organized three Halloween and three holiday events that made spirits bright despite restrictions placed on social gatherings. All were done with the support of many local businesses and organizations.
- Established and promoted a community fundraiser that raised funds to purchase outdoor heaters for our restaurants with outdoor dining.
- Launched a gift certificate promotion program to encourage residents to purchase gift cards in order to support our local salons and restaurants.



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## Creative Plans for the Cloverdale Citrus Fair

Make plans to satisfy your fair food cravings on February 12, 13 & 14. Local vendors will be serving sweet and savory treats like corndogs, garlic fries, funnel cakes, and hand-spun cotton candy. Vehicles will enter the fairgrounds off Washington Street and drive through the fairgrounds to order and pick-up food. All guests must remain in their vehicles and wear masks.

Community parade floats will be displayed along with citrus sculptures and still exhibits like art, photography, and class projects. Plus, local talent will be performing on-grounds (weather dependent), and 4-H youths will showcase their fuzzy farm animals for drive-by viewing.

"Little ones" can be signed up for the Timed Trial Baby Derby, happening Saturday, February 13th. Folks of all ages are encouraged to show off their skills in the virtual Community Talent Showcase, while exhibitors can enter their arts, crafts, and photography. Finally, the livestock exhibit contest is open to 4-H, FFA, and Open exhibitors and the Cloverdale Cabaret Players will be putting together a video showcasing top performances over the years.

## Paul Harris Awards to Cloverdale Rotary Members



Cloverdale Rotary President Kevin Kostoff presented Paul Harris Awards recently to Mark Thayer, Bonnie Wlodarczyk, Val Marder and Ken Allen for their unwavering financial support of Rotary projects locally and globally. Paul Harris was the founder of Rotary in 1906 in Chicago. Today there are more than 1.2 million members in 35,000 clubs worldwide. Rotary supports healthcare, clean water, peace initiatives and humanitarian efforts.

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## The Villas Winning Cookie Recipe

The Cookie WINNER was Laurie Currier with her Gluten/Dairy Free Peanut Butter Balls. The Villas residents had so much fun making and eating the cookies from all the recipes that were submitted.

This is a gluten free and dairy free cookie ball recipe. If there is sensitivity to chocolate, then substitute with dried fruit (raisins, cranberries).

Note: Brewer's yeast not needed.

### Peanut Butter Balls

#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup old fashioned oatmeal
- ½ cup peanut butter
- ½ cup ground flaxseed
- 1 cup organic shredded coconut
- 1/3 cup organic honey
- ½ TBS Brewer's yeast
- 1 tsp vanilla
- ½ cup chocolate chips

#### Directions:

Combine dry ingredients first: oatmeal, coconut, chocolate chips, Brewers yeast & ground flaxseed. Add peanut butter, honey & vanilla. Turn mixer on low and mix together. Refrigerate mixture for at least one hour. Remove from refrigerator & roll mixture into small balls. These are NO Bake cookies!



## Cooking With Dave by David Maciel

My goal in sharing these recipes is to help stretch your dollars and provide wholesome belly warming meals. All the ingredients are readily available at any local grocery store. My background is in the food industry where I spent several years working with chefs developing recipes and ideas for menus.

### Country Pork Spare Ribs in a Pot

Country pork spare ribs in a pot is a recipe I use frequently. You can also use baby back or spare ribs but cut the cooking time to 60 minutes. These ribs come out fork tender and I hope will become a family favorite.

- 4 lbs Country Pork Ribs bone-in or out
- 1 cup Onions chopped
- 1 cup Ketchup
- ¼ cup Worcestershire
- ¼ cup White Vinegar
- ½ cup Brown Sugar
- ½ teaspoon Dry Mustard
- Splash of Tabasco or Hot Sauce
- Juice of two lemons
- Salt to taste

Pre heat the oven to 350 degrees. Sauté the onions until limp or clear in color, turn off heat and add the remaining ingredients and mix well, re-heat over low to a simmer for 30 minutes.

In a large oven proof covered pot, pour in a small amount of sauce layer in ribs, pour in more sauce and repeat with the pork ribs. Place in oven and cook WITHOUT removing the top for 90 minutes.

Remove the meat when done. Add a dozen ice cubes to collect the fat, then replace the meat or serve right away. Serve over real hot steamed rice or mashed potatoes.

#### Notes:

Add more onions if you like a strong taste and don't saute them; taste will be a bit strong. Add more hot sauce if you like hotter style sauces.

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## Update on "The Bee of the Sea"

In our January 2021 issue, we told our readers about a new children's book written by local Cloverdale author Megan Guerrero.

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## Kiwanis Club "Thank You!"

The Kiwanis Club of Cloverdale would like to thank all of you who supported our recent annual crab feed. It was a great success! As always Cloverdale rocks!

