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Have you gotten your vaccine yet? I did and what a feeling of relief. As I write this, I am on the Oregon coast visiting my daughter and her family whom I've hardly seen in the last year.

We are now fully into Spring with things budding and blooming all around town. As you'll read inside this issue of Cloverdale Connect, the Community Garden is looking for a new site. Let's find them a new location – the garden is such an asset for the entire community. In my own yard, I've recently planted dinner plate Dahlias for the first time and look forward to them blooming. This is our annual gardening issue so look for some great information inside.

There's talk about Friday Night Live perhaps starting up again at some point this summer, we have indoor (limited) seating for restaurants, fingers crossed we may get to go to the movies soon in town, and the school situation is in transition - all good signs for our community.

As always, continue to stay safe, wear a mask and be kind.

I'll see you around town!

*Dana*



## Front Page Photo Contest Winner

Janet Seaforth

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Karie Kelder and Frances Kruger, co-owners of **Dahlia & Sage**, are hungry for the news in *Cloverdale Connect*

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In the coming days and weeks, you'll see our neighbors who also are proprietors and employees on the Chamber's Facebook and Experience Cloverdale Instagram sites. "Like Us" and "Follow Us" as we shine a light on what helps us "Embrace Life in a Small Town."

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## Sicilian Cookie Memories

Michele Armanino

My grandmother, Vincenza, immigrated from Sicily to Upstate New York in the early part of the last century. Along with that journey came colorful stories, century-old traditions and old-world recipes. Vincenza's Sicilian cookies were a visual delight with their bright green and white frosting and sticky fig filling which oozed out of their flakey crusts.

These delectable morsels were also instrumental in bridging a communication gap and showing kindness to those around her. On Easter, Nana piled dozens of crisply-baked colorful Sicilian cookies into a tattered farm basket lined with burlap. Delighted neighbors happily selected a few cookies from her cornucopia as she made her deliveries, door to door.

### Vincenza's Sesame Cookies

½ cup sesame seeds	¼ tsp. salt
¼ cup water	½ cup shortening
2 ½ cups sifted flour	2 eggs slightly beaten
½ sugar	¼ cup milk
2 ½ tsp. baking powder	1 tsp. vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Grease two baking sheets. Moisten sesame seeds with ¼ cup water. Sift flour, sugar, baking powder and salt together. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse cornmeal. Stir in eggs, milk and vanilla. Mix until dough is smooth. Form dough into a ball and cut ball into four pieces.

On a lightly floured board, roll pieces with palms of hands, forming long ropes ½" thick. Cut ropes into 2" lengths. Spread moistened sesame seeds on a flat surface; roll cookies over them, coating well. Place cookies, 1" apart, on greased baking sheets. Bake until cookies are browned 10-12 minutes. Make 3 dozen.

## Win The Mother's Day Pamper Package

Submit a photo of "Mom" to be featured in the May issue of *Cloverdale Connect* and be eligible to win the **Mother's Day Pamper Package** with gifts from **Zini's, Cloverdale Cottage Garden, Beauty Bar, The Outpost, Plunder, Porterfield Creek body scrubs, Snake River Stamped Jewelry** and more!

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## \$4,000 in Rotary Scholarships

The Rotary Club of Cloverdale is awarding five scholarships valued at a total of \$4,000 to graduating seniors at Cloverdale High School. Deadline for entries is May 15.

The scholarships will be awarded toward:

- A Junior College education.
- Vocational education.
- Overcoming past obstacles and a path to achieve future goals.
- Academic achievement.
- Athletic education

The applications generally require a short essay outlining the student's goals and achievements. Applications are available from High School counsellor Kathryn Ulrich at [ulrichk@cusd.org](mailto:ulrichk@cusd.org) or from Cloverdale Rotary scholarship chair Ann Elston at [annelston@lossing.com](mailto:annelston@lossing.com). For more information contact Mark Thayer, Secretary, Rotary Club of Cloverdale, 707.894.5789

## The Trading Post

Aaron Arabian

Over the past 5 years, The Trading Post has experienced changes in ownership, management and concept. Originally a project of the Mercer Restaurant Group in San Francisco, we transitioned early on and have been a locally owned and operated business since 2016.

The challenge of any business is first learning the market, and then finding ways to adapt your product to it. We think ours is a good product - we pride ourselves on sourcing local, seasonal ingredients and making everything possible in-house. We think our customers appreciate knowing how much care has gone into the food.

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the theme of "changes" has pervaded daily life for everyone. It is no secret that small businesses are suffering due to the stay-at-home orders. Even before COVID, a lack of volume forced us to close our bakery and coffee bar, but now we are fighting for the survival of our business. Restaurants rely on people gathering together - eating and drinking - which has become a restricted activity. The hospitality industry is the lifeblood of Sonoma County, and its future is uncertain.

We have tried to use the past year to adapt and fine tune what we do. 2020 taught us that we should focus on our strength - simply providing great food and beverage in a friendly, relaxed environment. This includes a new lunch menu that we are very excited about and a monthly community meal - every 1st Sunday of the month - that uses a sliding scale pay model (free or whatever the customer wants to pay.) Each of these community meals are funded by someone locally and we are very grateful. Everyone is struggling, and finding ways to help each other is what makes us stronger. We love this town and hope to see our regular customers soon, as well as some new faces. If you have not tried our food, come say hello. We would love to serve you.



