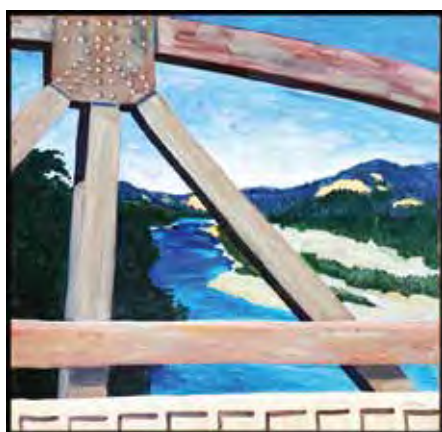


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December 2023



Editor's Note

I'm a warm weather person. However December is my favorite month. Everyone makes an effort to be kind and generous, there are sparkling lights everywhere, all the kids are so excited – there's just a positive feeling of celebration and joy. Here in Cloverdale, we have so much going on, beginning with the Winter Festival followed by the Kiwanis Crab & Pasta Feed, and also comedy at the Cloverdale Performing Arts Center, Storytime with Mrs. Claus at the library, the Holiday Tea Party at the Senior Center, and the Craft Fair at the Lutheran Church, erin mavis clothing, and SoCoTrading Open House, the 26th Annual Lions Club Toy Run, and the Christmas Table, just to mention a few of the events. There is so much to do and see!

Don't forget to shop locally, and please be kind to our hard-working local merchants when you are shopping or dining. Happy Holidays to all our readers. Your appreciation of **Cloverdale Connect** is the best gift of all!

I'll see you around town!

Dana



Lil Santa is excited for the Holiday Season while reading *Cloverdale Connect*!



Happy Holidays!

December is upon us and the magic of the season can be seen throughout our little town.

So many of our local businesses have outdone themselves with lights, decorations and holiday cheer, including Christmas Trees decorated by students from Jefferson School.

There is not a better time to check out all of the wonderful shops and restaurants in Cloverdale.

Please remember that shopping and dining locally is so very important and so very appreciated.

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Brigid Wasson Front Page Photo Contest Winner
She won a Gift Card from **Cloverdale Nursery**

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Grateful Friday(S) Turkeys & Hams & Pies, Oh My! ~ Nic Ryan

As we look forward to preparing our holiday meals, please help us ensure that every table has something to celebrate. The Cloverdale Food Pantry serves all members of our community and seeks to provide holiday staples for anyone in need. Our doors are open to distribute food every Friday from 11 am - 1 pm.

Your generous monetary contribution will help share the bounty and make "Hunger take a Holiday" this season. The Food Pantry can stretch every dollar donated. Thank you in advance for your generous support. Checks may be made out to: "Cloverdale Food Pantry" and mailed to: PO Box 1038, Cloverdale, CA 95425.

This Month We Honor The CUSD Crossing Guards
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Jim Byrne was hired in 1985 as an Instructional Assistant and Student Supervisor. Mr. Byrne became a Paraprofessional in 2004. He is often seen picking up trash to help keep the campus clean. You will see him daily with a smile and a wave doing Crossing Guard duty at Washington School. Jim loves the San Francisco Giants!



Margarita Seden moved to Cloverdale in 1996, where she began to plant her roots. Margarita said she was drawn to the small community and enjoyed how everyone cared for each other. Margarita has been a Cloverdale Crossing guard since 1999. Margarita absolutely loves it and has no plans to stop her crossing-guard duties anytime soon. Margarita loves interacting with the kids and watching them grow year after year. Margarita has two sons who served in the Army. One of her sons is still actively serving. In addition to her two sons, Margarita has four grandkids that she adores. In her spare time, Margarita enjoys going for walks with her dog, "Rambo," and enjoys gardening as it helps her relax from the everyday stuff, but she says her greatest joy comes from seeing the kids during her crossing guard time. Margarita says if you are driving, to please stop when you see the school bus when its red lights are activated while students are loading and unloading.



Patricia Dias moved to Cloverdale with her soulmate when her children were in high school. Together they had two more children who were raised in Cloverdale. Patricia has always been caring about children. She taught dance to her first three kids' classes and also was a crossing guard for them when they were in McDowell Elementary School in Petaluma. She taught dance to her children and then her grandchild when they were in school at Jefferson Elementary. Patricia

has always been very cautious of the cross walk that crosses over from Jefferson to the other side of Cloverdale Blvd with everything that she saw from cars speeding, to running the stop sign, to even sometimes coming up on the sidewalk, that is when she went to the Cloverdale Police to inquire about being a crossing guard to help protect the kids. She was hired. Now, even though she does not get paid to cross the kids, she comes out every morning and afternoon to see the kids get across the street safely. Many have seen her cross the kids first hand and just love what she does and the kids love her right back. Patricia has such a caring soul and would do anything to make sure the kids are taken care of. She still resides in Cloverdale where she now watches over her new granddaughter and all the other kids that she comes in contact with.



Yvonne Jelton or "Miss Candy" to most, grew up in South San Francisco. She is 1 of ten siblings, 8 sisters and 1 brother. During her school years she enjoyed being part of the swim team, volleyball team and drama club. She moved to Santa Rosa in the middle of her junior year.

After she graduated, you could find her at the local Star Skate where she was tearing it up. That's where she caught the eye of her future husband Rick. They soon moved to Cloverdale and started their family. They have 2 daughters, Cassy and Valerie. She started working at Washington School as an aid in 1989. She also was on yard duty and a crossing guard. Anything she could help with. She was a Girl Scouts group leader for both her daughters' trips. You could always see her at the entrance door to the Citrus Fair taking tickets. She decided to retire in 2017, after multiple knee surgeries. Long days were not in the cards anymore. She still does Girl Scouts and helps with the Citrus Fair but no longer takes tickets. You can always catch her selling Tupperware during the Citrus Fair as well. After 5 years of volunteering with random events and helping the grandkids, she decided to come out of retirement in 2022 and go back to the school as a crossing guard. She loves saying "hi" to all the kids and parents, making sure they get to and from school safely! Her dedication shows.



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PET of the MONTH

Bingo

loves being near or in water
and enjoys nice frozen
peanut butter on hot days.
He is such a good boy!

Alexis Sanchez

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Cloverdale Christmas Giving



A big THANK YOU to the supporters of the **Cloverdale Christmas Giving** for local families in need. Angela Cordova is once again assisting with the Cloverdale Christmas Giving for families that may need a little help this Holiday

Season. The Santa's helpers from Honeybee's Playgarden will be helping Santa wrap the gifts again.

If you would like to adopt a family or donate, please contact Angela 707-479-8089 or angelacordova@comcast.net to ensure there is enough to support all the families signing up. You can Venmo Angela and put Cloverdale Christmas in the note or write a check to "St Peter's SVdP conference" for a tax write-off. Angela is happy to pick up your donation check.



Whisker Talk

Brigid Wasson

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- 2) Is all the family on board? Your partner may mention wanting a dog but are they actually ready at this time? If you're not sure and you want to surprise you can give a gift basket with toys and other supplies along with a "coupon" for a new pet.
- 3) Is the puppy for a child? Pets can help teach children responsibility but adults ultimately need to provide care. If your child loses interest, it is not fair to give up the dog. Be realistic and make a commitment.
- 4) Consider adoption. You may be set on a puppy of a certain breed but there are many puppies and dogs waiting for a home in shelters and rescues. A mixed breed of the right kind can make a great family pet and might even be healthier than a purebred.

Boys & Girls Clubs Corner ~ Kat Ryan

We are excited to share how Boys & Girls Clubs of Sonoma-Marin is serving the Cloverdale community. We provide programs to more than 200 kids, ages 4-18, at Jefferson Elementary, Washington Middle School and through our teen program.