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## **Jane & Ron Pavelka** Pavelka Team/Compass Real Estate

Jane and Ron Pavelka made a career in the Scuba Diving Industry, Ron for over 30 years and Jane for several years prior to becoming involved in real estate. We are transplants from Southern California having moved to Santa Rosa in 1984. We found ourselves spending a lot of our spare time in Cloverdale with friends and family and decided to move here in 1988. Both of our children were raised here and graduated from Cloverdale High School. Both are and have been very involved in the community from a member of the planning commission to serving on various non-profit boards. i.e. the Boys & Girls Club, Little League, Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce and the Arts Alliance. When not selling real estate we find ourselves, hiking, foraging, kayaking, fishing, camping in our trailer and traveling the globe.



## **Kristi Amann-Shehan** The Villas Assisted Living

Kristi Amann-Shehan, owner of The Villas Assisted Living, was born and raised in Cloverdale. When I saw the opportunity to build an elderly care facility for my own grandparents in the home I grew up in, I jumped at the opportunity. I wanted to be able to give back to my grandparents and support the community. There are so many benefits to the work I do. I can involve my children and local preschools through our intergenerational programs, we can connect and support the community through the events we create, and I have a huge extended family from the residents and families we have cared for. Some facts about me, I have two boys, 4 chickens, a huge garden, love to volunteer, travel, be in nature, entertain, am passionate about eating/cooking/baking healthy, love the idea of sustainable living, enjoy working out and am constantly reading and learning on how to improve upon my industry and self.



## **Evelyn Hayes** Vine Ridge Senior Living

Evelyn Hayes is the Director of External Business at Vine Ridge Senior Living, the new assisted living and memory care in Cloverdale. Evelyn has worked in assisted living for almost 20 years, first with Sunrise Senior Living in Ohio and later on with Vintage Brush Creek in Santa Rosa. She graduated from Kent State with a BBA in Marketing/Finance. In 2007, Evelyn and her husband, Patrick, moved to northern California. They enlisted local realtor Jane Pavelka to help them find their new home. They chose Cloverdale as it had a small town feel with walkability, great restaurants and also had many newer homes with parks nearby to choose from.



## **James De Martini** Law Offices of James De Martini

I grew up in South San Francisco, and, after graduating from Cal and Southwestern University School of Law I'd had enough of the Bay Area and big cities generally. During law school I'd clerked for Joe Henderson and Mike Welty in Sonoma County while spending summers in Cloverdale. When I graduated in 1977 I moved to Cloverdale to live with friends from college and started practicing law here and in Santa Rosa. After 13 years of commuting between my home and office in Cloverdale, and my office in Santa Rosa, I opened my full-time Cloverdale office. I've been blessed with the friendship of many Sonoma County musicians and, over the years, have played bass instruments in many bands. The last 10 years have been devoted to the Healdsburg Community Band, Vantini, a jazz trio, and Court 'n' Disaster, our honky-tonk dance band made up of lawyers, a banker, and a judge.



## **Melanie Hall** Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center

I grew up on a 65 acre farm in Washington state, it was there that I developed my love for animals, gardening and nature. I moved to Santa Barbara right after high school and while living there met my husband. My husband and I moved to Sonoma County in 1981, my daughter was born in 1982 and my son in 1986. My husband built the house that we live in here in Cloverdale and we have been in Cloverdale since 1994. I started my job as the Program Manager at the Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center in the Fall of 2017. I am honored to be of service to the seniors and many others in the Cloverdale community, it's a job I love. In my spare time I participate in Kiwanis, garden, cook, read, meditate and go on long walks with my dog (who recently gave birth to five puppies).



## **Dr. Katie Silva** Animal Hospital of Cloverdale

My name is Katie Silva and my business partner, Matt Ostermann, and I just completed our first year as owners of Animal Hospital of Cloverdale. My husband and I moved to Cloverdale in 2007; we're both Sonoma County natives and wanted to be close (but not too close) to our parents and we wanted a small town atmosphere. As the mother of 2 daughters (10 and 11 years old), I've been active in supporting our community's youth serving 4 years on the Cloverdale Youth Soccer League Board and currently serving my 5th year on the Jefferson PTA board. The highlights of being a business owner so far have been keeping our close knit staff safe and continuing to provide loving, quality care to Cloverdale pets in spite of a global pandemic. Pets are so important and as a veterinarian I love making sure they stay healthy as long as possible.



## **Richard Battles & Kathy Storin** RKA Luggage

Kathy and I are from the thoroughbred Racehorse industry. Kathy made jockey silks and I was a horse trainer. In 1985 we made a major change and moved to Rincon Valley and started RKA in my Mom's garage. RKA manufactures textile motorcycle luggage. Our first address was a PO Box in Windsor, and in 1996 we purchased a home there. In January 2020 we sold our home in Windsor and moved to Cloverdale a location we have always loved. The plan was always in the mix to move the business here. THEN the sky fell! We are making masks now and offer a lot of new products you may like. This last December we finally found a great spot in the Furber Ranch Plaza. The whole story of RKA is 36 years long. So stop by the shop check out our wares and Richard will talk your leg off.



