

Artist: Joe Cofruvo



Cloverdale Connect

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Editor's Note

As is my Holiday tradition, I spent an evening driving around northern Sonoma County in late December with my friend Linda, drinking hot cocoa, looking at Christmas light displays.

This year seemed to be the best year ever with more houses decorated and more elaborate scenes. I could just feel how people wanted to outwardly share happiness and hope with their decorations.

Looking around, here are the positive things that I see: businesses like LIFT planning an expansion, the Cloverdale Nursery "blossoming" as it grows, new branding for the Alexander Valley Film Society, Erin Mavis Clothing being voted "Best of Sonoma County, Reader's Choice", the Cloverdale Chamber planning events with unbridled enthusiasm, the new Ambassador program for the Citrus Fair and the many non-profits and volunteers who never give up and keep sharing and giving to our entire community. We are a hopeful, helpful and vibrant community.

I wish all of our readers, advertisers, non-profits, and our contributors a very happy and healthy New Year. Whatever it is you do, do it with love and enthusiasm.

I'll see you around town!

Dana



Nicole Hinchcliffe "Picks" *Cloverdale Connect* to read with Jed!



Front Page Photo Contest Winner

Holly Hunt

Congratulations!

She won a

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School Facilities Improvements, Citrus Fair News, CHS Sports Schedule, and more!

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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Geoff Peters/COPE/CERT/Showa Farm	Plank Coffee	All of our participating businesses & artisans
Cloverdale Lions Club	Healdsburg Community Band Brass Quintet	Ramiro Rodriguez & Exchange Bank	
Cloverdale Ace Hardware	Alexander Valley Film Society-Kathryn Hecht & Tess & Jimmy McHaffie	Split Rock Springs Ranch Olive Oil	
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*If we have forgotten to mention you, please accept our apologies. There is no way an event like this can take place without help from many individuals, businesses and organizations.

Show Your Love in the February Issue

Deadline is Friday, January 21st!

1. **Submit a photo** – wedding, engagement, couple, you & your favorite pet – with just first names and year. Featured for FREE in the "Love Album" in February issue
2. **Post a "Love" message** – 14 words or less for \$14.00, add photo (1"x 1") for \$10 more!

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Joseph Cotruvo

Local Cloverdale artist Joseph Cotruvo died Wednesday December 8th. Joe's painting of the iconic First St Bridge graces the cover of every issue of *Cloverdale Connect*.



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Recent *Cloverdale Connect* Reader Comments!

Just wanted you to know what a great job you are doing on **Cloverdale Connect!** I am really enjoying it. So much to read, it covers so many things. Great paper!

Ruby

Lots of fun articles.

David

We just said the same thing!! This issue seemed to be "more" than previous. My family and I were just saying how nice it is to see all of locals in the paper and read about our community. It's great!!

Nina

Enjoyed reading it this evening.

Brigid

It is one of the best community papers I have seen. Love it

Angela

A wonderful paper, I always look forward to reading it! Thank you

Marce

We love it so much!

Elyce

Great addition to our community.

Jeanne

I love it too!

Ashlyn

I love the **Cloverdale Connect** paper!!!

Colleen

We look forward to its arrival at our house! Thank you for your time and effort in bringing Cloverdale events back in a newspaper!

Rachel

Although we're in Prescott, Arizona, we love **Cloverdale Connect**

Charlie

I look forward every month for the **Cloverdale Connect**. This month was extra special as my grand-daughter's picture is in it. What a sweet surprise.

Kathryn

Thank you for letting us (special needs) be a part of it too. Best wishes for successful future for **Cloverdale Connect**.

Swathi

All our Committee really appreciates you and **Cloverdale Connect** for what you have done, not only for us, but for the community. **Cloverdale Connect** is the 'cat's pajamas'.

Carolyn



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Cloverdale Moms Seek to Change the Look of Fitness Kristin Bongiovanni

"I'd love to go but I don't have childcare." This is one of the most common hurdles that parents face when trying to fit a fitness routine into their lives. Kristin Bongiovanni and Kat Ryan have been constantly presented with the challenge of finding a way to fit in self-care without a convenient childcare solution. Bongiovanni is the founder of LIFT Cloverdale, a cycle and boutique fitness studio that opened in August 2021. LIFT was founded out of a desire to bring a fun, inviting, community health and fitness option to a community that needed a place where self-care was convenient, local and affordable. LIFT currently hosts 6 group fitness formats with over 120 active members coming to classes each month.

LIFT is excited to announce their vision for an upcoming expansion in which the current LIFT studio will become LIL' LIFTERS and will offer childcare both on a drop-in basis and as part of monthly membership offerings. Within LIL' LIFTERS you will find a unique and comfortable space for infants and children. Classes at LIL' LIFTERS will include yoga and other movement classes for kids. Additionally, we plan to have drop-in hours and parent's night out events.

The other half of the team behind the expansion is Kat Ryan, single mother of 3 kids. Ryan has an extensive fitness and nutrition background and brings a unique set of skills to LIFT as its newest business partner. Ryan has been a Health Coach since 2014 and physique competitor since 2016. Ryan left her career in marketing for a career in fitness after losing 80lbs in her own fitness journey.

The expanded LIFT will also offer a café with grab and go options as well as healthy teas and smoothies so that you can continue to enjoy your health journey after your workout. LIFT will be a holistic approach to family fitness and living more balanced and intentionally. LIFT wants to invite you to join our expansion vision, invest in us and invest in you. The opportunity to become a Founder Member is now available on the LIFT website Expansion (lift-cloverdale.com) and will allow the expansion to continue to move forward seamlessly in the new year. The goal is to be in the new expanded space and convert LIFT into LIL' LIFTERS by February 2022.

Frank Rose Celebration of Life January 29, 2022

Donald "Frank" Rose 2/1/26-11/24/20



Please join us for a celebration of life on January 29, 2022, Noon-4:00 p.m. at the Druids Hall in Cloverdale. Come share your stories and join the family in remembering Frank.



Ken Knight recently dropped by the Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce and took a minute to read the latest issue of **Cloverdale Connect**. Ken is a Bay Area realtor focusing on Sonoma County and originally hails from Texas (Go Baylor!). Now in the area for more than seventeen years, Ken volunteers his time creating the website design and management for the Cloverdale Performing Arts Center and also supports animal care and adoption.



