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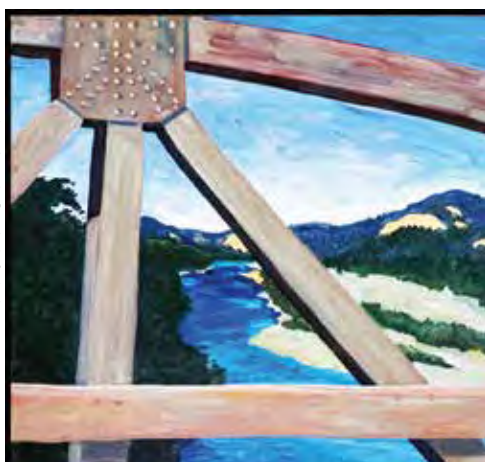
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May 2024

Artist: Joe Cotruvo



## Editor's Note

This month about 40 of our **Cloverdale Connect** readers and I, plus our travel partner Cloverdale Travel, are headed to Alaska aboard the beautiful Crown Princess.

This is the first annual **Cloverdale Connect** cruise and I am so excited. Alaska has extraordinary scenery and wildlife and traveling on a Princess Cruise is one of the best ways to view it. If you missed the boat this time, be sure to be on the lookout for our next trip and get on board!

With May comes so many community activities and first and foremost is the beginning of the Friday Night Live season. You'll find details inside this issue and on the enclosed post-card. We also can enjoy the Farmer's Market, Rotary Bingo, Kids To Parks Day, The Jazz Club at Cloverdale Arts Alliance, Encore Dance Showcase at CPAC, Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year Event – see page 6 for our Event Calendar.

I'll see you around town!

*Dana*



Robert Zelenka, at the Cloverdale Performing Arts Center, takes a break from directing to read *Cloverdale Connect*.



**Front Page Photo Contest Winner Philip Van Gelder** wins a **Mountain Mike's Pizza Gift Certificate**

The "Welcoming Bridge" on the "Preserve Trail" which leads to the hiking/biking trails at the Porterfield Creek Preserve.

## April Showers Bring May Flowers

We are Overjoyed!

Fragrant blooms abound all around Cloverdale this time of year. Orange blossoms, Wisteria, Jasmine and more can be spotted throughout our downtown district.

The garden at the Cloverdale History Center and Museum is the perfect spot to sit and enjoy beauty the of this special season. Come downtown, grab a cold drink, and take a stroll. The Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce and our local restaurants and merchants can't wait to welcome you!

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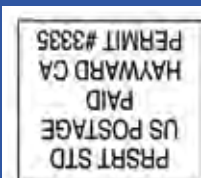
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## CUSD Teacher of the Month

**Gabby DeSio**

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**Dahlia & Sage Community Market**



Gabby DeSio was hired at the start of this school year as the Washington School Librarian and immediately hit the ground running. Students flock to the library any chance they can and are eager to participate in her scavenger hunts and other engaging projects she has put together. Some of these events include a Hogwarts sorting hat activity, a birthday party for Ron Weasley, holiday trivia and so much more. She has set up book clubs for both the 5th and 6th graders

as well as the 7th and 8th graders. She has also assisted students to enter a poetry competition where their poetry was actually published.

Previous to working at Washington, Gabby taught high school English and has experience tutoring as well. On top of that, she is currently working to get her Masters in Library Science. In short, you can say that she is a go-getter and quite innovative when it comes to student engagement. We are so lucky to have Gabby DeSio in our district!



## Real Estate for Real People

Elissa Morrash

Buying or selling a house is an unusual and often stressful experience. Real people usually have lots of questions! The guidance of an experienced agent is invaluable to help throughout the transaction.

### Outdated Advice

People who have gone through the homebuying process are often eager to give advice. Unfortunately, sometimes that advice is outdated. Check out some of the most common advice you may hear, which no longer applies given the current market.

**“Wait for Spring”** Waiting for the busiest season in real estate will not always give you an advantage. There may be more houses available, but there is also going to be more competition. Instead, buy when you find the right property that will meet your needs for today – and the next five to 10 years.

**“Wait for home prices and interest rates to come down”** Some buyers may be told to wait until home prices and interest rates come down before jumping into the market. But it's important to remember that rents are likely also high. Paying high rent now and hoping you will find a better deal later will not work. Interest rates are cyclical. Ask yourself if it is worth it to miss out waiting for the perfect rate, for a house you may own for 10 or more years.

**“Make a low offer so you have room to negotiate”** You may get advice to make an offer that's less than what you are actually willing to pay so you can negotiate. A truly motivated seller is less inclined to engage in the back and forth. Instead, base your offer on sales of comparable homes in the area.

I hope you found this helpful! Let me know if you have homebuying questions or talk to your trusted real estate agent.

*Elissa Morrash is a licensed Realtor® DRE 01872845 with W Real Estate in Cloverdale and is an active member of the local professional real estate community.*

**Congratulations to our local team**, pictured left, who won first place in the adult Co-ed Volleyball League. This was a fundraiser for the Cloverdale High School Volleyball Team.

(left to right), Aaron Nunez, Nicole Nunez, Jessica Martinez, Tony Martinez, Whitney Edens, Tasha Espinoza, Steven Espinoza, and Frank Valencia.  
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# PET of the MONTH

**Ben**



Watching the Citrus Fair Parade, Ben thinks he is a lap dog even though he weighs almost 80 pounds

**Erin Cooper**

Send your pet photos for PET of the MONTH to:

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Prizes courtesy Cloverdale Connect and Clover Dog Pet Supply & Wash

## Custom Email Addresses Will Carter

Email addresses are made up of two parts, separated by an @ sign. The first part is usually a username unique to a given user or mailbox; the second part, after the @, is the domain. For example, my email address is will@cartersystems.com. In this example "will" is my username and "cartersystems.com" is my domain. Most of the time when you create an email address the domain is set by the provider, and you must choose a username no one else has. Luckily, it is simple and inexpensive to set up a fully personalized email address like mine!

The most common reason for custom email addresses is for business, but there is no reason you can't use one as your personal email. My techie father created addresses for my whole family, many of which are still in use. If you already have a website, it looks very professional to have your email address at the same domain. Most email services also include other products enhancing the value beyond a custom address.

The first thing you will need for a customized email address is to purchase a domain name. If you don't have a domain name, you can purchase one online at a domain registrar. Once you have a domain name, check-out Microsoft 365 Business and Google Workspace. These are the two most popular providers for custom email. Microsoft 365 Business is perfect if you're already subscribed to Microsoft 365/Office and Google Workspace is perfect for those already accustomed to the Google/Gmail environment. Both services will guide you through the setup process quickly, and your new email address can be up and running on all your devices the same day.

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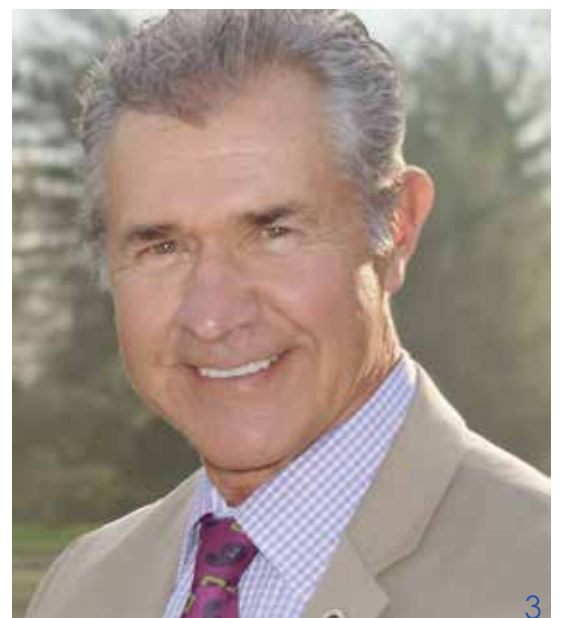
## Cloverdale Resident to Judge Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show

Cloverdale resident Glen Lajeski is among the judges at the 148th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, presented by Purina Pro Plan. Glen will judge the Toy group at Westminster. The dog show will return to the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, in New York, May 11, 13 and 14.

As a Breeder of Merit, Glen has bred numerous Doberman Pinscher and Poodle Champions. Along with Joseph Vergnetti, as co-owners of Dassin Poodles, they have bred nearly 400 Poodle Champions, including the #1 Non-Sporting Dog of 2009. With Cambria Dobermans, Glen has sponsored several Top 10 Dobermans and bred many Champions.

Glen currently judges the Toy group, various breeds in the Working and Non-Sporting Groups, as well as Junior Showmanship both domestically and abroad for numerous breed specialties.

The breed competitions will take place on Monday, May 13 (Hound, Toy, Non-Sporting, Herding breeds, and Group judging) and Tuesday, May 14 (Sporting, Working, Terrier breeds, and Group judging, followed by Best in Show). For a complete schedule, visit: <https://westminsterkennelclub.org/westminster-week/>




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Brigid Wasson

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When someone finds your lost pet, they simply scan the code to see your info on their phone. Also, you are sent a notification with a pin on Google maps of the finder's location! Use your phone's camera to scan this QR code and watch a short video filmed right here in Cloverdale. QR code ID tags are available at Curly Doodle Dog Grooming in the Courtyard.