## **Who's Neena Hanchett, anyway?** Cloverdale Chamber

Born in Calcutta, India, raised in SF, Marin and New Jersey (three high schools-which is why I "land on my feet" in almost any situation, I've lived most of my adult life in Sonoma County. I moved to Cloverdale in 2001 with my husband, Val and our longhaired cat, "Missy," to help at our family newspaper, the Cloverdale Reveille. When it was sold in 2013, I took a year to figure out if "retirement agreed with me." It didn't. On the board of the chamber at that time, the Executive Director Robin Smoot Wilkerson, wanted to pursue other interests and somehow, I was asked to be the director. So, here we are. This job during COVID is very challenging, but I love this community and the businesses that are working so hard to make it to the "other side of COVID."

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## Al Myers

Edward Jones Financial

My name is Al Myers. I am a family man, with a beautiful wife, 5 children and 9 grandchildren. I did not start where I am today. Believe me when I tell you that my wife and I have "been through it." I was raised extremely modestly in Southern California, with roots in Ukiah and Cloverdale. It was a dream to someday move my family up to our area. Thirty years ago, that dream came true. It's been a long road with a lot of long-term planning. I now work as a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones Financial. I want you to know that. I believe in making long range plans become a reality. Giving back is important to me. I like to have fun, sing and dance, and be proud of what I do in this life. I am honest, trustworthy and empathetic. I love people and I love life. I am blessed and willing to help and share.



## Mike Nixon

Nixon Business & Papa's Pizza

Cloverdale is a place called home for Michael Nixon, a Cloverdale native, born and reared in this beautiful town. For over 30 years, Mike has been running Papa's Pizza Café, providing a family friendly restaurant for Cloverdale residents to enjoy. He also provides guidance in his insurance business, Nixon Business, serving those with individual insurance and Medicare insurance needs. Mike loves supporting the community through his businesses but also holds civic duties as a priority. Mike has held official community positions such as, city council member, Senior Multicenter board member, and is the current City Treasurer. While serving his community, he enjoys spending his free time with family and friends, riding his bike, and collecting Baby Yoda items. Watch out for the Baby Yoda hiding at Papa's!



## Sandra Bernardi

W Real Estate

My family moved to Cloverdale when I was 3 years old. I have 1 brother and 2 Sisters. I worked at Cloverdale Pharmacy for over 20 years! Last year, in 2020 I went from being a Pharmacy Technician to working in Administration at W Real Estate office here in Cloverdale. It's been a wonderful change for both me and my family. I have been married to my husband for 38 years. My husband and I have raised our 6 children here in Cloverdale. I am also a grandmother to 6 grandchildren. I enjoy watching my children and grandchildren playing sports and can't wait until they can play again. I enjoy being involved in community events/service, fundraising, sports activities. Some of the things I have been involved in are Boosters Club, CYO, the John McMillan Basketball tournaments. I Love all animals. I currently have a horse, rabbit and 2 dogs!



## Shawna Masur

Redwood Credit Union

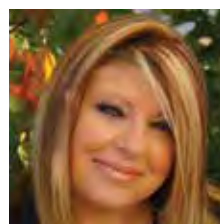
I came to Cloverdale about 7 years ago to take a position at the local Redwood Credit Union. I grew up in Clearlake, so I am familiar with small towns and was happy to discover Cloverdale. Most of my career has been spent in the Sacramento area. I have been getting more involved in the community to help make it a better place. I currently serve on the Cloverdale Multipurpose Senior Centers Board and have for the last two years. I have been able to volunteer in many different activities in and around the community and always looking for other ways I can contribute. I have met many wonderful leaders in the community and look forward to meeting more.



## Ashley Porter

Cloverdale Nursery

Born and raised in Roseville CA, moved to Sonoma County in 2004 to live in this world renown growing region and to study Horticulture & Permaculture. Landed in Cloverdale in 2015 to open Cloverdale Nursery with my two business partners. Often referred to as the "Plant Lady". I enjoy collecting rare plants, hiking, playing guitar, and traveling (when permitted) to unusual places. Inspired by: Jane Goodall, Bill Mollison & Nelson Mandela. Huge advocate of affordable, sustainable living, without compromising style. Love with this wonderful community with all my heart!



## Tedi Spain

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Tedi has successfully been selling real estate for over 20 years in Sonoma, Mendocino & Lake Counties. She has always been actively involved in the community. Whether it be community service, community events, fundraising, or sports activities, you will see her out and about supporting the cause. Tedi raised her 3 wonderful sons here and is very proud of the men they have become. They all reside in Northern California and are starting their families. She is the Grandmother to 5 beautiful Grandchildren.