New this year is our Cloverdale Teens Program for all kids in 9-12th grade. Activities include:

- Chefs Club
- Teen Nights at the Clubhouse with ping pong, pool table, games and more
- Pottery Classes
- Study Hall with tutoring
- Movie Nights



To sign up for teen club contact: Kat Ryan, 707-894-5063 or visit bgcsonoma-marin.org/cloverdale-teenclub

Adopt a Family: Join us in helping spread holiday cheer to 13 Cloverdale families! Through our annual gift drive, we collect gifts to donate to Club Kids & their families. To learn more and adopt a Club Family, visit: bgcsonoma-marin.org/holidays

Winter Camp: We are hosting a winter break camp at our Clubhouse Jan. 2-5th & Jan. 8th for all kids grades K-8th. To enroll contact: Sarah Serbent, sserbent@bgcsonoma-marin.org, 707-919-0555.

We love supporting our kids and families in Cloverdale and invite you join us:


- Volunteer your time to teach kids a new skill, or
- Help kids with their homework, and of course
- Make a donation to support the youth and Club programs in Cloverdale.

Learn more or get involved at bgcsonoma-marin.org!


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Kawanis gave the Rotary Interactors a generous donation for their time and effort, demonstrating the "working together" spirit of Cloverdale.



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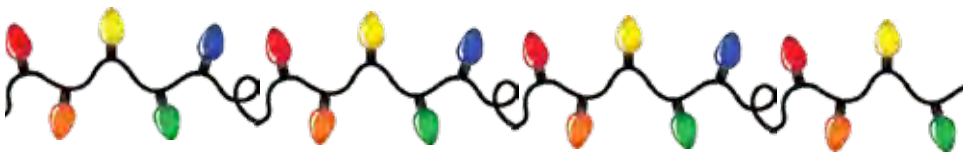
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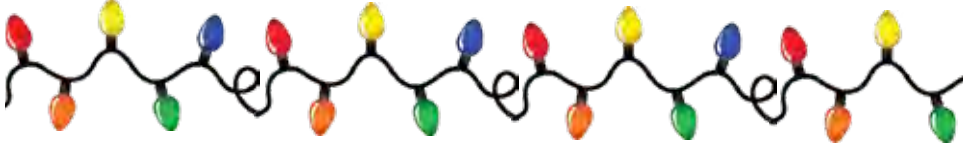
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Cloverdale Rotary Club members retrieved Kleiser Park from a field of trash and weeds more than 15 years ago. Twice a year club members do a cleanup and see to it that lighting and irrigation systems are kept in working order.

Pictured are Rotarians Lynn Hoyer, Joan Tillman, Bill Hoyer, Mark Thayer and Jimmy D Martini



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That Book Cover Guy
Michele Armanino



John Koetzner is not your conventional kind of guy. Back in 2018, Koetzner applied for the job as Children's Services Librarian at the Cloverdale Library. Forsaking the traditional suit and tie, he appeared at the interview outfitted in a t-shirt fashioned out of children's book covers. Koetzner read *The Seals on the Bus* by Lenny Hort to the panel and assigned each interviewer an animal noise to make as he read their part. The committee received stickers from Koetzner at the end of the interview. "Even if I didn't get the position," he remembers, "I got a kick out of seeing adults acting like children again!" Needless to say, he nailed the job!

Koetzner, who has a Master's degree in Library Science, ran the college library program at Mendocino College in Ukiah where he later worked in the Child Development Center Storytime Program. "I just melted when small children thanked me for reading to them," he says. "Now that the Cloverdale library is open again after COVID, it's very touching when kids come in and ask, 'Do you remember me?'" And he certainly does!

"There's always something fun going on inside or online at the Cloverdale library," Koetzer adds. Available 24/7 under the Sonoma County Library home page, Elibrary, are: Book Flix, which offers children's fiction/nonfiction books in Spanish. Kanopy offers foreign films, academy award winning movies, animated picture books and nonfiction books also in Spanish. On the second Tuesday of the month, the Cloverdale Library presents, Spanish Music and Movement, with Koetzner presenting bilingual storytime with the aid of a Spanish-speaking parent. A craft cart, designed by colleague, Heather Lewers, allows children to express themselves using art supplies, and Wonderbooks actually read stories to children while computer stations offer educational games. The outdoor patio is about to get a redesign which will include a stage for presenters and musicians. In keeping with the festive holiday spirit of downtown Cloverdale, the library will offer a gingerbread making workshop on December 12.

John Koetzner makes reading fun for children of all ages. Kind of makes you want to be a kid again, doesn't it?

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Time: A Key Element Of Investing

We've reached the end of another year — so it's appropriate to reflect on the nature of time and how it affects us. And time certainly is a key element in the pursuit of your financial goals.

As an investor, time can be your greatest ally — when you invest for the long term, you could achieve an impressive cumulative growth in value, though there are no guarantees.

But you also need to consider time in other ways. For example, each year, you should check your progress toward various financial goals. If you're falling behind, you may need to adjust your investment mix — or the goals themselves.

You also need to consider time in choosing your investment strategies. For longer-term goals, such as retirement, you'll need to consider owning a reasonable number of growth-oriented investments. But for shorter-term goals, such as a wedding or vacation, you may want to look at investments with fewer fluctuations in value.

Here's one more point to keep in mind: Over time, your risk tolerance may change, so you may need to adjust your investment approach and expectations.

When you invest, your biggest consideration may be time — so use it wisely.

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December Gardening Tips from Sonoma County Master Gardeners

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- Protect frost-tender species such as Bougainvillea, Hibiscus, Citrus, Tibouchina, and other tender species. You can use an anti-desiccant spray such as Cloud Cover or cover plants with sheets or lightweight blankets or burlap. If you use plastic sheeting, do not allow plastic to contact foliage.
- Dig up and divide grasses and perennials if the ground is not completely saturated from rain. Make sure that once you've excavated a plant to keep roots moist.
- Continue to plant California natives and hardy trees and shrubs.
- Rake up leaves as they fall. Shred large leaves before composting or run a lawn mower over them. If not shredded, large, moist leaves will mat and decompose very slowly, making a slippery, gooey mass in your compost pile or on beds.
- Make sure your garden is amply mulched for the winter. Mulch will insulate roots and retard weed growth.
- Plant any remaining spring-blooming bulbs. Sow wildflower seeds.
- Clean, oil and store tools such as shovels, hoes, and pruners. Use light machine oil on metal parts to prevent rust.
- Clean out gutters to avoid overflow and direct water to downspouts.
- Winter is the season when rats forage—and damage—ornamental plants. If you have had problems in the past or if your neighbors have noticed rats, put out traps early before rats damage fruit trees, vines, climbing roses and shrubs.
- Rats favor heavy cover like overgrown ivy. If you have ivy, the best time to prune or remove it is winter when growth slows and soil is somewhat soft. If you wait until spring, ivy quickly grows, and roots are more difficult to remove.
- Plant amaryllis or paperwhites indoors and decorate with evergreen boughs to echo the pleasing atmosphere of an outdoor garden.