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## When Our Bodies Talk to Us Nora Archambeau, M.A.

Since working in a health-oriented capacity (serving clients living with dementia, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's) to being a school's health technician for students (first aid, emotional and physical trauma), it has always fascinated me to understand the mind-body connection in myself and in others. If something is "wrong" with my body (an ache, a pain, a flareup), I ask "What might I be doing or not doing that is contributing to my body reacting in this way?" Is there a message to glean that is "telling" me I need to course-correct and minimize the problem and, hopefully, resolve it? Could having a clogged ear be a symptom of not wanting to hear something? What is the piece of information asking to be communicated? What am I afraid of? (Note: Attending to any serious medical issues with a medical professional is common sense.)

I regularly revisit Louise Hay's timeless book, **How to Heal Your Body: The Mental Causes for Physical Illness** (1984). Ms. Hay (1926-2017), author, motivational speaker, and founder of Hay House Publishing, transformed a highly traumatic childhood into a remarkable life and made her writings and teachings available to all. She discovered that a physical ailment was intertwined with a mental or emotional state. She then created an affirmation to counter-balance/remedy the issue. For example, having a body ache may mean "Longing for love; longing to be held." Two possible responses are: "I love and approve of myself. I am loving and loveable." Acne can be interpreted as "Not accepting the self; dislike of the self." One solution could be implementing "I am a Divine expression of life. I love and accept myself where I am now." (All quotes attributed to Louise Hay.)

Speaking and writing down affirmations helps to train one's mind to believe them, according to **Find Your Mantra**, Aysel Gunar (2019). Take one body challenge, intuit what it might be connected to, and apply an affirmation out loud daily for one week. Revisit it later and see if the concern has either diminished or resolved itself entirely. Building on good health, in all ways, keeps us happy.



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## Jefferson School - Read Across America Rhonda Knowles



Read Across America started in 1927 in Oakland, CA. Jefferson School Librarian, Rhonda Knowles, began participating in the program in 2007. The school library has had hundreds of guest readers throughout the years.

This year readers included the Cloverdale Fire Protection District, Cloverdale Police Department, Encore Dance Theatre, Principal Michelle Holden, Superintendent Glen Senestraro, Cintsy Simon, and Jack Frost from P.A.W.S., John Koetzner from Sonoma County Library, Dana Johnson from **Cloverdale Connect**, Local authors Janet Collins and Anna Estrella, retired Jefferson School Librarian Susan Lile,

Deputy Brandon Jones - Sonoma County Sheriff, School Board Member - Jacque Garrison, Melissa Segura - Sonoma County Corrections Department, Tina Tate - Cloverdale Automotive, retired teachers Anne Gebb and Trish Healey, Lavon Gambetta - Lavon's Lil' Angels, Ryan Knowles - Maison, Adrienne Harkey - Molt Amici, and many other staff members from the school district.



There were books read to students in three different languages. Angela Olsen, our health tech and owner of Studio 5, read a book and practiced the yoga poses from the story. Lavon Gambetta read a story about smores, and they sang a song and received their own smores kit to take home. Janet Collins read her book **The Jacket Nobody Wanted**, and



generously gave each student a copy of her book. Cintsy Simon from P.A.W.S. brought her dog Jack Frost, and the students could pet and hug him. The Cloverdale Fire Protection District brought five crew members to read and answer questions about how they use reading in their profession. The CPD deputized the students and they each received a badge. Ms. Knowles says "This is my favorite week of the year and I appreciate the community volunteering their time and sharing their love of reading."



## The Rotarian Historian Michele Armanino

Robert Redner lost his home to the San Diego Witch Creek Fires in 2007. "I was thinking of moving to Provence in June '09, but after visiting a friend in Cloverdale and catching a breathtaking view of the Alexander Valley, I had an epiphany - the same beauty was here in my own backyard!" Redner, who is President of both the Rotary Club and Cloverdale Historical Society, made a sound decision to relocate to Cloverdale.



The American and European High Performance Automotive Industry retiree attended a city council meeting in town and was invited to join the Rotary Club. "I thought I'd just donate some money, but then got involved in doing projects around the town." Redner says, chuckling. The motto of the Rotary Club is: Service Above Self. "I subscribe to that." Redner says emphatically. "I also ended up on the Board of the Cloverdale Historical Society because I believe in the importance of history and Cloverdale has an important history that few know about."

Cloverdale's Kleiser Park has a new look thanks to the generosity of the Rotary Club. "We sold bricks at Friday Night Live and were able to remodel the park, with benches, an irrigation system and more." Redner is thrilled to announce the Rotary Club ordered \$6,400 worth of emergency equipment to be donated to CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) of Sonoma County. "One thing is for sure, the Rotary Club needs more members. If you believe in service, then this is the organization for you." Redner says earnestly.

The Cloverdale Historical Society is planning a presentation on the colorful Pop McCray and his early 1900's Cloverdale resort, along with the interesting women who were instrumental in forming Cloverdale. If you can spare a few hours, consider becoming a docent at the museum while honing your own historical knowledge of Cloverdale.

Redner, who wears yet another hat as director of Interact, an organization for high school students who strive to make a difference in their community, guides students as they assemble toiletries for the homeless, make blankets for the senior center and work at the Asti Tour de Vine.

### CELEBRATION NOTICES

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# MAY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 2 Thursday	6pm AVFilm An Evening in Geyserville, Catelli's 7pm Mason Razavi Trio, Cloverdale Arts Alliance 204 N. Cloverdale Blvd.
May 5 Sunday	2pm Community Plant Exchange, Cloverdale Library 3pm Spring Community Band Concert, Healdsburg Community Church, 1100 University Ave. Healdsburg 5pm AVFilm Closing Night & Awards, Longboard + The Matheson, Healdsburg
May 6 Monday	11am Preventing Medicare Fraud, Cloverdale Library
May 9 Thursday	6pm Rotary Bingo, Railroad Station
May 10 Friday	6:30-8pm Boys & Girls Club Youth Of The Year 686 S. Cloverdale Blvd
May 11 Saturday	10am-3pm Spring Craft Fair 750 S. Cloverdale Blvd. Cloverdale
May 16 Thursday	11am CHS Class of '65 Gathering, Papa's Pizza 7:30pm Wolf Jett, Americana Night, Cloverdale Arts Alliance, 204 N. Cloverdale Blvd.
May 18 Saturday,	9:30-Noon Kids To Parks Day, City Park 1pm or 6pm Encore Dance Showcase, Cloverdale Performing Arts Center 1pm-8pm Mendo Pride Event, Hopland
May 19 Sunday	10am-3pm Emergency Expo, Citrus Fairgrounds
Every Tuesday	3-6pm Farmers Market, Downtown Plaza
1st & 3rd Weds	5:30-7:30pm Trivia Night, Wolf House Brewing

For more May Cloverdale Library events, please see Library article this page



## Cloverdale Library Community Connection John Koetzner, Children's Services Librarian

Summer reading is just around the corner. People are already arranging for vacations, kids are gearing up for a break from school, and librarians are preparing for our summer reading programs and summer lunch program.

Prior to all that, we will also be participating in the **Fire and Earthquake Safety Expo at the Citrus Fairgrounds on May 19th** from 10 am until 3 pm. The Cloverdale Library will be hosting a kids zone with activities including some projects donated by Home Depot, along with paper fireman hats the little ones can assemble, and we will have a few adult giveaways as well. Stop by and see us during the Expo.

Just a friendly reminder that the Cloverdale Library, and all Sonoma County Library branches, will be closed May 27th for Memorial Day.

### Children

- Bilingual Family Storytime – Tuesday, May 7, 10:30 am
- Spanish Music & Movement – Tuesday, 14, 10:30 am
- Bilingual Family Yoga - Tuesday, May 21, 10:30 am
- Kids & Tween Computer & Gaming Lounge  
Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2:30 – 4:30 pm
- Fire & Earthquake Safety Expo, Sunday, May 19, 10 am – 3 pm

### Teen

- Oragami Workshop for Teens – Wednesday, May 1, 5 – 6:30 pm
- Game On! - Wednesday, May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2:30 – 4:30 pm
- Universal Yums – Thursday, May 23, 4 pm

### Adult

- Crafting with Creativebug: Watercolor Resist Painting  
Tuesday May 7, 6 – 7:30pm
- Cloverdale Library Book Club - Tuesday, May 14, 6 – 7 pm
- DIY Pallet Coasters – Sunday, May 19, 2 -3 pm

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## Auto Courts Popular Destinations In 1920s

Mary Jo Winter

Auto courts became popular with travelers in the 1920s. Before that, many travelers simply stopped on the side of the road to sleep. Some of these stopping places were even featured in travel publications of the day.

