

Artist: Joe Cotruvo



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## Editor's Note

At the same time that the blossoms are popping out everywhere in Cloverdale on fruit trees, activities are popping out all over town! There are two events at CPAC this month, plus the Lions Club crab feed, the Kiwanis pasta and prawns feed, Little League is starting soon, and the Citrus Fair is just around the corner. Take a walk around town with your mask off and see your neighbors' faces once again and don't forget to plan ahead for the big Comedy Show this July! Some of you will be fixing corned beef and cabbage for St. Patrick's Day whether you're Irish or not, and some of you will be cleaning off the BBQ for the warm weather season. We may not have rain but we've got beautiful spring weather and our gardens are waking up. Time to clean out the woodstove and bring out the patio umbrellas. It's spring - Let's enjoy it!

I'll see you around town!

*Dana*



If she's not packing or shipping, Laurie Kneeland is reading *Cloverdale Connect*!



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Luncheon to be decided.

**Date:** June 26, 2022

**Location:** Citrus Fair Exhibit Hall

Other entertainment for the weekend includes private parties, Friday Night Live Music and a Golf Tournament on Saturday morning in Healdsburg.

Please email [Cloverdalereunion@hotmail.com](mailto:Cloverdalereunion@hotmail.com) or message Cindy Price on Facebook if you have questions.

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Comedy, Dinner, Auction  
CSMC 35th Anniversary Benefit Event

Don't miss this fun event! Comedians **Bob Zany, Marc Yaffe, and Steve Barkley** will all be performing at the 35th Anniversary Event, produced by Jackie Evans Productions, to benefit the Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center. **Senator Mike McGuire** will be the auctioneer for the Live Auction plus there will be silent auctions items available for bid. There also will be a small senior art show featuring local artists. The Cloverdale Kiwanis and Lions Clubs will be preparing the seated outdoor dinner and tending bar serving up beer, wine, and cocktails. This great event is on **Saturday, July 9 at the Cloverdale Citrus Fairgrounds, 5-10 PM.**

**Tickets** are available online only starting March 15 for \$60 at [Cloverdaleseniorcenter.org/35YearEvent](http://Cloverdaleseniorcenter.org/35YearEvent). Purchase tickets in groups, so table seating arrangements are as Covid-cautious as possible. Multiple table sizes are available and spaced apart. Ticket sales are limited and will sell out, so get yours early.

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If you would like to be an **event sponsor, donate to the auction, provide an in-kind donation or purchase tickets**, please get in touch with Melanie Hall  
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## List Of Local Support Organizations

### Alcoholics Anonymous

(707) 544-1300 Santa Rosa  
(707) 623-6702 Spanish

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share experiences, strength and hope with each other so they may solve their common problem and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.

### Al-Anon

(707) 575-6760

Hope and recovery for all people affected by the alcoholism of a loved one or friend, whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not. Spanish spoken.

### Dept. of Health Services Drug Treatment

(707) 565-74500

Many community-based agencies provide support and treatment for substance abuse, including outpatient and long-term residential help, for adults, youth and pregnant women. Spanish spoken.

### Redwood Community Health Coalition

(707) 792-7900

A network of health centers provides primary care, pediatric services, mental health, dental services, teen clinics, health education, family planning, eye exams and insurance application assistance. Medi-Cal accepted. Spanish spoken.

### SonomaWORKS

(707) 565-2715 2227

Capricorn Way, Suite 100, Santa Rosa

A comprehensive, welfare-to-work program for those eligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), providing employment and training services, cash assistance, and supportive services that include child care, transportation, mental health and substance abuse services. Spanish spoken.

### Child Parent Institute

(707) 585-6108 3650

Standish Avenue, Santa Rosa

Classes, individual, family and group therapy, and family resources. Eligibility: ages 0-18 (3-18 in Rohnert Park clinic) and parents of current or former clients. Medi-Cal accepted and funding available for eligible families. Spanish spoken.

**NAMI Sonoma County National Alliance on Mental Health** can connect you with resources to get help if you are struggling with mental health issues. (866) 960-6264

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### Stylin’ On First Street Michele Armanino

The quartet of barbers at Juan Favela’s First Street Barber Shop may not break out in harmony while snipping and styling your hair, but you will certainly feel welcomed and pampered while sitting high in a cushy leather barber chair! Favela purchased the two-chair establishment at 112 E First Street from its previous owner in 2016 and many months later, the remodeled shop boasted six vintage barber chairs, four skilled barbers and an original, red, white and blue striped barber’s pole to boot.

“I was born and raised in Cloverdale,” Juan said. I love being in tune with the community. It’s a wonderful place to raise children, too.” Inspired by his Uncle, a barber in Ukiah, Favela attended Moler Barber College in Santa Rosa for nine months where he graduated in 2007, passing the rigorous barber examination.

Favela commented that his shop is unique in that his experienced barbers specialize in a variety of styles at reasonable prices. Favela’s customers range in age from six months to one hundred and two years old! When asked what methods he might use when cutting the hair of small children who are sometimes afraid of the barber shop, he chuckled and said, “Lots of lollipops!”

Favela, a fifteen-year veteran barber, conducts his individual consultations slowly, always listening carefully to his customers’ requests and assuring them of a flattering haircut. Local kids come into the barber shop with pictures of celebrities and ask Juan to do his magic. “I can usually copy a style from a picture fairly easily.” Juan commented. Favela gives some credit for his shop’s precision haircuts to modern-day styling tools. “One hundred years ago,” Juan explained, “clippers had to be squeezed manually. Today’s clippers are electric and cordless.”

As customers settle into Juan’s comfy barber chair for a buzz cut, gentlemen’s cut, scissor or short fade cut, they look forward to chatting with him, sometimes even asking for advice. “I learn from my customers, too.” Favela said. “If you can’t trust your barber, who can you trust?”

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An annual audit of the City of Cloverdale's Financial Statements is conducted by an Independent Auditor with the appropriate qualifications and background in public accounting. Each major fund maintained by the City is audited according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), which are uniform minimum standards of and guidelines to financial accounting and reporting. The auditing firm conducting the Annual Audit is Cropper Accountancy Corporation, an accounting firm formed in 1986, primarily to provide audit, accounting and tax services to non-profit organizations and local governmental agencies. This is the second year of a three-year contract with this firm.