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- Dec 2 Saturday**
5:30pm Kiwanis Crab & Pasta Feed, Citrus Fairgrounds
7pm Kenny Bania & Larry "Bubbles Brown", CPAC
1:30pm Milk & Cookies With Santa, Vine Ridge Senior Living
- Dec 3 Sunday**
2pm Storytime with Mrs Claus, CPAC
5:30-8pm Photos With Santa, 207 Gamay Dr.
- Dec 6 Wednesday**
2:30-4:30pm Teens Game On, Library
- Dec 7 Thursday**
10:30am Family Story Time, Library
4-5:30 Teen Cookie Decorating (by reservation), Library
- Dec 9 Saturday**
1-3pm Holiday Tea Party, Senior Center
10am-Noon Craft Fair, Lutheran Church
9am-2pm Hopland Craft Fair, 1 Ralph Bettcher Dr.
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Cloverdale Nursery Open House
- Dec 10 Sunday**
2pm Amy Zanolosso in Concert, CPAC
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Lions Club Toy Run, Citrus Fairgrounds
12-1pm Amy G Book Signing, erin mavis clothing
Cloverdale Nursery Open House
- Dec 12 Tuesday**
4-5pm Gingerbread Workshop for Kids (by reservation), Library
- Dec 14 Thursday**
10:30am Family Story Time, Library
- Dec 16 Saturday**
9-11am Shred Event, Corner of Commercial & W. 2nd St.
11am-12pm History of Salsa, Library
- Dec 21 Thursday**
7pm Americana Night, Cloverdale Arts Alliance
10:30am Family Story Time, Library
11am-5pm Chloe jewelry pop-up at erin mavis clothing
- Dec 25 Monday**
4:30-6:30pm The Christmas Table, High School, East Gym
- Dec 26 Tuesday**
10:30am Family Story Time, Library
- Ongoing Events:**
One Warm Coat Drive, W Real Estate, Ends Dec 16
Toy Drive, W Real Estate, Ends Dec 6
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- For complete event details and more local events go to**
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As we near the end of 2023, the City of Cloverdale would like to inform the community of some significant changes that are set to take place at the Cloverdale Police Department. These changes represent both a transition in leadership and an opportunity for growth within our police department.

Honoring Retiring Police Chief Ferguson



First and foremost, it is with mixed emotions that we announce the retirement of our dedicated Police Chief, Jason Ferguson. After four years of service and commitment to our community, Chief Ferguson will be retiring on December 14th. Chief Ferguson, a beacon of dedication and service, will be leaving behind a legacy marked by outstanding achievements and unwavering commitment to our community's safety and emergency preparedness. His emphasis on proactive engagement and collaboration with Resilient Cloverdale and the CloveReady Initiative has strengthened the bond between the police force and our community. As Chief Ferguson prepares to embark on this new chapter in his life, the City of Cloverdale expresses profound gratitude for his dedicated service and wishes him a fulfilling and well-deserved retirement. The impact of his leadership will resonate within our community for years to come.

Introduction of New Police Chief Chris Parker

It is my privilege to introduce the new leader who will be taking the helm of our Police Department. Lieutenant Chris Parker, who has served with distinction in various roles within our department, will assume the position of Police Chief effective December 15th. Chris is a highly experienced law enforcement professional with a career spanning over two decades. His journey in the field began in 1998 when he started as a police reserve officer for the city of Mountain View. In 2001, Chris was hired as a police officer for the city of Cotati, where he quickly made his mark and was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2005.



Throughout his career, Chris has taken on diverse assignments that have showcased his versatility and dedication to community safety. He has worked on and supervised numerous undercover operations and probation enforcement operations, demonstrating a keen understanding of addressing quality-of-life issues. In 2015, Chris joined the Cloverdale Police Department, where he was promoted to patrol sergeant. Demonstrating exemplary leadership skills, he was once again promoted in 2019 to the rank of Patrol Lieutenant.

During his tenure in Cloverdale, Chris's leadership was tested as he served as the acting police chief for nine months during challenging times, including the Tubbs fire, an officer-involved shooting, and various community issues that arose. Chris successfully navigated these situations, addressing them with efficiency and professionalism. Additionally, he took proactive steps to foster community engagement by initiating programs such as National Night Out and Coffee with a Cop, to name a few, further strengthening the bond between law enforcement and the community they serve. Chris's dedication, experience, and ability to handle complex situations make him a respected and trusted leader in law enforcement and throughout Sonoma County.

Introduction of 10th Officer Marlen Gonzales

In addition to the new dispatcher, we are also welcoming

Marlen Gonzalez to our team as a new police officer. Marlen is currently attending the Santa Rosa Police Academy and is expected to graduate on December 8th. Marlen's dedication, commitment, and eagerness to serve our community make her an outstanding addition to our force. Marlen was born on October 7th, 1999, in Santa Rosa, California, and moved to Cloverdale when she was in the third grade. She has lived in Cloverdale most of her life and attended elementary, middle, and high school in Cloverdale. Marlen played on the high school soccer team and ran track and field. Since she was a child, her dream was to become a police officer because she looked up to them as heroes for being selfless and working in the field to protect the community.

Marlen is very excited about what the future holds for her on this journey as a public safety officer. She looks forward to building relationships within the community to make it a safer place. The addition of Marlen as our 10th Police Officer, will enable the Cloverdale Police Department to dedicate an officer to serve as a School Resource Officer for the Cloverdale Unified School District.



Introduction of New Police Dispatcher Tanya Galloway

Introducing Furthermore, We are thrilled to introduce a new member of the Cloverdale Police Department family, Tanya Galloway, who officially took her Oath of Office on November 8th. Tanya, a long-time resident of Cloverdale, has a heart full of dedication and a passion for serving her community. Let's get to know the woman behind the badge a little better.

Born and raised in Healdsburg, Tanya moved to Cloverdale in 2010 with her husband, Justin, and their two sons, Tatum (12) and Jayden (10). For the past 12 years, she had the privilege of being a stay-at-home mom, an experience she cherishes deeply. Tanya immersed herself in all aspects of raising her children, making a conscious effort to be active and present in their lives.

Tanya's commitment to her community didn't stop at home. She dedicated her time to various activities within Cloverdale. Tanya volunteered at local schools, coached youth soccer, and served on the board of the Jefferson Parent-Teacher Association for the past 6 years. In fact, she served as the President of the Jefferson PTA for the last 2 years and currently holds positions on the Cloverdale Little League and Cloverdale Chargers Boards. Furthermore, she proudly serves as the President of the Washington Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA). Tanya's dedication and hard work have significantly contributed to the success of these organizations, and she takes immense pride in her contributions.

These changes mark an important chapter in the history of our police department, and we are confident that Chief Parker, Tanya Galloway, and Marlen Gonzalez will continue the tradition of excellence, integrity, and community engagement that our Police Department is known for.

Thank you for your continued support of the Cloverdale Police Department. We look forward to working together to ensure the safety and security of our community under the leadership of Chief Parker and the dedication of our new team members.



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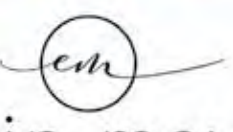


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Thanks to some great teamwork, a reward fund has been established to encourage people to come forward with tips about who vandalized the Sculpture Trail sculptures. Please contribute any way you can -- whether that's with funds or even just spreading the word. It all helps! Renee Tierney and Debra Jack kicked things off with initial donations. Janet Domeniconi, who leads the Sculpture Trail, established a dedicated PO Box for reward checks and is point of contact with CPD. Let's find these hoodlums!

As a reminder -- three sculptures have been vandalized in the past few months. The Trail is nearly 20 years old. Artists won't want to exhibit their art in our town if we don't stop this nonsense.

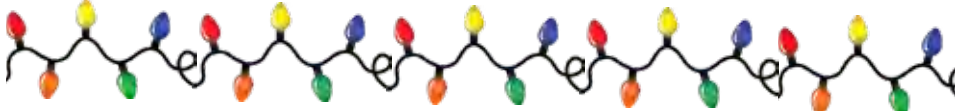
Checks can be made out to the Cloverdale Sculpture Trail. PO Box 133 Cloverdale, 95425. This is the dedicated PO Box for reward checks.