Cloverdale embraced the automobile culture, and by 1931, nearly a quarter of businesses listed in its mercantile guide were auto related, including four auto courts. By 1939, there were six auto courts within a three-quarter mile stretch of what is now Cloverdale Blvd.

The Cloverdale Oaks Inn, established in the 1920s as the Cloverdale Auto Court, was one of the first in town. Although somewhat modified, the two original rows of cabins are still in use. Two additional wings were added in the 1940s and stand in contrast to the more austere cabins of the 1920s.

The Clover Inn Court was constructed in 1927 adjacent to what is now Eagle Tech. The building immediately north was once a restaurant and the six tourist cabins in back were accessed by an alley running between Second and Third Streets. The cabins were converted to apartments sometime in the 1950s.

The former Owl Café, now the site of El Milagro Mexican Restaurant, was built around 1920 during the advent of Prohibition. It was first used as a saloon, restaurant and gambling hall, and later served as a Cook House for local loggers.

It became the Sunset Motel & Ivy Café in the 1930s and included a motel, a sandwich shop, a small grocery, and a gas pump. Over time, cabins were built, and the name was changed to the Sunset Auto Camp.

Other Cloverdale auto court sites included the former Ferro Motel where Cherry Creek Village is now, the Vineyard Valley Inn and The Garden Motel.

## Pedestrian Bridge Update

Sonoma County Public Works Department is working on a separated path that will allow pedestrians and bicyclists safe passage over the bridge. The project has been in the works for several years and is finally underway. The bridge, now 43% complete, will be constructed on the northside of the existing bridge.

The following is an update from the Sonoma County Public Works Department:

- Concrete abutment work and retaining wall work is complete on both sides of the river.
- Current and upcoming work:
  - Relocating Comcast overhead line from north side of the bridge to south side of the bridge in process
  - Installing bird/bat exclusion devices
  - Steel Truss Bridge is in fabrication. The schedule shows the contractor planning to have it set in place during the first two weeks of July.

## May Gardening Tips from Sonoma County Master Gardeners

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- If you didn't trouble-shoot your irrigation system for cracks, leaks, and clogs last month, do it now. Dirty filters can wreak havoc, especially if you are on a well. Clean out filters and replace as needed.
- Flush out drip systems and make sure all emitters are working. Replace batteries on systems that use battery-operated controllers. Ensure that timers with batteries are working.
- If you start to irrigate this month, practice water conservation by watering in early morning or evening and using slow-release methods such as drip or soaker hoses.
- It's time to plant flowering annuals and all summer veggies—beans, cucumbers, eggplant, kale, lettuce, melons, peppers, squash, and tomatoes. If you don't have a dedicated vegetable garden, consider planting a few veggies in the ornamental garden. Leafy greens in particular make attractive additions to beds and borders.
- Be sure to acclimate transplants started indoors before planting them in garden beds. Harden off transplants by setting pots outdoors during the day and moving them indoors at night for a few days before leaving them outdoors for several more days. Tender seedlings may succumb to drastic changes.
- When planting and transplanting, watch sun exposure and heat. When transplanting young plants into direct sun, provide some shade. Setting up lightweight lawn furniture is an easy solution for creating shade until plants become accustomed to their new location. Wait until fall and the onset of the rainy season for any major planting and transplanting projects. New plants struggle and often fail in summer heat.
- Continue to fertilize roses and other heavy feeders.
- Check for weeds where garden areas are irrigated.
- Prune all spring-flowering trees and shrubs after bloom. Pruning forces new growth that will bear flowers next spring.
- Deadhead azaleas, camellias, and rhododendrons once they've finished blooming. An estimated 70% of a rhododendron's energy goes into the formation of seed. Use a whisk broom to lightly dislodge spent blossoms on azaleas. Use pruners or 2 fingers to deadhead flowers on rhododendrons and cut just above the 2 new leaflets. During spring and summer, feed these shrubs monthly with a balanced organic fertilizer formulated for acid-loving plants.



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My wife and I are professionals who live and conduct our business in Northern Sonoma County. We use **Erica Bishop** and her fabulous team to handle all of our insurance needs, exclusively. State Farm is wonderful and its products and services are enhanced by the professionalism, knowledge and passion of the Cloverdale team at Erica Bishop's agency.

*Ron Pavelka*

Thank you to **Wheeler Electric**. Very thorough and efficient. He even came back a month later to verify that everything was in order. I highly recommend Wheeler Electric.

*Cloverdale Washing Well Coin Laundry*

If any of you ever need your bicycle tuned or a new bicycle, I highly recommend you head on over to **The Bike Shop** here in town. I really like my new bike, thank you, David J Maciel.

*Jacob Diaz*

Just had a great meal at **The Beet Wine Lounge!** This was our first time here but we will definitely be back.

*Lori Hammond*

I just wanted to give a huge shout out to **Curly Doodle Dog Grooming**. We just took ours to her after a much, much needed haircut. And it's the best one we've ever had! I highly recommend her.

*Sarah Dennis*

This is a Shout Out for **Ventura** and his crew at **Maggie's Dad's Landscape!!** We were young homeowners 28 yrs ago and we were pretty green when it came to looking for good quality work at a fair price with people you can trust! This was before things like Yelp and Nextdoor App. Ventura was our guy! I frequented his Sanz Nursery and always experienced a friendly interaction with him there. He's done 3 big projects for us over the yrs. Ventura never disappoints - it's truly like calling a friend to come help you with ideas and then making it all happen. Thank Maggie's Dad's Landscape! We love all the work you've done for us!!

*Berk and Niki White*

WHOA! This year's **Cloverdale Farmers Market** is awesome!!! I just had the best chicken tacos down there. I saw fresh cooked crab, fruits and veggies, there's a booth with beautiful ceramics, and a bunch more. Hats off to those of you in the community who are making this happen. It's greatly appreciated.

*Davina Barron*

Finally got my new glasses. Thank you, Sara at **I.SEE. Optical Company**. What great customer service. Such a gem in our community.

*Angela Cordova*



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## KOA – Kind of Awesome



Before she bought her campground in 1993, Pamela Mendala worked hard in the banking industry. Once she left the corporate world, she took time off to think about what she would do with the rest of her working life. During her time off, Pamela drove with a friend in a rented RV to Colorado and stayed at many campgrounds along the way, and one was a KOA campground. She came across the Cloverdale campground and

decided to buy it. As a business owner, Pamela is attentive to the deliberate marriage of the campground's physical setting with its offerings.

"We have successfully blended the spectacular natural environment with the modern amenities that campers expect today," she said. "It is a delicate balance to strike, keeping the environment as natural as it is."

Pamela is clear about the number one offering of her campground. "Always, always, always remember what business you are in. Ours is the business of creating memories," she said. "We are not in the campground, hospitality or recreation business. We are in the memory business." People come from all over the world to stay at the Cloverdale KOA. Locals take advantage of the beautiful setting booking family reunions, weddings, graduation parties and business events. When it gets hot in town, don't forget there are day passes available to come spend the day and enjoy the pool and facilities.

Pam still likes to travel, but can't resist stopping at businesses to observe their services and environment. She makes mental notes on what works for them and how they create winning combinations and then takes those ideas back to her campground. Come on up to the KOA – it's Kind Of Awesome!

## The Water in Our River Russian Riverkeeper

Here in the Russian River Watershed, our people and economy are heavily reliant on continuous flows in the Russian River. It is this irreplaceable natural resource that makes everything "go" in our community. Although we often take this water for granted, its presence is the result of a complex and historic water management system.

In the summer, water from Lake Mendocino flows into the river at Ukiah. Then water from Lake Sonoma joins the river at Healdsburg and flows on to the coast at Jenner. Making this system even more complex is that much of the water in Lake Mendocino comes from the Eel River. Two dams on the Eel River store water, which is then diverted to the Russian River through a mile-long tunnel. Unfortunately, this process is problematic because it harms native salmon populations in the Eel River and infringes on the rights of the Eel River Indian Tribes.

Congressman Jared Huffman has formed a Two Basin Partnership group to find a solution that will restore tribal rights and salmon rights on the Eel River, while simultaneously protecting the rights of those who rely on Russian River water. Congressman Huffman has selected Russian Riverkeeper to represent the environmental interests of the Russian River within his Partnership Group.

Solving the river's flow problems can't wait. As a result of Northern California's severe drought, Sonoma Water has announced plans to dramatically reduce flows to preserve water in Lake Mendocino. This practice could result in toxic algae blooms this summer, which would keep people and their pets out of the water.

Russian Riverkeeper is taking a leadership position in working to ease some of the flow reductions, but in reality, the only way for our community to sustain itself through this time is to reduce urban and agricultural demands on our water supply.

Russian Riverkeeper is working at the legislative level to develop policies that require additional water conservation measures in times of drought so that we can be assured of year-round water in the river.