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Creative Notions

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JUNE 3, 1974 Cloverdale Crisis

Pickards Are Interviewed

by Diane Bates

"I think that our business is good because we have owned the drive in so long and we work there ourselves. People like to see familiar faces" stated Mr. Pickard in a recent interview.

Picks is the oldest drive-in in town and it has been owned for 22 years by Mr. and Mrs. Pickard. Originally started by the Reed and Bell Rootbeer company about 60 years ago, Picks has seen Cloverdale grow in many ways.

Reed and Bell rootbeer is still the main attraction at Picks. Once sold in gallons and half gallons as well as in drinks, the root beer is now only sold in drink sizes. The reason for this is that the rootbeer self carbonates and it can not carbonate quickly enough to fill the growing demand as well as jugs.

"Mr. Reed and Mr. Bell got together and started making the rootbeer but now there is very little "Reed and Bell" left and they didn't want to expand," explained Mr. Pickard. He continued to explain that different companies have bought some of the patents, but no one has been able to achieve the true root beer taste.

In the twenty-two years Pickards have owned Picks they have met many people, but the most encouraging factor is that they see the same faces year after year. (One man used to come from Ft. Bragg on a horse-pulled wagon and the highlight of his trip was to stop in Cloverdale for a big glass of cold root beer, beer. He has brought his children to Pick's and now he is bringing his grandchildren.

The Pickards do all the cooking themselves and much of the waiting on customers themselves. "We use only fresh hamburger with no by-products and we do make our own French fries," stated Mr. Pickard.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Pickard feel that their business would suffer somewhat if they had someone else there besides themselves. Not only do people like to see familiar faces, but that when something is your own, you take better care of it.

Being the only drive-in in Cloverdale that serves real ice cream, Picks gets many customers who don't like the frosties served by the other drive-ins. They not only sell the conventional chocolate, strawberry, and vanilla, but rocky road, maple nut and peppermint stick. At 20 cents for one scoop and 35 cents for a double scoop (a lot higher than 22 years ago) ice cream is sold to all ages.

The Pickards themselves are warm and friendly people. Their house on Jefferson St. is a reflection on their personalities.

Golf is one of their main activities and they play whenever they can. They close on Thursdays for their day off, and it is usually spent on the golf course.

Working long hours six days a week gives the Pickards reason to close one day a week in addition to the winter months.

"We have stayed in the business 22 years which is much, much more than anyone who works in their own drive-in stays in business as a whole. We have been able to do this because we close in the winter and that one day-a week. We do not work day in and day out like so many owners do," stated Mrs. Pickard.

The Pickards even with their full life find time to travel around the U.S. and a little in Canada. Although they are not great travelers they do enjoy the trips they do take.

A small time with these two wonderful people can show you warmth that most people will never see when they are behind the counter, because they are there to serve the public and do not really have time to sit and talk.

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Batteries	Greasy Pizza Boxes	Plastic Bottles & Jugs
Plastic Cups	Plant Trimmings	Aluminum & Tin Cans
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Mark Gandy

The family of Mark R. Grandy, shares that he departed on October 19, 2021 at the age of 78, in Cloverdale, Ca. He kept his courage and humor through the end and left in the comforts of his own home, and on his own terms, surrounded by love.

He will be missed by his loving wife of 50 years, Xandra; daughter,

Rebecca Quick (Randy); grandson, Oliver; siblings; Kathie Thorsted, Ben and Stephanie Grandy; stepmother Shirley Grandy (Col. Ben Grandy); cousins Virginia Sorenson (Perry), Chris Denton, and John Hyde (Jean); nieces and nephews; and childhood friend George Entenman. He will also be missed by his Cloverdale & Geyserville friends and his fellow firefighters at Geyserville Fire Department.

Mark was born on March 22, 1943 in Tacoma, Wash. to Col. Ben Grandy of the U.S. Marines and Anita (Kinberg) Christie, a teacher at Berkeley High. He graduated from Berkeley High School in 1961, and continued to UC Berkeley. He met Xandra in 1968 and moved to Sonoma County in 1971.

Mark was a lifelong learner and researched projects thoroughly before starting them. He was a self-taught carpenter, electrician, and plumber. He wrote long, thoughtful letters to others; some of his writings were published locally.

After 34 years of service in the Geyserville Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter and EMT, he retired to help take care of his ill mother. He continued to support GVFD as an Emeritus member and blood donor.

He was known for his humor, his stories, and the black vests he wore. He enjoyed helping others, gardening, music, and adding to his extensive quotes collection.

Friends and family may join us in a Celebration of Mark's Life on Saturday, 2/5/22 at 2pm, at the Geyserville Grange/Oriental Hall(1000 CA-128, Geyserville,CA 95441).

Mark's generous spirit reached many people and charities. Donations in his name may be made to the Northern Sonoma County Fire Dept. Donating blood, paying for the person behind you in line, and celebrating Groundhog Day, are some ways you can help honor Mark's legacy.



CHS Sports Schedule for January

Girls Basketball:

Jan 03 Lower Lake @Lower Lake 5:30/7pm
 Jan 05 Ft Bragg @Ft Bragg 5:30/7pm
 Jan 08 Orland Home 1:00/4pm
 Jan 11 St Helena Home 5:30/7pm
 Jan 13 Middletown @MHS 5:30/7pm
 Jan 15 Kelseyville Home 6:00/7:30pm
 Jan 18 Clear Lake Home 5:30/7pm
 Jan 20 Willits Home 5:30/7pm
 Jan 22 Roseland Prep @Roseland 6:00/7:30pm
 Jan 25 Lower Lake Home 5:30/7pm
 Jan 28 Ft Bragg Home 6:00/7:30pm

Junior Varsity Basketball:

Jan 03 Lower Lake - Home 5:30pm
 Jan 05 Fort Bragg - Home 5:30pm
 Jan 08 Orland - Home 2:30pm
 Jan 11 St. Helena - Away 5:30pm
 Jan 13 Middletown - Home 5:30pm
 Jan 15 Kelseyville - Away 6pm
 Jan 18 Clear Lake - Away 5:30pm
 Jan 20 Willits - Away 5:30pm
 Jan 22 Roseland Univ - Home 6pm
 Jan 25 Lower Lake - Away 5:30pm
 Jan 28 Fort Bragg - Away 6pm

Varsity Basketball:

