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CUSD Teacher of the Month Debbie Myers
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We are excited to announce this month's Cloverdale Unified School District's employee of the month, Debbie McMillan-Myers. Debbie is a dedicated Jefferson Elementary School educator who has been an invaluable member of our Jefferson staff and Cloverdale community for many years. Debbie has consistently demonstrated a profound commitment to the education and development of her students. Her passion for teaching is evident in the way she engages with her students, encouraging them to reach their full potential and fostering a love for learning that extends beyond the classroom.

Outside of her professional life, Debbie can be found, traveling, and relaxing at coastal locations with friends and family. Debbie's commitment to her friends and family is admirable and extends to her broader community, where she is known for her kindness, generosity, and unwavering support.

Debbie's dedication to her students, her family-oriented approach, and her passion for life make her an exemplary role model for all. We are grateful that Debbie is a part of our CUSD family!

The CloDems ask:
"Is a seat on the School Board right for you?"

"The Cloverdale Unified School District embraces innovative practices that engage all students and staff to maximize potential, achieve goals and build community." This is the vision statement shared by Trustee Preston Addison as he addressed the public at the May meeting of the Cloverdale Democratic Club.

Mr. Addison shared that attributes essential for the successful Trustee include the ability to think critically, understand one's voice is part of a team, and commit to and follow through on long-range goals. He added that successful Board members are critical to the health of the District and – most importantly – the future of the students that the Trustees serve.

He outlined these specifics to those interested in running for a position on the Board of Trustees:

- Three seats are open in the November Election.
- Trustee terms are four years.
- Candidates must be residents of the Cloverdale Unified School District (which is geographically larger than the City of Cloverdale.)
- The filing period begins July 15th and ends August 9th.
- Filing is completed at the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters Office – 435 Fiscal Drive, Santa Rosa. As a part of the filing process, candidates must supply signatures of registered voters and/or pay a filing fee.
- Should three or fewer individuals file for a seat, no election will be held and those who filed will be appointed.

Membership on the Board of Trustees involves both a commitment of time and of one's heart. It is both challenging and rewarding. Like any elected official, Trustees soon find that it is impossible to please every member of the electorate, but having a hand in shaping the policies that foster today's youth as they become the productive community members of tomorrow is gratifying beyond measure.

Interested? Up for the challenge? Willing to serve others? Again, three seats are open in November.

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



Editor's Note

Cloverdale Connect is celebrating our **4th Anniversary** this month! What started out as a little project to pass the time during the pandemic, has now become part of the community. This could not happen without our loyal and caring readers, along with our advertisers and special sponsors. Thank you! In this issue you will find a Reader Survey. Please take the time to fill it out and return it by email or tear out and return it by mail. We want to include the features that you enjoy the most, as we continue to serve our community.

Summer is in full swing with longer daylight, great weather and outdoor events. There are so many opportunities to make summer special here in Cloverdale – Friday Night Live, special events at the Kelley & Young Tasting Room, so many places to enjoy a great meal, the 4th of July Parade, relaxing at the KOA, cooling off in the river, Rotary Bingo, live productions at the Cloverdale Performing Arts Center and so much more. Enjoy our great summer weather!

I'll see you around town!

Dana

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PET of the MONTH

**Jasper, the “Dude”
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Eight Students Receive Courtney Jade Davis Memorial Scholarship

Courtney’s Pumpkin Patch was pleased to award the Courtney Jade Davis Memorial Scholarship to eight graduating seniors. On behalf of the board of directors, we congratulate the following students for their outstanding commitment to community service:



Shasta Vlasak, Savannah Lands, Maxwell Fincher, Grace Kelder, Rylee Reasoner, Jason Moffett, Tess Selberg (not listed in order; Arais Rodriguez not pictured).



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Whisker Talk Brigid Wasson

When I moved to Cloverdale from San Jose in 2013, I had a long drive with 10 howling cats to my new home. 11 years later, 4 of the original 10 are still with me. Elf is the oldest at 16 and the most dear to my heart. As she slows down I struggle once again with the thought of losing an animal friend. She sits in my lap right now as I write about pet loss. Here are some things to keep in mind if you are near to losing a feline, canine, or other animal family member.

- 1) Enjoy the time you have together. Do the things your pet enjoys: sitting in the garden, walking in the park, having a special snack. Take pictures and videos to remember.
- 2) Be kind to yourself. Feel whatever you are feeling. No one has the right to judge you or say, “It’s just a pet.” Share with friends who understand.
- 3) Get ready to let go. This is the hardest part. With modern medicine we think we can fix anything but death is a natural part of life for all of us. When the day comes, think of how blessed you were to have time together in this world.



Savannah Lands, Rylee Reasoner, Catharine Davis, Shasta Vlasak, Dennis Davis, Jason Moffett



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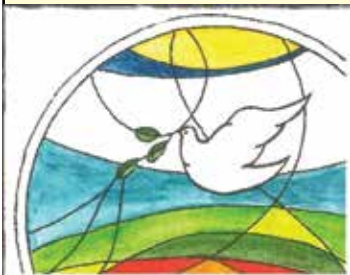
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Taking Ease to the Next Level Nora Archambeau, M.A.

When considering what to write for this month's column, I had a hard time coming up with something engaging and tangible. I knew one thing: It needs to be a lighter topic. The word "ease" came to mind. Ease from the stresses of life that is. Stress is already a way of living, but currently, the ante has been upped! Our lives are accelerating no matter what is going on, right? This is completely necessary if we are to evolve into higher states of being. But, friends, sometimes, we can spin energetically almost out of control. I visited a friend recently in Geyserville. I had just returned from a consultation with a psychic at a dynamic crystal shop in Guerneville. I came back feeling ten times lighter and more hopeful. My friend shared that the last time he had seen me, I was "operating" like a washing machine...in the agitation cycle no less! He was spot on. Wanting to avoid returning to the agitation cycle, or worse yet, ending up in the spin cycle (metaphorically), I really had to reflect. Apparently, I needed the reassurance from an "outsider" to tell me I was/am fine and exactly where I need to be. This intuitive professional also offered great validation by pointing out aspects of myself that needed to be personally seen. Only then could I focus, integrate, and act. Below are some self-help remedies that might benefit us:

1. **Stop:** Take Time Out. Stop what we are doing, sit, and recenter. It is okay.
2. **Reflect:** Is there a better way to handle a stressful moment, situation, or person?
3. **Change:** Change the activity. Wash the dishes, take a walk, fill the hummingbird feeder.
4. **Visualize:** "Visualization is...setting forth a course to your goals so that your brain can create a map that makes reaching them inevitable." *Find Your Mantra*, by Aysel Gunar.
5. **Ease:** Truly relaxing into oneself, if only for micro-moments, helps to jellify calm...for everyone. Repeated often, it becomes a new practice.



Julie Lawson Honored Forrest Harper

Cloverdale Unified is thrilled to announce that Julie Lawson, the dedicated advisor at Johanna Echols-Hansen Continuation High School, has been honored with the prestigious Big Picture Learning Advisor of the Year award. This national accolade recognizes outstanding educators who excel in fostering personalized, student-centered learning environments. Julie Lawson is the first from our region to receive this distinguished award, marking a significant achievement for both her and the Cloverdale community.