*Russian Riverkeeper is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to "Inspire the Community to Protect the Russian River Forever."*



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## Cloverdale Unified School District Gene Senestraro, Superintendent

School districts in California are funded on property taxes. If the local property taxes are less than the required minimum per pupil state funding allocation, the state allocates resources to make up the difference. For the 2024-25 school year, California is projecting a large deficit to its budget. School districts and CUSD are hoping to not be reduced, but we will not know this until the legislature passes its budget in June. California's budget process is lengthy. The governor's office comes out with its initial budget projection in January. The governor's office, then, provides its budget revisions in May, called the May Revise. The reason for the budget revisions is due to more accurate information on the state revenues, or lack thereof.

Currently, education has been left, relatively, untouched according to the governor's office January budget. However, the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) is only 0.76%. This is the increase percent to our revenues. As a rule of thumb, any increase less than one percent is a cut. For example, most goods and services will increase more than one percent in any given year.

This is a brief and general explanation of the state budget process. We desire to keep you informed and educated on school district funding. It is a complex and political process.

We are proud and honored to serve the greater Cloverdale community and its students. CUSD is governed by an elected Board of Trustees. Our regular meetings are on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM in the CHS Makers Space. Our Board members are President Gabriela Mendoza-Torres, Clerk Jenny Candelaria-Orr, Trustee Preston Addison, Trustee Jacque Garrison, and Trustee Ashley Lopus-White.



**Sydney dear,**

Incredible as it seems, it's been forty years (40 years!) this month that we've rented the little house on Diamond S Ranch, on Pine Mountain, the land that was homesteaded by your father.

We began as strangers, as landlady and tenant, and know each other now as family, and friends. You, Denaire, and Mike have always made me and mine so welcome; have always made us feel that this is our home, too.

Living in this beautiful place, surrounded by trees and creeks and animals and birds, has been one of the greatest blessings in my life. I can't imagine living anywhere else. As you know, I'd run completely amuck in a regular neighborhood. For forty years shared, for the many, many good times, I thank you, Syd and love you,

Cynthia, and Eric, too

## Turning My Pain Into Purpose Holly Hunt



October 18th of 2023, was, and will always be, the worst day of my life. My family and I lost my middle son Robert Sterling, to what was deemed an accidental overdose of Fentanyl. His coroner report showed 10 times the lethal dose of this deadly drug, which is sweeping our country like an out-of-control wildfire.

Robert had been in a dedicated program of recovery for over 4 years and unfortunately had a relapse that would take his life. Robert was a local chef in Healdsburg and was passionate about world politics. He was looking into joining the World Central Kitchen to volunteer overseas helping in war torn Ukraine. Robert had plans, he had goals which will now remain forever unfulfilled.

The current Fentanyl epidemic raging across our country is taking at least 200 lives per day, each and every day.

Robert is one number, one drop in a sea of deaths, ours a family in a vast ocean of heartbroken families. He mattered to me, he mattered to his brothers and sister. I cannot bring my son back so instead I am on a mission to spread awareness in his honor, to hopefully reach our youth before it is too late.

His face is currently on billboards in Sacramento and Stockton. He is also on a touring van called Angels Across America in the south of our country raising much needed awareness on this crisis. A brief glimpse to strangers driving past into our lives affected by this epidemic.

I will continue to reach out to educate others on this topic, as it is the top on my agenda to help with this very real problem. I can only hope that my efforts can save even one life, as I would not wish this pain onto another living soul or their families.

Please visit [www.Robertsterlingfoundation.org](http://www.Robertsterlingfoundation.org) for more information and resources on this important issue. Follow my blog for daily posts on [www.AGriefStory.com](http://www.AGriefStory.com)



## Cloverdale Creative Corner Christy Anne

With kids getting out of school for summer soon, having a project they can keep busy with as they acclimate to their temporary freedom is a win! The best part of this project, my friends, is odds are we all have the parts needed lying about waiting to be transformed.

Basic list of supplies & materials needed: hammer, large nail, scissors, cans in varying sizes, white glue, pictures or paint, and twine. For those feeling a bit braver? Wire, bells, seashells, a power drill, washer bits...literally anything you have the patience to fiddle with.

### Instructions

1. Clean the cans and remove labels.
2. Paint the bottoms and sides if you choose.
3. Use a hammer and nail to make a hole in the center of the bottom of each can (big enough to feed twine through).
4. If you have a picture you want to glue onto sides, a 50/50 glue to water works great. Brush some mix on the can and place picture and paint a layer over pic as well.
5. Thread a long piece of twine through the largest can from the bottom. Leave enough twine to hang the windchime from and then a knot to hold the can in place.
6. Thread the next largest can under the first can. See where you want it to hang and tie a knot at that location. Continue with as many cans as you have chosen and tie off the excess.



For mine, I used thin coated copper wire and placed a few wooden beads at the top. I used cut pieces of fabric I scored at BOLT from the amazing Kate and dipped in the glue mixture before placing on can. I flattened one small lid and drilled 5 tiny holes so I could add some fishing line and dangle some tea diffusers. Like I said...anything you have the patience to fiddle with!

## Roots of Rock MJ Girard ~ KOWS92.5.org

I started disc jockeying in my Junior year of school at Potter Valley High...way back in '66 at Ukiah's radio station KMSL. I was a summer replacement DJ and weekend warrior when school started in the Fall.

Now as the host of the "Roots of Rock" program aired every Sunday on community radio station KOWS, I continue to share my love of "R&R". Music is in the very soul of all beings. Imagine the earliest cave dwellers, beating on hollow logs with the leg bones of Mastodons, maybe humming the primitive sounds from within their heads and hearts, joining together with others to raise their voices and spirits in unison. If there was such a group, maybe they called themselves the "Cavemen Seven"...too bad Columbia records wasn't around to record them and add them to their record club collection!

R&R found its roots in the mid twentieth century, primary in the forties and fifties originating with Black American music e.g., gospel, jazz, boogie woogie, rhythm and blues as well as country music. Elements can be heard in blues recordings of the '20's and country music of the 30's, however the genre itself wasn't named until Cleveland's famed disc jockey Alan Freed coined the name on his show.

The piano or saxophone was the lead instrument, however the electric guitar soon became the dominant instrument in the mid-fifties. Dancing was the primary form of entertainment with the back beat provided by the drummer's snare. The lead and rhythm guitarist accompanied by bass, rounded out the musical ensemble. The lyrics, sung by the a popular singer, perhaps playing an instrument, often a lead guitar, although the piano was popular as well.

Rock and Roll had a polarizing influence on lifestyles, attitudes, clothing fashion as well as language and its contributions towards civil rights issues. Music elicits memories and remains at the heart of the American culture, that of freedom of expression and the hopes and dreams of youth.

## Law Office of James F. DeMartini Welcomes David Douglas

David Douglas is a veteran of the local wine business, bringing over 25 years' experience in wine production and industry support to his legal practice. Prior to joining the Law Offices of James F. DeMartini, David focused on the various compliance-related issues faced by wine producers and industry suppliers. Representing businesses in their dealings with state and federal regulatory agencies inspired David to pursue the practice of law as a career.

David received his Juris Doctor from Concord Law School at Purdue University (now Purdue Global Law School) in December 2022, concentrating on civil litigation, administrative advocacy, and regulatory law, and was admitted to the practice of law by the State Bar of California in August 2023. David is a member of the International Wine Law Association (AIDV) and resides in Windsor with his wife, son, and a couple of rescue terriers.



## City Council Report ~ Eleanore Webster

**March 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** Council declared March 31<sup>st</sup> Cesar Chavez Day. A presentation was made to amend City zoning codes for the housing development general plan, as part of California's efforts to improve housing availability. Housing includes employee housing, residential care, low barrier navigation centers, emergency shelters, and permanent supportive housing. Council members wanted to be sure the public understands these are State, not Cloverdale, requirements. New Business highlighted annexation for Six Acres Mutual Water Company into the existing City system. One key component is funding to extend the water/sewer services. Funding assistance is requested from Sonoma LAFCO and the State.

An Urban Growth Boundary Map amendment was considered, on request from Clearwater Ranch convalescent facility for inclusion within the Urban Growth Boundary. A ballot initiative is needed for approval. Expenses will be shared by the petitioners and the City. Council members were concerned about costs, but overall reaction was favorable.

**April 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** Members of the public commented on the RV Code change proposals. Comments asked that the Council include residents in proposals being brought forward because

RV's are causing neighborhood parking problems. This was assigned to the Planning and Sustainability sub-committee.

Council proclaimed a week in April as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, to recognize Cloverdale Police Dispatchers, and another April week for the Young Child. Council adopted a resolution for tax-exempt bond financing for Alexander Valley Apartments Affordable Housing Project. This current resolution is only to obtain the tax-exempt bond as the project was already approved.