## Laurie Kneeland

Mobile Notary

I moved up to Cloverdale in 1999. My mother moved to Cloverdale in 1978. I came up twice a month from San Francisco to visit so I feel like I've been in Cloverdale a long time. I moved my business from Santa Rosa to Cloverdale in 2006 - Mail Center Etc. After 34 years in business, I retired and closed the business. I have been a notary public for over 32 years and continue to offer this service. (See my Business Card ad on the back page of Cloverdale Connect). I am a member of the Cloverdale Kiwanis Club, Cloverdale Citrus Fair board member, Druids Circle members and am also on the Food Pantry board and member of the UCC church. My passion is volunteering and I do whatever I can for the good of Cloverdale. As long as I am able, I just want to keep giving.



## Maria Kenney

W Real Estate

The youngest of four sisters, I was born and raised in Corte Madera in the house my parents still live in. My father is 100% Greek, so I was raised with all the traditions, the food, the dancing... (no we don't use windex on everything!) I moved to Cloverdale in 1988, mainly because it was the only place we could afford to buy a new house. Loving all things outdoors, I fell in love with the town and the amazing circle of friends that came with it. The perfect place to raise my son and daughter, Cory and Leah, who will always call Cloverdale home, and whose kids will too, I hope. Hard to believe over 30 years has gone by, but I wouldn't change a thing. I am newly engaged, have a new granddaughter, and just loving this life hiking, biking, golfing and boating.

Look for more stories in the March issue

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## Whisker Talk:

News, advice, and observations on life with pets by Brigid Wasson



Is your pet microchipped? If so, do you understand how it works? Many pet owners do not, making the chip ineffective as prevention against getting lost.

Here are 5 important microchip tips.

- 1) The chip must be registered. Do not assume that the vet or shelter did it for you. Go to [www.microchiplookup.org](http://www.microchiplookup.org) and enter the chip number to see if it is registered and with which registry.
- 2) The chip is not GPS. It does not track your pet's movement and cannot be used to locate a lost pet. There are GPS collars and tags you can find on Amazon that do perform this function.
- 3) Indoor pets should be microchipped. Every day owners are looking for their lost pets who lived indoors but got out due to some mishap. Accidents happen, and the chip is cheap insurance for the safety of your pet.
- 4) Microchips do not cause cancer. Any pet can get cancer, and none have been linked to the implantation of a microchip.
- 5) You do not have to pay yearly fees. Many chip registries offer premium services for an extra yearly fee but you can opt out. Once the chip is registered it is for life. A good website with free online registration is [www.foundanimals.org](http://www.foundanimals.org).

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The owners of **El Milagro** in Cloverdale are part of the Sonoma Family Meal restaurant network. The Cloverdale Community is so grateful for their amazing food and the care they put into each meal and our seniors and families are thrilled. Sonoma Family Meal provides chef-made meals with local ingredients to victims of disasters. Sonoma Family Meal came together in the worst moments of the raging California Wildfires to feed a population not used to asking for help, but desperately in need.



Heather Irwin, a restaurant writer in Sonoma County, created the nonprofit to bring families displaced by the fires together with hundreds of chefs who desperately wanted to help.

Since Oct. 15, they have served more than 65,000 meals made by some of the Bay Area's best chefs, packed up and ready to take home for anyone who asks. Sonoma Family Meal is now a full-on professional cooking operation with a staff of more than 20. All meals are made with ingredients donated by local farmers and ranchers, much of it organic, and prepared by local chefs. Please make a donation if you are able: <https://www.gofundme.com/SonomaFamilyMeal>

**Trading Post Restaurant** is another amazing Cloverdale restaurant and recently featured "Christmas Eve Lasagna for the Community". Each meal included lasagna, with a vegetarian option available, and persimmon cupcakes. The manager Grace says "We love being a part of this town and have seen the people of Cloverdale come together in many tough times." This was a free meal and available to anyone. Donations were also accepted. A special thank you went out to Rebecca and Nick from Lantern Farms who donated vegetables.

## Art Imitating Life

Here is a spectacular photo by Larry Robinson

and an artistic painted interpretation by Tinya DePaola

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## The Creative Corner

Christy Latchford

Oh, that time of year for the post-holiday purge, many of us have piles of "stuff" we are not sure what to do with. Sure, pre-COVID there were a multitude of donation hubs available, but for now they are somewhat limited.

Living in a smaller town we are all familiar with the joys of finding "free stuff" put out on people's yards. I have been inspired more than once over the last few years by people who have kindly laid out blankets with free stuff ranging from furniture to smaller items and in a time when funds are tight for many, I have been trying to figure out both a practical and user-friendly way to do the same.

Well, after looking around and digging out my trusty jigsaw, I altered some plastic shelves that have been awaiting the dump and with a cart in garage, a few zip ties and laminated signs our new mobile "Free Stuff" cart will be rolling out to the base of our driveway each weekend (weather permitting).