Big Picture Learning (BPL) is an educational framework that emphasizes personalized, student-centered learning. It focuses on real-world experiences, internships, and individualized learning plans to engage students and prepare them for success in life and careers. The first BPL school in the North Bay was established in 2018. Since then, eight schools from Santa Rosa to Fort Bragg have adopted the BPL model, emphasizing real-world, relevant learning.

Julie's innovative approach and unwavering commitment to her students have been remarkable and it makes her a role model for educators everywhere. Her ability to connect with students, understand their unique needs, and guide them towards their individual goals has made a lasting impact in Cloverdale.

Please join us in congratulating Julie Lawson on this remarkable accomplishment!

BIG NEWS
Juli Southard

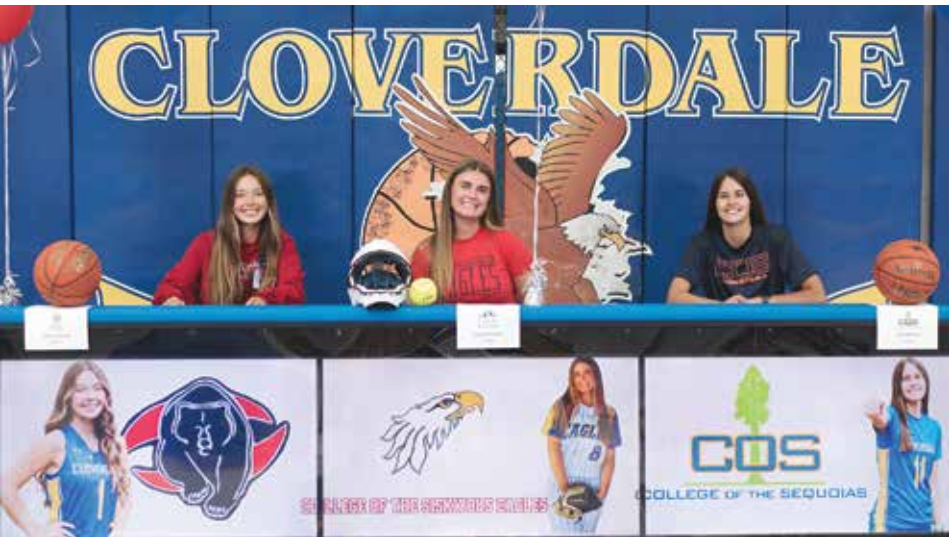
Friday, May 17, 2024, was Southard Tire & Auto's official last day of business. June of this year would have been the 70th year of serving this beautiful community, and for Paul and I, our 28th year! There are countless customers, friends and generations of families that have chosen us as their shop. To place your trust in our service has been an incredible honor. We have truly loved being your shop. Let's highlight the true star of our shop, Luis Contreras. Luis started with Southards in 1990, working for R.B. Southard. For 34 years he has been our incredible, ingenious, clever, resourceful, thoughtful, dedicated, committed, reliable, dependable, amazing mechanic. He is much more than an employee - he has been a true friend. Luis has been through so much with us through the years, and his unwavering friendship has been such an incredible gift to Paul and me. We are so very grateful to have him in our lives and to call him our friend.

Starting Monday May 20th, the new owners are Jeff & Tina Tate of Cloverdale Automotive! We are very excited for them, as this will be their second location, Tate's Tire Pros and Auto Service. They have chosen to keep Luis and me on! I'm pretty stoked to still be able to see all our Southard customers and to meet many more new faces who have been long-time Cloverdale Automotive customers!

Again, THANK YOU SO MUCH for the many, many years of loyalty and trust. We are so incredibly honored, grateful and thankful. We couldn't have done it without you!

CHS Athletes Recognized ~ Mac Butler

On Monday June 3, 2024 Coach Butler and CHS recognized three senior student athletes who will continue their athletic career next year, Shasta Vlasak (Santa Rosa JC), Rylee Reasoner (College of Siskiyous) , and Tylie Hatcher (College of Sequoias).



Message from Coach Butler:

"**Shasta** - never stop being gritty! Play your heart out in Santa Rosa and continue to take pride in your defense and you will find the rest will come. **Rylee** - swing hard, stay focused, commit yourself to the game you love! You are extremely talented and Siskiyous is lucky to have you! **Tylie** - Most talented player I have had the pleasure of coaching, Keep working extremely hard and don't let anyone or anything get in the way of your dreams! Continue to play like a Giant! You all make CHS athletics very proud and I can't wait to see you play next year."





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Potter Valley Water Project
Eleanore Webster

On May 22nd, City Council declared Public Works Week. Cole Timmer and Bobby Spagnola were present to receive the recognition on behalf of their coworkers. They expressed their desire to continue working as they are self-proclaimed "young, hard-working men". Everyone present agreed and photos were taken. There was also an interesting presentation on the Sonoma County library system and the Cloverdale Regional Library.

Supervisor James Gore gave an important presentation on the Potter Valley water project. This project will have a major impact on our future water availability. Cloverdale has sustained water because of diversion from the Eel River to the Russian River. The diversion was created in the early 1900's to provide hydropower, leading to Scott and Cape Horn Dams on the Eel River; this evolved in the 1950's to manage flooding in the lower Russian River, eventually creating Lake Mendocino/ Coyote Dam and Lake Sonoma/Warm Springs Dam. Diverted water filled Lake Mendocino for people in Potter Valley. When Lake Mendocino fills up, water goes through Ukiah/Alexander Valley to agricultural wells in our area. The whole water system is based on plentiful water. Municipal wells in Cloverdale, Geyserville, and Healdsburg depend on this system. PG&E no longer needs the dams, which has led to this evolving project.

Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino and Sonoma counties all have stakes here, as do area Native American tribes. Northern Sonoma County is fragile because we don't have connection to Lake Sonoma. The goal is to keep sustained flows from the Eel River so Cloverdale has reliable water access. Any proposals would have to go before the State Water Board, PG&E, and others. This will take years, lots of money and lots of negotiation.

The Eel-Russian Project Authority (ERPA) was formed between the area Counties and Water Agencies. Supervisor Gore represents Sonoma County on ERPA's Board of Directors. Check the website, www.eelrussianauthority.org for more information. Supervisor Gore told Council that Cloverdale needs to stay involved to protect its water availability. There is a bond on the ballot in November; we need to make sure it includes our area. Check out the recording of the meeting for more information: <https://www.youtube.com/live/YgmaAtrs-0Q>.



Robert Redner, Rotary Club President, thanks **Joe Dobbins** for his 26 years of serving as the Cloverdale High School Rotary Interact Club Advisor. Mr. Dobbins' retirement from both the high school and his advisor position will leave a void that will be hard to fill.



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Your Digital Estate ~ Will Carter

On April 12th, 2021, my father, Greg, passed away following a battle with lung cancer. After his death, I found myself responsible for stewarding my father's digital existence and much of our family history. As our lives have involved more and more technology, our legacies are changing: photo albums are replaced by cloud storage, important letters and correspondence by files, and many personal and business relationships are now password protected. These changes present new concerns in estate preparation and to anyone whose loved one has passed. Luckily there are a few simple steps to take in either of these circumstances to make the process easier.