Jan 03 Lower Lake - Home 7pm
 Jan 05 Fort Bragg - Home 7pm
 Jan 08 Orland - Home 5:30pm
 Jan 11 St. Helena - Away 7pm
 Jan 13 Middletown - Home 7pm
 Jan 15 Kelseyville - Away 7:30pm
 Jan 18 Clear Lake - Away 7pm
 Jan 20 Willits - Away 7pm
 Jan 22 Roseland Univ - Home 7:30pm
 Jan 25 Lower Lake - Away 7pm
 Jan 28 Fort Bragg - Away 7:30pm

Wrestling:

Dennis Jensen (JV/V) Tournament
 Jan. 7th @ 7:30am (Middletown High)

Dennis Jensen (V) Tournament
 Jan. 8th @ 7:30am (Middletown High)

Tri Meet W/ St. Helena & Kelseyville
 Jan. 12th @4:30pm (Cloverdale High)

Kermit Bankson Invitational Albany (V)
 Jan. 15th @ 7am (Albany High)

Tri Meet W/ Willits & Clear Lake
 Jan.19th @ 4:30pm (Willits High)

Puma Classic (V) Santa Rosa
 Jan. 22th @ 8am (Maria Carrillo High)

Tri Meet W/ Middletown & Lower Lake
 Jan. 26th @ 4:30pm (Middletown High)

Redwood Classic Ukiah (JV & V)
 Jan. 29th @ 8am (Ukiah High)

Tri Meet W/ Ft. Bragg & Upper Lake
 Feb. 1st @ 4:30pm (Ft. Bragg)



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Cloverdale Sculpture Trail Process

“Where do you find the sculptors?”

Our database of about 200 plus sculptors is sent the “Call for Artists”, and suggest passing the “Call” on to other sculptors. The “Call” is also sent to art galleries and art organizations.

“How do you select the sculptors for exhibiting?”

We request an artist statement, statement on the sculpture, which includes materials used, scale and durability for outdoor exhibit, images of other works, resume and a completed Sculpture Trail application form.

The Selection Committee convenes to assess the entries, looking for quality, aesthetic appeal, creative use of material, suitability for outdoors (scale & durability), and viewer safety and reviews other works of each entrant, his/her resume and artist statement. Two Selection Committee members decide on a location for each selected sculpture based on the size of the sculpture, best location for viewing, ADA requirements and viewer safety. The city also reviews the selected sculptures and their locations for viewer safety.



An install/de-install schedule is put together like a puzzle. The puzzle pieces are sculptor name, status (arriving or leaving), forklift needed, assistance needed, size of sculpture, size of vehicle (pickup, pickup with trailer, flatbed truck) transporting the sculpture, time of install/de-install for each sculptor, and assigning volunteers to meet sculptors at their appointed time and location.

Other puzzle pieces: removal of a sculpture before installing a new one in the same location, and the amount of time allotted to install or de-install. This depends on size and assistance needed. Once the puzzle has been put together, the schedule is drawn up and reviewed by Public Works. Public Works can then determine the number of reserved parking spaces needed to handle the transport to Cloverdale. Business owners are notified of reserved parking for loading or unloading in front of their business, and the approximate time the barricades will be removed. The police are notified as well. After the Public Works review the selected sculptors are sent directions to their location and time to install or de-install. This is followed by a schedule review for the volunteers and then installation day arrives.



Photos by Jude Gibson

JANUARY SALE

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Whisker Talk

Brigid Wasson, First Street Pets

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This month's column is about pets of the larger variety. According to the Sonoma County Horse Council there are more than 26,000 horses in our county, and I know many of us horse lovers and owners are right here in Cloverdale.

As temperatures drop I see a question often asked on social media: should I blanket my horse? Like most animal care questions there isn't one simple answer. The first consideration is your horse's age and health. Young healthy horses in good weight can tolerate cold weather with no problems. This isn't Montana so our lowest temperatures are usually in the 30s. Older horses that are underweight or have health problems may need extra support during the winter. The second consideration is your horse's breed. Drafty pony breeds like my Norwegian Fjords have lived in sub-zero temperatures for many generations, so a California winter is not a big deal to them. A breed like the thoroughbred which typically doesn't have a lot of fat or a thick coat is likely to need some protection at this time. The third consideration is your setup.

If your horses have access to shelter like a barn or shed, they can get out of the rain and wind when they want to. My horses have access to a nice barn but they rarely go into it except when eating. They each have their own stall and they get along well. Be aware if you have a group of horses with one more dominant, that horse may take up all the space by him or herself and not let the others take shelter. Most importantly you know your horses, and can tell if they are comfortable or if they need a blanket or additional shelter.

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City Parks Department Enters New Phase

The City strives to provide park amenities that support a diverse range of recreational activities for Cloverdale residents, providing important spaces that promote wellness and provide a space for the community to gather, play and relax. The City Council recently supported elevating Park services to be an integral component of the Community Development Department, now referred to as the **Community Development and Parks Department**.

The City Council approved the promotion of Hector Galvan to Parks Superintendent, paving the way for City staff to focus on supporting and enhancing park and recreational opportunities for our residents. The long-term vision is to develop park improvements coupled with new recreational programming (recreational classes, sport leagues, and kids' camps).



Community Development and Parks staff are working on a number of park improvement projects to improve the physical structure of our existing parks:

1. **Vegetation Management Phase 1 project at Porterfield Creek Open Space** Working with the Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District, Parks staff are managing a vegetation management Project at Porterfield Creek Open Space to reduce fire hazards and improve visibility on park trails, removing dead vegetation and ladder fuels, to keep our community safe from wildfire.
2. **Basketball court improvement project at 2nd Street City Park** The city received a state Per Capita grant to improve 2nd Street City Park by developing two full-sized basketball courts. The current timeline for the project is late Spring / early summer 2022.
3. **Restroom project for the Cloverdale Plaza** The City is planning to install a public restroom facility at City Plaza. The City Council is anticipated to review the proposed restroom project at their January 26th Council meeting.
4. **Potential pickle ball courts at Furber Park** Staff are developing a project for pickleball courts at Furber Park in an area containing an underutilized sandbox. This project has great promise to bring a fast-growing sport to Cloverdale.
5. **Soda Springs (200-acre Lydia Ranch) Property Acquisition** City staff is coordinating with Sonoma County Ag + Open Space District on preliminary planning for the potential acquisition of the property for additional publicly accessible open space.
6. **Review of a new neighborhood Park** featuring a dog park, tot lot, picnic area and turf area proposed as part of the newly annexed Baumgardner Development Project.