A Resolution was considered to revise the currently outdated rent control code for mobile home parks. Rent control ordinances must allow landlords a reasonable return on their investment, while protecting occupants. Cloverdale has 183 spaces in three parks. Proposed is rent increase caps based on CPI, using the rents in effect 1/1/24. There is more information available on the Council website, and more input is expected. Audited financial statements were reviewed, showing an unexpected \$42,000 increase in the general fund. Council thanked staff for their work and accepted the report. Staff recommended that Council approve the draft budget goals for FY 2024-2026.



### Narcan Available

Addiction is a battle. It's best to be prepared if a friend or loved one is going through hard times. La Familia Sana has free Narcan boxes for those who need them. No questions are asked. They are open Monday to Friday 9-5pm, 223 N. Cloverdale Blvd., Cloverdale.



Kelley Morgan's cat **Franklin** enjoys **Cloverdale Connect!**

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Spring Showers bring May flowers – and then it's dry until winter rains begin again. Lucky for us, Cloverdale is situated in the heart of Russian River Watershed, one of the most ecologically diverse regions in the state and the ideal location to grow a garden or plant ornamental landscaping! The Russian River Watershed is not only vital for supplying water to our community but also plays a crucial role in supporting our agricultural community, the local environment, as well as supporting a variety of recreational activities.

The State is in the process of implementing proposed standards referred to as Making Conservation a California Way of Life Regulations. The proposed regulations may require substantial reductions in water usage for outdoor landscaping, mandating the replacement of traditional lawns with drought-tolerant plants. While the regulations are still in draft form, they are likely to impact residential water use throughout Sonoma County. The City is actively commenting on the draft regulations to address the impacts on our community. Please keep an eye out for updates on the regulations on a future City Council agenda.

With water use regulations likely becoming more stringent, the ever-looming impact of a future drought on our water supplies and the possible reduction in water supplied by the Potter Valley Project to the Russian River, it is not too late to consider strategies to build a resilient community that can withstand major weather events and the potential impact of drought on your household and landscaping. The Russian River Watershed Association has developed a valuable resource known as the Russian River Friendly Landscape Guidelines, serving as a practical tool for creating or renovating your garden or landscaping in harmony with our watershed's long-term health.

## Russian River Friendly Landscape Guidelines

The Russian River-Friendly Landscape Guidelines (RRFLG) provide a comprehensive toolbox of principles and practices for landscape professionals in the Russian River watershed. These guidelines aim to protect our watershed lands and waterways through an integrated approach to environmentally friendly landscaping.

1. **Landscape Locally:** Design and maintain landscapes that are well-suited to the local climate, soil, and native plant species. By choosing regionally appropriate plants, you contribute to the health of the ecosystem.
2. **Landscape for Less to the Landfill:** Reduce waste by reusing materials, recycling, and minimizing green waste. Sustainable landscaping practices help divert materials away from landfills.
3. **Nurture the Soil:** Healthy soil supports plant growth, reduces erosion, and enhances water retention. Implement practices such as composting, mulching, and avoiding chemical fertilizers.
4. **Conserve Water:** Use water-efficient irrigation systems, capture rainwater, and select drought-tolerant plants. Water conservation is crucial for maintaining a sustainable landscape.
5. **Conserve Energy:** Opt for energy-efficient landscape equipment and lighting. Properly placed trees and shrubs can also provide natural shade, reducing energy consumption.
6. **Protect Water and Air Quality:** Avoid harmful chemicals and pesticides that can leach into waterways. Promote clean air by planting trees and minimizing emissions.
7. **Conserve and Protect Wildlife Habitat:** Create habitats that support local wildlife, including native plants, nesting sites, and water features.

You can find more information and resources on the Russian River Watershed Association website.

River-Friendly Landscaping techniques help build resiliency into your local landscape while supporting the environment and help bring the birds, the bees, and the good bugs into our Cloverdale gardens!

## Carbon Gardening



Russian River Friendly Landscaping includes a fairly new concept for planting a garden, called 'Carbon Gardening'. Carbon Gardening answers the question, "How can I design my garden in such a way that allows the plants and soil to establish a long-term and thriving community that

aligns with the natural environment?" Carbon Gardening focuses on two main things: 1) developing the long-term health of the soil and 2) creating a diverse plant community.

Healthy soil is established by planting native perennial plants, or plants that live longer than 2 years, that can establish deep roots. Tilling the soil less allows microbes (bugs) and mycorrhizae (symbiotic fungi) to remain intact and give plant roots access to more nutrients. When plants do what they do best and convert sunlight into food, they also move carbon dioxide in the atmosphere into the soil. When carbon is taken out of the air and stored in soil, also known as 'carbon sequestration,' the carbon remains locked in the soil below. Reducing tillage and using ground covers like mulch and compost also help lock in carbon and retain moisture. This approach to gardening increases the soil's health and sustainability and supports the relationship between organisms and their environment.

## Native Plants

When you put plants in the ground that evolved with their natural environment, it helps to establish a diverse and strong natural ecosystem that benefits the sustainability of our watershed now and into the future. Native plants are generally more drought tolerant and fire resistant than non-native species and often require minimal tilling and grow deeper roots since they do not need to be replanted annually. They generally need less water because they evolved in our Mediterranean climate that fluctuates between dry and rainy seasons. Native species can also be more resistant to local pests requiring fewer toxins and less maintenance. Plus, you can mix and match, group plants together, perhaps add some flair with a California Coffeeberry alongside a California Fuchsia – have fun with it!

An important characteristic of landscaping with California native plants are their ability to contribute to the defensible space of your home garden. Some plants are more 'fire-resistant' than others. Groundcover – such as coyote brush can slow down the pace of fire, and the deep roots of the Toyon shrub supports slope stability, helping to prevent mudslides after a fire.

These landscaping practices align with nature in a way that acts like biomimicry to have your garden imitate the ecosystems that have evolved in the Russian River Watershed for hundreds if not thousands of years. Carbon Gardening transforms your yard into a beautiful and thriving ecosystem that contributes to a healthy Russian River Watershed ecology. Enjoy the season of planting by designing your garden to support the health of our creeks and river while sustaining soil health into the future.



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## Let's Travel Craig Clark

### Tips And Strategies When Returning A Rental Car

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Get exterior shots of the front and back, doors, roof, and undercarriage - and under the car. **Car rental companies are checking for damage under the car when you return the vehicle.** Also, get a picture of the VIN and the license plate.

Get interior shots with the car turned on, including the vehicle's odometer and fuel gauge or battery charge indicator. Photograph the seats, the trunk, the panels, and the floors.

Pay special attention to the windows and windshields as Car rental companies pay very close attention to the windshield and so should you. Get at least two images of the front and rear windshield. If you see even the smallest anomaly, consider asking for another vehicle.

Even if an employee or manager signs off on the car when returned, keep all paperwork, and retain the photos and video for at least two years.

This may all seem a bit excessive, but it will help to keep you off a "Do Not Rent To" list and will help to keep you from being billed for damages that you did not cause.

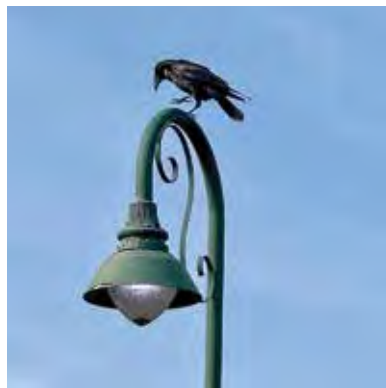
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## On the Wild Side

Jennifer Molitor

Spring has brought beautiful blooms to our Cloverdale landscapes. Like the cheerful orange of California poppies and the purple blossoms on western redbud trees that attract so many happy pollinators.

Walking to Dahlia and Sage the other day, I saw a shiny black Raven outside La Tequila. Ravens and crows are part of the Corvid family. Corvids are extremely intelligent. They recognize faces and can mimic human sounds. A group of ravens is called "an unkindness," the way a flock of crows is called "a murder." These strange names don't fit, however. Crows are actually very loving and mate for life. They've been known to hold funerals for loved ones. You can tell a raven from a crow by size (a raven is much larger) and floofy neck feathers.



California scrub jays are also Corvids, and live in towns like Cloverdale, not only for our low crime rate and community values, but because we have frogs, lizards, insects, nuts and berries in our environment.

Whether you're walking the trails at Del Webb noticing wild irises, or down by the river and catch sight of a fox or river otter, or even on a walk downtown, you're sure to see wildlife, like red headed acorn woodpeckers and California wild rose.



A western tiger swallowtail landed on me at a baseball game at Furber Park the other day, while bull frogs in the creek were croaking happily. They all contribute to a healthy ecosystem.

When we recognize the wild plants and animals living in our neighborhoods, we realize how much beauty there is to protect. A great way to encourage wildlife is to plant native flowers, which need less water than lawns and help us coexist with our wild Cloverdale neighbors.

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The Railbike tours last approximately 90 minutes with about a 15 minute break at the turnaround point next to the Russian River. The Railbike rentals are \$140 each with a \$5.00 discount per child 12 and under and Golden Gate Railroad Museum Members get an additional 10% off. Individual seats for 1 or 2 passengers can be purchased for \$45 each on a shared railbike.