All governmental financial transactions and balances are not all accounted for in a single accounting entity. A governmental unit is accounted for through multiple separate funds, each of which is a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Common Funds maintained by the City include the following:

- General Fund – basic activities and services provided by the City. The Cloverdale Police Department is largely funded by the City's General Fund. The largest source of general fund revenue is local property tax revenue and sales tax revenues.
- Special Revenue Funds – Funds like Measure M (road Tax) funds utilized for street maintenance services and activities.
- Enterprise funds – The City's Water, Wastewater and Airport are all managed as separate business enterprises and are accounted for in separate funds.
- Non-Major Funds include Gas Tax Revenue and certain grants like Community Development Block Grants and programs including Asset Forfeiture.

The auditor examines the financial statements presented by the City to ensure that the revenues are received and spent in accordance with the laws and regulations, make best practices recommendations to management and present this information to the City Council. Included with the audit is Management's Discussion & Analysis (MD&A), which presents a narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the City for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. Some key highlights in the FY 2020-21 Audit include:

- The City's total net position June 30, 2021 was \$99,699,659, a decrease of \$914,901 over the prior year.
- General fund balance is \$6,203,600, an increase of \$1,121,185 from the prior year's fund balance of \$5,082,415. The fund balance is approximately 82% of total General Fund expenditures.
- Total City revenues, including program and general revenues, were \$17,445,239, an increase of \$125,561 from the prior year
- Total expenses were \$18,360,140, an increase of \$2,225,447 or 13.8% over the prior year.

The Fiscal Year Audit will be presented to City Council on March 9th. Once finalized, the fy 2020-21 Annual Audit is a public document, included in the Council Agenda Packet. A copy of the Audit will be placed on the City's website along with past years audits. The auditing process is overseen by the City's Finance Dept. led by the City's Finance Director Susie Holmes (sholmes@ci.cloverdale.ca.us).

This year, City Staff and the Council are going to consider developing a biennial budget based on two fiscal years, FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 rather than a single year budget. Biennial budgeting is expected to enable the City Council to focus on long-term and strategic aspects of budgeting, rather than concentrating on a single year. A biennial budget is a better complement to the city's long-term strategic planning efforts, the five-year Capital Improvement Program and other planning tools, leading to more consistent citywide priorities from year to year.

The first step in the budget process is to review existing budget goals and update them and or develop new budget objectives based on the current goals and

priorities set by the City Council. This is established early in the process and is intended to set the spending priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.

The top Budget Themes and Goals Statement for the current fy 2021-22 budget include:

- Economic Recovery (Respond to current COVID-19 emergency) - Pursue federal and state funding for response costs; Continue collaboration on economic development partnerships to assist business community to find creative ways to promote and support local businesses; Work with the County on Regional Economic Recovery Planning.
- Revenue Enhancement - Explore and Implement Progressive Strategies to enhance fiscal responsibility and raise municipal revenue (renewal of Utility User Tax) to fund vital public services and projects that enhance Cloverdale's quality of life.
- Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness – Strengthen public safety and Community Policing and Invest in resiliency strategy and emergency preparedness measures that protect the health, safety and well-being of the citizens and businesses in Cloverdale.
- Housing and Homelessness – Address the City's housing needs with a primary focus on measures that increase affordable housing and implement strategies in the homeless strategic plan that address the fundamental causes of homelessness, provide permanent housing options and support services.
- Infrastructure & Technology – Invest in the completion of key infrastructure (streets, parks, technology and facilities) and Technology projects to protect and improve property values and maintain Cloverdale's quality of life.
- Planning & Sustainability – Fund planning initiatives that attract and expand housing and businesses needed to create jobs and ensure a vibrant local economy while meeting sustainability targets and environmental goals.

As part of the annual budget process, the Council will review the above listed budget goals. Parks & Recreation projects and programs have garnered significant interest by the community and that interest will likely be reflected in the budget goal statements for the next biennial budget. Residents, businesses and stakeholders are encouraged to participate in the budget process to ensure their interests are considered during the budget process.

The City no longer publishes a static copy of the budget and instead utilizes the OpenGov platform, an online budgeting tool to provide transparency, effectively communicate our budget and strategic planning goals to the public and build trust with our citizens. Councilmembers, staff and the public are able to access the City's budget at any time of day in a user-friendly format online on the City's website. Data is updated daily for the most current and accurate information. OpenGov, Inc. user interface offers a cloud-based, simple, and intuitive process to allow for an electronic process of budgeting, submitting applications, permits, or to file code violation concerns.

The city will use every communication medium including the Weekly Cloverdale Newsletter, City Website and social media sites to inform residents about the budget process. Residents are encouraged to present requests for funding for both years of the biennial budget to City Council during the budget preparation season, which takes place in March – June of this year. The current budget schedule is:

- **Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 9:00 am**  
COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP
- **Wednesday, June 8, 2022, 6:00 pm**  
Council review of draft budget
- **Wednesday, June 22, 2022, 6:00 pm**  
Council adopt final budget for FY 22-23

For more information, please contact David Kelley, City Manager at dkelley@ci.cloverdale.ca.us.



Facts From The Past
Kay Wells

Do you recall your senior year and graduation from High School? The History Museum keeps copies of The Spectator, the Cloverdale High School yearbook. Here are some excerpts from a 1915 copy.

First a bit of the Cloverdale High School history:

The first graduation ceremony for 5 students was held in June of 1893. (In the early 1900s two young students rode a white bull to class!) The first girls basketball team was formed in 1909, and the first yearbook, The Spectator, was published. The first football team was formed in 1935 (They lost their first game to Ukiah High.) Admission was 35 cents.

The 1915 class was particularly proud of their championship Debating Team, beating Solano, Napa and other Sonoma County teams. They were also proud of their dramatic performances, one of which was performed in Cloverdale's Humbert's Opera House

Here is an excerpt from the school song The Blue and Gold:

With honor ever high in view as students we will work. From Freshman to Senior class our duties ne'er to shirk."

Teachers were not exempt from High School Rules:

"You will not keep company with men.
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Start the fire at 7 a.m. so the room will be warm by 8 a.m."

Source: Petaluma Historical Library

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Sabrina Paredes & Cristina Goulart

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Dog waste is a common sight on creeks and trails throughout the Russian River Watershed. Not only is it an eyesore, but it is also a health concern for people and the environment.