In your own planning, you should discuss your technology use with your lawyer, executor(s), or other trusted party. Things to review include any digital copies of personal or family photos and documents, any online-only friends or acquaintances to be notified, and the passwords and other security measures on any accounts that might need to be accessed. If you expect to be survived by a partner, spouse, or other immediate family member, consider transferring some accounts to their name in advance.

If you are responsible for the digital aspects of an estate, you will want to proceed carefully to protect accounts and data. Since many accounts use a phone call or text as verification, or to reset a password, you will want to keep any phone lines connected until you have transferred or closed all accounts. Many service providers will be happy to help you at this time if you lose access, however, they will need to verify your identity and your claim. Be sure to have a digital copy of the Death Certificate and any document that proves your relationship (Marriage Certificate, Birth Certificate, Trust/Estate Documents, etc.) available to send as needed.

The time following the death of a loved one is rife with mourning, upset, and frustration. Taking some time to plan for your digital estate will help ease this process. If you need help figuring out how to plan, or help following the passing of your loved one, ask a trusted friend or consultant for help.

CAA Gallery News

Jennifer Weiss

The Cloverdale Arts Alliance Gallery is calling for local artists in any medium to submit their work for consideration in our upcoming exhibits. In 2024 and in the future, we will offer art classes, interesting and unique art projects, and art appreciation and educational events. Come by the gallery during operating hours for more information, art submission inquiries, a pleasant conversation with artists, and, of course, to view and purchase art.

The Cloverdale Arts Alliance Gallery exhibits local resident and guest artists, jewelers, sculptors, fabric and glass artists, and ceramicists. A new exhibit is hung every two months with an opening reception that offers wine, hors d'oeuvres, and a joyful, creative atmosphere.

Gallery hours are Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 11 AM. to 5 PM. With extended hours on Fridays for Friday Night Live, 11 AM. - 8:30 PM.

Please join us for the Opening/Reception for our July–September Exhibit "Shift" on Saturday July 20, 5:30 – 7:30 PM.

Real Estate for Real People

Elissa Morrash

Buying or selling a house is an unusual and often stressful experience. It is not something we do every day. Real people usually have lots of questions! The guidance of an experienced agent is invaluable to help throughout the transaction.

Ideas For Backyard Privacy

Privacy is a precious commodity in today's world, especially in our own homes. Whether you are looking to shield your backyard from neighbors, reduce street noise, or create a tranquil oasis for relaxation, strategic landscaping can be your best ally. As every buyer knows, it can be frustrating to find the perfect house with the perfect backyard. Should you pass on the house? Maybe not. Here are some creative landscaping ideas to help you achieve the privacy you've dreamed of.

Planting Trees and Shrubs: Trees and shrubs are classic choices for creating privacy due to their height and density.

Installing a Trellis or Pergola: Trellises and pergolas add architectural interest and provide a framework for climbing plants that can create a living privacy screen. Choose fast-growing vines to quickly cover the structure and enhance privacy.

Building a Living Wall: Living walls, or green walls, are vertical gardens that can be attached to fences or freestanding structures. They provide privacy, improve air quality, and add visual appeal to your outdoor space.

Other ideas include creating outdoor rooms, hardscaping, use of natural elements, fencing, water features, lighting, retractable awnings, and outdoor curtains.

By combining these landscaping ideas with your personal style and preferences, you can create a secluded sanctuary that enhances your enjoyment of outdoor living. Your backyard can become a private retreat where you can unwind, entertain, and connect with nature.

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.

On the Wild Side: Black Bears

Jennifer Molitor

Summer is here and children are ready to get outside and splash, snack, and explore. This season's new Black bear cubs are too. Black bears have been seen lately in Sonoma County regional parks and even near a Guerneville home. So as you head out to camp and spend time outdoors, here's how to be bear-wise.

First, don't panic. Black bears (who can be black, brown, cinnamon, blonde, or white) are the smallest, least aggressive bears in the U.S. In California, if you see a bear, it's a Black bear (there are no grizzlies here). Black bears are timid and run from loud noise. They are not a threat to humans or pets.

Second, if you see a bear, give a loud "Hey bear!" and give room for them to pass. Bang pots, raise your voice, or set off a car alarm. This will send them scurrying into the trees virtually every time. Otherwise, call Fish & Wildlife at (916) 322-8911.

Third, secure your food, trash, and compost. When camping, store food in bear boxes - don't leave food in your car. Bears are looking for food to fatten up before winter hibernation. Don't worry, even if you consider yourself a snack, they don't!

Finally, don't approach to take photos, just give them space and we'll all stay safe.

5 Bear Facts for Kids

- Black bears are great swimmers and swim up to a mile and a half.
- Black bears are climbers too and send cubs up trees when scared.
- Black bears are omnivores: they eat plants, insects, and fish.
- A group of Black bears is called a sloth.
- Bear paws are as big as a baseball glove!

What's your favorite fact about our Black bear neighbors?

July Gardening Tips from Sonoma County Master Gardeners

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July is the month when gardeners typically start to observe water problems, especially if they have not been practicing waterwise gardening methods.

- We are now well into the hot, dry season; check to make sure all irrigation systems are working and drip lines have not been disturbed by pets or wildlife.
- If you planted any trees, shrubs, or perennials this spring or summer, they likely need extra irrigation to adjust. Foliage and root growth may be stressed. Root balls must never dry out while plants are getting established. Water them evenly and thoroughly to encourage both lateral and deep root growth.
- Avoid killing spiders in your garden. Spiders do not harm plants and they help keep down other insect populations.
- Weeds are usually more vigorous than flowers and will rob plants of water and nutrients. Remove weeds regularly especially before they produce seed.
- Cut back flowering perennials to force new growth and keep their blooms coming.
- Deadhead perennials and annuals to prevent them from setting seed, which slows continued flowering.
- If you are looking for summer color, continue to add annuals to beds and containers. Try not to do any major planting of perennials, shrubs, or trees in summer.
- If you find plants at the nursery that you cannot resist, make sure that if you plant them in established beds, you are vigilant about keeping them frequently watered. Another solution is to designate an out of the way, shaded spot and group together any summer purchases. Check them every other day or so and water as needed. Small pots may need watering once a day during heat waves. Plant them in the fall once rains resume.

Library Facing Funding Challenges

Sonoma County Library is bracing for significant impacts due to a budget deficit faced by the State of California. The library community understands the state's budget challenges but emphasizes that balancing the budget should not come at the expense of children's nutrition or essential library services.

Key Programs at Risk:

1. **California Library Services Act (CLSA):** 50% reduction of \$1.8 million for both FY 2024-25 and 2025-26. CLSA funding is crucial for offsetting delivery costs, including those between Sonoma County, Lake County, and Mendocino County libraries, supports the sharing of physical and electronic materials, ensuring access to information for all residents, including those without internet access.
2. **Lunch at the Library:** A cut of \$2.5 million to the lunch program - Sonoma County Library offers this service at seven branches during the summer, including Cloverdale, providing nutritious meals to youth from Monday to Friday. For some children, this may be the only meal they receive all day.