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## Cooking with David Marciel Sponsored by Ray's Food Place

**Quick & Easy Chicken Cacciatore** Is a peasant comfort food recipe that won't break the budget and is sure to please even the pickiest eaters. Use either bone-in or boneless chicken - note boneless meats cook faster so adjust cooking times.

### Ingredients

- 6 each chicken skin-on, bone-in thighs or whole legs
- 1 can 14.5 ounce can chopped tomatoes
- ½ cup chopped red green or yellow bell pepper
- ½ cup onion
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- 2 Tbs each of tomato paste and chopped garlic
- ½ cup water or chicken stock, more if needed
- ½ package of Italian seasoning
- ½ cup of Marsala wine or red or white wine (water can be substituted)
- 2 TBS of unsalted butter & brown sugar (optional)

Use large high rimmed frying pan or Dutch oven. Salt & pepper chicken, dredge lightly in flour and brown in olive oil on medium heat. Remove and set aside.

Pour off most of oil. Reduce heat, add the chopped veggies and sauté 6 to 8 minutes. Add the tomato paste, garlic and ½ seasoning package and mix well for another minute or two. Increase heat, add Marsala wine, scrape pan bottom to loosen bits & pieces. Reduce the liquid to half, add chopped tomatoes and water, and simmer. Return the chicken to pan, cover lightly with lid, simmer for 30 to 40 minutes. Remove chicken add the butter & sugar mix, simmer briefly. Salt & pepper to taste. Pour sauce over chicken.







## Let's Travel

Craig Clark

If you're flying and concerned about COVID and germs, here are 8 ways to avoid them.

1. Wear a mask
2. Research airline policies around social distancing before booking
3. Wash your hands
4. Pack an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
5. Wipe down your area
6. Consider going snack-free on short flights
7. Get the flu shot

More airline news, according to Elliott Advocacy: last year the airlines deliberately slowed down the pace of refunds of over 9 million air travelers—for obvious reasons. Keeping your money meant it had enough cash to continue operating. By the time the federal government caught on to this trick, the industry had already weathered the worst of the storm, thanks to these interest-free microloans from millions of customers.

You don't have to become one of 9 million aggrieved air travelers this year. The trick? Know your rights to a refund — and don't be afraid to let your airline know.

You have the right to a refund if your flight is canceled. According to DOT (Dept. of Transportation) regulations, your airline must refund your money within 7 business days if it cancels your flight. It may offer you a replacement flight, but you are under no obligation to accept it.

You have the right to a refund if your flight is rescheduled. If your airline makes a "significant" change to your flight and you decide not to fly, you get a refund. The DOT — not your airline — gets to define "significant."

If you get downgraded. If you have a confirmed seat in business class and the airline tries to send you to the bleacher seats, guess what? You get a refund if you decide to cancel your trip. But what if you decided to cancel your flight because it isn't safe to travel? If you initiate the cancellation, you have to accept a nontransferable, expiring ticket credit, and you may have to pay a ticket change fee.

### Jefferson Elementary School's Picture Day Update

**Picture Day Dates:**

**Tuesday, April 27 - Wednesday, April 28**

**Picture Day ID: EVT8S46RR**



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### March Weather Recap for Cloverdale

Average High Temperature 62°F

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### CYNTHIA'S DOG GROOMING

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**Kiwaniis**  
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Breakfast*



**Date:** May 9, 2021

**Time:** 9 a.m. until meals are gone

**Place:** Citrus Fair Drive-Thru

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## Alexander Valley Healthcare Works to Ensure Cloverdale Community is Vaccinated



It's been a very busy year so far for the staff of Alexander Valley Healthcare. Besides the ongoing care for patients, AVH eagerly accepted the responsibility to provide Covid-19 vaccinations to residents of Cloverdale, Geyserville and surrounding communities.

As of March 18, AVH has completed 6,731 vaccines in arms! The county recently released data on vaccination rates by zip code – based on those receiving at least one dose: Geyserville is at the top at 91% and Cloverdale residents are at 47%. In comparison, about 14% of the U.S. has received one dose of the Covid-19 vaccination.

"Vaccinating our area was my dream two months ago and we are doing it," said Dr. Shellie Burdick, Chief Medical Officer at AVH. "It has literally saved lives and made our whole community safer for everyone."

Although vaccinations are completely dependent on vaccine supply, AVH has been averaging about three events per week. The state has been expanding eligibility requirements which now include anyone over 16 years of age who works in agricultural/food industry, education/childcare, and transportation or has a disability or serious health condition. For more information on the state criteria, visit: <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/>

## The Creative Corner

Christy Latchford



I cannot count the times in my childhood I heard my mother singing while walking through the house "Happy Easter, Happy Spring, Happy Happy Everything!" I do remember during my teenage years thinking that it was the lamest thing I had ever heard...