Water quality testing in many populated areas of our watershed reveals elevated levels of fecal bacteria in local waterways. Runoff from dog waste is a primary contributor to this. High levels of harmful bacteria can make waters unhealthy for people and pets who recreate in or near the contaminated streams.

Nutrient runoff from the waste washes into waterways and causes algal blooms which may cause aquatic life to suffocate. Algal blooms also turn waters a murky green, and some types of blooms can be harmful to pets and wildlife.

The Russian River is the main source of drinking water and a prized natural resource for over 600,000 people in Sonoma, Mendocino, and Marin Counties. The health of the River is influenced by the health of the creeks feeding into it, and the health of these creeks reflects how we care for the land.

We can prevent this pollution! Please be a good neighbor and community member:

- Carry baggies with you. It's a great idea to carry a few extra bags for your dog and for fellow dog owners who may have forgotten theirs.
- Pick up your dog's waste and throw it in the trash, even if you have to walk a little further to carry it to the nearest trash bin.

For more information, please go to Russian River Watershed Association (rrwatershed.org)

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Dustin Wallace
August 3 1987-
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Dustin Wallace will always be remembered as a father, friend, brother, and a fun-loving person. Dustin lived in Cloverdale with his family of four and passed away unexpectedly on February 13, 2022. He was a very outgoing and caring person who enjoyed cooking and jamming out to music with his spouse in the kitchen. A few other things he enjoyed doing was riding dirt bikes, racing, fishing, camping, and just enjoying life to its fullest. Not only was he selfless but just one of his smiles could light up a room and his laugh was one of a kind. He will be dearly missed by not only his friends and family but his spouse Jennifer Bishop and their children Alexandra Wallace and Jared Bishop.
This is a go fund me created to help support his spouse and children, and also to help with his celebration of life expenses. https://gofund.me/32a7d482
The celebration of life will be held on March 19. For information about the celebration of life you can contact: Jennifer Bishop jennifer\_bishop23@yahoo.com or Sierra Mulder Sierra.mulder4499@gmail.com





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After a courageous battle with Leukemia, Kathy Bernal age 62, passed away January 21st. Born in 1959 in San Pablo, California, to Barbara and Robert Butler, Kathy moved to Cloverdale when she was young and grew up with eight siblings, grandparents, and many aunts and uncles.

Kathy's joy were her children and grandchildren; sons Eric Hernandez (Alyce Hernandez) and Darren Hernandez,

daughter Angelique Cooper (Kevin Cooper), and grandchildren Troy Hernandez, Kyanna Powers, McKenna Gren, Damon Hernandez, Taylor Hernandez, Spencer Hernandez, Lexie Hernandez, and Brayden Cooper and great-grandmother to Rikki Utley.

Kathy leaves behind siblings Mildred Safer, Marcia Kelsay, Beverly Butler, Roberta Robinson, Debra Lively, Kami Plummer, and William Butler and is also survived by many additional family members, too numerous to list, but loved with all her heart. She is preceded in death by her mother Barbara (Sullivan) Butler, father Robert Butler, and brother Robert Butler.

Kathy loved the beach, the outdoors, and visiting theme parks with her children and grandchildren. Her fondest moments were watching her grandchildren excel in school and sports. Kathy was a proud Christian and found great joy in studying the word of God. A celebration of Kathy's life will be held this April, with a date and location to be determined.

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## February Cloverdale Weather Recap

Average High Temperature 69°F  
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Total Rainfall .00 inches



### April Issue Special Feature Cloverdale Pets On Parade

Be sure to enter a photo of your pet in our "Cloverdale Pets On Parade" album in the April issue of Cloverdale Connect.

One winner will be chosen by random drawing out of all the photos entered to win a prize.

Submit your photos via email, with pet's name, to [info@cloverdaleconnect.com](mailto:info@cloverdaleconnect.com) or mail to P.O. Box 404 Cloverdale by Friday March 18th. (Sorry, photos mailed in cannot be returned).

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Players must attend one session- Times will be announced.

**Opening Day Events: Sunday, May 22, 2022 ~ Details and Schedules to be announced**

More information and details can be found on both our [Facebook Page](#) and our [CPL website](#).

## Special Needs Swathi Chettipally



Just when I thought my job was done...

As I keep taking Siri to her S2C (Spell to Communicate) sessions, I am able to know more and more about her. Even though I had a deep desire to hear her communicate, I slowly but surely stopped focusing so much on it. I wanted to accept her limited ability to communicate and move on to transition her from home to her

own place while hoping to find caring caretakers for her at her new home in Cloverdale.

Now, I am taking a deep breath and enjoying every simple improvement she has been making in communication through the new therapy we started for her [www.TranscendingApraxia.com](http://www.TranscendingApraxia.com). It surely feels like a dream come true for us.

As a parent of a special needs child with Autism, I will never stop trying new techniques and therapies for her. Since autism is a spectrum, one type of therapy does not work for all which makes it even more difficult to attempt. But then, in a way it's a good thing too as we get to assess our own experience depending on our own kid's challenges and strengths.

I am so grateful to be living in this great country, The United States of America. The country of opportunities to all who work hard, including individuals with special needs.



## The Creative Corner - Christy Latchford

Although Spring is still a few weeks away, having gone through the random 2 week warm up that tends to throw everyone's bodies out of whack vacillating between unnaturally warm during the day and cold at night, the cursed "Spring Cleaning" has snuck its way into my brain again. I don't know if it is because I am turning 50 this year or that the passage of time has simply worn me down, but for the 1st time ever, I am actually contemplating doing this dreaded task.

Now sure, I know people that have participated in this ritual for years and good Lord some of them even enjoy it. As I am my father's daughter, I am however more fond of making messes than tidying up. So, for me if I have any hopes of actually succeeding, I must make it a game and have some fun with it. I am blessed that my husband not only tolerates my whimsy, but encourages it.



Phase 1: I needed to put cleaning apparatuses where I can see them so they make a home in my consciousness. Phase 2: As I clearly have no interest in looking at them normally, how can I make it appealing so it actually fosters a feeling of joy and not loathing? Let me introduce you all to Veronica who now brightens our hallway and encourages me to get to it! Am I suggesting everyone paint murals in their homes? Perhaps, but more importantly is the idea that if we want to change habits, we need to stop taking ourselves so seriously and have some fun. That will of course look differently for everyone. But whether doing Spring cleaning of the home, mind or spirit, try to remember that your way of achieving your goals may look different than everyone else's and that is what makes it awesome.