Leave it to a pandemic to allow all the pieces to fall together! A mobile free cart I can put out front and I am also inspired to put out food items as well - assuming they are still in unopened packages and not expired as I know there are probably those who can use and I know most of us have those moments when cleaning out cupboards of realizing we probably won't eat all the items we bought on a whim and someone could use while they are still good.

New Year's Purge + helping others = happiness! We all do what we can to keep our spirits up and I'm excited to get going on projects like the one for next month's issue (freshening up your kitchen with a glass tile backsplash), but until then wishing all a Happy & Healthy New Year!



Pavelka's Puns

I'm Friends With  
25 Letters of the Alphabet  
I Don't Know Y

## New-old Stained-Glass Window



Recently, through the generosity of Gene and Carolyn Marcinkowski, an antique stained-glass window was installed over the old organ in the Narthex of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church.

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Today, Feb. 6th, we think back on what we were doing at that age and then think about what you (Courtney) might have been doing. We imagine you doing and accomplishing all of those things. We took on a whole new outlook on life since cancer took you from us. One never knows what can happen at any time - whether it be a disease or an accident.

This Birthday message gives us a chance to remind everyone to cherish each and every day. On Feb. 5th, we will be installing a Bear Saver Box (sorry Yogi) at the Cloverdale River Park. These sturdy trash boxes are part of Sonoma County parks' climate-adaptive strategy and will have the pictured plaque as a memorial.

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**Valentine's Day Fun Facts**

Courtesy of "The Holiday Spot"

Valentine's Day is the second most popular day of the year for sending cards. Christmas is the first most popular. About 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year.

The heart is the most common symbol of romantic love and is associated with Valentine's Day. Ancient cultures believed the human soul lived in the heart and its red color is thought to be the most romantic.

Cupid is said to be the symbol of valentines. Cupid is the son of Venus. Venus is the Roman goddess of love and beauty.

In order of popularity, Valentine's Day cards are given to teachers, children, mothers, wives, sweethearts and pets.

Richard Cadbury invented the first Valentine's Day candy box in the late 1800s. More than 35 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate will be sold for Valentine's Day.

Almost half of yearly marriage proposals will happen on Valentine's Day.

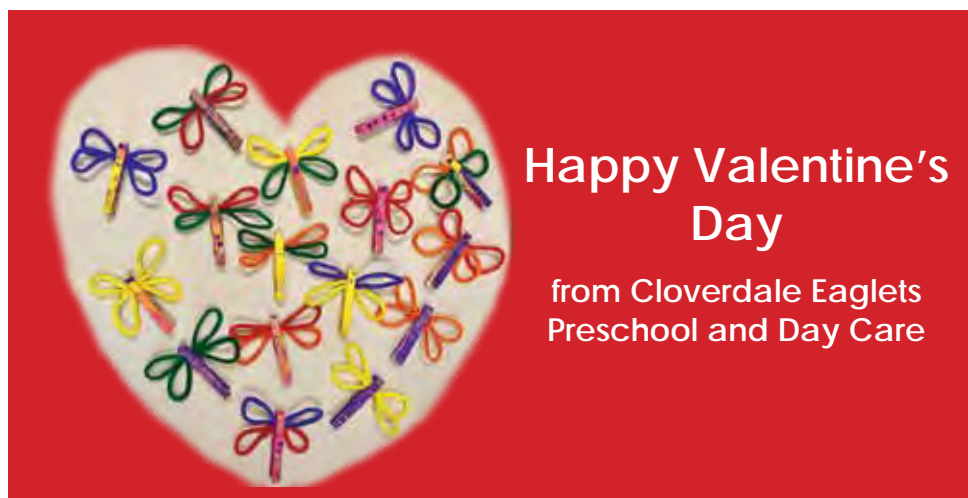
California produces 60 percent of American roses, but the vast number sold on Valentine's Day in the United States are imported, mostly from South America. Approximately 110 million roses, the majority red, will be sold and delivered within a three-day time period. Valentine's Day ranks #1 for fresh flower purchases. Valentine's Day and Mother's Day are the biggest holidays for giving flowers.

At least 9 million people buy their pets a gift on Valentine's Day.

The oldest known Valentine's Day card is on display at the British Museum in London. It's dates back to the 1400's.

In 1537, England's King Henry VII officially declared Feb. 14 the holiday of St. Valentine's Day. By the middle of the eighteenth century, it was common for friends and lovers to exchange small tokens of affection or handwritten notes.

Pope Gelasius declared February 14, St. Valentine's Day around 498 A.D.



**Something Fun Coming In March**

Look for upcoming details for the "Stick It And Win" promotion for *Cloverdale Connect* beginning in March! A random winner will be chosen each week for 8 weeks. YOU could win a gift card from one of our participating Cloverdale merchants! Simply "Stick It And Win"!