Cloverdale parks staff continue their hard work of keeping the City's parks and landscapes in top shape. This proved to be a challenge during last summer's drought, when parks crews took extraordinary measures to address the impacts of the drought on our parks, playfields and landscape areas. Parks staff has worked diligently to reduce irrigation and conserve water while maintaining sports fields for our local sports leagues by targeting limiting irrigation on turf utilized by local sports leagues. By utilizing this strategy, Parks staff reduced water use by 35%, while balancing the recreational needs of the city. Parks staff are committed to reduce water usage in our parks through our continued efforts of removing water intensive landscaping and replacing with mulch and other water savings plantings.

The city welcomes your input and help planning for our future recreational needs through participating in either the Planning & Sustainability Subcommittee or Public Works Subcommittee.

Planning & Community Development Update

Are you interested in the participating in how Cloverdale grows and develops? A good place to start is the Planning & Community Development Department's webpage (www.cloverdale.net/73/Planning-Community-Development). In addition to coordinating with Hector on Park planning, Assistant City Manager and Community Development Director Kevin Thompson is overseeing the City's Community Development Processes with a focus on: 1) Current planning, which is the review of development projects, and 2) Long-range planning which focuses on long term future growth of the city.

In 2021, the Community Development Department has been busy reviewing current development projects, and updating key planning documents including

- The General Plan Safety Element
- Update of the Downtown & Transit Oriented Development Zoning Districts in the City's Zoning Ordinance.
- Initiation of the General Plan Housing Element Update.

In November the Council approved the update of the General Plan Safety Element. The Safety Element was drafted in conjunction with the creation of Cloverdale's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The updated General Plan Safety Element ensures that the city identifies and provides updated information related to seismic and geologic hazards, drought, evacuation routes, flood hazards, and fire hazards. Furthermore, the updated Safety Element provides a set of goals, policies, and objectives based on a vulnerability assessment, identifying the risks that climate change poses to the City and the areas of the City at risk from climate change impacts. Finally, the updated Safety Element identify evacuation routes and evaluates their capacity, safety, and viability under a range of emergency scenarios and identifies residential developments in hazard areas that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes.

Additional Long-Range Planning in 2022

Zoning Update: In January, the City Council will consider proposed updates to the Downtown Commercial (DTC) and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Zoning Districts. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of various updates to the Zoning District outlined below at their December 7th meeting:

- Reduced parking requirements for restaurant, office and retail uses in the DTC and TOD zones.
- Allow restaurant uses in the TOD upon approval of a Plot Plan.
- Increase maximum allowable density in DTC and TOD districts.
- Allow for pedestrian oriented retail and general retail uses in the TOD.
- Expanded opportunities for personal/household services uses in the TOD.

The City Council will consider the Planning Commission's recommendation at their January 12th Council meeting.

Housing Element Update: In 2022, the city will embark on completing the update of the 2023-2031 Housing Element update. The Housing Element is a part of the city's General Plan, considered the blueprint for how the city will grow over the next several years. The Housing Element is the portion of the General Plan that centers on the City's housing needs. Completed every seven years, the Housing Element uses projections for housing needs over the next seven years, to ensure the city can accommodate the housing units.

The Housing Element update is a community effort, whose outcome is best with public participation. We plan to have community workshops, and other outreach. The City is currently seeking your input on Housing through a survey, which can be found on the City's website.

Cloverdale Senior Center Melanie Hall

Happy New Year! It is so hard to believe that it is 2022; wasn't it just the year 2000? It is always exciting to have a brand-new year with a clean slate to begin new adventures and develop new habits. So many people set a goal to lose weight, exercise more, learn something new, do more self-care, change their style, try new plant-based recipes and take better care of our environment. What do you want to accomplish this year?

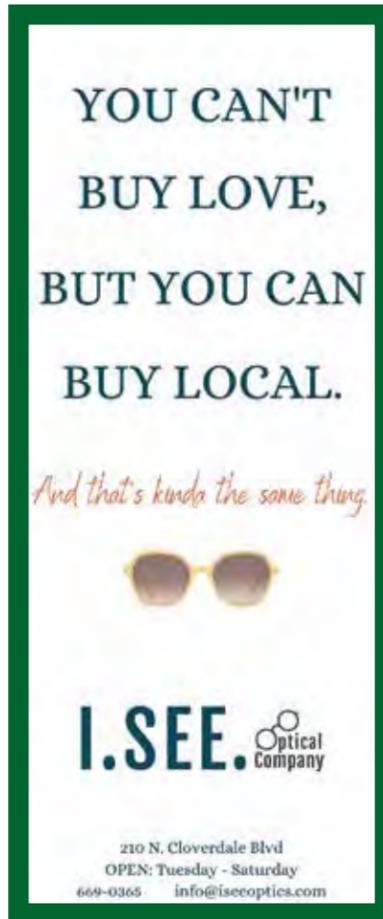
Did you know that January is National Mentoring Month? The intention is to focus on how we can all work together to ensure that our younger community has elders they can depend on, look up to, learn from, and perhaps someday pursue activities a mentor taught them. We are so fortunate to live in a town where about one-third of our population is seniors with plenty of knowledge and experience to share and pass on to the next generation. If you have a passion you would like to share with others; please contact me at the Senior Center; we would love to have more intergenerational activities.

Speaking of new adventures, we have some new classes starting in January. Kay Wells will facilitate Writing your Autobiography on Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 beginning January 11. Want to show off your unique style? Jennifer Sullivan is a photographer who would like to capture your personality in photos, A Portrait of You, by appointment on January 13 and 27, 9-12.

Beginning Adult Rock painting class is on January 29, 10-12:30, and February 28, 10-12:30.

There will be three COPE-sponsored Get Ready Together Preparedness workshops in February; on February 9, 16, and 23, 1:30-3. The first workshop will focus on customizing Go Bags for your individual needs. The second workshop will help you develop an emergency plan to stay safe, and the third workshop will focus on being Smoke Ready; you will learn about smoke, its effects on health and receive an air purifier and N95 mask.

May you enjoy new adventures and many blessings in 2022.



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15. racadehrwe



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The Citrus Fair is a great place to show your small animal breeding projects. There are poultry, rabbit, cavy, pygmy goat and dog show categories. Start off the 4-H and FFA show season in February!

Fairgoers LOVE the spectacular citrus exhibits, showcasing the agricultural foundation of the Citrus Fair. Community groups and individuals compete for some great prize money, but there are no exhibits without YOU. If you have never tried a special exhibit or have not entered one in a while, this is your year!