Now of course I am 48 years old and I catch myself more often than I care to admit singing the same thing whilst

doing random stuff around the house. So, it wasn't a big surprise that when I decided to practice with the new flower stencils I got for doing the window at Cynthia's Dog Grooming here in town I thought, "Hey! Why practice on glass in the garage when I could practice on our front windows?" and I caught myself as usual singing what is now a very endearing tune to me. It makes me smile and my heart happy and was a delightful accompaniment while Spring appeared a week early on our front window.

I decided to share this with y'all this month as there is no reason to not do it in windows at home as well. Armed with some sample and oops cans of acrylic paint from ACE and a handful of cheap foam brushes, I realized the fun and vibrant hues are cheerful during our rainy season and in fact, are quite easy to remove once a change is desired! The joy of acrylic on glass is it takes a little water and a razor blade or sharp straight edge and it comes off of glass quite easily, while being able to withstand the rain if the windows are uncovered by a porch. So I challenge those wanting a little cheer to give it a try. Just remember to cover any wood or non-glass surfaces and let yourself have a little fun! Perhaps you too will find yourself singing a song that brings a smile and maybe even a few giggles...



### Pavelka's Puns

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis



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FEBRUARY	SPINACH, RADISHES, TURNIPS, PEAS, BEETS, ASIAN GREENS (BOK CHOYS; MUSTARDS)	ONIONS, LETTUCE, BRASSICAS (BROCCOLI, CABBAGE, KALE, CAULI-FLOWER, KOHLRABI), PEAS, LEEKS, ASIAN GREENS		PLANT BARE ROOT FRUIT; ASPARAGUS. CONTINUE PRUNING; SPRAY FOR PEACH LEAF CURL; COMPOST ON STRAWBER-RIES AND OTHER PERENNIALS
MARCH	SPINACH, RADISHES, TURNIPS, BEETS, PEAS, CARROTS, CILANTRO, ASIAN GREENS, POTATOES	ONIONS, LETTUCE, BRASSICAS, CHARD, LEEKS, PARSLEY, TOMATOES, PEPPERS, EGGPLANT	LETTUCE, LEEKS, ONIONS, BRASSICAS, PEAS, ASIAN GREENS	COMPLETE PRUNING
APRIL	BEETS, CARROTS, CHARD, LETTUCE, CILANTRO, DILL, POTATOES, LEEKS, ONIONS	LETTUCE, CHARD, PARSLEY, TOMATOES, CUCUMBERS, MELONS, ONIONS, BASIL, LEEKS	LETTUCE, LEEKS, ONIONS, BRASSICAS, CHARD	FERTILIZE CITRUS; SELECT NEW GROWTH ON FRUIT TREES, THIN RASPBERRY CANES; THIN FRUIT
MAY	BEANS, BEETS, CARROTS, CHARD, CORN, LETTUCE, CUCUMBERS, SQUASH, MELONS, PUMPKINS, POTA-TOES, LEEKS, ONIONS, DILL, CILANTRO	BASIL, LETTUCE (HEATTOLERANT VARIETIES), CHARD, PARSLEY	LETTUCE, CHARD, TOMATOES, PEPPERS, EGGPLANT, PARSLEY, CUCUMBERS, MELONS, LEEKS, ONIONS	THIN FRUIT; SELECT NEW GROWTH; SPRAY GRAPES FOR MILDEW. KEEP WEEDS UNDER CONTROL
JUNE	BEANS, BEETS, CHARD, CORN, CUCUM-BERS, SQUASH, MELONS, PUMPKINS, CILANTRO, DILL, LEEKS	BASIL, CHARD, LETTUCE (HEAT-TOLER-ANT VARIETIES)	BASIL, LETTUCE, CHARD, TOMATOES, PEPPERS, EGGPLANT, PARSLEY, CUCUMBERS, MELONS	THIN FRUIT; SELECT NEW GROWTH; SPRAY GRAPES FOR MILDEW. KEEP WEEDS UNDER CONTROL.
JULY	BEANS, BEETS, CHARD, CORN, CUCUM-BERS, SQUASH, CILANTRO, DILL, LEEKS	LETTUCE, CHARD, LEEKS, LATE IN MO. – BRASSICAS INCLUDING BRUSSELS SPROUTS	BASIL, LETTUCE, CHARD	SUMMER PRUNING; SPRAY GRAPES FOR MILDEW; FERTILIZE STRAWBER-RIES & OTHER FRUIT AS NEEDED. MULCH VEGETABLES
AUGUST	BEETS, CARROTS, PEAS, CILANTRO, SPINACH	LETTUCE, BRASSICAS, KALE, FENNEL, RADICCHIO	LETTUCE, CHARD, LEEKS, BRASSICAS	HARVEST! DEEP WATERING. CLEAN UP FALLEN FRUIT.
SEPTEMBER	BEETS, CARROTS, PEAS, CILANTRO, SPINACH, RADISHES, TURNIPS, ASIAN GREENS, DILL	LETTUCE, BRASSICAS, ENDIVE, ESCAROLE, BOK CHOY, ONIONS	LETTUCE, BRASSICAS, FENNEL, RADICCHIO, LEEKS	CLEAN UP FALLEN FRUIT
OCTOBER	RADISHES, SPINACH, ASIAN GREENS, MACHE, FAVA BEANS, COVER CROPS		LETTUCE, ENDIVE, ESCAROLE, BRASSI-CAS, ONIONS	CLEAN UP FALLEN FRUIT; MULCH PERENNIALS; MAKE COMPOST
NOVEMBER	COVER CROPS, FAVA BEANS, GARLIC, SHALLOTS			MULCH PERENNIALS; MAKE COMPOST