"Celestial Poodle" & "Knight"-- artists Peter & Robyn Crompton



On November 9th 2023, The City of Cloverdale recognized and honored the Native American with a Proclamation. Mayor Todd Lands invited three tribes to accept the proclamation. Tisha Jones, Chairwoman of The Point Arena Band of Pomo Indians, Miguel Gonzalez Tribal Youth Coordinator for Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians and Max Cordova, Spiritual Leader Dry Creek Rancheria. All three tribal members thanked the City for their honor and recognition.



Bella Moda Raises Awareness

During October, the team members at Bella Moda Salon & Spa raised awareness about breast cancer. The team and their clients were able to remember or honor those who have been affected by breast cancer with ribbons that they signed and then were put up in the salon. In addition, anyone who wanted could donate and enter a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate to Bella Moda Hair Salon. The salon raised almost \$750, which was donated to North Bay Cancer Alliance, keeping it local.

The team received a wonderful letter of appreciation from Kent Corley, Executive Director of North Bay Cancer Alliance, acknowledging their donation. He let them know that they will be able to help many patients who really need the support, some of whom live in Cloverdale.

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Gene Marcinkowski

Walking around our town, I see a lot of litter. We have a beautiful city and more and more visitors are coming in, and it is sometimes embarrassing to project this image to them. While visiting the city of Pacific Grove I see signs around the businesses that solicit volunteers to "Adopt a Street". It is hard to find litter there.

I have taken it upon myself to adopt a street which is 1st Street West from Franklin to Main Street. I try to do this once a week. It is amazing how much I pick up! A number of our Cloverdale American Legion Post members are participating. Thanks to people like Bob Cox and his crew, they pretty much have the river cleanup covered. Thanks to Al Delsid and his crew who clean the cemetery. Please let me know if anyone would like to join me and "Adopt A Street", perhaps the street in front of your house or beyond. I can be reached at 707-291-0500 or ferme1@comcast.net for more information.



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\$1,000,000 Investment For Alexander Valley Healthcare's Vision

In a move that will transform access to healthcare in the region, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors has demonstrated a profound commitment to Northern Sonoma County by authorizing the Department of Health Services (DHS) Director, Tina Rivera, to execute a funding agreement with Alexander Valley Healthcare (AVH). The County will provide a critical investment of up to \$1,000,000 towards AVH's capital costs and services expansion in their plans to build a state-of-the-art Health and Wellness Center in downtown Cloverdale.

A cornerstone of the community for decades, AVH has long been dedicated to providing essential medical, dental, and behavioral health services to a population with limited access to medical care.

Supervisor James Gore, who championed utilizing 4th District Community Infrastructure Funds for the project, expressed his enthusiasm. "We are proud to partner with Alexander Valley Healthcare to expand healthcare access in this region. Discussions have already taken place with DHS and the Human Services Department to establish satellite offices in the new facility to bring additional services to Cloverdale and the surrounding areas. This is our investment in the well-being of our community and is a step towards ensuring that everyone in Sonoma County has access to the care they need."

The ambitious Health & Wellness Center project carries a total cost of \$40 million which will be raised through a combination of sources including tax-exempt bond financing, County, State, and Federal grants, and a \$5 million Capital Campaign. The proposed new three-story facility will offer a wide range of services in addition to those already provided by AVH, including Urgent Care, preventative health screenings, medical specialty services, wellness programs, and community outreach initiatives, all under one roof.

Alexander Valley Healthcare CEO, Debbie Howell, expressed her gratitude for the investment, "This generous capital support from the County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors is a tremendous step forward for healthcare in our community. We are ready to put these funds to work and build a health center that will benefit individuals and families throughout Northern Sonoma County."

AVH is a Federally Qualified Health Center dedicated to providing patient-centered healthcare with excellence in quality, service, and access for all. Their mission is to improve the health and well-being of the community by offering comprehensive, accessible, and compassionate care.

For more information about Alexander Valley Healthcare and the Health and Wellness Center Campaign, please contact Kirsten Tellez at kitellez@alexandervalleyhealthcare.org, or (707) 203-2135, visit www.alexandervalleyhealthcare.org

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Tidy up for holiday guests and call in a bulky item pick-up. Cloverdale residents are eligible for 1 free bulky item pick-up per year. Online recologysonomamarin@recology.com or call 800-243-0291

Rotary has made both locally and globally a commitment to protect and preserve the environment, and this ongoing “Adopt a Road” project is one way the Rotary Club of Cloverdale participates. The Club would once again like to thank Clyde Galantine and the County of Sonoma for the opportunity to be of service.

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Christmas, Children and Cloverdale

Mary Jo Winter

Since moving to Cloverdale 36 years ago as Editor of the Cloverdale Reveille, I've been privileged to witness and participate in the true spirit of Christmas. Here are a few examples.

A few days before Christmas in 1987, someone ransacked a residence on Lile Lane. When the couple and their 12-year-old daughter returned home, they were devastated to discover all of their presents had also been stolen. Already struggling financially, they had no money to replace any of it.

The Reveille's submission deadline had already passed, so our staff personally contacted local businesses to let them know what happened. The response was "genuinely Cloverdale," with donations more than replacing what was stolen. Everything was wrapped and delivered on Christmas Eve.

Clear Water Ranch, a residential treatment facility for 34 abused and neglected children between the ages of 5 and 12, opened the following year. Again, the Reveille stepped up and the Christmas Angel Project was born.

For the next three Christmases, each child compiled a three-item Wish List. Community members then choose a name to fulfill one or all of the gift wishes, thus ensuring none of the children were forgotten on Christmas morning.

When the facility closed, Cloverdale Family Service immediately developed a similar outreach for children in town. Beside toys, their program included food boxes and warm clothing.

Now called the Christmas Wish program, it has continued in one form or another for 35 years. Various groups and organizations have sponsored it, along with support from school groups, service clubs, churches, and businesses. The Kiwanis Club has spearheaded it for the last three years.

La Familia Sana, a grassroots organization assisting underserved members of our community, has "adopted" 158 families this year, including about 400 children, many of whom are homeless, or living in a single room or a garage.

The St. Vincent de Paul conference at St. Peter's Church provides meals and grocery gift cards at Christmas for those in need.

Angela Cordova, her family and a small cadre of donors and volunteers try to catch families who might otherwise fall through the cracks, by fulfilling their wish lists, providing warm clothing and gift cards to Ray's Market.

David Maciel, through his "Second Life Bicycle Rescue" charity, has been giving away 20-24 totally refurbished children's bikes each of the last few Christmases. Contact him with questions via Facebook Messenger or at djm0816@att.net.

The 26th annual Cloverdale Lions Toy Run, which contributes around 200 toys each year, takes place on Dec. 10 at the Citrus Fair. Admission is \$10 plus a new, unwrapped toy, and includes music, raffles, silent auction, and BBQ, as well as a Pack Ride with Santa.

To top it off, a free Community Dinner will be hosted by Parkside Christian Chapel and The Bridge Foursquare Church on Christmas day from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the East gym at the high school. There will be a children's choir, kids' stockings, and a raffle. Everyone is welcome. RSVP to parkside@gmail.com.



Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center

Melanie Hall

As they say, "It's the most wonderful time of the year" and yet as I look back on 2023 there were many wonderful times this year. At the Cloverdale Senior Center it has been a very busy year. We were lucky to apply for and receive several grants to help us provide classes and programs to help our community. One of the grants provided funds for 20 Wellness workshops that focused on mental and physical well-being. It also helped support our now four-day-a-week lunch program. Another grant provided several thousand dollars for urgent food needs to those who are food insecure.