Mark your calendars for these other fair favorites:
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- Thurs., Jan 6, 10-11 AM** - Cloverdale Senior Center
- Friday, Jan 7, 1-3 PM** - Cloverdale Food Pantry
- Mon., Jan. 10, 4-5:30 PM** - REFB @ St. Peters Catholic Church
- Thurs., Jan. 13, 10-11 AM** - St. Peters Catholic Church
- Fri., Jan. 14, 1-3 PM** - Cloverdale Food Pantry
- Mon., Jan. 17, 4-5:30 PM** - ****NO DISTRIBUTION**** @ St. Peters
- Wed., Jan. 19, 4-5 PM** - Geyserville Elementary School
- Thurs., Jan 20, 10-11 AM** - Cloverdale Senior Center
- Fri., Jan. 21, 1-3 PM** - Cloverdale Food Pantry
- Mon., Jan. 24, 4-5:30 PM** - St. Peters Catholic Church
- Thurs., Jan. 27, 10-11 AM** - St. Peters Catholic Church
- Fri., Jan. 28, 1-3 PM** - Cloverdale Food Pantry
- Mon., Jan. 31, 4-5:30 PM** - St. Peters Catholic Church
- Wed., Feb. 2, 4-5 PM** - Geyserville Elementary School
- Thurs., Feb. 3, 10-11 AM** - Cloverdale Senior Center
- Fri., Feb. 4, 1-3 PM** - Cloverdale Food Pantry
- Mon., Feb. 7, 4-5:30 PM** - St. Peters Catholic Church

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*Prepared by Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center
as of Dec. 20, 2021*



The Rotary Club of Cloverdale had a great time at their Holiday Party despite the appearance of thieves. During the White elephant gift exchange thieves hit, among others, Gina Dericco Hatcher, Elvia Osnaya, Joan Tillman, Jean Herschede and Jonathan Kreger. Thanks to Dolph Green and the committee for organizing.

Here are the Cloverdale Rotarians at play after a big year hosting the Asti Tour de Vine bike ride, monthly cleanups of the Russian River at Cloverdale River Park, placement of a Little Library at Kleiser Park, and, among other things, contributing to a new scoreboard at the high school football field. Contact Cloverdale Rotary via FB to learn how you can join 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide.

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Alexander Valley Film Society Rebranded



Alexander Valley Film Society (AVFS) has rebranded, and is now AVFilm. Their new name, colors, design, and branding choices result from a collaborative process involving board, staff, and committee members. AVFilm refreshed their brand to reflect the passion and transformative experiences their education,

screenings, and events offer to the world and local community. In addition, you'll see some new improvements to the AVFilm website.

Here is more really, REALLY good news: in November, a local family stepped up their support to further the mission and build on the recent success of AVFilm. Their incredible, multi-year commitment will fund a full-time staff position and health care for AVFilm employees. In addition, they created the AVFilm Forward Fund and opened it for other donors to support organizational growth, which includes things like capacity building, staff retention, and professional development. This kind of support is visionary and critical to laying a solid foundation for the years to come.

So stay tuned as AVFilm gears up for an incredible year, looking forward to the first hybrid, 10-day film festival - AVFest2022 - from April 29-May 8; more robust film education offerings for youth and adults; and preserving the cinematic tradition in Northern Sonoma County.

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**Activities for Special Needs Children
Swathi Chettipally**



**Baby Clothing Drive Will Continue
Natalie Pesce**

Through our baby clothing drive with @lovedtwicenonprofit, so far we have collected enough items to clothe over 20 babies for a year. We also collected shoes, hats, and handmade blankets. Way to show up for those in need Cloverdale!

Thank you to all those who contributed and supported this effort. Times are tough and many families will be able to breathe a little easier knowing their babies will at least have this most basic need met.

Because this was such a success, we will continue collecting clothes all year round. @liveliftedcycle will continue to be our primary drop off location. Please see their class schedule and drop off during any scheduled class.



As an experienced mom of a special needs child, I have observed my daughter Siri in the past, never liking anything out of her routine.

Siri was on a wait list at NCEFT (National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy) in Woodside, CA, until recently. Siri tried it out even though I was extremely uncomfortable and nervous about trying this new activity with her. She surprised us by fitting in appropriately.

Give your kids opportunities for new things in life. Don't worry if they like it or not. Educate people around them about autism. Let them know that they are smart and can understand us clearly even though they don't behave like they do. Once they are successful in one activity think of the next one you want to introduce to them.

Christmas tree disposal is at the Cloverdale fairgrounds outside the main gate, in the dumpster.

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Council Member Responds to Articles

"I was surprised and disappointed, when I read two recent articles in the Press Democrat, titled "Lands elected mayor of Cloverdale" (December 10, 2021) and "City, school district at odds over home fees (December 12, 2021)." The information provided in both articles by Councilmembers Cruz and Bagby are misleading and lack important details. Unfortunately, I was not contacted in time to offer my comments on the issues raised.

"Putting these two articles aside, I would like to see the City Council enter the new year in a positive manner. I encourage all councilmembers to control emotional outbursts and to display respect for one another. At times we're going to agree, and, at times, we're going to disagree. Disagreeing does not show disrespect. It shows that each councilmember looks at an issue from a different background and different perspective.

"I want residents to know that I remain fully committed to doing everything in my power to build and maintain the critical balance needed to have a good "quality of life" in our city. This includes an excellent school system, an excellent state of the art medical facility, excellent police and fire services, excellent recreational programs, dependable water resources, and having needed infrastructure in place to keep our city thriving.

"There is no place for personal attacks by councilmembers toward fellow councilmembers. It is counterproductive and complicates our ability to discuss important issues. That practice must stop. We need to maintain a civil environment; maintain high standards of decorum and courtesy; encourage open and productive conversation among councilmembers and with the community; demonstrate respect for different points of view; honor each other and the public by debating issues without casting aspersions on members of Council, staff, or the public; and most importantly, accepting the principle of majority rule and working to advance the success of Council decisions.

"I hope my fellow councilmembers will put their personal differences aside so we can work together, as a team, for the betterment of our community. Thank you! "

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The Creative Corner

Christy Latchford

It is tempting to opine on the past year however I am guessing it has stolen enough peaceful moments from most of us, that to give it more energy would be a waste. Some moments of normalcy were enjoyed, but for many of us we still have not had the usual family visits with any frequency. With my husband going to see his family Christmas afternoon and my staying home with my mom, I wanted to send something for each of them to let them know they are in my heart and on my mind and oh how I do love words!