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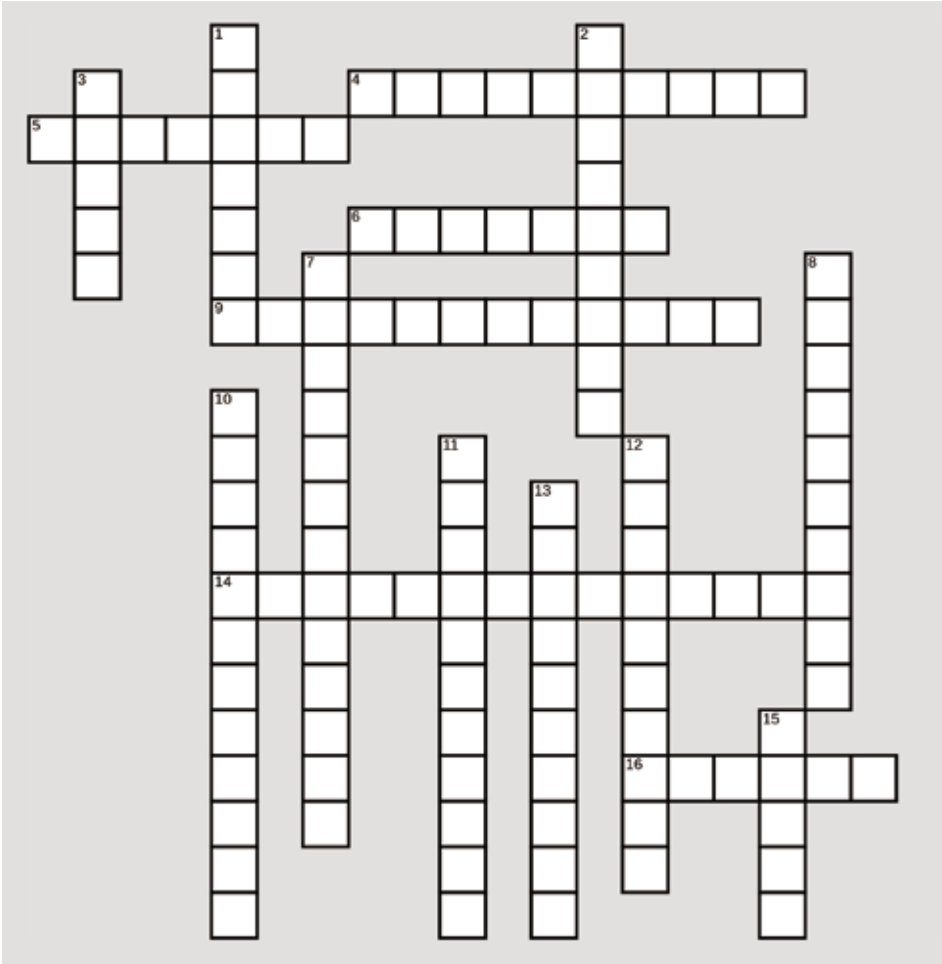
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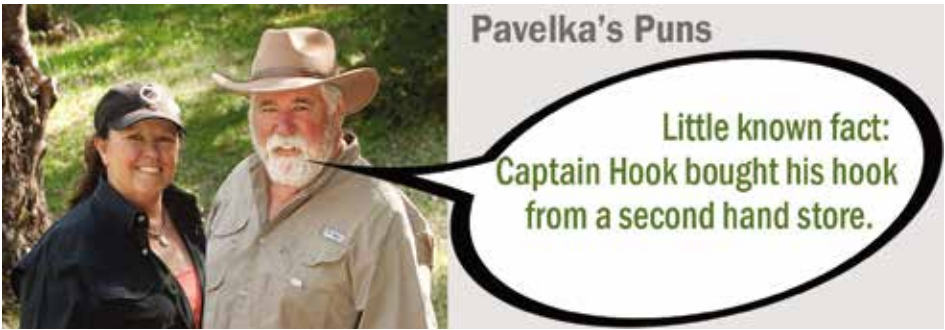


Across

- 4 What Expo is coming soon?
- 5 What do we need to continue to be mindful of?
- 6 What local service club is hosting a pasta & prawns feed?
- 9 What is one of the special features for the April issue of Cloverdale Connect?
- 14 What are the first names of our Valentine's prize winners?
- 16 What is the name of our local film festival?

Down

- 1 What do we NOT want in our creeks and river?
- 2 What is a special day in March?
- 3 What does Gabriel sell off his cart?
- 7 What is another special day in March?
- 8 Who is the Booster's Volunteer of the Year?
- 10 What opens on Saturday April 2nd?
- 11 Who is "stylin'" on First Street?
- 12 What event is happening in April (finally)?
- 13 What events are tickets going on sale for in March?
- 15 What local service club is hosting a crabfeed



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President's Volunteer Service Awards



At the most recent monthly meeting of the Cloverdale American Legion, two Cloverdale residents were presented the President's Volunteer Service Awards for their work on behalf of the Northern Sonoma County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Philip Brooks received a Gold Award and Bob Cox received a Silver Award. The accompanying letter on White House stationery said in part:

"The American story depends not on any one of us, not on some of us, but on all of us...By sharing your time and passion, you are helping discover and deliver solutions to the challenges we face – solutions that we need now more than ever...On behalf of the American people, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to you for your volunteer leadership, and I encourage you to continue to answer the call to serve. The country is counting on you." Signed Joseph R. Biden

Philip and Bob each received a lapel pin, an award certificate, and the letter from the President. CERT Program Manager, Geoff Peters, presented the awards and added his thanks for the hundreds of hours of volunteer time the recipients devoted to CERT and to community safety.

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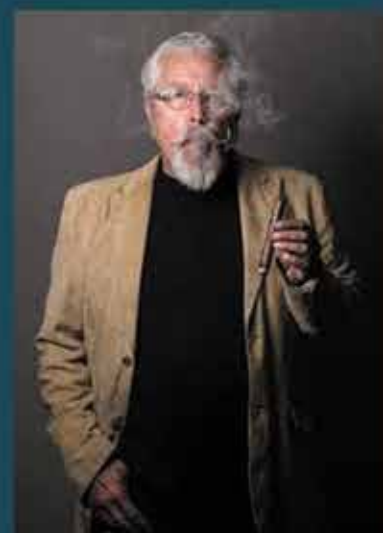
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Cloverdale Business Watch Program

The Cloverdale Police Department is calling on the business community to assist in deterring and preventing criminal activity and loitering in the downtown business district.