## Surprising Honeybee News

April Lance



Backyard Beekeepers are installing their hives in increasing numbers this year, right in town and around the county. Perhaps people are staying more at home during this COVID 19 pandemic and many are really developing their interest in beekeeping as well as planting gardens, installing fruit trees and growing their own vegetables. Many have searched for an “at home hobby” that only takes about one hour per month and are undertaking Backyard Beekeeping. Keeping bees helps our earth, your own vegetable garden, as well as assisting your neighbors’ efforts. Fruit trees are also more prolific. A hive of honeybees go out up to five miles daily gathering nectar and accomplishing pollination. One hive usually produces double the amount of local honey the bees need to survive, so they have ample extra honey to share with the individual or family that provides them with a hive box and a small space in the backyard.

Local Beekeeper, ApriLLanceBees.com is helping several hundred individuals this Spring set up their own backyard honeybee hives and provides local, gentle, easy to manage honeybees and their well-bred 2021 Spring Queen, ready to go to work for you. Backyard Beekeeping is one of the most popular new hobbies this year. The website: ApriLLanceBees.com has wonderful information. Click on **Sweet Notes to new Beekeepers** and learn how to get started, where to obtain bees and equipment or check out Interesting **Facts About Honeybees** for you and your children.

## Green Thumb Garden Club Plant Sale

Cloverdale’s Green Thumb Garden Club will soon be having its annual plant sale featuring a wide variety of vegetables, flowers, and herbs. You can order online and have the option of either picking it up, or having your order delivered free of charge anywhere in Cloverdale.

The sale will begin on April 9th at 10 am. The web address will be: [saleslogistix.com/plants.htm](https://saleslogistix.com/plants.htm) DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ORDER BEFORE APRIL 9!

## Honey Bee Swarming Season

This is a seasonal reminder from your local neighborhood Bee guy, Travis Ryan. Honey Bee swarming season is about to start and Travis would like everyone to know that he is always available to come remove and safely relocate any swarms you happen to see.

Although swarming can look chaotic, please don’t harm any swarms you see. This is a natural process and the bees tend to be very passive. Just give him a call at 707-529-8004 and he will happily relocate them.





## Become A Master Gardener

Sonoma County Master Gardeners provide environmentally sustainable, science-based horticultural information to all of Sonoma County's population and strive for diversity and inclusion in all aspects of our organization. Become a Master Gardener to gain invaluable horticultural information and education, and to contribute to the Sonoma County community -- every year Master Gardeners donate thousands of hours of volunteer service.

Master Gardeners are given an intensive three-month, 100+ hour training program in horticulture. Classes commence after the New Year and end before Summer. The sessions provide a practical course in plant science and horticulture, soil and water management, pest identification and management, plant selection and care, fruit and landscape trees, xeriscape and environmentally-sound garden practices. Classes meet once a week, with field trips and external training activities in addition to class time. A final examination reviews course materials and prepares the trainee to begin the internship year.

Instructors are experts in their fields, including University of California faculty and staff, landscape and nursery professionals, and knowledgeable local horticulture educators, as well as experienced Master Gardeners. Applicants to the program are selected based on their interest and their ability to fulfill the commitment of service and education. In the year following the training course, interns are required to complete a minimum of 50 hours of volunteer service.

Master Gardeners staff an information desk in the UC Cooperative Extension office, where they answer questions, diagnose plant problems, and give assistance to home gardeners. They also work on special community horticultural and gardening projects, such as school gardens, the Demonstration Garden, the biennial garden show, Farmer's Markets, and the county fair. Information and advice are also dispersed by Master Gardeners through workshops, library lectures and plant clinics.

**CERTIFICATION** Completion of the training and the internship year earns certification as a Master Gardener. Each year thereafter, 25 hours of volunteer work and 12 hours of continuing education are required to remain a certified Master Gardener. Classes commence after the New Year and end before Summer of even years only. The application form is available online Master Gardener Application - UC Master Gardener Program of Sonoma County ([ucanr.edu](http://ucanr.edu)) between mid-June and the end of September of the preceding (odd) year. Need gardening advice or answers to questions?

### Master Gardener's Information Desk:

Santa Rosa (707) 565-2608, email: [mgsonoma@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mgsonoma@ucdavis.edu)

## Homage to Joe Hawley, Sculptor

Joyce Mann



Photo: Joe working on a large ceramic Twister sculpture

*“hom·age” – noun · something that is given in acknowledgment of the worth of another.* This definition inspired the Cloverdale Sculpture Trail to pay homage to local well-known ceramic sculptor, Joe Hawley, for his body of work, creativity, boldness in sculptures and public events during his 50 + years of sculpting.