I thought about each individual and a word that not only made me think of them, but also that I admire about them. But how to present it? Scrabble tiles of course! You can buy bags of them on Amazon and

the possibilities are endless. For each word I will be gluing them on to leather strips so they can be used as bookmarks or simply a tangible reminder that they are cared for. As I ordered so many tiles that I will be making a layout such as the one in the picture and framing it for our home; a family tree of sorts. I may place the rest in a bowl on our kitchen table so we can simply play with them and create whatever pops into our noggin.

That is the awesome thing about allowing ourselves to be creative. So many materials to choose from, we can show others how we feel and really; we are only limited by our imaginations. There is enough scary stuff happening in the world today and sometimes we have to create our own sunshine & joy. As we dive into 2022 my Cloverdale friends & neighbors, I wish you a new year full of hope, creativity & joy!

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There are a few things you can do as we kick off the new year to improve your intestinal health and your mental health. Focus on eating more whole foods and plenty of fiber from less processed and packaged foods. Look for probiotic-rich foods such as yogurt, kefir, sauerkraut, miso, or kimchi. These changes will help lower your inflammation and support your microbiota so that you can have a healthy gastrointestinal tract and mind. For a more in-depth discussion, come see me at **Dalia and Sage on January 12th for a talk on the Gut-Brain Connection!**

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Students must meet the following criteria:

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Members of the **Cloverdale High School Interact Club** have been busy assembling bags of toiletries for the homeless. Interact is sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Cloverdale**. The group is now turning its attention collecting coats.



The **Cloverdale Lions Club** hosted another successful Toy Run in December. Thank you Lions!

Save The Date!

Kiwanis Club of Cloverdale is holding a Prawn-Pasta Feed fundraiser on Saturday, March 12, 2022. The proceeds will go towards supporting the youth and community programs in Cloverdale. The **Kiwanis Club of Cloverdale** is an international volunteer organization that believes in changing the world one child and one community at a time. More details coming soon! Save the date!

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Cloverdale Rotary President James Novak presents a check to Betty Kunakov of the Cloverdale Food Pantry as Rotary Treasurer Bonnie Wlodarczyk looks on. The Rotarians collected more than \$1,000 for the food pantry as the holidays approached. This is just one of many local education, recreation, healthcare and senior groups Rotary supports.

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Jefferson Elementary School Accentuating the Positive Michele Armanino

Principal Jim Evans is very excited about the newly constructed Jefferson Elementary School at 315 North Street. Evans states that his faculty, staff and students have been very patient and tolerant of all the noise and shaking the construction, which began in November 2020, has produced. The state-of-the-art school will feature a rubberized surfaced playground, 12 classrooms each touting a 72" flat screen interactive computer, several breakout rooms and a curriculum that will continue with a positive behavioral program called PBIS.

Evans is very enthusiastic about the program PBIS (positive behavior intervention support) and its positive focus on students. "We used to focus on what students weren't doing, now we focus on what they are doing." Evans commented. "Studies show that students respond well both academically and behaviorally when positive reinforcement is implemented." Evans added. The four pillars of the PBIS program are clearly visible around the school: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Kind. Simple everyday tasks such as Kindergarteners walking to the bathroom, washing their hands, or going down the slide in the correct manner are rewarded with Eaglet Wings. The accumulated wings can be traded in for an extra recess, lunch with a teacher or popcorn with the principal. Communication through the school's online, Parent Square, delivers positive messages to parents ensuring an informative home/school connection. "During the shelter in place, teachers and staff from Jefferson made home visits delivering over one hundred hot spots within our school community." Evans stated.

Jefferson's goal for the school year is for each child to make one year of advancement, thereby guiding them towards a path of continued success.

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The Cloverdale Citrus Fair Launches New Ambassador Scholarship Program

The Cloverdale Citrus Fair's Board of Directors is rolling out a new scholarship competition, open to all high school juniors and seniors from Cloverdale and Geyserville, named The Ambassador Scholarship Program.

The competition is a shift from the Citrus Fair's Queen Pageant, a longstanding Citrus Fair tradition, and will make the opportunity available to more students.

The Citrus Fair Association will underwrite the scholarship portion of the competition and has increased the awards significantly. The student selected as the Ambassador will receive a \$5,000 scholarship and the runner up, the Associate Ambassador, will receive \$2,500. The remaining participants will each receive \$825. The money may be used for college, trade school, or professional training and certification.

Five participants will be chosen through an application process that includes a combination of recommendations, community service, academic performance, and written communication. The five students who are selected will participate in a panel interview and presentation program in front of an audience which will help determine the winner. In addition, they will participate in service-learning time for the fair, rotating through the various departments to learn about the administrative, marketing, planning, and facility elements that make up the field of venue management and the production of a fair. Participants will also attend skill development workshops to improve their interview, resume writing, and presentation skills. As with the Queen program, the student selected as the Ambassador will be required to represent the Citrus Fair at public events, while the Associate Ambassador will attend if the Ambassador is not available.

The Queen Pageant, a long-standing tradition for the Fair, will be showcased and honored in a special presentation during the Citrus Fair on Friday, February 18th, opening night of the 2022 Fair.

Applications for the Ambassador program may be found online at the Citrus Fair website (cloverdalecitrusfair.org) and at the office at 1 Citrus Fair Drive, Cloverdale. The 2022 Cloverdale Citrus Fair will take place February 18-21 and bring visitors "Under the Big Top." For more information visit cloverdalecitrusfair.org or email info@cloverdalecitrusfair.org





In the New Year, Meet the “new” Cloverdale Museum of History

We were closed during the COVID shutdown and recently re-opened. We think you will like the new museum! Here's what's waiting for you:

- Take a walk back through Victorian and early California times in the old Gould Shaw House.
- Sit with your coffee and listen to the birdsong in the peaceful garden tended by Cloverdale's Green Thumb Garden Club.
- Immerse yourself in local lumber and agriculture history in the Redwood Room.
- Get up close to the historic red Mud Wagon, an authentic stagecoach that took visitors from Cloverdale to the Geysers in the 1800s.
- Be dazzled by the early-1900 chandeliers retrofitted from Cloverdale's Good Shepherd Church, hung from redwood rounds donated by local Redwood Empire Sawmill.
- Muse about life in early Cloverdale at the 1900-1920 resort on the untainted Russian River in the Pop McCray Resort movie and exhibit.
- Consider if you could make a basket that holds water or is so tiny it is smaller than a dime, as you visit an awe-inspiring exhibit of Pomo Basketry, “To Reclaim More Than My Name, the Ba:biḥša?men Basket Collection,” curated by Silver Galleto, a member of the Cloverdale Rancheria. More than 100 baskets are on display.