The Cloverdale Police Department is partnering with the Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce to encourage businesses to sign up for the Cloverdale Business Watch Program. Business Watch is a Crime Prevention Program that provides business owners and employees with Crime Prevention Strategies and techniques they can apply to help reduce crime in or around their businesses. It also helps establish partnerships and communication among businesses, the Cloverdale Police Department, and other organizations that represent business interests.

The goal of the business watch is to lessen the chances of becoming a victim by taking control of what happens in your business community, promote a safe environment for people to work, shop, and live, provide education and information to business proprietors to help reduce crime in targeted areas and to teach business owners and employees how to be observant and aware of any suspicious activity or individuals. "The Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce, in support of our entire business community, values our Business Watch collaboration with the Cloverdale Police Department. In the very near future, we will be contacting business owners and managers for one-on-one meetings in order to learn about specific impacts to local business and identify solutions," adds Neena Hanchett, Director of the Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce.

Business watch meetings were previously held in January 2020, and February 2021, for business owners and managers to highlight concerns about public safety, graffiti, vandalism, and disadvantaged individuals in and around the plaza.

For more information on how to sign up for the program, please contact Lt. Parker by phone at 707-894-2150 or by email: [cparker@ci.cloverdale.ca.us](mailto:cparker@ci.cloverdale.ca.us). For business outreach assistance, please contact Neena Hanchett by phone at 707-894-4470 or e-mail at [neena@cloverdalechamber.com](mailto:neena@cloverdalechamber.com).

Second Quarter Student Awards

5th Grade Students of the Month

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Issabella DeMattei  
Major Langston  
Jeremiyah Mean  
Jessa Jackson  
Evelyn Galvan



Eagle Award Winner: Cooper Llapitan



6th Grade Students of the Month

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Erick Mendoza  
Yaneli Lopez  
Lambert  
Gunner Mack  
Taylor Kurpinsky  
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Brody Villavicencio  
Wyatt Clark



Eagle Award Winner: Katie Soriano



7th Grade Students of the Month

Leopoldo Soto-Granillo  
Audrey Quiroz  
Montserrat Ruiz  
Logan Camara  
Valeria Anguiano  
Austin Axel



Eagle Award Winner: Chase Tilghman



8th Grade Students of the Month

Marisol Hernandez Gar-  
cia  
Jorge Rodriguez  
Isaac Cardenas  
Gavin Falleri  
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Eagle Award Winner: Lily Duong





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**Time:** Drive-Thru at the Cloverdale Citrus Fair from 4 – 7 p.m.

**Menu:** Prawns, pasta with red sauce, salad, garlic bread and dessert

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## Citrus Fair Prepares For Fun In April

The Cloverdale Citrus Fair board members and staff are looking forward to welcoming all their friends and neighbors back for great fun and entertainment "Under the Big Top" April 21st through 24th. This year on the main stage guests will enjoy Court 'n Disaster, Rock on a Roll, and the Poyntlyss Sisters Rockin' Show Band. Rounding off the main stage offerings is Saturday night headliner, the 80's party band Aqua Nett, as well as mariachi and ballet folklorico on Sunday

Guests of all ages will enjoy the comedy and juggling by Scotty and Trink as well as the amazing magic, stunts, and skills of Louie Foxx. Finally, don't miss the magnificent stilt performances of Mark & Dre all across the grounds during the fair.

Warner Hall will feature the skills, artistry, and craftsmanship of painters, sculptors, photographers, quilters, and creators of all kinds and all ages. In the barn area, young agriculturalists will showcase their poultry, rabbits, covies, and pygmy goats. Entries are open for all exhibits categories until early April.

Is your little darling the next Lily Lemon or Orang Orange? Maybe your baby's crawling game is competition ready and the Diaper Derby is for you. Perhaps your talent, be it song, dance, instrument, stand up, or anything else wonderful, should be showcased in "Cloverdale's Got Talent." Are you a high school junior or senior from Cloverdale or Geyserville? Then check out the Ambassador program and the top scholarship prize of \$5000. Details about all this and more on the Fair's website <https://cloverdalecitrusfair.org/citrus-fair/>.

Butler Amusements will once again bring carnival thrills and laughter to the Citrus Fair. Discount wrist bands are now on sale. Save \$5 by buying early! Finally, be sure to gather your group and plan to enter the Citrus Fair Parade and Pet Parade being held Saturday, April 23rd.

For all questions, contact the Citrus Fair office at 707-894-3992 or 1 Citrus Fair Drive, Cloverdale, Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm (closed from noon to 1pm for lunch) or [info@cloverdalecitrusfair.org](mailto:info@cloverdalecitrusfair.org).

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Come see me at Dalia & Sage for a talk on Food and Mood, rescheduled to March 9th!



Congratulations to the Booster Volunteer of the Year, **John Turner**. Thank you for everything you do for our Cloverdale students and athletes. Our community appreciates you!

**Cloverdale Arts Alliance Gallery  
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The Cloverdale Arts Alliance Gallery, located at 204 North Cloverdale Blvd., offers its latest art exhibition, “CHALLENGE,” from March 19 – May 21, 2022. Due to COVID-19 concerns there will be no Artists’ Reception for this exhibition. Gallery hours are Saturday & Sunday, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Guest artists for this exhibit are Thomas Glass Phinnessee, Oil Painting and Don Ketman, Wood Artistry. Resident artists are Laura Paine Carr, Jane Gardner, Pamela Heck, Terry Holleman and Hanya Popova Parker. Laura Paine Carr, Acrylic, Mixed Media is the featured resident artist for “CHALLENGE”.