Homage to Joe Hawley will be the Trail's contribution to the world-wide celebration of sculpture during the 7th annual International Sculpture Day on April 24th. Beginning April 24th at the Cloverdale Sculpture Trail website, the Homage to Joe Hawley will be illustrated through interviews, news articles, personal experiences and images.

Seven Sonoma County sculptors will gather to celebrate International Sculpture Day at the T Barny Gallery & Sculpture Gardens in beautiful Alexander Valley on April 24 & 25 from 11-4. T Barny has exhibited the past two years in the Cloverdale Sculpture Trail and is currently displaying a sculpture in the 2020-2022 Trail. This is the 7th Annual International Sculpture Day event hosted by sculptor T Barny. “Post vaccination we can not only touch our families, but we can also touch sculpture again.” said T Barny. “I wanted to bring a variety of local sculpture to one outside environment so people can experience a kaleidoscope of 3-D art again.”

One of the seven sculptors is Peter Crompton who began exhibiting in Cloverdale in 2012 and currently has two sculptures on exhibit in Cloverdale. The sculpture ranges from the folk-art assemblage of Hap Sakwa to the abstract stonework of T Barny. It includes ceramic sculptors Joel Bennett & Peter Crompton, wood and steel art by Mike Laflin, as well as metal sculpture by Rick Butler & Don Ajello.

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## A Nursery For All Seasons

Michele Armanino

Cloverdale Nursery, which opened its doors on north Cloverdale Blvd. in November 2015, prides itself on bringing customers closer to nature. Ashley Porter, one of the three owners of the Cloverdale Nursery, has been in the industry since she was eighteen years old. She is a certified permaculturist and knows all about planting perennial edibles in local gardens, big or small. Having traveled to Africa twice, Ashley brings her love of African Native plants to the nursery, such as the Leucadendron and Aloes. Her design talents are apparent in the eye-catching store front window overflowing with natural products from African baskets, varieties of succulents and perennials and earth toned potteries.

Australian-born, Scott East, brings decades of expertise to the Nursery. In stock are iconic Australian plant varieties such as Grevillias and Banksias which thrive well in this area. Scott turns Ashley's design ideas into reality with a strong construction background and farm-raised practical sensibility, making them a dynamic team.

Gary Forsman, a Cal Poly graduate, brings over fifty years of dedicated horticulture experience to the Cloverdale Nursery. Questions about California native plants, especially the planting and pruning of fruit trees can be answered knowledgeably by Gary.

Ashley and her partners are passionate about encouraging people to grow their own gardens. Throughout the continuing Pandemic, they are seeing a surge in sales of plant edibles and drought resistant plants. Since the Pandemic struck at the beginning of the planting season, the Nursery tried to ensure that everybody who needed to, could grow their own food. Edibles like patio tomatoes and lettuce can be grown in even the smallest container gardens. Ashley commented, “We want to know you, and if we don't already, we'll get to know you so that we can better understand what you need.”

Cloverdale Nursery has been able to donate to Your Tiny Farm (a non-profit aiding the homeless), The Cloverdale Community Garden, the local FFA (Future Farmers of America) program at Cloverdale High School, and the African Artist Relief Fund. “I measure success on how much you can help others,” Ashley emphasized.



# Clover Springs Preserve

Charlie Russell

Clover Springs Preserve is a 250 acre property owned by the city of Cloverdale with an amazing wealth of wildflowers. There are several serpentine outcroppings, so there are a number of wildflowers you might not see in other spots. The Preserve has a nice mix of hillside meadow, chaparral, and oak woodland, along with a small creek.

I've found multiple names for this preserve, which can cause some confusion. In some places you will find references to Porterfield Creek Preserve (full name Porterfield Creek Trails Open Space Preserve). In other places it is called Clover Springs Preserve. I suspect that the Porterfield name is the original name for the full preserve (which includes Porterfield Creek) while Clover Springs may refer to a 25 acre extension near the entrance, but it is not clear. The names seem to be interchangeable.

There are a number of loops that you can take through the Preserve. We spent most of our time on the inner loops, in the Lower Traverse Trail, Meadow Trail, and Three Bridges Trail. Copies of the Porterfield Creek Preserve Map are available at the trailhead, and those copies have a QR code that you can scan to download to your phone.

The entrance to Clover Springs Preserve is at the end of Skyview Drive in Cloverdale, California (Sonoma County). There are parking spaces at the end of the road, so you don't have to park in front of someone's house. There are no restroom facilities at the site.

We started off going left on Tanks Road, which is paved. This becomes Craig Clark Trail as it starts to get steeper. After about a half mile we turned right onto the NW Link trail – there wasn't a sign, but you'll see a narrow dirt trail that heads off into the bush. Portions of this are nicely shaded. Eventually you come

out into an open grassy area that is called the "meadow". Lots of interesting wildflowers here! At this junction we wandered along the Meadow Trail for a short distance (serpentine outcroppings here), but then we decided to continue further uphill on the Lower Traverse Trail. Keep an eye out for poison oak, which is abundant in some sections of the trails (but easy to avoid).