Visit the Museum Gift Shop and pick up *5000 Steps to Times Gone By*, a *Walking Tour and Brief History of Cloverdale* that is also a good workout! Cloverdale Market Bags and tea towels, and many books, are also available. We take credit cards.

Our sincere thanks for your past support and for your continued support during the pandemic. We hope the New Year finds you and your family happy, healthy and safe.

The revenue to support the Museum is derived almost entirely from membership and member donations. Please consider making a donation if you are able. Donate online at www.cloverdalehistory.org. or send your check to Cloverdale Historical Society, 215 N. Cloverdale Boulevard. (707) 894-2067.

You are invited to visit when we are open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 11-2. Hope to see you soon!



Take A Hike! Becky Henderson

Here's a way to stick to your New Year's resolutions - a women's only hiking club for Sonoma County women (sorry, men) - The Hiking Honeys, Sonoma County Ladies' Hiking Club

Although there aren't scheduled meetups in the winter, the hikes are posted on their Facebook group page if anyone wants to meet up.

During the spring they meet up Wednesdays at 6pm for hikes in Sonoma County, mainly the regional park system. Hikes are in Cloverdale to Petaluma and all age and ability levels are welcome. Details of each hike are posted on their Facebook page beforehand, so people can decide if the hike is right for them or not.

Sign in each hike and you'll be entered into their raffle. They have a raffle the first Wednesday of each month. You just might win a prize, meet new friends and get some exercise - a trifecta of fun.

Cloverdale Arts Alliance presents THE Jazz Club

On Thursday, January 6, Grammy Award winner and world-renowned jazz superstar, Paul McCandless, joins Bay-Area Jazz Trio, *Charged Particles*, and they'll feature the music of Grammy award winner Lyle Mays. Lyle Mays was an American jazz pianist and composer best known as the co-creator of the *Pat Metheny Group*.



During a distinguished career spanning six decades, Paul McCandless has brought a soaring lyricism to his playing and composing that have been integral to the ensemble sound of two seminal world music bands, the *Paul Winter Consort* and the relentlessly innovative quartet, *OREGON*. A gifted multi-instrumentalist and composer, McCandless has specialized in a broad palette of both single and double reed instruments.

McCandless will be joined at THE Jazz Club by *Charged Particles*. *Charged Particles* features three of the country's virtuosos doing just that in the acoustic and electric jazz arena. Murray Low, keyboard wizard; Aaron Germain, acoustic and electric bassist; and fiery drummer Jon Krosnick.

The Cloverdale Arts Alliance Gallery is located at 204 N. Cloverdale Blvd. In an effort to promote the health and safety of our staff, musicians and patrons, attendance will be limited to 2/3 normal capacity and proof of vaccination and masks will be required. Tickets are \$20 for Cloverdale Arts Alliance members and \$25 for non-members. Doors open at 7:00 pm; music begins at 7:30 pm. THE Jazz Club takes place the first Thursday of each month from January through May. To receive reserved seating privileges, purchase advance tickets online at www.cloverdaleartsalliance.org. Tickets are at the door, if available.

THE Jazz Club is a program of the Cloverdale Arts Alliance, a non-profit arts organization bringing cultural arts to northern Sonoma County. Other CAA programs include Friday Night Live at the Plaza, Art Gallery, Americana Night, Music Workshops, Discovering Art Series, The Blues Night, Art Classes, Wine Appreciation Workshops, and Special Events.



Happy Birthday Erma Burden!

Erma Burden turned 102 last month and celebrated with a party at the Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center last week



Ronald DenBeste

June 22, 1966 –
December 20, 2021

Born on June 22, 1966 in Cloverdale, Ron had been a resident of Ukiah, CA for the last 16 years. Previously he lived in Cloverdale, where he also attended Cloverdale

High School. The community knew Ron as an honest, hard worker and the namesake owner of DenBeste Landscape Supplies.

He was fiercely loyal and loved his family deeply, including his wife Lisa DenBeste, married for 17 years on January 8. Ron's pride and joy were his children, daughters Kayla Cordes (Mathew), Tasha Espinoza (Steven), Makenzi DenBeste and son, Ronnie Denbeste.

He was known as Grandpa to his grandchildren whom he adored – Georgie Cordes, Aria Espinoza, Joey Cordes, Emrie Espinoza and Nola Espinoza.

Ron leaves behind siblings William DenBeste (Lori), Margaret Fitzgerald (Pat), Danny DenBeste, Paul DenBeste, James Weston, preceded in death by his brother Joe DenBeste, his mother Margaret Hare/DenBeste and his father, James DenBeste.

A Celebration of Ron's life was held January 2nd.

Covid Tests For Travel

Craig Clark

Many destination countries, cruise lines, and resorts are now requiring proof of vaccination and a negative covid test for guests. And Covid tests are now required for flight re-entry to the US.

If you plan to travel internationally, you will need to get a COVID-19 viral test (regardless of vaccination status or citizenship) no more than 1 day before you travel by air into the United States. You must show your negative result to the airline before you board your flight.

If you recently recovered from COVID-19, you may instead travel with documentation of recovery from COVID-19 (i.e., your positive COVID-19 viral test result on a sample taken no more than 90 days before the flight's departure from a foreign country and a letter from a licensed healthcare provider or a public health official stating that you were cleared to travel).

Before you travel if you need fast test results (within 30 minutes) Sebastopol Urgent Care offers the Antigen test on a walk-in basis 7 days a week <https://www.sebastopolurgentcare.com/>

3 simple ways to pandemic-proof your holiday travel: Purchase Travel Insurance, Avoid Non-Refundable Travel, Book you trip using Points and Miles.

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Winter Festival



Courtney Jade Davis

February 6, 1991 -
January 5, 2008



Here we are into "2022" and we are glad to see life slowly getting back to normal.*

It is good to see people out and about for holiday events, kids playing sports, our community supporting

each other, seeing family and friends, Vicky's Elves and many more things we are grateful for that remind us of you.*

We wish you were here and miss you and so many little things about you: like your funny faces and imitations, your sense of humor, your concern for everyone (including ALL animals), a partner who loves to watch scary movies, collecting pigs, holding kids, Chai Tea Frappuccinos, Ugg boots, playing sports as a team, taking Bully sticks from Lucky, taking the gang to Konocti to see concerts, being our Cinderella, being sad watching "The Little Princess". But most of all, loving us with all of your heart.