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## National Poppy Day

Each year on the Friday before Memorial Day, members of the public are asked to wear a red poppy to honor the fallen and support the living who have worn the uniform of one of our nation's armed services. Members of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 293 of Cloverdale will offer poppies to the public on Friday, May 10, at Ray's Food Place and on Saturday, May 11, at Ace Hardware. The poppies are free. Donations to assist veterans and their families will be gratefully accepted. Monies collected by the Auxiliary are used strictly to support the future of veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families with medical and financial needs.

The history of National Poppy Day began more than 100 years ago. After World War I, the poppy flourished in Europe. Scientists attributed the growth to soils in France and Belgium becoming enriched with lime from the rubble left by the war. The numbers are sobering: More than 73,000 American soldiers were buried in Europe after fighting in the two World Wars. The red poppy came to symbolize the blood shed by those who fought and those who continue to serve our country.



Pictured L-R: Unit member Delynn Fitts, and Unit President Melonie Delsid at last year's event.

Americans today mostly celebrate Memorial Day with picnics and barbecues. Local members of the American Legion Family ask the public to remember the U.S. Congress designated National Poppy Day and Memorial Day to remember and honor those who protect America's many freedoms. For more information about National Poppy Day, visit online, legion-aux.org/poppy.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 293 members will offer red crepe-paper poppies to the public May 10 at Ray's Food Place and May 11 at Ace Hardware in Cloverdale, in recognition of National Poppy Day, May 24.

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### Gene Marcinkowski Recognized

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## Commercial Real Estate Explained Ron Pavelka

As a community, we always want to see our local businesses be successful and all of our store fronts occupied by those businesses that serve our community. As social media continues to be a platform for opinions and sometimes misinformation, this column is an opportunity to provide the community with explanations and facts.

Also, as we embark on this journey, let us not forget that our desires to attract various businesses and/or business types to Cloverdale truly depend on the ability of the owner, builder or developer to make a profit on their investment and not to simply satisfy one person's or small groups' desires and wishes.

As the community wrestles with their wanting to force building owners to fill their storefronts and other recalcitrant owners to clean up or remove their dilapidated structures, the term Eminent Domain continues to be bantered around our community. Unfortunately, the casual use of this term needs to be understood in its entirety before wishing this legal action on those owners, the City of Cloverdale, and ultimately the tax payers.

What is Eminent Domain? Simply put, it is a protracted and limited legal process for which a government entity may purchase property within their jurisdiction. Example: if the City of Cloverdale were to begin Eminent Domain, they would need to make a reasonable purchase offer on the subject property. If the owner refuses to sell, the City may begin the Eminent Domain process. After several court hearings and attorney's fees over a year or two, the judge will determine the "purchase value" of the subject property which the city may now purchase at an appraised value by a licensed appraiser. The big question is, where does the City of Cloverdale obtain the funds for such purchase?

The final disposition of the subject property that the city has acquired through the Eminent Domain process must be for public benefit to be used by the general public. As an example, you cannot use this process to condemn and purchase a carwash to only sell the property to another developer to build a privately owned carwash.

In our next column in the July issue of **Cloverdale Connect**, we will look at some of the various "empty" properties strewn throughout Cloverdale.

## Alexander Valley Healthcare Updates Kirsten Tellez

Alexander Valley Healthcare (AVH) is proud to announce the addition of two new providers to our Primary Care team, expanding the quality and scope of healthcare services available to this community. Dr. Jo Ann Rosenfeld, a highly experienced Chronic Pain Specialist, will be caring for patients two days a week. In addition to her expertise in chronic pain management, Dr. Rosenfeld will be providing prenatal care, offering comprehensive support to expectant mothers. Dr. Ronald Brown brings a wealth of experience as an Internal Medicine/Allergist/Immunologist to AVH. Dr. Brown will start seeing patients in May, just in time for peak allergy season!

The Behavioral Health team at AVH joins the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Sonoma County in recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month. NAMI Sonoma County serves residents across the county with free mental health support, online groups, resources, and education. This year, NAMI invites individuals to participate in the "Take the Moment" campaign, encouraging open dialogues, empathy, and understanding surrounding mental health issues. By fostering a supportive environment, we can break down stigma and promote wellness in our community. For more information on mental health support and resources, visit [www.NAMI.org](http://www.NAMI.org) and join us in raising awareness this month.

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## Geyserville Improvements

Residents of Geyserville have long sought a central space where the community could gather. Three years ago, the Geyserville Municipal Advisory Council identified the perfect spot: a piece of County-owned land next to the Sonoma County Transit Park & Ride facility on Geyserville Avenue. Recently, the Board of Supervisors executed a grant agreement with the California Coastal Conservancy and allocated \$400,000 to start design, environmental review and permitting work on the project.



"Geyserville is home to world-class wineries, award-winning restaurants, and a growing arts community, but it needs a plaza where people can come together and celebrate the town's charms," said District 4 Supervisor James Gore, who represents the area. "This piece of County property is the ideal place for a plaza, and I am looking forward to helping this project become a reality." Sonoma Ag + Open Space has approved a \$1 million matching grant to develop the plaza. The Department of Public Infrastructure will manage the project.




Rick Tang Photography

## April Cloverdale Weather

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**Robert Redner, Cloverdale Museum President, takes a break from his duties to read Cloverdale Connect.**

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**Karen Ruth Dunlavy Bosworth**  
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Karen Bosworth passed away peacefully at her home in Geyserville on March 15, 2024. Born and raised in Healdsburg, Karen was the daughter of a local doctor and nurse, Kenneth, and Ruth Dunlavy.

Karen graduated from University of the Pacific in 1962 and then went to work in San Francisco at Southern Pacific Memorial

Hospital as a medical technologist until she was introduced to Harry Bosworth, of Geyserville, on a blind date in 1966. They were married the following year.

In 1968 they bought the local hardware store, a small ranch and started a family. After a few years, Karen went back to work as laboratory technician at the Healdsburg family practice of Grace, Neal, and Wellock, where she worked for close to 20 years. She then transferred to Healdsburg Hospital and occasionally covered shifts at Palm Drive Hospital in Sebastopol. After retiring, she enjoyed pouring wine in both Geyserville Peak and Silver Oak's tasting rooms.

Karen was a devoted mother to her two daughters Rachel and Gretchen, and with the arrival of her granddaughters, Morgan and Amy, Karen happily retired to help with their care.

Karen collected carnival glass, she taught Sunday school, she enjoyed photography and took classes at the SRJC, she played with the Geyserville Mickeys coed softball team, and loved her monthly dominoes matches with friends.

Karen was very active in her community and especially with support for healthcare or public education. She was a past president of the Geyserville Chamber of Commerce and member of the Geyserville Community Foundation and Historical Society. She served on the boards of Alliance Medical Center and the Healthcare Foundation, as well as the Geyserville school board, Sonoma County Committee on school district organization and over 20 years as a trustee of the Sonoma County Board of Education.

Karen is survived by her daughters Rachel (Dean Prat) and Gretchen (Brian Crebs), her granddaughters Morgan and Amy Crebs, her brother Norman (Peachie) Dunlavy and several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband Harry Bosworth.

A celebration of Karen's life was held in April. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Alexander Valley Healthcare.

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- MAY 3 Friday Community Unity Day
- MAY 6 Monday Eagle Boosters meeting: library 6 PM – 7 PM
- MAY 13 Monday ELAC Meeting, CHS Library 5 PM – 6 PM
- MAY 15 Wed. Senior Portfolio Night 6 PM – 7 PM
- MAY 27 Monday Memorial Day
- JUNE 3 Monday CHS Final - Student minimum Days  
Eagle Boosters meeting: library 6 PM – 7 PM
- JUNE 4 Tuesday CHS Final - Student minimum Day
- JUNE 5 Wed. CHS Final - Student minimum Day
- JUNE 6 Thursday CHS Final - Student minimum Day  
  
Last Day of School - Minimum Day  
School Dismisses 12:30pm
- JUNE 7 Friday Teacher Flex Work Day  
  
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Social Studies	30 credits (10 credits World History, 10 credits U.S. History, 5 credits American Government, 5 credits Economics)
Physical Education	20 credits (all 9th graders must take PE)
Art or Foreign Lang.	10 credits
Electives	80 credits
Portfolio	8 credits (2 credits per year)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>238 credits</b>

The Cloverdale Unified School District graduation requirements include service learning. Service learning hours must be completed at a nonprofit agency or organization.

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**BINGO Returns to Cloverdale May 9**

A rousing night of Bingo conducted by the Rotary Club of Cloverdale is scheduled May the 9th at Railroad Station. Lots of prizes and gobs of fun are on tap according to Bingo coordinator Erik Terrerri. Patio doors open at 5:30 with games to start about 6:00 p.m. Cards are \$10.00 each and good for all games.