**Town Talk** by Nancy Borges

I've been racking my brain to try to think of something that does not include the corona virus, and I just can't! It's all interwoven! We are dazed and confused!

Based on the news and the pandemic these are the thoughts and ideas of local business owners and residents:

**CLOVERDALE NURSERY** owners:

**Ashley P** - The support of a small community is one of the most incredible things one can experience in life.

**Gary F** - Just maintain and hang in!

**Scott E** - Find solace in your garden: where you can find it now.

**Stephanie R** resident: "I'm hoping that this will be better year. I'm looking forward to hugging people again!" She also said that the **CLOVERDALE CONNECT** did a beautiful obituary for her mother a couple months ago. Dana was kind and caring and extremely helpful.

**MoE** at **EAGLES NEST** is hopeful about the vaccine and excited it's coming to Cloverdale. She's on the **CHAMBER of COMMERCE** and is now working with businesses.


**Yvette** at **YVETTE WENDT PHOTOGRAPHY** "Keep on smiling!"

**Alana G** at **REDWOOD CREDIT UNION** "peace of mind"

**Guy & Marilyn P** - Poker anyone?



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- 4) enrolled in a minimum of six units; any major; financial need considered. If new, students must first register at SRJC's website to be able to access the application

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# LOVE Album



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John & Tammy



Zac & Natalie



Dena & Jim



Eric, Myla & Maureen



Ray & Ann Smith 1958

*"I'm not much into health foods, I am into Champagne..." Helen*



Samantha & Timothy



Nina & Mom Amy,  
Christmas 2020



Fannie & David  
2020 Vale, Oregon



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Nov. 2, 1975

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She, still my Princess  
I, her Knight in White!*



Dana & Ray, Melaque Mexico 2020



Steve & Sandra



Sal & Maria



Tedi & Mom

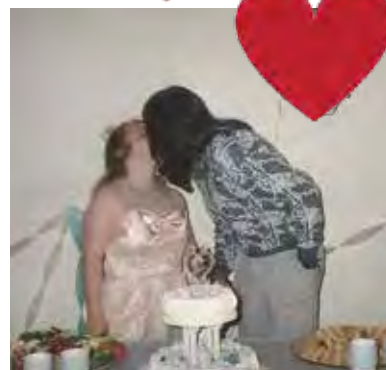


Jenny Jake & Isla



Gus & Cindy 1978

*"The love we share is magic in motion. I appreciate the man that you are more than you will ever know."  
Samantha*



Phil & Gina 1989  
forever & always



Jane & Ron

*"If you like Pina Colodas, and getting caught in the rain..."  
Garrett*

*Happy Anniversary to my amazing husband, cheers to another 30 beautiful years- Dena*



Gay & Tommy  
44 years

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- 1- Original birth certificate
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- 4- Parent/Guardian photo ID

For questions, please call 707-894-1930 or email [guerrero@cusd.org](mailto:guerrero@cusd.org)

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- 2- Registro de vacunas
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- 4- Identificación con foto de padre, madre o tutor

Si tiene preguntas, por favor llame al 707-894-1930 o envíe correo electrónico a [guerrero@cusd.org](mailto:guerrero@cusd.org)

Para cuidado de niños después de clases, por favor llame al "Cloverdale Boys and Girls Club" al 707-894-5063.

## Let's Travel by Craig Clark

Having just returned from a trip to Belize allow me to share my travel experience during this COVID pandemic. A face mask was required from the airport until I arrived at my hotel room.

Belize required a negative PCR test for Covid-19 within 72 hrs. of travel, the download of their health app and itinerary details with an approved hotel or resort. A QR code is issued and must be displayed upon entry. I was required to show it prior to boarding in SFO.

Checking in with United was self-service as far as printing boarding passes and luggage tags. An agent did check my passport and place my bag on the conveyor. Upon boarding each flight, I was given sealed disinfectant wipes. The United safety video showed the plane being sanitized with a fogging machine prior to boarding so I felt safe.

Upon arrival into Belize passengers were checked for temperature, proof of negative COVID test, and the health app QR code. Belize is very strict about wearing face masks with significant fines for offenders.

From Belize City I flew Tropic Air to San Pedro and stayed at the Phoenix Hotel. We relied on Amigos del Mar dive shop and posted a few dive videos on Cloverdale Travel's Facebook page.

While Belize had a 10pm to 5am curfew, restaurants and shops were open and people were out and about but I didn't see anyone not wearing a mask.

For my US re-entry through Houston, immigration and customs did not require paperwork, only a look at my passport and a quick photo and I was on my way to recheck my bag and pass security. US Customs did have the dogs out in force; the Houston airport shops and restaurants were all open and busy. Arrival into SFO was just the opposite of Houston. Almost all shops and food outlets were closed and few people in the terminal.

Just to be safe, the first day back I took 3 COVID tests, private lab, county, and Kaiser. All showed negative for COVID.