The Library Director urges residents to contact state legislators to advocate for the restoration of funding. Templates for letters to legislators are available through the library. For more information, please contact libraryinfo@sonomalibrary.org. Your support and advocacy can make a difference in preserving these crucial programs for our community.



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We're excited to bring you an update on the upcoming November 5, 2024 Election. Two significant local measures will likely be presented to Cloverdale voters. The first measure involves the amendment and extension of the City Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), while the second measure will likely propose a $\frac{3}{4}$ cent sales tax increase to generate additional revenue for essential city services. This article provides an in-depth overview of these measures to inform and educate voters.

Proposed Sales Tax Measure

The City Council is considering placing measure on the ballot to generate additional revenue to address Cloverdale's critical financial needs. This measure is pivotal for maintaining and enhancing the city's infrastructure and services, particularly in parks, streets, and public safety.

Financial Context:

Like many cities, Cloverdale has been facing budget deficits and significant funding needs for essential services and infrastructure maintenance, in part due to significant inflation in recent years. The city's General Fund, which supports a wide range of services, has been stretched thin, often relying on budget reserves to bridge gaps. The Long-Term Financial Forecast and 5-Year Capital Infrastructure Plan have highlighted these challenges, underscoring the necessity for additional revenue sources. The City's financial needs include, but are not limited to:

- **Road Repairs.** $\frac{1}{3}$ of the City's roads are rated in poor or very poor condition. Over the next five years it will cost an estimated \$5 million to maintain the current condition of the City roads, and almost \$31 million to bring all City roads up to fair or good condition.
- **Pedestrian & Safety Improvements.** The City currently has over \$1 million dollars in unfunded pedestrian and safety improvements projects for the next two years, such as sidewalks along Asti Road and restriping of Cloverdale Blvd.
- **Park Improvements.** The City has identified over \$2.5 million of planned improvements at City Parks, in addition to ongoing maintenance and repair costs for existing park facilities and equipment.
- **Public Safety.** The City's Police Station is in very poor condition and needs to be replaced. The cost of replacement is over \$10 million, including at least \$250,000 for design and planning. The Police Department also has ongoing needs for vehicles and equipment to be replaced regularly.

Proposed Sales Tax Increase:

The City Council has considered different potential revenue measures to help fund these critical needs, including a potential increase in the sales tax. Cities may enact sales tax increases, the revenue from which remains completely with the City. Cloverdale is one of only two cities in Sonoma County which has not enacted a local sales tax measure. Seven cities in Sonoma County have enacted local sales tax measures ranging from $\frac{1}{2}$ cent to 1 cent. A $\frac{3}{4}$ cent (\$.0075) sales tax increase would generate approximately \$1.66 million annually for the City. This entire amount would stay within Cloverdale, and no portion would be shared with the County or State.

Council Consideration:

At the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on July 24, 2024, the City Council will vote on whether or not to place a $\frac{3}{4}$ cent sales tax increase on the November to fund infrastructure repairs and critical services. Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting to hear more information on the City's financial condition, and provide their feedback on the measure. The potential sales tax measure would require simple majority (50%+1) support to pass.

Urban Growth Boundary Amendment and Extension

The Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) is a component of Cloverdale's land-use planning strategy. Established by Measure G in 2010, the UGB delineates the area within which urban development can occur, thereby preserving the surrounding rural and agricultural lands.

Background and Need for Amendment:

In recent years, there has been increased interest in limited development of land areas just outside the current UGB, particularly from organizations like Clearwater Ranch, who serves families of individuals with developmental disabilities. This non-profit adult care facility, located off Cherry Creek Road, has faced limitations due to its location outside the UGB and the city's Sphere of Influence, restricting its access to city services, such as water and sewer. Clearwater Ranch, along with other property owners in the western hills, have expressed a desire to amend the UGB to allow for future annexation and expansion. In addition, the City's two major open spaces areas are currently outside of City limits and therefore the City is required to pay significant annual property taxes to the County for these properties. On June 12, the City Council vote 5-0 to place a measure on the November 5, 2024 ballot to amend the boundaries of, and extend the term of, the UGB

Proposed Changes:

The proposed ballot measure has two components:

1. **Modify the UGB Location:** The measure amends the location of the UGB to include areas in the western hills adjacent to Cloverdale's current City boundaries. This extension is designed to bring properties like Clearwater Ranch within the UGB, facilitating future annexation and development under city, rather than County, zoning and development standards. This shift would facilitate the city retaining control over development, aligning it with Cloverdale's goals of preserving the western hillside while allowing for some limited expansion.
2. **Extend the UGB Term:** Currently, any changes to the UGB before January 1, 2030 require voter approval. The proposed measure will extend this date to January 1, 2050.

Impact:

If approved, the measure would bring additional areas within the UGB. Those areas could then move forward with the process of being annexed into the City. The annexation process is governed by the Sonoma County Local Agency Formation Commission ("Sonoma County LAFCo"). When property annexes into the City, it is subject to Cloverdale's development standards, rather than the County's. The City's development standards emphasize preserving the character and environment of the western hills. Additionally, property that is annexed into the City can receive City services, including water and sewer.

Voter Consideration:

The question presented to voters will be:

"Shall an Ordinance be adopted to extend the term of the City's Urban Growth Boundary by 20 years and modify the City's Urban Growth Boundary to include the western hillside adjacent to the City's existing boundary to facilitate City rather than County control over development in this area to further the City's goal of preserving the hillside from significant new development?"

A simple majority (50%+1) is required for the measure to pass. Approval would mark the beginning of a lengthy process involving amendments to the City's Sphere of Influence and subsequent annexation procedures, subject to Sonoma County LAFCO's approval.

General Municipal Election Information:

For comprehensive information regarding the November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election, including details about local ballot measures, voter resources, and campaign guidelines, please visit www.cloverdale.net/elections. This dedicated webpage will serve as your go-to resource as we approach the election date. Be sure to check back regularly for updates and important announcements.

Stay Informed and Engaged:

As members of the Cloverdale community, your participation in the electoral process is vital. Whether you're casting your vote, considering a run for office, or simply staying informed about local governance, your engagement contributes to the vibrancy and strength of our city. Every individual vote truly does make a significant impact on the results! Your vote matters! We look forward to a successful and spirited General Municipal Election on November 5, 2024. Together, let's continue to shape the future of Cloverdale.

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July 20 Saturday, 7:30-7:30pm Arts Alliance Reception
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Recent Town Hall Meeting Eleanore Webster

On May 22, the City Council meeting transitioned to a Town Hall. The Town Hall started with a presentation by the City Manager and department staff on the City's budget shortages. Council members wanted feedback from the public on a November ballot measure. The key needs are parks and recreation, police, and public works. The budget shows a significant shortfall for items like repair and replacement of community owned assets. Cloverdale needs a new police station, funding for parks, and ongoing programs. There are two measures that can be placed on the ballot: a general tax that must be approved by a simple majority of the voters, and a special Bond measure that requires a 2/3 super-majority. Cloverdale is one of only two cities in the County that do not have its own sales tax; most have a .5% sales tax.