On Jan. 5, we will be planting another Manzanita at the Cloverdale River Park, which is becoming beautiful over the years...just another thing that you would love to do, Court.

* Unfortunately, since this article was written, things have taken a step back due to the Omicron virus

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Something New in 22' Anne Miserlian Baker

As much as I would love to share Cloverdale's 2021 housing market stats, all of the numbers aren't available at the time of this writing. Please look for the report in the February issue of **Cloverdale Connect**.

In the meantime, I'd like to share some very important news when it comes to buying or selling a home in California in 2021 and beyond. In December of 2020 the California Association of Realtors (CAR) released an updated Residential Purchase Agreement. This is the form that buyers use to make an offer to purchase a home from sellers. Consequently, this document becomes a contract once the buying and selling parties agree on terms.

Though the Residential Purchase Agreement is longer, 16 pages, the CAR's legal team along with the forms committee and various other parties, have reorganized the document in an effort to make it easier to understand. Though the transactional process is the same, the layout of this critical document is much better.

First, almost all of the negotiation points can now be found in a two and a half page grid located in the first three pages of the offer. In the past, we had to fumble through multiple pages to find important time periods and pertinent details. Now, we can find the information quickly, as if looking at a summary.

Second, the grid references more detailed information that can be found throughout the agreement. For example, grid row P(1), which includes several checkboxes, also currently references paragraph 9 which details in great length items included in and excluded from the sale. This form is brilliant!

In conclusion, the new purchase agreement has been well thought out and well formatted. I've already used this document to write a contract and found it easy to explain and refer to with my clients.

**Happy New Year Everyone.
 May yours be a prosperous and amazing 2022!**



Dudes have started arriving at **The Outpost**. Limited inventory so don't wait. Next availability, because of inventory issues, is March.

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Experience Cloverdale Neena Hanchett

There's a palpable optimism in the air. Or, perhaps that's because I don't do the "news" the way I used to. In any case, we're grateful for this community and the "cocoon-like" security it provides to many of us. We've weathered the craziest two years ever, so pat yourselves on the back! Here are a few accomplishments that the Cloverdale Chamber was instrumental in putting together to help foster this sense of community:

- We spearheaded a community donation campaign to purchase outdoor heaters for our restaurants needing them for their patrons, who they could serve only out of doors. The idea first surfaced on local social media.
- The Chamber participated in last year's "drive-thru" Citrus Fair and built an exhibit outdoors welcoming visitors.
- The Chamber continues to provide many resources to the city's Resilient Cloverdale-CloveReady initiative to help keep our residents, businesses and visitors informed before a man-made or natural disaster.
- We produced a number of short videos highlighting our unique Cloverdale businesses. We'll start again this spring and familiarize you with our newer Cloverdale businesses while heralding the many who have been serving you without interruption.
- We utilize social media sites, like our two Instagram pages, #experiencecloverdale and #shoplocalcloverdale to share what we love about Cloverdale. Your comments and suggestions are always appreciated.
- Our annual Car & Motorcycle Show in September was one of our most successful, with over 250 vehicles entered and there were smiles on many "event-starved" faces.
- Our Annual Winter Festival & Tree Lighting in early December was another success, so please see the list of people and organizations in this issue who helped make this year's Winter Festival so memorable. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Cooking With David

David Maciel

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Chinese Beef with Honey and Black Pepper Sauce

Very fast and easy to make - it's on the table in 15 minutes! The sauce is absolutely divine - sticky, sweet, salty and with a subtle burst of heat from the black pepper.

SAUCE

- 2 1/2 tbsp soy sauce
- 3 tbsp honey
- 1 1/2 tbsp Oyster sauce (sub Hoisin)
- 1 1/2 tbsp Chinese cooking wine , Mirin or dry sherry
- 2 tbsp water
- 1 tsp coarsely crushed black pepper (or 1/2 tsp normal ground black pepper)

STIR FRY

- 2 tbsp peanut oil (or vegetable or canola oil)
- 1 garlic clove , finely minced
- 1/2 onion , peeled and sliced
- 1 lb thinly sliced tender beef (flank or tri tip)

Mix the Sauce ingredients in a bowl. Heat the oil in a wok or large heavy based skillet over high heat until it is smoking.

Add the onion and garlic and cook for 1 minute or until the onion becomes translucent. Keep it moving so the garlic doesn't burn.

Add the beef and stir fry for 1 minute until just cooked to your liking, then remove into bowl.

Turn the heat down to medium high, pour in sauce - it will start simmering very quickly! Let it cook for 1 minute or so until it becomes syrupy - the bubbles will be larger and caramel color. Add the beef and onion back into the wok, along with any juices pooled on the plate. Toss in the sauce until just warmed through - 1 minute at most. Don't overcook the beef - that would be tragic! Serve immediately with rice

Meet The Wolfpack



The Rudas boys have been obsessed with yard work and lawn tools since they were toddlers. Always ready to lend six hands to Dad when it was yard work time. The brothers decided this fall they wanted to expand their business beyond just Mom and Dad's yard. Living in a small and welcoming town like Cloverdale the brothers have been able to grow their little business with great support from our sweet community. We love that they're learning work ethic, the importance of showing up on time, and doing the work well. If weeds, leaves, or grass are your problem, Wolfpack is the solution.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Cloverdale Library News

Donna Romeo

The new year brings changes at the library. Our hours have expanded to meet the needs of our community! We are open Monday from 10-6. Tuesday and Wednesday from 10-8 and Thursday through Saturday from 10-6. We offer books, magazines, Playaways, Books on CD, DVDs, our ever popular WiFi hotspots, Chromekits and so much more! We have public computers here at the library and you can use our WiFi 24/7. Checking out eBooks, e-Audiobooks, magazines, or streaming videos can all be done from the comfort of your own home twenty-four hours a day.

We also offer a myriad of programs and monthly take and make craft kits for the kids. Most importantly we offer friendly customer service and are happy to help you with any inquiry needs you might have. If you would like a tour or have a group that would like to know more, we are happy to schedule a presentation either at the library or at your location. Please come in or call us at 707 894-5271

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