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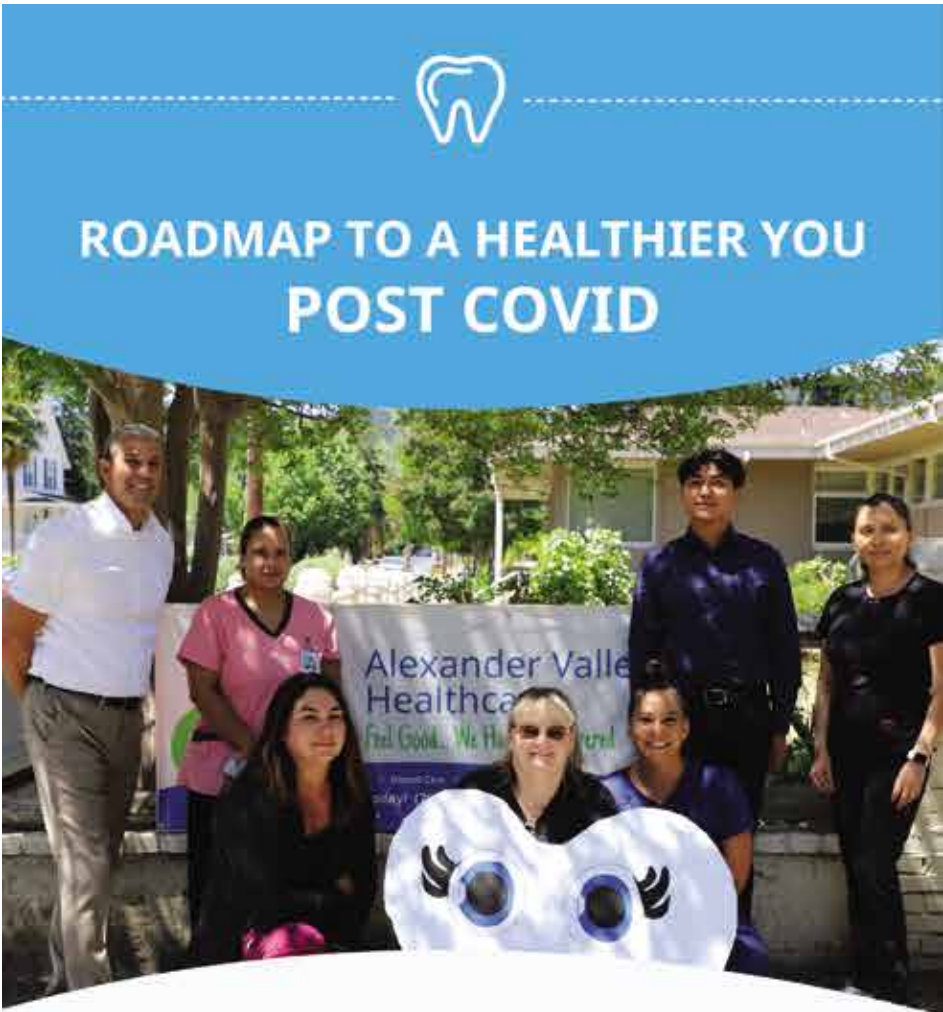


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### Interest Rates are Rising Anne Miserlian Baker

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So, how do higher interest rates really impact buyers? Well, imagine you are a buyer. In February you qualified for a loan of \$600,000. If you are planning to attach the same pre-approval letter to an offer you are writing in March, you better check with your lender.

Likewise, sellers need to be aware of how interest rates impact a buyer's purchasing power. Make sure the pre-approval letter is current before you sign that offer. You don't want to take your home off the market only to find out the buyer cannot afford to move forward at the accepted price.

Also, note the fact that there are different loan products. Have you heard of a jumbo loan? These incredible loans didn't see the amazing interest rates that conventional loans offered. However, jumbo loans are now in the game and could be a fine alternative.

Bottom line, interest rate affect both buyers and sellers. Talk to your real estate agent and have a good relationship with your lender. Understand how interest rates can affect the sale or purchase of your home.



### "Care Givers WANTED!"

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Under-inflated tires use up more fuel and increase your chance of a blow out, while over-inflated tires can reduce your handling, putting you and everyone else on the road at greater risk. If you notice uneven tread wear it could indicate improper wheel alignment.

Remember to check tire pressure when tires are cold and haven't been used recently. You'll first need to determine what the recommended amount for your vehicle is. This number can be found on the placard that is located on the vehicle, not on the tire.

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## The Importance of Play

Melanie Hall

When I was a child, I loved to play. Play for me meant chasing after a sibling or friend, touching them, and then tag - they were it. Play also meant that I would go down to the creek on our farm and hunt for crawfish with my brothers and sister. My favorite part of the day was playtime; I learned how to play tetherball and foursquare, beating many opponents during recess when I was in school. Climbing on the monkey bars spinning round and round, was also a lot of fun until I got too dizzy from spinning. During playtime, I laughed easily, could feel my heart beating rapidly, and was always in a good mood.

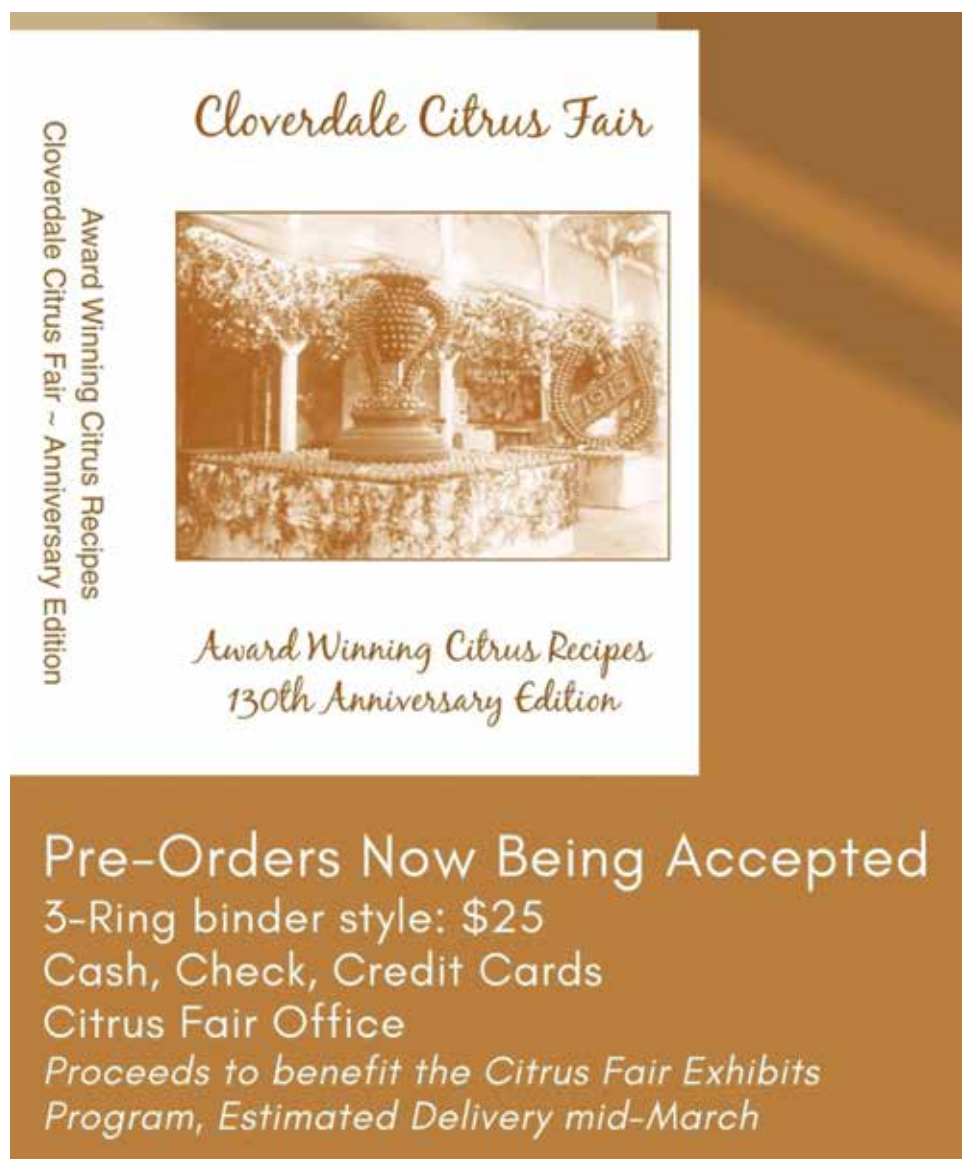
Fast forward to adulthood, play now meant sunbathing at the beach, hiking in the woods, having a picnic in a park, camping with my husband and children, or boating on the lake. But, of course, these activities could only take place after I had already fulfilled my responsibilities like work and domestic chores.