Transactions and Use Tax (TUT) is a local sales tax allocated to the city. It provides much more revenue than the small portion we receive from the statewide sales tax. A sales tax of .75% would be about \$39 on \$5000 taxable purchases. Revenue from sales tax also comes from outside (tourists for example). The bond measure helps spread the cost of expensive projects over many years. It can be used for capital improvements, not services, and is repaid by property taxes. A bond could be about \$300 annual tax on a property of about \$500k.

Mayor Lands explained the urgency of the matter, especially given the State's budgetary problems, and concerns about the State failing to meet its funding promises. Members of the public were asked to voice their opinions. Some expressed support for sales tax but not property tax, and some felt a property tax was fairer because the sales tax is harder on lower income folks. There were about 30 members of the public present. Concerns were expressed about the number of revenue measures that will appear on November's ballot, as well as about lack of funds to meet needs such as fixing potholes and giving us a police station that will remain in operation during the next emergency. Council members listened and thanked participants.

Also on May 22nd, City Council declared Public Works Week. Cole Timmer and Bobby Spagnola were present to receive the recognition on behalf of their coworkers. There was also an interesting presentation on the Sonoma County library system and the Cloverdale Regional Library.

Supervisor James Gore gave an important presentation on the Potter Valley water project. This project will have a major impact on our future water availability. (see "Potter Valley Water Project" article, page 5, June Cloverdale Connect)

At the June 12th meeting, two proclamations were read in support of LGTBIA+ Pride Month and Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year awards.

The City of Cloverdale Biennial Budget was adopted with a forecasted reduction in the reserves. Revenue and cost-cutting measures will be needed.

A resolution was adopted to extend the City's Urban Growth Boundary to incorporate Clearwater Ranch.

The revenue measure discussed earlier at the Town Hall meeting was then considered. Council decided to put a .75% sales tax on the ballot for projects such as fixing the roads, with the recognition that future funding would be needed for a police station. We are one City out of two in the County that do not have a dedicated sales tax and this lack of funding is evident in our roads and sidewalks.

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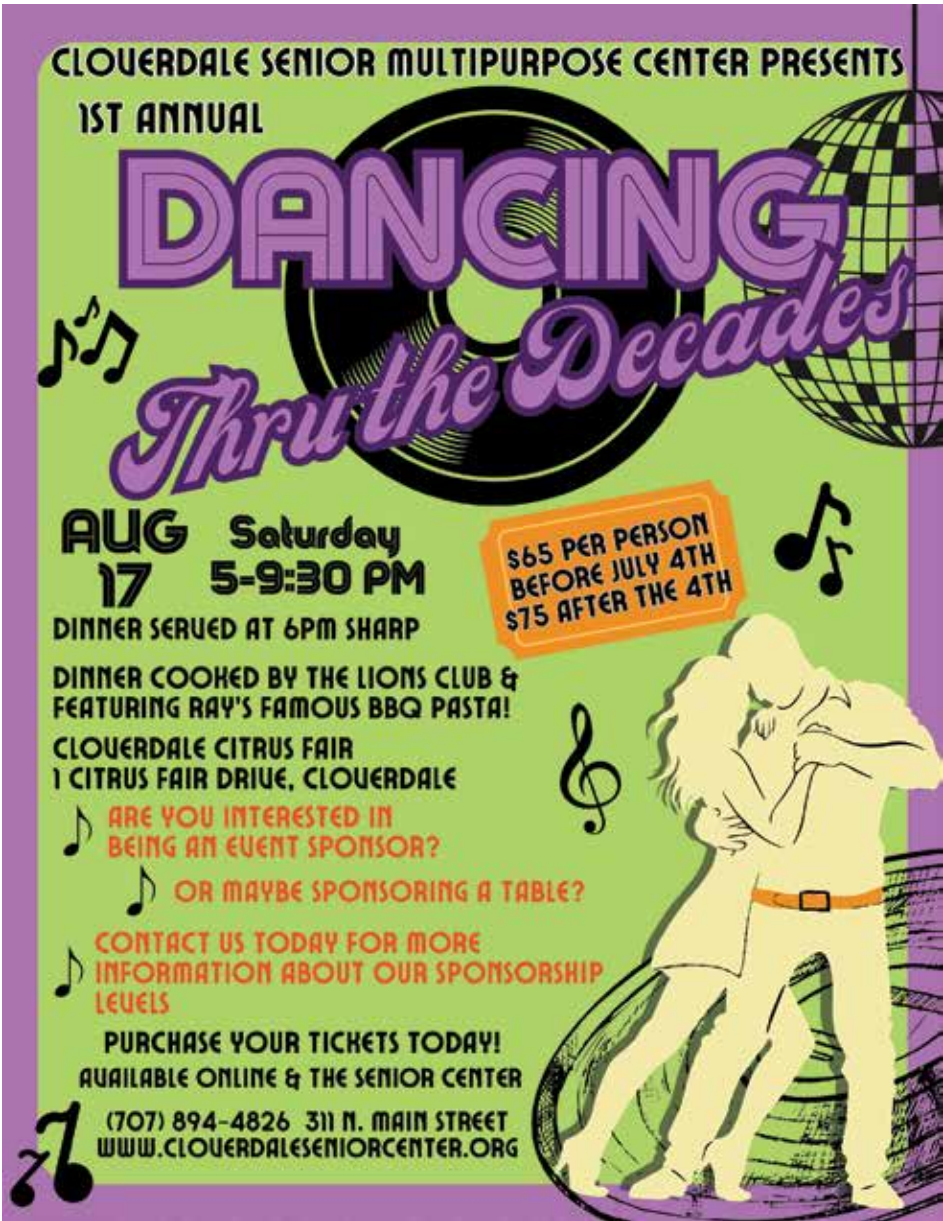


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Cloverdale's July 4th celebration in 1924

Mary Jo Winter

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Plans for the big day were first discussed during a Chamber of Commerce board meeting shortly after the conclusion of an exceptionally successful Citrus Fair earlier that year and the recording of the deed transferring the new park property to the city.

It was decided that no May Day Festival would be held that year. Instead, organizers would devote their full attention to planning the big July 4th event.

Crowds began arriving early that day, and Boy Scouts were on the grounds to arrange parking. An estimated four to five thousand people were on the grounds at some point during the day.

At noon, the free BBQ was like a magnet. In the afternoon, a jitney dance was well attended, and the playground was a favorite hangout for the children. Entertaining musical numbers were rendered, games were played, and a sports program proved to be of considerable interest.

Congressman Clarence E. Lea paid tribute to the farsightedness of the community in procuring such a fine recreation spot in his concluding remarks, congratulating all who had made it possible.

That evening, a grand ball was held in the open-air platform and the refreshment stand was a popular place until well after midnight when the festivities concluded.

Kudos were given to the Chamber of Commerce for the successful way the event was handled from start to finish.

While the celebration was not conducted as a money-making enterprise, there was still a \$90 surplus after all bills were paid. The money was then added to the Chamber's treasury.