This trail eventually starts downhill towards Porterville Creek, where the trail is a bit steep and is very shady. The creek had very little water so it was easy to cross. From here we turned on to the Three Bridges Trail and on to the Tanks a Lot Trail, which takes you back to the trail head. Note that when this last part brings you back to the creek, look in the creek bed for Leopard Lilies (if your timing is right). On the outer trails we met multiple folks out for a hike or walking their dogs. On the inner trails (Lower Traverse, etc.) we were pretty much on our own.

This visit was in early June 2020. The weather was a bit windy, but temperatures were mild (low 70's). There is a lot of shade here so it can be nice even on a warm day. I was pleasantly surprised to find this many native wildflowers this time of year.

Charlie Russell is a Certified California Naturalist and nature photographer. He leads tours at the Jepson Prairie Preserve where he is a docent. He is also a docent for the Yolo Basin Foundation education program, as well as helping with the bat talks and walks program. He is a volunteer with Northern California Bats, where he helps with public education and the rescue of bats. <https://Wildflowers.russellramblings.com>, <https://ibrakeforwildflowers.com/>, [www.facebook.com/CaliforniaWildflowerHikes](http://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaWildflowerHikes)

## Cloverdale Museum of History Re-Opening

The Gould-Shaw house, is on the National Register of Historic Places and may be the oldest house in Cloverdale. It was designed and built in the Gothic Revival Style in 1863 by Thomas Gould and furnished with period pieces from the Cloverdale area. For the guided tour of the house, properly worn face coverings are required for visitors over the age of 2. This important building was saved and has been carefully preserved by the Cloverdale Historical Society thanks to members and donors.

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## Pick's Sign Has New Home!



Recently, Justin Beth and a few friends rescued the old Pick's sign from the roof. Here's his story:

"Thursday night March 4th, my friend Trevor called me at 7pm and said he came across a vintage sign on Facebook market place that was free, from Pick's restaurant. He said the owner, Claudia, was very sweet and if we liked it, we could take it down and have it. We went there with ladders, climbed up onto the roof and saw it laying there. Claudia said it had fallen down from a wind storm. I fell in love immediately and had to have it. This sign was bolted to a large metal frame with square headed bolts. It used to hang way up in the air above the restaurant. We unbolted it and hoisted it down. She showed up to meet us and tell her story, she even let us take a picture with her for our memories. It's surprisingly in great shape! I will clean it up and leave its well-loved patina, restore the electrical internals and hang it up.

Pick's restaurant is my favorite restaurant of all of Cloverdale, the history behind it is incredible. The food is delicious and the scene is a time capsule. Each year my friends and I would cruise our cars up to Cloverdale to eat there and cruise the boulevard in our classic cars.

I am 22 years old and when I graduated from Windsor high school in 2016, I began working as an apprentice electrician immediately and just purchased my first house on my own in Cloverdale about 8 months ago. I am so excited to be a part of this amazing community and explore the history within it."



Founder and director Mary Braem with "Sam," rescued after he was abandoned.

## 4,000 Cats and Still Counting!

Feline Rescue of Northern California celebrates its 15th anniversary this year. Based in Cloverdale, this nonprofit, all volunteer organization has provided rescue and veterinary care to over 4,000 cats and kittens, including spay/neuter, vaccines and treatment for illness and injury. A small handful of dedicated volunteers has made this happen.

In Sept. 2020, Feline Rescue launched its affordable Spay's the Way program, offering discounted spay/neuter services for cats belonging to low income Cloverdale area residents. Fee is just a \$30 co-pay (which can be waived for hardship cases). Call or text 707 494 5544.





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### Dena’s Love Cookies

(makes about 3 dozen)

- 1 cup room temperature butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1-2/3 cups cake flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- Walnuts (optional)



Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees,  
Beat butter thoroughly in mixing bowl.  
Gradually add 1 cup sifted sugar and beat until well creamed.  
Add 4 eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.  
Gradually beat in 1-2/3 cups flour, which has been sifted with 1 tsp. salt.  
When well beaten, add 1 tsp. vanilla.  
Swirl batter into 2-inch circles on well-seasoned cookie sheet.  
Place walnut pieces at center of each cookie (optional).  
Bake until edges are brown.  
Remove cookies from pan immediately to prevent sticking.

### Cloverdale FFA Starts Up

Agjes Nerguti

Cloverdale High School has started up the Cloverdale FFA Program. Cloverdale FFA was established back in 1953-54, but only for one school year. FFA (Future Farmers of America) is an intra-curricular organization for high school students with an interest in agriculture, leadership, and hands-on learning. Cloverdale has elected their officer team for the 2020-21 school year and is proud to say they are back on the CA FFA Map. If you would like to reach out and help with the program or if you have any questions about the program, please contact Ms. Angelica Fernandes at [fernandes@cusd.org](mailto:fernandes@cusd.org).



### Remembering Al & Dena Gambetta

Mary Jo Winter

A plaque on the Hwy 101 bridge over E. First St. pays homage to the late Albert and Dena Gambetta, long time Cloverdale residents, owners of the B&B Sport Shop and community volunteers. Affectionately known as the “grandfather of city government,” Al was a member of the Planning Commission at the time of his death and had been a Council Member for 18 years prior to that. He served as a Captain of the Cloverdale Volunteer Fire Department and was a union representative during his tenure at Italian Swiss Colony.