Adult play can mean spending time with your friends, pets, children, grandchildren, or even being by yourself doing something that brings you joy. Play can benefit your mood and relationships. It can be a way to relax, use your imagination, be creative, improve problem-solving and increase your emotional well-being.

Making time for play on a regular basis is essential and can lead to laughter, and as we all know, **laughter really is the best medicine**. Laughter can release those feel-good endorphins that we all need for our mental and physical well-being.

With that said, I am excited to announce that the Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center will be celebrating our 35-year anniversary of serving the Cloverdale community on July 9, 5:00-10:00 P.M. at the Cloverdale Citrus Fairgrounds outside under the stars. This event will consist of a live auction with Senator Mike McGuire as our auctioneer, silent auction, sit-down BBQ chicken dinner, full bar, and a Comedy Show.

Let the laughter roll and the feel-good endorphins kick in; we will play and have some fun!



## Cloverdale Arts Alliance's Americana Night



On Thursday, March 17, the Cloverdale Arts Alliance's Americana Night will feature the "cosmic mountain music"

of Wolf Jett. The sound of Wolf Jett will make you dance, sing, and possibly even howl. Its roots run deep into the soul and help you heal from the heaviness of life. Their sound is a celebration of perseverance, infusing folk, blues, americana and soul into what can only be described as "Cosmic Mountain Music."

This concert is a chance to experience exceptional acoustically oriented Americana roots music in a warm and intimate environment at the Cloverdale Arts Alliance Gallery. This performance

will be at the Cloverdale Arts Alliance Gallery, at 204 N. Cloverdale Blvd. 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. Americana Night is a program of the Cloverdale Arts Alliance, a non-profit arts organization bringing cultural arts to northern Sonoma County.





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## Umpire Clinic



Cloverdale Little League will be hosting an umpiring clinic on March 13th. If you are over age 12 and interested in umpiring this season, please come to this clinic. Reach out if you have any questions: [cloverdalelittleleague@gmail.com](mailto:cloverdalelittleleague@gmail.com)



National Girl Scout Day



## Let's support our Cloverdale businesses!

Submit your "Shout Out" to [info@cloverdaleconnect.com](mailto:info@cloverdaleconnect.com)

Thanks to **Todd Lands** and **Carl Howell** for their very detailed work on two major projects for our home, our deck and front porch. The excellent work Carl's guys did to provide driveway access to both is awesome, thanks!

Michael Velasquez

I HAVE to recommend **ALL GOOD CLEANING SERVICES**. As a new business owner to the oldest business in town, I have been FRUSTRATED at the years of dirt, grime and grease that had been extremely neglected. Today, I am thrilled for our property to get this deep cleaning!!! Pick's Drive In Cloverdale is getting ready for a fabulous sunny season!!!

Nichole Hinchliffe

**Ohmic Electric** - The community supports you because you do great work and are an honest man! Cloverdale is fortunate to have you. You're our go-to guy for all things electrical.

Trudie Bowen Folsom

A tribute to LOCAL businesses caring for pets in CLOVERDALE. Your services were most caring towards Gippy. We are extremely grateful for your words and time! Remembering GIPPY GUNDI 2007-2022 Today, I thank Kyla, **Cynthia's Grooming & The Cloverdale Animal Hospital**, Dr. Katie Silva, Dr. Amy Smith, & Matt Ostermann, owner.

Marta Cruz

My first time hiring **Adam Gonzalez** for taxes. I have to say, I'm very impressed with his professionalism, communication, attention to detail and his rates. Definitely plan on keeping this guy around!

Victor Cordova

THANK YOU **CLOVER DOG AND PET SUPPLY AND WASH!** I've been a Chewy user for years. But wanted to support our town a bit more. The owner cares about the products she brings in. AMERICAN sourced and made. She is hopefully going to start up a website but for now she has helped me change the foods I was getting to healthier choices for my pets. And where some items were a bit higher, others were lower, and it came out to about same cost. With healthier choices! She now has my list for easy reorders. I pay by phone and just pick up. Although she did deliver, I was VERY GREATFUL. Thank you again! Looking forward to doing more business with her.

Karen Neat-Hermann

Highly recommend Jace Wheeler, **Wheeler Electric** for any of your electrical needs!! Responsive, reliable, tidy and reasonable!!! 2 thumbs up!!

Tina Mason Styles

Everyone at **ACE** is amazing. They even offered to help me learn how to use tools that my husband had and show me techniques for painting fine edges. Sam is so kind and knowledgeable and is tolerant of my many questions. No wonder my husband used to always say "just ask Sam"!