To speed food delivery, the team at Railroad Station has developed a special, limited menu for players. It includes Cobb Salad, Hot Dog with fries or salad and Chicken

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At press time the following sponsors have contributed to the prize pool with more to come:

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| Tuesday 7pm   | Grupo 7mo Paso Cloverdale<br>Cloverdale Citrus Fairgrounds       |
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| Thursday 7pm  | Grupo 7mo Paso Cloverdale<br>Cloverdale Citrus Fairgrounds       |
| Friday 7pm    | Grupo 7mo Paso Cloverdale<br>Cloverdale Citrus Fairgrounds       |
| Saturday 6pm  | Last Saturday Potluck<br>Parkside Chapel Church, 553 W 2nd St.   |
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## Stephen Thomas Johnson



Stephen Thomas Johnson died peacefully on March 6, 2024. With him at the time of his departure were loved ones and caring medical staff at UCSF Parnassus, the same location he underwent a life-saving lung transplant 17 years prior. Stephen is survived by his sister Linda Moyer, daughter, Meghan Johnson, and step children Jennifer and Jonathan Reap. A life-long academic and love for geology, Stephen

spent most of his adult life in Sonoma County, driving back roads as a building inspector and slowing down family road trips to get a good look at a rock.

With a quirky sense of humor, Stephen loved to tell jokes to friends and strangers and had a creative knack for finding ways to extend conversations with baristas and cashiers. After enjoying several real-life travel adventures, he shifted to armchair travel by watching sailing YouTube videos and dreamt of living on a sailboat. He'll be remembered as a nutty professor with a big heart and will be missed by family and friends.

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Donations can be made to the Mono Lake Committee.

## Cloverdale Parks to Host Kids to Parks Day

Cloverdale Parks staff are excited to announce a special event planning for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids to Parks Day. The event held in collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club of Cloverdale will feature two guided walks of the recently acquired Soda Ranch Springs Open space. The guided walks will enable kids and their family members to learn about future plans for the park.

**May 18, 2024, 9:30 am (Hikes at 10:00 and 10:15)  
Cloverdale City Park**

Kids to Parks Day is a national day of outdoor play celebrated annually on the third Saturday of May. The day connects kids and families with their local, state, and national parks and public lands through thousands of park events that promote discovery and exploration in the great outdoors. This year marks the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kids to Parks Day. Organized by National Park Trust, the mission of Kids to Parks Day is to foster future outdoor enthusiasts and help with developing the next generation of park stewards by engaging kids in memorable outdoor experiences. While discovering and exploring our parks, kids learn about park stewardship, outdoor recreation, STEM, and the history of our country and its amazing national treasures – because kids need parks and parks need kids!

**Fun, Free Event for Sonoma County**  
**FIRE AND EARTHQUAKE SAFETY EXPO**  
2024

**Sunday, May 19th, 10am to 3pm**  
**Cloverdale Citrus Fairgrounds**

- Learn from first responders & other experts
- Browse exhibits & state-of-the-art products
- Enjoy free giveaways & food, while supplies last
- Ask experts in the Firewise Landscape room
- Participate in kid's activities
- Education in English & Spanish
- Live simulations & more!

## Safe Words Queer Comedy Showcase

Celebrate Pride month with San Francisco's favorite LGBTQ+ comedy showcase, Safe Words, as we bring an evening of laughter and inclusivity to Cloverdale this May at the Cloverdale Performing Arts Center. Safe Words Queer Comedy Showcase is on a mission to create laugh-out-loud safe spaces for queer audiences while propelling the careers of extraordinarily funny queer comedians. Experience the magic of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer comedians from the Bay Area's vibrant comedy scene, right in the heart of Sonoma County's wine country.

The comedy show stars De Anne Smith who has been featured on HBO, CBC, ABC, and the BBC. Their video "Straight Men, Step Your Game Up" has amassed over 48 million views. Smith's half-hour comedy special, "Gentleman Elf," is available on Netflix under "Comedians of the World". The show also features the comedy of Rea Kapur with the magnanimous host, Wonder Dave.

The show is Saturday, May 11 at 7:00pm and the cost is \$40 on line and \$45 at the door. For more information and tickets go to: [CloverdalePerformingArts.com](http://CloverdalePerformingArts.com)

## Museum Maintenance



Pictured preparing braces for the Cloverdale Historical Societies overhead alcoves, president Robert Redner begins the process of drilling the steel straps.

The museum is looking for sponsorship donations to maintain the grounds so it may continue to be "The Heart of Cloverdale." Check their website for more information and a list of upcoming events.

[www.cloverdalehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.cloverdalehistoricalsociety.org)



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## Healthcare Foundation and North Sonoma County Healthcare District Grants

The Healthcare Foundation Northern Sonoma County and the North Sonoma County Healthcare District (NSCHD) have announced a new five-year partnership in grantmaking to amplify their impact in supporting health and health equity across the region. They marked the announcement with a coordinated release of grants totaling \$200,000 to two local nonprofit organizations providing critical health services to the region's low-income Latine residents experiencing disproportionate health and mental health impacts of recent natural disasters and economic hardship. The Healthcare Foundation and NSCHD share similar missions and the same geographical services area, from Windsor to Cloverdale. In this new arrangement, the granting organizations will confer, strategize and coordinate together on where and how to direct their annual granting in order to maximize their collective impact.

The recipients of the funds being disbursed are Alexander Valley Healthcare (\$100K) and SOS Community Counseling (\$100K). Both nonprofits are in the process of strengthening their services to meet a growing need in the communities they serve.



Alexander Valley Healthcare Board member, James Berry, CEO Debbie Howell, Board Chair, Erika Spencer-Singson, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Jing Zhao, and Hanna Scramaglia, Healthcare Foundation.

Alexander Valley Healthcare (AVH) will receive a \$50,000 grant from the Healthcare Foundation and a matching \$50,000 grant from NSCHD. AVH is the only medical provider in operation between Healdsburg and Ukiah and the only dental or mental health practice in the area accepting Medi-Cal or uninsured patients. The grant from the Healthcare Foundation provides unrestricted funding, allowing for flexibility on the part of the grantee in determining where to direct the monies to best support AVH's vital services in Cloverdale. The grant from NSCHD, meanwhile, goes toward supporting AVH's planned new Health & Wellness Center, which will expand AVH's range of existing healthcare services to potentially include Urgent Care, a pharmacy, laboratory services, physical therapy, nutrition education and a teen clinic. The new building will also have space for Sonoma County Health and Human Services and community partners.



SOS Community Counseling  
Becky Ennis, Executive Director

SOS Community Counseling, which has been providing on-site mental health counseling services to students throughout Sonoma County since 2005, will also receive a \$50,000 grant from the Healthcare Foundation and a matching \$50,000 grant from NSCHD. The coordinated grants from Healthcare Foundation and NSCHD provide unrestricted funding that will support SOS in continuing to provide therapy services in Sonoma County schools through the end of this school year. Its Team Success and Juvenile Diversion Programs operate in the districts of Windsor, Healdsburg and Cloverdale as well as Cotati and Rohnert Park.

The funding to SOS comes as it coordinates a merger with CPI (Child Parent Institute), a parent education and children's mental health agency serving families throughout Sonoma County, as both nonprofits look to maintain and strengthen the safety net of services for families in the region.

## Kiwanis Book Donation



Washington School Librarian, Gabby Desio received a gift of 140 books from the Kiwanis Club of Cloverdale to be given to students during a May 30th visit by best-selling author and cartoonist Raina Telgemeier. Desio said that the donation was a game changer for this project. Telgemeier is well known for her youth graphic novels including **Drama** and **Smile**.



### A New Summer Food Program Coming in 2024

## Learn how SUN Bucks can help you!

**SUN Bucks, also known as Summer EBT (S-EBT), is a new program to help families buy food for their school-aged children during the summer. Families will get \$120 for each eligible child to buy groceries during the summer. Families must use SUN Bucks within 122 days of funds being loaded to their card. Children who get SUN Bucks can still participate in other summer meal programs. SUN Bucks will not affect immigration status.**

**Will my child get SUN Bucks?**


Your child will automatically get SUN Bucks if:

- They are age 6 - 18 years and get CalFresh, CalWORKs, or Medi-Cal; **OR**
- They are age 0 - 22 years, attending schools that are part of National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Programs, **AND** are approved for free or reduced price meals. Check with your child's school to make sure your free or reduced-price meal application or Alternative Income Form is on file.

Children who are attending Head Start, experiencing homelessness, living in foster care or part of a migrant family are also automatically eligible.

**How do SUN Bucks work?**


Eligible families will get SUN Bucks on an S-EBT card mailed to their home. You do not need to fill out an application. You will get one new SUN Bucks card for each eligible child. You can use SUN Bucks just like a debit card to buy food like fruits, vegetables, meat, whole grains, and dairy at grocery stores, farmers markets, and other places that accept CalFresh EBT benefits.



### Have You Moved?

Make sure your mailing address is current, so your SUN Bucks are sent to the right place! Update your address by April 1, 2024.