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Craig Clark

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Cloverdale Library Community Connection

John Koetzner, Children's Services Librarian

Warm summer evenings, afternoons at Lake Sonoma, or floating along the Russian River are all part of what makes living in Cloverdale great. Another great thing is Cloverdale Library's summer reading programs. This month, I want to invite families, and people of all ages, to participate in summer reading to earn free books, raffle prizes, and to enjoy the rich programming we have to offer beyond our regular programming at the Cloverdale Library.

Starting with our children's programs, we have Treasure of Aquiles, a program with singing, dancing and playing with Cascada de Flores on July 9 at 10:30-11:30 am. The following week, we start with Beddazling Book Bags for grades 4-6 on July 15 at 11 am. The next day, we have the Fratello Marionettes presenting "Jack and the Beanstalk," a joyful, classic story told through puppetry on July 16 at 10:30-11:30. Then, on Tuesday, July 23 at 10:30-11:30, we have the wonderfully entertaining Magician Mike Della Penna.

For **teen programs**, we have a CPR certification course on July 11 at 2-3:30 pm, and we have a teen summer movie on July 12th at 2-4 pm. On July 25 at 2-3:30 pm, we have Tiny Art, Big Adventure! This program is about capturing a library adventure on canvas and then having it on display at the library.

In our **all-ages category**, we have Cambodian Dancing on July 14 at 2-2:30 pm, a Bilingual Paint Party on July 21 at 2-4 pm, and Trio Nuevo Amanecer on July 28 at 2-3 pm. The trio will play boleros, ballads, classic folk songs, and traditional Mexican music.

Finally, in the **adult category**, we have Creativebug: Personalized Plates. Make personalized dishware on July 2 at 6-7:30 pm. Two weeks later, do Basic Macramé from 6-7:30 pm on July 16. Another nice program is learning how to transfer images onto wood to make a unique art piece. That's our Creativebug: Image Transfers on Wood program on July 23 at 6-7:30 pm.

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Jennifer Jordan, Cloverdale Historical Society

I have always had a curiosity about old houses. If only they could talk! We could hear stories about who built them and who lived in them— stories about the families, the births, deaths, marriages, parties, and scandals over the years. In my own way, I have explored the streets and houses here in Cloverdale. I was always curious about a Victorian house at 221 North Jefferson Street, loving its decorative windows and eaves troughs. It looked like a house with a story, so I did some research and found out it was built in 1880 by Fred Yordi. (Yorty Creek is named after him although it is misspelled.)



Who was Fred Yordi? He had a large mercantile business in the old Shaw-Bowman building, located at Second St. and Cloverdale Blvd., which he had purchased from those two early merchants in 1888. He also had a large stock ranch four miles west

of town. The house originally had four acres of land around it which was planted with fruit. Apparently, there were 200 orange trees on that property. In the late 1880s and early 1900s, Cloverdale was known as the Orange Belt of Sonoma County. Our Citrus Fair is a relic of that name.

Today, the land around the house has shrunk with just a couple of orange trees. It still retains its Victorian flavor. Next time you pass by this old house, think about the people who lived there originally and throughout the years. If you would like to do your own research, the library at the Cloverdale History Center is a wonderful place to start.

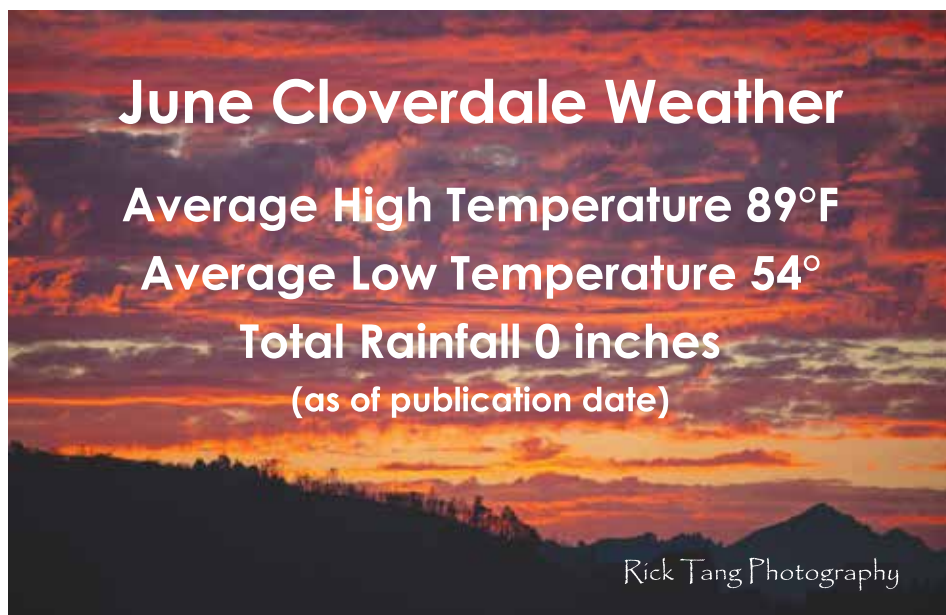
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Roots of Rock

MJ Girard

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La Familia Sana Presents New Board Members



Maria Bertha Diaz ~ Graduating from Cloverdale High School, Bertha's journey in education didn't stop there. She entered into the world of higher learning at Santa Rosa Junior College, setting the stage for her illustrious career in healthcare and community outreach. With over two decades of experience in the healthcare industry, Bertha is a seasoned professional, dedicated to making a difference in the lives of those around her. Her passion for helping others has driven her to become a beacon of hope and support in the Cloverdale community. As a proud mother of two boys, Bertha knows the importance of family and the strength that comes from unwavering support. Alongside her loving and supportive husband, she navigates the highs and lows of life with grace and determination. Bertha's story is one of resilience, perseverance, and boundless compassion. She's not just a healthcare professional; she's a champion for change, a pillar of strength, and a true inspiration to us all. Get ready to be inspired, because Bertha Diaz is just getting started.



Freddy Lopez, a native of Geyserville, Freddy sought a different path despite the allure of the wine industry, driven by a desire to explore the world beyond his rural roots. His journey began with studies in Fashion Design and Marketing at the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, where he discovered a passion for makeup artistry. Joining MAC Cosmetics, Freddy swiftly rose from sales artist to managing multiple locations over nearly a decade.

Transitioning to Tarte Cosmetics in New York City as their Global Education Ambassador, Freddy crisscrossed the globe, representing the brand and honing his sales and education leadership skills for over 15 years.

Fate intervened when the pandemic prompted a pivotal shift. Drawing on his diverse expertise, Freddy returned to his familial vineyard, founding Lopez Family Vineyards and leveraging his sales acumen to establish their presence in the competitive wine market.

Freddy ventured into candle-making to bolster the family's winemaking endeavors. The venture's success, coupled with the release of their inaugural vintage, underscores Freddy's unwavering commitment to his multifaceted passions.

Freddy is deeply committed to community service, expressing a keen interest in joining the board of non-profits like La Familia Sana to support their mission of empowering the Latino community. Freddy epitomizes the fusion of creativity, resilience, and entrepreneurial drive, balancing his love for both industries while making a meaningful impact on the world around him.