Catherine Whitcombe

We hired **Fitzgerald Decorating & Painting** to come and paint our entire home. They did an outstanding job. Even convinced me to go out of my comfort zone and try a beautiful deep cranberry color. Beautiful gray and beige. The whole house just flows together. Absolutely recommend them!! They were prompt, efficient, reasonably priced and very clean. The work is amazing. Thank you Margaret & Patrick Fitzgerald Hailey Donahoo and Bernie!!! LOVE THE HOUSE!!!!

Max and Angela Cordova

True story about our first experience at **ACE**: When we were brand new to Cloverdale we found some cool patio furniture. Sam came out to price it (we didn't know he was THE famous "Sam" yet. He asked how we'd get it home. We pointed to our tiny pick up truck which he assessed and knew would take us at least three trips. He called a young man over and threw him his keys and said load my truck and follow these people home. We stood there stunned for a moment and then got big smiles on our faces. "Wow, we said - we love this little town!!"

Renee Roe

Just wanted to say how great the people at **Cloverdale Wellness** are! The prices and deals are great too but the customer service is out of this world. The community feel and pleasantness I experience when I go there reminds me why we moved to Cloverdale in the first place. The two owners are so kind, knowledgeable and the website is incredibly user friendly. I deal with a medical condition that was giving me a lot of issues this evening, they graciously made sure I had what I needed. Absolutely worth dropping in and they also offer delivery!

Heather Loeb

Thank you so much **Team Wolfpack** for the great job of weed pulling today.

James Jackson

Cloverdale is killin' it with access to small-biz beauty, fashion, and self care. Loving the skin I'm in thanks to my gals Dee Dee Robbins at **Aqua Zen Skin Spa** and Danielle Rachel Streb and team over at **Golden Lux**.

Kathryn Philip Hecht





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### Whisker Talk

Brigid Wasson, First Street Pets

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Pets bring joy into our lives. They give us love, companionship, fun, challenges, exercise, and so much more. They become part of our families. Sadly, their lives -- with the exception of parrots and tortoises -- are much shorter than ours, so we must inevitably deal with their loss. What can you do to make that difficult time easier for all involved?



In many cases, we must make an end-of-life decision for our pets when their quality of life becomes poor. No one can tell you exactly when that right time is, but your veterinarian can help. Dr. Katie Silva right here at Animal Hospital of Cloverdale provides in-home euthanasia services for those who prefer to not take their pet to the hospital. She and her colleagues have been compassionate to me and my beloved animals over the years. I have also had good experiences at VCA in Santa Rosa when I needed emergency euthanasia over a weekend or holiday.

Losing a pet can be like losing a friend or family member. Self-care is very important at this time. If you feel yourself becoming unwell, reach out for help. Don't let anyone tell you, "It's just a pet," or, "You can get another one."

Lastly, be honest with children about pet loss. I have seen some people lie to children at this time, saying the pet "ran away" or "went to heaven" without really telling what happened. Pets teach children many lessons including commitment, responsibility, compassion, and ultimately letting go and grieving. This is often the first experience of death for children and can help them understand the precious brevity of life.

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### CERT to train Windsor HS Students Cloverdale Training Next

The Northern Sonoma County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has been invited to train a group of Windsor High School students to become FEMA certified CERT volunteers.

The in-person, hands-on training will take place at Windsor High School. Each student will be sworn in as a California Disaster Service Worker upon completion. Some Cloverdale adults will also join in to complete their training as well.

Northern Sonoma County CERT has previously trained students at Cloverdale High School.

The training consists of learning skills in: First Aid, Search and Rescue, Disaster Triage, Fire Suppression, Victim Evacuation, and working with First Responders.

The next CERT “hands on” basic course will be held during July in Cloverdale. Adults and high school students over age 15 are invited to participate. The training is free, but the equipment issued to each CERT volunteer costs \$75. This fee is waived for students and those who cannot afford it. The training program is offered both in English and Spanish.

Also offered this coming summer in Cloverdale will be advanced training for those who are already CERT qualified volunteers. These trainings include:

- Domestic Pet Assistance during evacuation and sheltering
- Farm Animal Assistance during major incidents, evacuation and sheltering
- Radio Communications for CERTs
- Evacuation Traffic Control for CERTs
- Shelter Management for CERTs
- Disaster Psychology for CERTs

Those interested can learn more and sign up at the Northern Sonoma County CERT booth at the Wildfire & Earthquake Safety Expo on May 1 at Cloverdale Citrus Fairgrounds.

For further information contact: Geoff Peters, CERT Program Manager 301-675-7741 or gpeters@showa-farm.com



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- Ingredients

  - 1 lb (16 to 20 count) large raw shrimp, shelled and de-veined
  - 2 TBS extra virgin olive oil
  - 2 to 3 TBS butter
  - Salt
  - 3 to 4 cloves garlic, slivered, or 1 TBS minced garlic
  - 1/4 to 1/2 tps red pepper flakes (less or more to taste)
  - 1/2 cup white wine (dry white wine, Sauvignon Blanc)
  - 2 TBS finely chopped parsley
  - Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
  - 1 TBS lemon juice

Heat a sauté pan on high heat then reduce to medium high heat. Swirl the butter and olive oil into the pan. If using unsalted butter, sprinkle a little salt in the pan. Stir in the slivered garlic and red pepper flakes.

Sauté the garlic for just a minute, until it begins to brown lightly on the edges, then add the shrimp. Add the wine and stir to coat the shrimp.

Spread shrimp in an even layer in the pan. Increase the heat to high and boil the wine for about two to three minutes. If using chicken increase cooking time to four to five minutes

Remove the pan from the heat. Sprinkle the shrimp with parsley, lemon juice, and black pepper, and toss to combine. Arrange pasta on the plate add the shrimp scampi and top with parmesan cheese. Bon appétit.

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A free breakfast from Cloverdale Kiwanis and a free lunch from River Rock Casino will be included, while supplies last. This is a unique event to help Sonoma County be better prepared for the next wildfire and earthquake. Public education and training will be provided in both English and Spanish. Highlights from the 2021 Expo can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/3FHdU1J>. For more information, go to the Expo Facebook page @FireEarthquakeSafetyExpo2022 or visit <https://nosococert.org/expo>.

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