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### February is Heart Health Awareness Month

Melanie Hall

February 14, Valentine's Day, is the date that many people express love to that special someone. It is a great day to let your loved one know how much they are loved by you and it is a good way to be reminded just how important it is to practice self-love. Healthy activities you engage in are the best way to keep you feeling your best so you can then let your light shine on others around you. Here are some fun ideas to keep your heart healthy. Grab your special someone (or your pet) and dance, dance, dance, you will get your heart pumping and have some fun at the same time. Prepare healthy snacks; this can be done ahead of time so when you feel like munching on something it is already to go. Some ideas for snacks are apples with peanut butter, celery and cream cheese (add raisins to make "ants on a log") or add some fresh berries to Greek yogurt. Meditate for 20 minutes a day; it can help boost your mental health and overall well-being.

Practice gratitude, let negative energy go and focus on the positive. Be silly, ever since my children knew what rhyming was we have had fun with being slightly competitive with who could have the silliest rhymes along with the longest rhyming session, trust me, this leads to giggles every time. Did you know that just petting a beloved animal can help lower your blood pressure? Are you aware that deep breathing can help you relax? Did you know that walking just 15 minutes a day through your neighborhood can lower your chances of heart disease? These are just a few ideas to help keep life fun and healthy. I am sure you can think of some clever (or silly/fun) ways to keep your heart, mind and body healthy while still staying safe during this time, make time to get started or perhaps keep going!

The Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center is closed to the public but staff is available Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:00 as a resource.



### Love Song Quiz Name the artist and the song!

1. "And when you smile, the whole world stops and stares for awhile, cause you're amazing, just the way you are."
2. "Something in the way she moves attracts me like no other lover. Something in the way she woos me."
3. "Baby, you're all that I want when you're lying here in my arms, I'm finding it hard to believe we're in heaven."
4. "I hope you don't mind that I put down in words how wonderful life is while you're in the world."
5. "Tonight you're mine completely. You give your love so sweetly"
6. "Gimme a ticket for an aeroplane. Ain't got time to take a fast train"
7. "She's one of those girls who seems to come in the spring. One look in her eyes and you forget everything"
8. "Down dooby doo down down, comma comma Down dooby doo down down"
9. "Every now and then I get a little bit lonely"
10. "Once more you open the door. And you're here in my heart"
11. "Looks like we made it. Look how far we've come, my baby"
12. "Sharing horizons that are new to us. Watching the signs along the way"
13. "No New Year's Day to celebrate. No chocolate covered candy hearts to give away"
14. "I've been alone with you inside my mind. And in my dreams I've kissed your lips a thousand times"
15. "I'm not talking about moving in. And I don't want to change your life"
16. "If you've got no place to go, if you're feeling down. If you're all alone when the pretty birds have flown"
17. "When you dance down the street with a cloud at your feet. You're in love"
18. "Maybe millions of people go by. But they all disappear from view"
19. "The moment you come into view. Chances are you think that I'm in love with you"
20. "For it's there that I belong. nd we'll never part"

Answers will be in the March 2021 issue of  
**Cloverdale Connect**

## Love is in the air at the Cloverdale Citrus Fair

By Mary Jo Winter

Like this year, many of Cloverdale's past Citrus Fairs have been held on weekends that included Valentine's Day, a day synonymous with love and romance. Over the years, at least three couples have exchanged wedding vows during the Fair, albeit none of them on Feb. 14.

The first was on Feb. 22, 1925, between 19-year-old Eunice Studebaker of Philo and 25-year-old Fred McGinsey of Boonville. The Sunday afternoon ceremony on the pavilion stage was performed by Rev. Leland Rathbone of the Cloverdale Congregational Church.

In addition to the license, ring and minister's fee, the Citrus Fair provided the bride's gown and local merchants gave them gifts of household articles and other necessities. Following a brief honeymoon at McCray's Resort, the couple made their home in Boonville.



The public wedding was such a great draw, the Fair Board tried to do it again in 1931. Despite extensive publicity by both the Citrus Fair and the Chamber of Commerce, including promises of many wonderful gifts, no follow up articles were found indicating a wedding actually took place that year.

The 1940 Citrus Fair, however, culminated on Feb. 25 with the "Leap Year" wedding of 22-year-old Santa Rosa residents Lexie Walker and Clarence Marlatt. The Chamber provided the

bride's trousseau and the young couple received more than \$200 worth of merchandise from sponsoring merchants.

It would be thirty-four years before the next public wedding was held. On Feb. 16, the final day of the 1974 Citrus Fair, Sacramento residents Dick Cross and Jo Ann Arnold tied the knot under the Happy Time Circus big top.

Cross, the circus' musician and a good friend of Happy the Clown, was able to fulfill his long-standing desire to be married in Happy's tent. The bride-to-be had always wanted to be a Valentine's Day bride but was willing to settle for two days later.