We offered a Grief Support Group twice this year to support those who were going through a difficult time in their life. We had several food distributions aimed at our seniors in need thanks to the collaboration with Redwood Empire Food Bank. We held a Needs Assessment Focus Group in association with Area Agency on Aging to hear what aspects of life our seniors were dealing with. We also had a lot of fun and socialization with classes like Country Fusion Dance, Belly Dancing, Bean Bag Baseball, and many more.

Peter Van Gelder and friends provided musical entertainment in March to benefit the Senior Center. Gretchen Peters and fellow talented artists shared their musical and songwriting talents with the community at our big fundraiser, Nashville Comes to Sonoma County, which was a partnership between our local CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and the Senior Center.

It was so nice to see so many familiar faces support our Pancake Breakfast during the Car Show in September and at the Holiday Craft Fair in November. We are so grateful to be able to bring back our popular Holiday Tea in person this year for the first time since 2019, local favorite band, The Fitch Mountaineers, is providing the musical entertainment.

During this holiday season, all of the team here at the Senior Center want you to know how grateful we are for your support of what we do. We wish you and your loved ones peace, love, joy, and happiness now and into the new year.

Steelhead Festival



The 15th Annual Steelhead Festival is a free community event (held rain or shine) on Saturday, Feb 10, 2024, from 10 am – 4 pm at the Milt Brandt Visitor's Center & Congressman Don Clausen Fish Hatchery.

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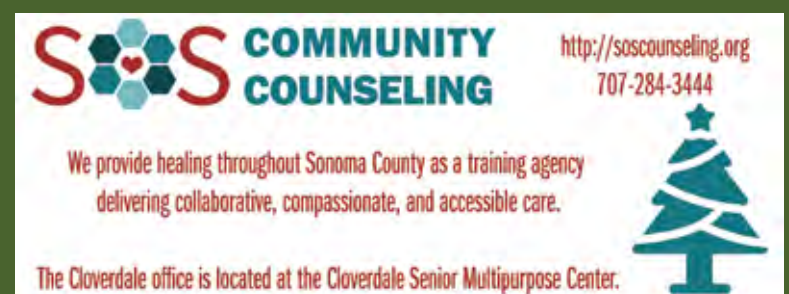
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Let's Travel ~ Craig Clark

Here are some great tips for avoiding jet lag from a long flight in economy class:

Jet lag's potential side effects include dehydration, feeling sick from high altitude, fatigue and an increased risk of deep vein thrombosis, a potentially fatal condition. If you're taking a long flight, book an airline specializing in long-haul flights, like Air New Zealand, Qantas, Singapore and others. Avoid all connections when you travel long distances as it disrupts your sleep and rest patterns.

Dress the part. Wear loose clothing and bring a comfortable neck pillow, eye mask and noise-canceling headphones, like Sony's in-ear headphones WF-1000XM4. Take eye masks, and remember the compression socks.

Your risk of developing deep vein thrombosis (DVT) is significantly higher on long-haul flights. Not moving for more than 10 hours can cause a deadly blood clot. It's critical for travelers on long-haul flights to stay active during all aspects of the flight. This can mean wiggling your feet and toes, getting up to walk around, anything that keeps the blood from pooling in your feet. You should give your body a break by standing up every 30 to 45 minutes.

Don't stop drinking water. You know the advice to stay hydrated on a plane? Make that a double on a long-haul flight, say experts. "Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate!"

There's a new method for handling jet lag called FlyKitt, developed by a company called Fount. It uses an iPhone app, patented supplements and light-filtering glasses to adjust you to the new time zone quickly. The app tells you when to sleep, when to take the supplements, and meal timing.

Andrew Herr, Fount's CEO, says the technology came from his work with Navy SEALs, where he discovered that the pressure change in flight causes inflammation.



Spread Holiday Cheer to Seniors Through the Mail

Do you have a little spare time? Are your children looking for a craft to benefit others? The Sonoma County Library's Send Our Seniors Mail program encourages kindness and support for elders in the community during the holiday season and beyond.

"Letter writing is a time-honored way of communicating. This program is a wonderful way for community members to connect to local seniors with a personal touch," said Sonoma County Library Director Erika Thibault.

Local senior facilities report that the mail program is welcomed by the community's seniors.

"Sending mail to our local seniors is like sending a piece of your heart through the mailbox, reminding them that they are cherished and never alone. This program is important because it brings smiles, warmth and a sense of connection to our elderly loved ones," said Director of Senior Services at West County Services Emily Heinzelman. "By participating, you can make a world of difference in their lives, one letter at a time."



Visit sonomalibrary.org/SendMail for a list of participating facilities and addresses. Community members of all ages are invited to send cards, postcards, drawings and letters. Make sure your mail is legible, in large print and handwritten. Keep your message positive, kind and thoughtful. Staff at the facilities then distribute the mail to residents who would benefit from positive outreach. This is a one-way mail program, so please do not include requests for response.

Addresses of senior facilities are added to the Send Our Seniors Mail webpage as they become available. If you know of a potential Send Our Seniors Mail facility, please email the library at sendourseniorsmail@sonomalibrary.org.

Connect with C.H.S.

Cheyenne Schriner

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Put on by the winter sports division, a "Powder Puff," or flag football game between girls from both the Junior and Varsity basketball teams was officiated by coach Mac Butler to fundraise for its upcoming season. Divided between seniors and sophomores, the Pink Panthers, against freshman and juniors, the Purple Pandas. The game was coached by boys from the Junior and Varsity football team, where they guided the girls through 2 practices and quarters, and the Pink Panthers took a 19-0 win against the Purple Pandas.

A new after school club on campus, "Chef's Club," was created by the "Cloverdale Clubhouse," and teaches students to cook both basic and advanced meals with accessible ingredients in a 3 hour, bi-monthly course. Their new program is only one of many activities available to 9th through 12th graders outside of school, offering open gym basketball, ping pong, a pool table, art space and homework help free of charge at 686 S. Cloverdale Blvd.

FFA would like to thoroughly thank the Lions Club for assisting in the cooking of all Tri-Tip dinners in their 2nd annual BBQ Fundraiser. The officer team and volunteers split between kitchen and drive thru jobs to package food and collect tickets on November 7th, generating enough profit to send their officers to the spring state leadership conference.

The boys soccer team tied with Justin Siena, a Napa Catholic school, in their first league game of the season on November 15th. Coming back twice with two crackling goals by Santino Demattei and Christan Orozco, and ending the night in a 2-2 draw with great saves between both goalies, Luis Santos and Alfredo Jimenez.

CHS has officially reintroduced its California Scholarship Federation club, a statewide nonprofit organization whose mission is to recognize high academic achievement and active community service amongst under and upperclassmen. On campus, it works to bring college education and opportunity by touring university, junior, and state colleges in the Northern California region.

Come out and support first generation students by picking up a dessert during their bake sale at the annual Christmas Festival on December 1st!

Holidays Can Be Tough Here Is Where You Can Find Help

Alcoholics Anonymous (707) 544-1300 (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.

Child Parent Institute (707) 585-6108 3650

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



The Cloverdale community honors **John Turner** for his decades of unwavering dedication to our youth sports. A Cloverdale Lion, John has been instrumental in supporting our local youth sports programs. Thank you, John, for your legacy and for what you mean to our Cloverdale community.



Cloverdale Arts Alliance Americana Night

On Thursday, December 21, the Cloverdale Arts Alliance's Americana Night will feature Obsidian Son. Touching on country, soul, and Americana, Sean Patrick Garvey's Obsidian Son delivers songs that lift themselves from the speakers and slow dance gracefully across the room. Deft accompaniment and flourish are wrapped around a core of



things are cooked down and distilled. You can always build from there."

Americana Night is hosted at the Cloverdale Arts Alliance Gallery located at 204 N. Cloverdale Blvd. Tickets are \$20 for Cloverdale Arts Alliance members and \$25 for non-members. Doors open at 7:00pm; music from 7:30 – 9:30pm. Americana Night takes place the third Thursday of each month from October through May.