Cloverdale Creative Corner Christy Anne

Well kids the heat has arrived a bit early; it is an awesome time to hide indoors with a good fan or a/c and have fun creating things at the kitchen table. I am guessing many have seen pics transferred to wood, but I realized I had never given it a go, so perfect timing indeed and I am both happy and, if I am honest, a bit surprised how easy it was!



So much potential, but not wanting to waste materials if it didn't work out, I decided to start small. Now, there are different versions of this, but I opted for the Mod Podge version as it is a medium many are familiar with and already have on hand. So, supplies needed for actual transfer? A photo printed on paper using a laser printer, Mod Podge, a piece of raw wood, sandpaper to smooth out surface and, a foam or regular paint brush, and lastly something to smooth down the paper with a clean flat edge.

I lightly sanded the wood and wiped it off. After cutting picture to size I brushed the entire face of wood with Mod Podge, on a piece of foil I dredged the cut-out photo through a puddle of Mod Podge to coat and placed face down in the position I wanted it. I lightly held corners and proceeded to smooth out the photo, releasing all the air bubbles and removing the excess Mod Podge and left overnight to dry. Once fully dry you can use any washcloth and spray with some water and slowly start to rub off all the paper. Be gentle as it takes a few runs to get all the paper off without damaging image. Once all the paper is off, let dry and seal with a clear coat of some kind. Then it's up to you - leave simple or add whatever makes your heart smile. With small nails and a glue gun...the sky is the limit!



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Rico Pesce Honored with 2024 Pat Tillman Award



Rico Ray Pesce, from Cloverdale, California, is an MD candidate at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and a dedicated student veteran with over seven years of military experience as a special operations combat medic in the 75th Ranger Regiment. His service, including five combat tours to Afghanistan, instilled in him a deep commitment to healthcare and a passion for improving lives through medicine.

Rico holds a Master's in Translational Medicine from the University of California Berkeley and UCSF, a BA in Computer Science from Columbia University, and is completing a Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences thesis from New York Medical College concurrently with medical school. His academic journey reflects his drive to integrate clinical knowledge with technological advancements to address complex medical challenges.

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A Cloverdale native, Rico is the son of Cloverdale residents Raymond Pesce and Margery Pesce. Rico grew up attending local schools and working at his father's former restaurant "The World Famous Hamburger Ranch and Pasta Farm".

Rico aims to develop innovative healthcare solutions that enhance patient care and accessibility. He is particularly interested in climate-related disaster medicine, aspiring to create resilient systems and technologies to manage medical crises resulting from climate change. His unique blend of military experience, academic excellence, and dedication to service positions him to make a significant impact on the healthcare challenges of the future.

Beyond his professional aspirations, Rico enjoys outdoor pursuits like downhill skiing, disc golf, camping, hiking, and exploring parks, reflecting his love for adventure and the natural world. He is inspired by his fiancé, Zach Thomas, who will soon be applying to orthopedic surgery residencies. Their shared journey in medicine motivates Rico as they work towards their goals together.

Cloverdale Commercial Real Estate Ron Pavelka

Following up on our editorial on Cloverdale Commercial Real Estate from the May issue. There truly is not much in the way of "available" spaces throughout Cloverdale. For this month, let's start this column with the "Downtown Core"

- 132 N. Cloverdale Blvd. - This property has been listed for sale in the past and the longtime owner could entertain an offer for the property.
- 131 N. Cloverdale Blvd. - The 1st National Bank of Cloverdale. The city has met with the owner several times to develop this property. The owner has approved city plans to provide outside dining and to develop a business establishment. However, it has not been on their priority list primarily based on their projected return on investment.
- The empty lot(s) at 119 N. Cloverdale (across from the plaza) - The owner would like to develop this and has plans for a small boutique hotel. However, the current cost to build and the ensuing room rates to make it a viable business are not feasible in today's downtown Cloverdale environment.
- Old Comic Store (Druids Building, 109 N. Cloverdale Blvd.) - The Druids are in active discussions with a potential long-term tenant for this location.
- Movie Theater -There are other potential uses for the space that come with heavy costs and investment to turn it into a building to be used as something besides 4 separate movie theaters.
- 128 S. Cloverdale Blvd. - 29,000 square feet total and 17,000+ square feet in the downstairs. One might not know that there are several viable businesses and offices upstairs in this building. The downstairs is fairly overbearing in its size for one tenant. Because of the construction of the building and the current HVAC system it is virtually impossible to divide that space into smaller spaces, shops etc. This property is currently For Sale.
- 219 S. Cloverdale Blvd. Estate on the Boulevard - The owners retired, and that local retail space could be sold or re-leased.



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Cloverdale Sculpture Trail Opening Reception July 14th

The public is invited to attend the opening reception for the 2024-26 Cloverdale Sculpture Trail, which will be held at the Cloverdale Performing Arts Center on July 14th beginning at 4 p.m. Cocktails, wine and food will be provided. Come celebrate the new pieces of sculpture and vote for your favorite piece for the People's Choice Award or email your vote to janethowell4001@gmail.com.

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As we look forward to summer holidays and vacations, please remember that hunger does not abide by the scholastic calendar and takes no vacation. Children are especially at risk during the summer months. Please consider making a splash contribution to the Cloverdale Food Pantry for kids and their families with a summer holiday donation.

Cloverdale Food Pantry thanks all of the generous donors for their much-appreciated contributions throughout the year. Your support makes all the difference and allows us to serve our community. The Food Pantry can stretch every dollar donated and maximize its purchasing power to supplement the essential basics, especially during the months that kids are out of school. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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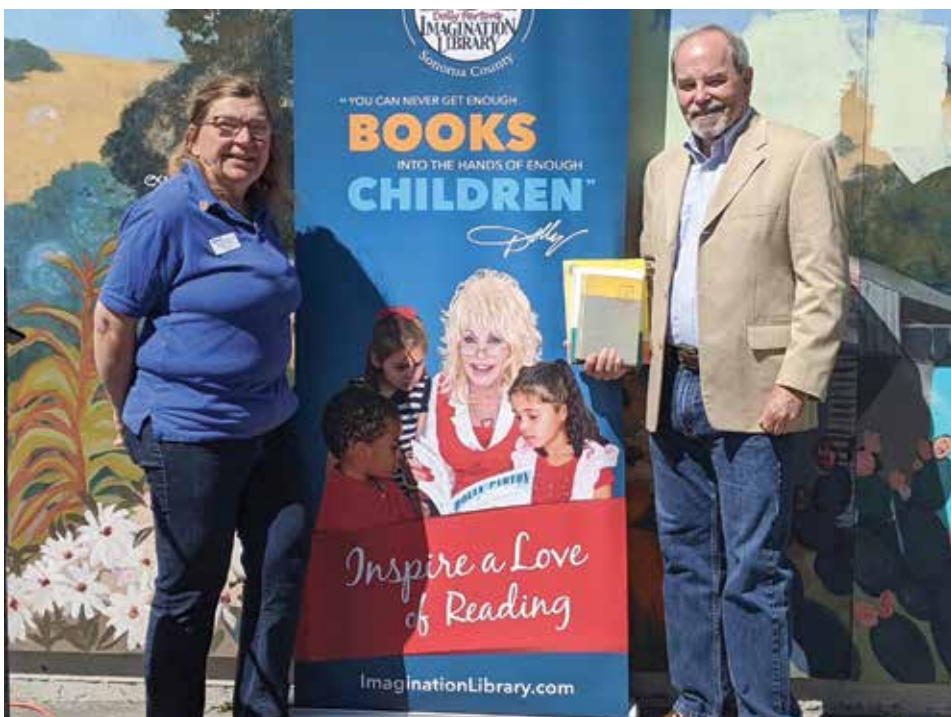
On June 1st the County of Sonoma took a giant leap into supporting early literacy by kicking off the Sonoma County Chapter of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Through a joint effort by the State of California, the Community Foundation Sonoma County, First5 Sonoma County and local organizations like the Healdsburg Rotary and the Kiwanis Club of Cloverdale, every child under the age of 5 in Sonoma County is now eligible to receive a free book every month.