Dena always seemed to be everywhere at once. Not only was she a Noon Duty Aide for 14 years in the local schools, she staffed the cashier’s booth at every high school home game. She also led the American Legion Auxiliary’s Color Guard at Little League and Ponytail opening ceremonies, middle school and high school graduations, and the annual Citrus Fair and Citrus Fair Parade.

She edited a weekly column in the Reveille highlighting work done by the auxiliary and helped out at surplus food distributions and community Thanksgiving dinners. Every Thursday for more than 20 years she visited the nursing home where she recited the rosary and conducted sing-a-longs.

Born Dena Mary Santich in Yugoslavia on September 13, 1912, her family immigrated in 1913. Immensely proud of her American citizenship, she regularly promoted respect for the flag in local elementary schools.

Dena’s “Love Cookies” were legendary. She baked them every morning to distribute randomly around town on her morning walks. Each cellophane-wrapped paper plate held 33 cookies because, as she said, “that’s how many years Jesus spent on this earth.”

She once told a reporter “You know, when I die, God’s not going to ask me how often I dusted my house or where I went on vacation or what kind of car I drove. He’s going to ask me what I did for people.” Dena’s been gone almost 30 years, but chances are she and God are still discussing all of this while sharing a plate of “Love Cookies.”



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## April is Volunteer Appreciation Month

Melanie Hall

The Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center could not exist without the help of volunteers. Claire is a CSMC volunteer who went the extra mile to help one of our seniors. Claire received a call from a man who needed transportation help so he could get to Santa Rosa to see his dying wife in the hospital. He did not have good eyesight nor the stamina to drive that far. Claire took the call, did some research, got the paperwork for the paratransit, came in the next day and over the phone helped him go through the form. The following week, he came in to let Claire know that his wife had just passed away and wanted to thank Claire for her help. She is now calling him on a regular basis just to check in on him and make sure he is okay. Just recently, he joined the Senior Center as a member. We are so thankful for volunteers like Claire who go above and beyond for seniors in our community.

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## Cloverdale Library News

Donna Romeo

In April we celebrate Earth Day. Did you know that it was started in 1970 by a U.S. Senator and a graduate student at Harvard? Upon seeing the worst oil spill in Santa Barbara, California, in 1969, Democratic Senator Gaylord Nelson with the help of Dennis Hayes organized the first Earth Day. Developed as an 'environmental teach-in' on April 22, 1970, participants learned about the importance of environmental conservation. Now, activities include raising awareness about the threat of global warming and the need for clean renewable energy sources.

April 12 is National "Drop Everything and Read Day" also known as D.E.A.R. Day. This lands on Beverly Cleary, an award-winning author's birthday. Beverly Cleary is credited for her books about Ramona Quimby who enjoys D.E.A.R. Day in Ramona Quimby, Age 8. Come to the library and see what you can learn. Maybe you want to know more about Earth Day and what you can do to help...because "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." Dr Seuss.



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## Get a Little Sunshine in Your Diet

Gina Berry, MS, RD, CLT

Did you know that 50% of the population has vitamin D insufficiency? Vitamin D is known as the sunshine vitamin because we synthesize it in our skin from UVB light. Why are many people deficient? For thousands of years, our ancestors were hunter gatherers, outside in the sun for most of the day. Unfortunately, evolution has not caught up with our indoor lifestyles. This vitamin has several major roles in the body and recently has been in the news for its important role in immune function. It's essential for bone health and new research is showing a relationship between inadequate vitamin D and anxiety and depression. The Linus Pauling Institute recommends a daily intake around 2,000 IU. There are few good food sources of vitamin D – salmon, mackerel, and milk fortified with vitamin D. When choosing a plant-based milk, find one that has vitamin D added (not all of them do). Ask your doctor to check the vitamin D level in your blood. If it is suboptimal, you'll need supplements to bring it to an ideal level. So, head outside and bask in the sunshine to take in some vitamin D.

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**Grisselle Herrera Reyes, Artist**



Local artist Grisselle Herrera Reyes is 21 years old and has lived in Cloverdale all her life. She is a full-time student at Santa Rosa Junior College studying to receive her Humanities Associates and Native American Studies Associates degrees. She enjoys creating art that expresses bright colors because it's joyful and reminds her of her family's culture. Grisselle's family is from Oaxaca Mexico which is full of bright colored art. She is happy to showcase her art and share it with the community of Cloverdale. Her dream is to produce art and sell it and show young Latinos that they can achieve their goals as an artist.



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**Promised Land Farm**  
Isaac & Nicole Hinchliffe

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My husband and I are kick-starting Promised Land Farm that will cater to all these needs and we need your help. Starting a non-profit is not easy, but we have a vision and are ready to get rooted. With your contributions, connections and any other resources available, we can bring Promised Land Farm to fruition right here in Cloverdale.

Promised Land Farm will establish a farm store, a working environment, hobbyist landscaping and curate classes to teach all - even showing our little farmers how to start seeds from scratch. If you would like to know more or sow a seed of faith towards this vision, (all donations are tax deductible). For more information please contact me at 707-480-8897 or email [Nicole4Cloverdale@gmail.com](mailto:Nicole4Cloverdale@gmail.com).