To receive reserved seating privileges, purchase advance tickets online at www.cloverdaleartsalliance. Tickets, if available, may also be purchased at the door.

Americana Night 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, THE Jazz Club, Music Workshops, Discovering Art Series, Art Classes, The Blues Night, and Special Events.

City Council Report
Eleanore Webster

At the October 25th Council meeting, there were several members of the public who spoke about housing, diversity, and racism, and the need for more activism in the City. The Student Liaison gave a report on improved school security and the celebrations for Dia de los Muertos. The Council considered a proclamation condemning the terrorist attacks on Israel and reaffirming its stand against violence in any form. A member of the public spoke about her experiences in Palestine and about the tragedies and deaths that are occurring.

The Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Ballot Initiative was discussed. The UGB separates the city from surrounding open space and farmland. If the UGB is moved, the City needs to develop modifications to zoning and land use designation. County approval would also be involved.

A resolution was presented that allowed the City to continue to use the Cloverdale Performing Arts Center for its meetings. This agreement will provide a home for City meetings going forward. The resolution passed unanimously.

At the November 8th meeting, there were comments from the public about the need for more low-cost housing. The Student Liaison mentioned that merit awards were handed out at Washington School, and high school students were able to do a trip to the Santa Rosa Junior College to view the campus. The Council declared November as Native American Heritage Month and recognized the economic, cultural, and spiritual contributions of the local Native American community. Several members of the Point Arena, Scotts Valley and Dry Creek Pomo Indian bands were present to accept the honor. *(Editor's note - see page 10)*

Tanya Galloway, a Sonoma County native, was sworn in as the newest Dispatcher for the Cloverdale Police Department. Dispatcher Galloway was surrounded by an enthusiastic and very supportive group of family and friends, along with her new coworkers. If Ms. Galloway brings as much enthusiasm to her job as her supporters did to the swearing-in ceremony, she is sure to do very well in her career.

There was a request to hang a flag in December honoring the Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors. This led to discussion about an additional flagpole and the need for a revised policy regarding commemorative flags. The Council decided to fly the Pearl Harbor flag on the current flagpole in front of City Hall in December, and to send the matter back to sub-committee for discussion of a revised policy. The City Manager reported that the dog park construction is underway and making progress.



Pictured visiting the Little Red Rotary Library are Oluv and Ute Sundstet, Santa Rosa residents who every weekend visit different free neighborhood loaning libraries throughout the county, looking for unique treasures to read, exchange, and to tidy up the books. Decorated by the Cloverdale High School Rotary Interact Club, the Sundstets commented that the Red Rotary "barn" was one of the nicest free loaning libraries they've seen.

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Cloverdale Library Community Connection

John Koetzner, Children's Services Librarian

As we wind down 2023, and get closer to saying good-bye to it, the library is still actively adding more resources that go beyond the library walls and make our collections accessible all the time. This month sees the newly released The Palace Project app and the Shelf TV app. The Palace Project allows patrons to see our eBook and online audio books in one app and gives access to 245,000 titles and borrowing limits do apply. Additionally, it does require creating an account and you need a library card, but it is a wonderful way to read and listen across our different eBook collections. Likewise, the Shelf TV is an app that has Spanish language programming that includes television series and movies from Latin American countries and Spain. Plus, library staff are always happy to help patrons set up apps on their tablets or phones too.

As we move deeper into the winter, the library is teaming up with Sonoma County Tourism to do a personal hygiene products drive. We have a collection barrel next to our Redwood Empire Food Bank barrel to collect new hygiene products for the less fortunate. Items that we're collecting through December include toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, liquid soap, combs, brushes, shampoo, razors, pads, tampons, and socks. This is a wonderful time to help others in need.

Children

Gingerbread Workshop for Kids – (This is a reservation event that is limited to 30 participants) Dec. 12 at 4-5 pm

Family Storytime – December 7, 14, 21, & 26, at 10:30 am

Teen

Festive Cookie Decorating for Teens -- (This is a reservation event that is limited to 18 participants) Dec. 7 at 4-5:30 pm.

Game On! (Weekly on Wed.) starting Dec. 6 at 2:30-4:30 pm.

Adult

History of Salsa (Through vinyl sounds and storytelling, participants will experience the origins of salsa and its connection with immigrant communities across the USA and Latin America.) December 16, 2023 at 11:00am - 12:00pm

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Honoring Our Veterans

Angela Cordova

The Sons of The American Legion Squadron 293 hosted their annual S.O.S. breakfast for our Veterans. Thank you to all of our Veterans for their service. You will not be forgotten.



Phil Brooks spoke about the table setting, remembering each person who is not here and why. The **Table** is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner, alone against his or her suppressors.



The **Tablecloth** is white, symbolic of the purity of their intentions to respond to their Country's call to arms.

The **Single Red Rose** in the vase signifies the blood they may have shed in sacrifice to

ensure the freedom of our beloved United States of America. This rose also reminds us of the family and friends of our missing comrades who keep faith while awaiting their return.

The **Red Ribbon** on the vase represents the unyielding determination, a proper account of our comrades who are not among us.

A **Slice of Lemon** on the plate is to remind of their bitter fate.

The **Salt** sprinkled on the plate is to remind us of the countless tears of families and friends, whose grief knows no end.

The **Glass** is inverted; they cannot toast with us tonight.

The **Chair** is empty. They are not here with us.

The **Candle** is reminiscent of the light of hope that lives in our hearts. A light to guide their way home, away from their captors, to the open arms of a grateful nation.

The **American Flag** reminds us that many may never return and have paid the supreme sacrifice to insure our freedom, especially those who have been or continue to be Prisoners Of War or who are Missing In Action.

Tom Koch, Barry Brooks, Bucky Buchigniani, Don Reed, John Cambra, Mike Boehm, Al Delsid, Gus Wolter, Vic Sanches, Gene Marcinkowski, Phil Brooks



John Aaron Ball



John Ball, born June 2, 1947, lost his battle with cancer on October 26, 2023 at home with his loving family surrounding him. Everyone knows John affectionately as "Pa". He will be so very missed by his wife of 59 years, Peggy (Ma); three kids – Shawn Ball, LaVon Gambetta (Michael), Rhonda Knowles (Rick Jones), grandkids – Jordan Gambetta (Carla), Sara Zediker (Scott), Derek Knowles (Krysta), Ryan Knowles (Adrienne

Harkey), Kelsie Jones, Riki Jones, three beautiful great-granddaughters – Brynn Knowles, Claire Zediker, Mila Gambetta, and Pa's brother Bruce Ball (Maryanna).

Pa is a long-time Cloverdale resident (1959) who always had a smile and joke ready. He adored his family and loved to sit around the table playing games, a round of pool or video game nights with the grandkids. Anyone lucky enough to hang out with Pa knows his famous junk food runs, rock & roll music, fantastic Christmas displays and his love of dancing.

Please join the family for a celebration of life. Pa's wishes are for a celebration filled with music, dancing, and love. Saturday, December 9th at 3:00pm at the Cloverdale Grange Hall, 201 Commercial Street, Cloverdale CA 95425.

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Your Annual Computer Checklist

Will Carter

Many of my customers ask me about what they can do to keep their computers in good condition and running as fast as possible. I have previously written in July about three outdated myths of modern computer maintenance. In this issue, I will be sharing what I recommend my customers actually do every week, month, and year to keep their computer in good health!

Once a week: Restart your computer! It is not usually a problem to leave your computer on, but Macs and PCs both do important updates and routine maintenance during restarts. **Allow laptop batteries to drain.** Many of people keep their laptops plugged in continuously, this puts a strain on the battery which will diminish it's longevity.