The wedding took place at 5:30 p.m., right after the Wrist Wrestling Matches in the auditorium. Everyone was invited to "come as you are - clown suits not required."

### Natalie Pesce & Zac Lewis Welcome Twins

Natalie Pesce and Zac Lewis are happy to announce the birth of their twins Demi Raye Lewis and Cody Jay Lewis on January 4th, 2021. Demi Raye weighed 5.9lbs, measured 19", was born at 12:09pm and Cody Jay weighed 5.15 lbs, measured 20", was born at 12:11pm. Babies, mom and dad are all doing fine and at home in Cloverdale.



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Every child who resides in Cloverdale, and who has not yet reached his or her fifth birthday, is eligible to participate in the program. Other than age and city of residence, there are no other qualifications or requirements to be met.

This program is a free gift to the children of Cloverdale from the Kiwanis Club of Cloverdale Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable foundation, and is funded by participants in, and sponsors of, the annual Cloverdale Harvest Marathon, Half-Marathon, and 5K Fun Run/Walk.

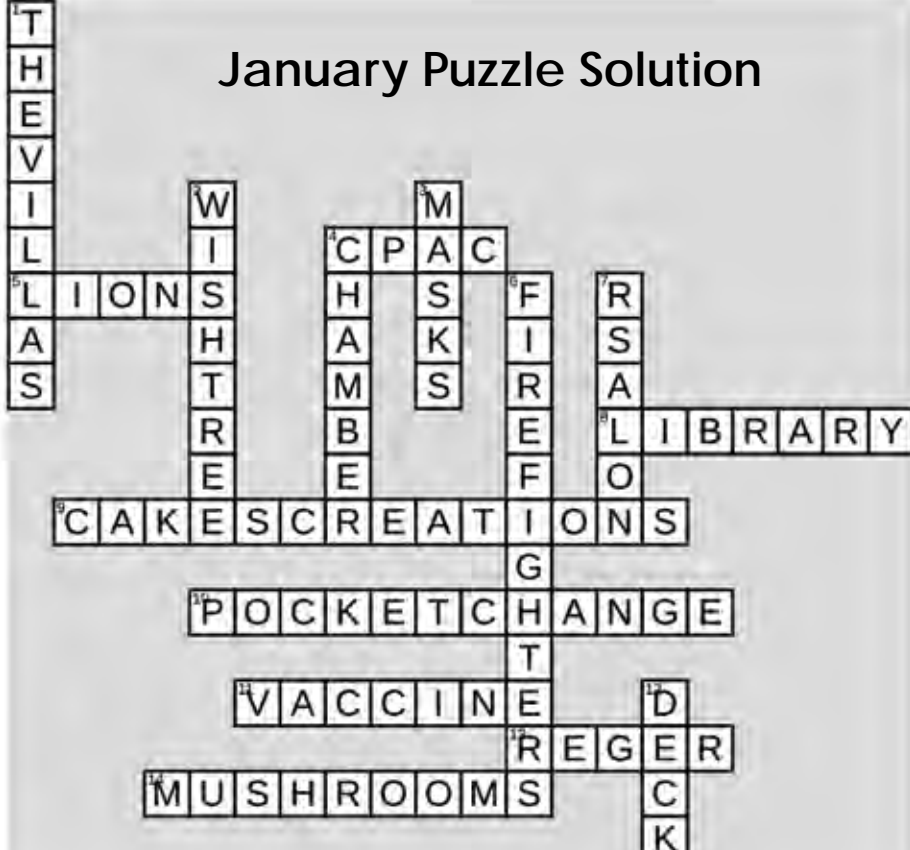
The Cloverdale Imagination Library is an affiliate of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

### Cloverdale Library Update by Donna Romeo

February is Black History Month also known as African American History Month. It has been argued that setting aside a period of time to study one race further separates and divides us as people. I would agree that this might be yet another example of treating African Americans differently; however, I would argue that African Americans are under-represented in American culture and yet they have contributed significantly in every era and in every facet of American history. Therefore, there is a need to dedicate time to the study of African Americans. To learn about their lives and celebrate their achievements in order to better understand people of all races, I challenge you to read at least one book in celebration of Black History Month.

Want to know how Black History Month started or why it is celebrated in February? Perhaps you would like to know what other countries celebrate Black History Month? I urge you to ask a librarian or use one of our databases. I found answers in Britannica Academic and a subsequent search in Master-File Complete not only solidified my understanding of Black History Month but also what other countries put aside time to study Black history and in what month. For help finding accurate, credible and up-to-date answers to these and other questions you might have, the library has the resources and staff to help with your inquiries. Call the Cloverdale Library at 707 894-5271. We are available Mondays and Tuesdays from 12-7 and Wednesday through Saturday from 10-5

### January Puzzle Solution



### Painted Rocks



Artist Glenda Hagen





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