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Eco-Friendly Garden Tour

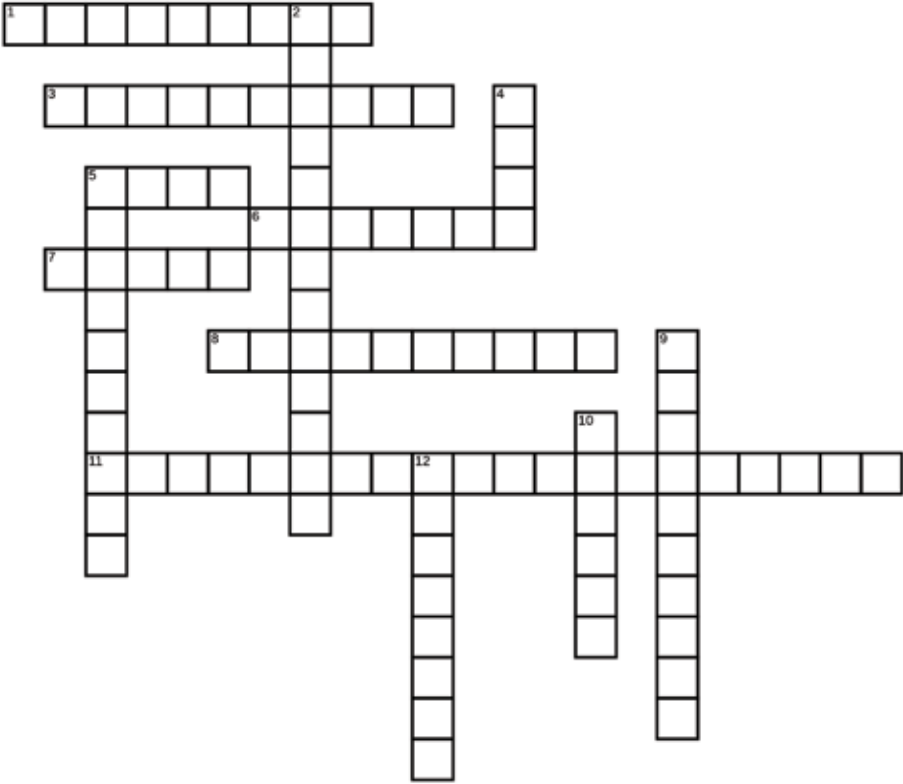
The Eco-Friendly Garden Tour is a public outreach and education program that promotes sustainable landscaping practices.

- Steps to attend:**
1. Register for the online Eco-Friendly Garden Tour.
  2. On Saturday, May 15th, at 10am, eco-friendly gardens will be presented on the Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership website: <http://www.savingwaterpartnership.org/eco-friendly-garden-tour/>
  3. Due to COVID-19, the 2021 tour will be entirely online. A professional videographer has filmed the participating gardens, giving viewers a high definition experience as if they were in the gardens, exploring in-person.

The Eco-Friendly Garden Tour is a public outreach and education program that promotes sustainable landscaping practices. The online Eco-Friendly Garden Tour is self-guided and is provided free of charge.

The Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership represents 12 water utilities in Sonoma and Marin counties who have joined together to provide a regional approach to water use efficiency. The utilities are the Cities of Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Petaluma, Sonoma, Cotati, Healdsburg; North Marin, Valley of the Moon and Marin Municipal Water Districts, Town of Windsor, California American Water and Sonoma Water.

Spring is Here



Across	Down
1 What is another name for a drought resistant garden?	2 How do you qualify for the latest Cloverdale Connect reader contest?
3 What is the name for the protected space around your home?	4 What business sponsors "Cooking With Dave"?
5 What issue will be Cloverdale Connect's First Anniversary issue?	5 Who was pictured on the front cover of the March issue?
6 Who sells See's Candy in town as a fundraiser?	9 What's the name of the Cloverdale gardening club?
7 What are we getting used to wearing?	10 Who will Cloverdale Connect honor in the May issue?
8 Who is a very "punny" guy?	12 What dining fundraisers are popular lately?
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Their hope is to be able to welcome you to the Cloverdale Vineyard Races on October 24, 2021, however they don't yet know whether the COVID pandemic will have subsided enough by that time to allow them to produce a safe and enjoyable race. They are in close contact with the local health authorities, and will let people know the status of this year's races as soon as they can. To keep up with the latest information: sign up for their email list by visiting <https://CloverdaleVineyardRaces.org/> or email them: [info@runthewinecountry.org](mailto:info@runthewinecountry.org)

## Fannie and David Toews Expecting



Fannie and David Toews of Ontario, Oregon are thrilled to announce they are expecting a baby in September. Fannie Toews is the daughter of Cloverdale Connect publisher, Dana Johnson and attended Healdsburg High School and Santa Rosa Junior College. She is the manager of Maurice's women's clothing in Ontario, OR.

David Toews is originally from Atwater, CA and is General Manager of United Metals in Payette, Idaho. The couple met when they both worked in Ukiah when David was an owner at TCS Metals and Fannie was in customer service at C & S Waste Solutions. Baby Toews will be welcomed by half-sister-June and half-brother Jax.

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