Once a month: Check for and install updates. I mean all of them. That little pop-up from the printer, do it! Windows wants to restart, let it. Driver updates from the manufacturer, you bet! Updates are critical to security and functionality on modern computers. **Check on your backups!** Check your backup software on your computer, as well as your smartphone, and make sure they're backing up and have done so recently!

Once a year: Verify your software subscriptions! Microsoft 365 (formerly Office), antivirus software, backup services, and cloud storage are all common services which can be billed monthly or annually. Check what services you're paying for and make sure you're only paying for what you need! **Run hardware diagnostics.** All major PC brands (and Macs!) come with diagnostic software preinstalled, some run at boot, others from the operating system. If you don't know how to run hardware diagnostics, you can look it up on the manufacturer's website. These diagnostics can warn of hard drive, memory, or battery issues before failure. **Dust!** Obviously, you can do this one more often, but I recommend wiping the dust from any vents on your pc at least once a year.

Hold on to this list and make it a New Years resolution to stay up to date with these tasks throughout the year. If these tasks raise concerns, reach out to a trusted computer repair service provider for help!



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PLAYER AGE 6 who has had one year of Tee-Ball will be placed in the Coach Pitch Division
PLAYER AGE 4 – 5 will automatically assigned to Tee-Ball Division

Herbert “Herbie” Steiner

1938-2023



Herb Steiner passed away peacefully at his home in Santa Rosa surrounded by family on October 14, 2023 at the age of 85.

Herb, fondly known as "Herbie," was born on January 26, 1938, and spent his childhood in Galt, California. He was one of five siblings in a close-knit, hardworking family.

Immigrating from Switzerland, his father instilled strong family values, faith, and a passionate work ethic that Herb would emulate for the rest of his life. After graduating from Bellarmine High School, Herb launched into an eventful college life at the University of the Pacific where he met the love of his life, Wendy, and fostered friendships that would last a lifetime.

Following graduation, Herbie landed in Cloverdale to work at Medico Drug. He chose Cloverdale for its charm and its proximity to the Russian River where he furthered his passion for fly fishing. In the next few years, the Steiner family expanded to include son Mark and daughter Karin.

In 1968 Herb purchased his first pharmacy in Healdsburg, aptly named "Herb's Prescription Center", and later founded the Bennett Valley Pharmacy and Cloverdale Pharmacy. Soon after, Herb moved his family to Healdsburg where they lived for 42 years and was an involved and vibrant community leader, serving on multiple boards and committees including: Founder of North Coast Bank/Windsor Oaks Bank, Copper Towers Medical Clinic Board, Advisory member of Sonoma County Savings & Loan, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Sonoma County Grand Jury, and Redwood Empire Pharmacy Association.

As a pharmacist, Herb was passionate about establishing rapport, maintaining friendships and building trust with his customers. He would often receive calls in the middle of the night from a physician in need of medication for a patient. After a 12-hour workday he'd quickly drive back to the pharmacy without complaining, and never charge the customer for his late-night trip. Herb was a successful pharmacist not only because of his keen knowledge of the industry, but his genuine care and concern for his customers. Everyone knew Herbie would greet them with a smile, offer to help, and follow up with his witty sense of humor and uncanny ability to tell a great story.

Friends, family members, neighbors, and colleagues have described Herb as a successful businessman, devoted family man, dear friend, world traveler, pillar of community, mentor, rare gem, and salt of the earth. He was a true gentleman, had a twinkle in his eye, and lived a long, full life, touching the hearts of everyone he met. Herb was a man of remarkable strength, wisdom, and kindness. He enjoyed traveling to Idaho, Montana, Utah, Colorado for fishing, duck hunting, golfing, and snow skiing. Herb was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend. As a devout Catholic, Herb was a loyal parishioner at St. John's Church. He dedicated his life to his family, friends, community and career.



Herb was predeceased by his parents Albert and Angelina Steiner and three of his siblings Dorothy, Bob and Dick. He is survived by Wendy, his loving wife of 61 years, son Mark, daughter Karin, grandchildren KC and Kaitlyn, and brother Gene.

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The Creative Corner Christy Anne Latchford

"Courage is not having the strength to go on; it is going on when you don't have the strength." –Theodore Roosevelt.

Odd quote to start out a holiday piece? I don't think so. December is upon us and no matter your age or current family situation/schedule, December tends to be a month of great stress and exhaustion for all of us. Which is why simple Christmas projects that any age can participate in? For the win!

Enter the old school cardboard cone...oh, the possibilities are endless! No.1 is green little pieces pulled off a faux plant and glue gunned onto the cone. Trick with this one is to move slow and use low heat on the glue gun, as it will cure faster. No.2 wins for uber simplicity! Simply spray paint the cone whatever color makes your holiday spirit smile. Lastly, the little no.3, hard to see in pic, but all it is, is the cone wiped with glue using paper towel and rolled in sawdust. You heard me. Sawdust. Just laying around in garage and yet when glued to the cone brings both neutrality and texture to whatever you are creating.



Challenge your kids...how creative can they get? Anything that glue adheres to will do...pictures, dried leaves, bells, family photos or perhaps acorns you've been collecting on walks. Not only simple in a crazy time of year, but really, too many options to list so anyone could create something that brings them a smile! My main point is that December as magical as it is can really be a devil of a month for many to navigate, so in a world continually making things more involved, invite in the simple where you can and remember to take a deep breath, enjoy the hot chocolate and allow the joy in that brings the smile to your soul.

Transportation News

The Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART) is pleased to announce the agency has been awarded a \$32M grant in Federal Railroad Administration, Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement funds.

This grant award marks a significant milestone in SMART's ongoing effort to extend passenger rail to Healdsburg and Cloverdale. The grant is comprised of two major components: \$28M for the implementation of Positive Train Control (PTC) Systems for SMART's 5.5-mile passenger and freight rail line between Windsor and Healdsburg and \$4M for the replacement of older, high-emission freight locomotives with lower emission, environmentally sustainable Tier IV freight switcher locomotives.

Congressman Jared Huffman's support and advocacy for this project was instrumental in securing the grant award. "SMART is a vital artery in our communities, connecting people and commerce throughout the North Bay. They have been a leader on innovative infrastructure improvements, like this project that will cut greenhouse gas emissions and provide a reliable public transportation alternative," said Rep. Huffman. "This has been a long time in the making with a massive display of support community-wide – and I'm glad to have been able to assist by securing this latest grant. This tranche of funding will help SMART extend its reach while keeping pace with a changing climate, better serving our region and the people who depend on its services."

Extending SMART northward to Windsor, Healdsburg, and Cloverdale will unlock opportunities for individuals residing along the entire SMART corridor.

"This grant is a testament to the remarkable momentum we've achieved in our mission to secure the funding necessary for the Healdsburg rail extension. The recent grants we've received are due in part to the expressions of incredible community support for the northern extensions through the application process. This milestone propels us closer to realizing our vision of a more accessible and sustainable North Bay, where SMART's services reach Windsor, Healdsburg, and beyond," said Eric Lucan, SMART Board Chair.



Pictured are: SMART General Manager Eddy Cumins, Healdsburg Mayor Ariel Kelley, Sonoma County Supervisor James Gore, Congressman Jared Huffman, SMART Board Chair Eric Lucan, and SMART Board Vice Chair Melanie Bagby.

Each component of this CRISI-funded project brings its own set of benefits. The PTC Systems will ensure enhanced safety and efficiency on the rail line, enabling the restoration and expansion of passenger and freight rail services. Replacing locomotives with environmentally friendly Tier IV models will reduce emissions and enhance the reliability of SMART's freight services.