- If you get CalWORKs, CalFresh, or Medi-Cal, change your address online at BenefitsCal.com, or call or visit your local county office.
- If you qualify for free or reduced-price meals, change your address at your child's school of attendance. Not sure? Check with your child's school.





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The SUN Bucks program in California is made possible with funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service and is brought to you by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) in partnership with the California Department of Education (CDE).



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## Equity Community Organizing Group

“We are excited to report that the Healthcare Foundation, On the Margins, La Familia Sana, Alexander Valley Healthcare, Cloverdale Senior Center, Nuestra Comunidad, and Sonoma County’s Council on Aging have partnered with community members in Cloverdale in the launch of a new community-based initiative to highlight the major challenges to health and wellbeing for low-income seniors in the area and to formulate solutions.

The initiative will create an Equity Community Organizing (ECO) Group in Cloverdale that will engage seniors, as well as other local residents and stakeholders, in identifying the drivers of health inequities for older residents as well as explore solutions for aging in health, wellbeing and community.

The Cloverdale ECO Group will meet regularly over 18 months for charlas y cafecitos (Coffee and Conversations) to share experiences, identify priorities and solutions, and collaborate on ideas.

*Estamos súper emocionados/es porque El Healthcare Foundation, On the Margins, La Familia Sana, Alexander Valley Healthcare, Cloverdale Senior Center, Nuestra Comunidad y el Council on Aging del Condado de Sonoma se han asociado con miembros de la comunidad de Cloverdale en el lanzamiento de una nueva iniciativa comunitaria para resaltar los principales desafíos para la salud y el bienestar de las personas mayores de bajos ingresos en el área y formular soluciones.*

*La iniciativa creará un Grupo de Organización Comunitaria de Equidad (ECO) en Cloverdale que involucrará a las personas mayores, así como a otros residentes locales y partes interesadas, en la identificación de los factores que impulsan las desigualdades en salud para los residentes mayores, así como en la exploración de soluciones para el envejecimiento en la salud, el bienestar y la comunidad.*

*El Grupo Cloverdale ECO se reunirá periódicamente para charlas y cafecitos para compartir experiencias, identificar prioridades y soluciones, y colaborar en ideas.*



**45<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**MAY DAY Festival**

A good old fashion town picnic with live music from band Georgia West, kids activities, games, wine & beer plus the **Kiwanis Rib Cook-Off Competition!**

**Sunday, May 5th 2024**  
**11 am - 4 pm**

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- Recology Sonoma Marin WASTE ZERO
- DUCKHORN VINEYARDS

**LOCATION: GEYSERVILLE WINERY**  
19410 Geyserville Ave, Geyserville  
(former site of Clos Du Bois)

1:00 May Day Court  
1:30 May Pole Dance  
2:00 Ballet Folklórico  
3:00 Games  
4:00 Rib Winner Announced

**FREE ADMISSION**

## 2024 Joe Pardini Youth Football Chargers Football & Cheer Registration Now Open

- Cost of Registration: \$130 per Player or Cheerleader, \$230 for household, due at time of online registration.
- Weigh-in's: Weds May 15th, 5-7 & Mon July 1st, 5-7, located near high school bus barn. Mandatory that ALL football players weigh in at one of the two dates provided. This helps determine what division player will be in.
- Mandatory Cheer Uniform fitting: Weds June 12th, 5-7, located near high school bus barn. If you cannot make this date, reach out to a cheer coach to make other arrangements.
- Mandatory Parent Meeting & Gear handout (FOOTBALL ONLY): Weds July 17th, 5:30-7:30, located at the High School in between both gyms.
- Birth Certificates: If it's your child's first time signing up with Chargers Football or Cheer, we will need a copy of their birth certificate uploaded to the website at the time of registration.
- Sports Physical: Physicals are required for EVERY PLAYER both Football and Cheer every season. MUST be dated between Jan 1st 2024 - July 22nd 2024 (first day of practice). Please email them to [cloverdalechargersfootball@gmail.com](mailto:cloverdalechargersfootball@gmail.com)
- Practices for both Football and Cheerleading: Begins Monday July 22nd and are 5 days a week until school begins and then reduce to 3 days a week.
- Jamboree: Tentatively scheduled for Sat August 3rd or August 10th.
- Games: Begin Saturday August 17th and go through October with playoffs beginning of Nov.

### AGE/GRADE AND WEIGHT LIMITS FOOTBALL

MUST BE 7 YEARS OLD BY 7/22/2024

Pee Wee - (7 yrs old – 10 yrs old or up to 4th grade) – Max 95lbs

JV - (8 yrs old – 12 yrs old or up to 6th grade) – Max 125lbs

Varsity - (13 yrs old – 14 yrs old or up to 8th grade) Max 160lbs

### AGE/GRADE CHEER

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Pee Wee - (7 yrs old – 10 yrs old or up to 4th grade)

JV - (8 yrs old – 12 yrs old or up to 6th grade)

Varsity - (13 yrs old – 14 yrs old or up to 8th grade)

Call Sara with questions. 707-332-0531



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### What Is A County Central Committee and What Do They Do? Courtesy of the CloDems

Major political parties – Republican and Democratic – maintain County Central Committees. The membership votes on candidate and initiative endorsements and resolutions on current issues such as housing, immigration, transportation, environmental concerns – actually, anything we ask of our elected officials or government. These meetings are open to members of the public and provide the opportunity to speak.

Central Committees serve as a link between party-based clubs in towns and cities and statewide resources. They may raise funds for specific party causes or campaign in support of specific candidates ranging from city councils to the presidency. During election season, Central Committees may establish an office where party-centric information and promotional swag (think bumper stickers or buttons) is available to passers-by.

Central Committee membership is an elective position, however seats unfilled in election cycles may become appointive at the behest of the Committee. Because of the obscure nature of the Central Committee structure, many citizens don't know of their existence, but membership on the Democratic or Republican Central Committee can be an exciting way to get involved in local and state-wide decision making.

Want to learn more? In your favorite search engine, enter "Sonoma County [name of party] Central Committee" then be prepared to roll up your sleeves and get to work!

*The mission of the CloDems is to foster an informed and engaged electorate.*



*Pictured on the left:* District Governor Tom Boylan, congratulating Cloverdale Rotary President Robert Redner on the club's successful donation to the Sonoma County CERT (Civilian Emergency Response Team) organization. Joining them is Jim OGrady, incoming District Governor. With 46 Rotary Clubs in District 5130, Rotary has over 34,000 clubs worldwide.

### New Museum Signage



A new sign for the Museum at the Cloverdale Historical Society has been installed, allowing more people to discover the wonderful history of our city and its importance to Sonoma County.

### Cloverdale Kiwanis Vineyard Race Returns

**Sunday, October 20, 2024. Registration is open!**  
All proceeds go to local Kiwanis literacy programs including the Cloverdale Imagination Library!  
**Go to [cloverdalevineyardraces.org](http://cloverdalevineyardraces.org)**



## Cooking with David Maciel

Sponsored by Ray's Food Place

With the warmer weather in May I turn my focus to the BBQ. These chili lime shrimp are a great cold appetizer or to make tacos. Your favorite salsa, guacamole, or a mayo Sriracha sauce is great for dipping or in a crispy fried corn tortilla.

### Chili Lime Garlic Shrimp

#### Ingredients

- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce, tamari for gluten free
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 3 tablespoons lime juice, fresh-squeezed is preferred
- ½ teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 pound large shrimp, peeled & deveined

#### Marinating The Shrimp

1. Whisk the garlic, brown sugar, soy sauce, chili powder, lime juice, red pepper flakes and olive oil together in a large mixing bowl.
2. Add the shrimp to the marinade and toss to coat.
3. Place in the refrigerator and marinate for 15 minutes, or up to 2 hours.

Grill the shrimp for 3 minutes per side. It's much easier to put the shrimp on a kabob skewer if you are using a BBQ or on the stove top in a hot cast iron pan.

## Footprints From The Past Jennifer Jordan, Cloverdale Historical Society



Have you seen The Piano, a movie by Jane Campion from 1993 about a Scottish woman who immigrates to New Zealand in the late 1880s with her daughter and beloved piano to wed a farmer? Just as she and her piano travelled thousands of miles from Scotland to New Zealand, Cloverdale too has a well-travelled piano which made an equally perilous journey.

James Kleiser (1818-1906) is generally recognized as the founder of Cloverdale as he purchased the land and hired the surveyor who laid out the first streets. In March 1869, he married his second wife, Lizzie Unferfate. As a gift to her, he purchased a rosewood square grand piano, made by the Emerson Piano Company of Boston. It is not completely clear how it arrived in Cloverdale, but it was either shipped around the Cape of Good Horn and up the Pacific Coast or it was carried across Central America before the Panama Canal was built.

Square grand pianos were popular during the Victorian Age and considered very fashionable. Come to see our intricately carved rosewood piano found in the Gould-Shaw house. It is a piece of musical history.



The Cloverdale Museum of History - 215 N. Cloverdale Blvd.  
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