The extension to Windsor is fully funded, and construction is expected to resume this fall. The rail and path extension to Healdsburg has secured \$106M of grant funds, estimated at 65% of the needed funds to complete the project.

Passenger rail service is a vital part of the North Bay's economy, and expanding the SMART railway northward will bring economic opportunities by strengthening our housing, business, and community infrastructure and creating hundreds of construction jobs.

Extensions to Windsor, Healdsburg, and Cloverdale include extending the bicycle and pedestrian pathway and connecting people to SMART passenger services for first- and last-mile transportation choices. When completed, the bicycle and pedestrian pathway—part of the Great Redwood Trail system—will connect communities from Marin to Humboldt County.



Wonder Woman

Liz Stringfellow

For many hours I had been surrounded by the darkness of night stranded on the side of road with no way to get help early yesterday morning, or so I thought. I definitely needed a superhero, and unfortunately, I left my Bat signal at home. But I put a call for help out there into the universe (of Facebook), and it was there that I met a hero...Wonder Woman.

The other day my purse decided to get lost, and my cards were the unwilling captives in the escape. And hours before I got stuck I was waiting in Santa Rosa for Mr. Flaky McFlake from Facebook Marketplace to show up. What a surprise he didn't. As I drove the 75 miles home, I knew I was low on gas and probably in trouble. But I had AAA so I felt okay.

In Healdsburg I had tried to get gas, but with the stations closed and no employees, my Venmo card with a measly \$5 wasn't working, I was missing a 0 behind the 5 for the temporary hold. So I foolishly tried to make it to Sinclair in Cloverdale, I was 2.8 miles short. I had so been looking forward to seeing the dinosaur.

Well, AAA was no help because it's about ready to renew and all 4 service calls had been used, and it would have been \$100 for a tow truck to bring me gas without it. So as I sat in the darkness of Asti Road questioning my life choices and the 2.8 miles I could not drive in the previous hours, I tried to figure out what to do. At one point I cursed out Cher for never being able to turn back time.

So after almost 3 hours, I decided to put my faith in Facebook, a sentence not said a lot these days. I typed in Cloverdale and looked up group pages. I was born and raised in Alexander Valley and Healdsburg, but I didn't live in Cloverdale, or even Sonoma County for the last 6 years. Could I even get in a Cloverdale group?

I picked a group at random and was faced with the questions. The first two I answered that I didn't live in Cloverdale, and I can't remember the last one, but I think it said "why you want to join?" That's where I wrote my situation and humbly asked for help from a random group administrator that I didn't know, and who didn't know me, if possibly I could join the group and if anyone was able, if they could bring me some gas.

It was a little after 5am so I wasn't expecting to hear anything until around 7 at the earliest. My bladder wasn't happy about that, but it didn't have a choice. Around 20 minutes later my car fills with light, I look behind me and it's a Sonoma County Sheriff. One of those rare times law enforcement lights you up and you don't immediately feel dread.

I get out of the car and he says "Elizabeth?". I said yes, and wondered how he knew my name. I just thought he was that good, or somehow, he ran my plate in two seconds from an impossible distance. I told him what happened then I mentioned I had put something on Facebook. And he said he knew, that's how he knew I was there. Someone called and sent him to check on me. I'll admit I cried.

Unfortunately he could only offer me a ride to the gas station. I thanked him for checking on me and I assured him I was safe and he left. I got back into the car and cried a little more. I checked my phone and realized I had missed a message from her, Wonder Woman. She had said she was sending a sheriff out to me. I wrote her back and said he had just left but there was little he could do. Then I thanked her profusely for what she did and said how much I was touched by her sending a deputy to check on me.

Then Wonder Woman said "on my way with gas". Yes, I cried again. And less than 5 minutes later I see headlights approaching and there she was...Wonder Woman.

My hero, the wind beneath my wings, the reason I had a little extra faith in humanity that morning. A light in the literal dark. She got me home to a very annoyed dog and some very hungry kitties. But I was home.

Thank you to the Deputy who stopped by to check on me, and thank you to **Wonder Woman...aka Angela Cordova**.

Photos from the recent Veteran's Day Breakfast put on by American Legion Post 293, Cloverdale



Thelma Irene Groom



On November 15, 2023, Thelma Groom peacefully passed away three days prior to her 104th birthday. She was surrounded by her loving family.

Thelma was born in Santa Rosa where she lived with her parents until her marriage to Elijah J. (Bud) Groom in 1947. She was a graduate of Santa Rosa High School and Santa Rosa Junior

College. In 1948 she and her husband moved to Cloverdale where she spent her remaining 75 years.

She was an avid bridge player, golfer, and bowler, and had many friends. She enjoyed music and dancing. She loved the Sonoma Coast, spending lots of her time there as a child as well as an adult and passed on that love to her children.

She is survived by her children Vicky Groom, Kay Lanier (Bob Gardner), her grand-daughter Amber Lanier, and grandson Olen Wood. At her request there will be no services. If desired, donations may be made in her name to Canine Companions 2965 Dutton Ave. Santa Rosa 95407. The family wishes to sincerely thank Sutter Home Care and Hospice and Vine Ridge Assisted Living for the loving care they provided to Thelma.

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Don Parks with his 1946 Lincoln Continental, circa 1960

Cooking with David Maciel

Sponsored by Ray's Food Place

December is always a festive time of the year for me in the kitchen. Christmas & New Years dinners I pull out all the stops to celebrate.

This sweet potato & cranberry dish will pair well with beef ham, turkey & also pleases a vegetarian. It's a great side dish if you are invited to a potluck party. Trust me, you won't be bringing leftovers home.

Sweet Potato Cranberry Bake

Ingredients

- 4 large, sweet potatoes
- 2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries
- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- ½ cup orange juice

Topping

- ½ cup chopped walnuts
- ¼ cup packed brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3 tablespoons cold butter

Directions

Place sweet potatoes in a Dutch oven; cover with water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer until tender, 20-30 minutes. Drain. When cool enough to handle, peel potatoes and cut into 1/4-in. slices.

1. Place half in a greased 2-1/2-qt. baking dish. Top with half of the cranberries, brown sugar and butter. Repeat layers. Pour orange juice over top. Cover and bake at 350° for 30 minutes.
2. In a small bowl, combine the walnuts, brown sugar and cinnamon; cut in butter. Sprinkle over sweet potato mixture. Bake, uncovered, until topping is golden brown, about 10 minutes longer. Bon appétit



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David Maciel's high quality of work is unparalleled, and he offers these bikes at only a fraction of their market value, AND he keeps his charity rolling too. Talk about a "win-win-win" situation! The Cloverdale community is so fortunate to have him here.

Jim Seymour

Yesterday I stopped by **Ray's Food Place** to get my favorite coleslaw but they didn't have any. Thank you for taking the time to make it for me! (Psst...don't tell anyone—it's better than Safeway!)

Connie Anderson

Shout Out to Sherry at **Bella Moda**. Just got a cut and lowlights yesterday. She did a great job. I love it! Highly recommend.

Kass Kinney Hutchins

I just wanted to give a shout out to the bakery at **Ray's** for making me an AWESOME Simpsons cake! Thank you so much to whomever made it, it was the highlight of my day.

Davina Barron

Last night we had dinner at the new **Tian Yuen** location and it was great! Everything we ordered was as good as it can get. I'm the guy who puts soy sauce on everything but whatever they are doing now is so good none needed. Great food, great service and great people.

Patrick Reece

I just wanted to pass along an amazing referral for painting and staining: **Lopez Unlimited Painting And Staining, Inc.** Ernesto and his team have gone above and beyond. Their level of detail is just spectacular! I highly recommend him to your next painting project. He's local too! -Tara O'Rourke

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