The Kick-off event brought back great memories for Julie Carter of the Kiwanis Club of Cloverdale. As she met with County Supervisor Chris Coursey and other dignitaries, she recalled the Cloverdale Imagination Library beginnings in March of 2012.



Bob Cox (then Mayor), Greg Carter and Mike McGuire (then County Supervisor)

According to Rachel King of the Dollywood Foundation, the county wide expansion was inspired by the long-term relationship between Dollywood and Cloverdale. "When the state expansion was launched Julie, who now sits on the Sonoma County DPIL Advisory Board, was one of the first people to reach out to us," explained King.



Julie Carter and County Supervisor Chris Coursey

Sailing Into the Olympics

Hans Henken*

As a California native, I began sailing at six-years-old in the Naples Sabot. Over my career I have competed at the highest levels of the sport in classes such as the 29er, 49er, the International Moth and most recently the supercharged, hydro-foiling F50 in the global SailGP Championship. In 2008, I competed on the world stage for the first time and won a bronze medal at the World Sailing Youth World Championships, and then proceeded to top that the following year when I became an Under 23 World Champion at the 2009 International Moth World Championships. I have spent extensive time with the US Sailing Olympic Development Team, and US Sailing Team, honing my craft and campaigning on the Olympic circuit. While pursuing my dream of one day competing at the Olympic Games, I attended Stanford University from 2011-2018, where I earned a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering. During my time at Stanford, I was a member of the Stanford Varsity Sailing Team and was Team Captain from 2013-2014 during the Cardinal's most successful season.



While studying at Stanford, from 2015-2020, I campaigned alongside my longtime partner, Judge Ryan, for the 2016 and 2020 Olympic Games where we finished 2nd and 3rd respectively at the United States Olympic Trials in the 49er Class. At the end of 2020, I made a bold decision to switch teammates and immediately began competing with my new teammate, Ian Barrows. During the course of our 4-year campaign together for the 2024 Olympics we have achieved many great milestones and success. To name a few, we have won the US National Championship, and North American Championship multiple times, medaled at the Princess Sofia World Sailing World Cup, attained a World Sailing World Ranking of 2nd in the World and won the Gold Medal at the 2023 Pan American Games in Santiago, Chile.

This January we competed at the US Olympic Trials in Miami, Florida and won and are now officially selected to compete at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games this summer! Since being named to the US Olympic Sailing Team, we have been non-stop competing and training in France getting ready for the Olympic Games. Over the course of the next 2 months, we will be living and training exclusively in Marseille, France, where the sailing will take place during the Olympics, and pushing ourselves as much as possible to be able to sail at our best this summer.

* My parents and I moved to Cloverdale in July of 2021. My parents still currently live there now.





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In celebration of John's new single written about the romantic town of Sausalito, the Cloverdale Performing Arts Center is hosting a special show on July 20th. There will be featured guests, and an evening of intimate and thrilling music. You won't want to miss this one-time-only show.

John's third studio album, "Lost And Found", is set for release later this summer, featuring collaborations with the LA based hip-hop group "The Kid Is You" and recorded on vintage Neve consoles across North America, including Bryan Adams' Warehouse Studios (BC) and Prairie Sun (CA). "Lost And Found" continues and expands upon the unique style of his latest single "Sun Drunk".

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Scott Holm Award For Tylie Hatcher

Congratulations to the 2024 recipient, Tylie Hatcher. The award was presented by Joe Dobbins and Bonnie Holm at the Senior Awards night on May 30th.



Joe Dobbins, English/Drama teacher; Tylie Hatcher - recipient; Bonnie Holm, spouse of Scott

The Scott Holm Portrait of a Graduate Award was designed to honor the late Scott Holm who was a much beloved math and science teacher at Cloverdale High School for over thirty years. An extremely dedicated professional, Scott was relentless in making sure all of his students reached their potential. A tireless worker and decades ahead of his time, Scott believed in educating the whole student, focusing on skills that are now seen as essential in our students' education: curiosity, empathy, communication, collaboration, ethics, initiative and kindness. He, himself exhibited all of these characteristics every single day. No one worked harder than Scott, and his legacy lives on in the students he educated.



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Scott's legacy is far reaching. Many former students became educators themselves. Several are now teaching in the Cloverdale School District. This award is special in that it is given based on the student's character traits as demonstrated over their high school career. It's a surprise award to a graduating senior. The leadership committee comprised of teachers, nominated and voted on the most deserving student. Funds are intended to be used to help advance the student's education after high school.

Donations are appreciated to this scholarship year-round and there is GoFundMe site (<https://gofund.me/2c079765>) or can be made by check to:

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Cooking with David Maciel

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July is a time we tend to BBQ more and spend time outdoors. I enjoy making salads to go with the BBQ. This coleslaw is a perfect match, and you can add cooked chicken or shrimp to make it a meal.

Creamy Mexican Coleslaw

Ingredients

- 5 cups shredded cabbage red & green mixed 50/50 blend
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- 1 avocado
- 1/3 cup cilantro
- 1/4 cup green onions, chopped
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tbsp lime juice
- 1 tbsp honey or white sugar
- 1 tsp lime zest
- 1/2 tsp cumin
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp chili powder (optional)
- Salt and pepper

Instructions

Start by making the dressing. Combine the mayo, lime juice, honey or sugar lime zest, cumin, garlic powder, chili powder, salt, and pepper. Taste and season as needed. (You can also use a packet of taco seasoning)

Chop the remaining ingredients into bite size pieces and toss together the cabbage, carrots, avocado, green onions, and cilantro add the dressing. Let sit for 10 minutes and serve.



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Michele Armanino

Mirna Acosta and Jorge Rodriguez are a dynamic husband and wife team who own and operate several Mexican Restaurants in the Sonoma County area, including Cloverdale's **La Tequila Restaurant**.

Acosta, who came from Jalisco, Mexico to the USA at age twelve, brings her hometown cuisine to the Cloverdale restaurant, purchased by the couple in 2022, with menu choices like Molcajete, a chicken, steak and shrimp dish sauteed in red and green tomato sauce and served with a side of rice and beans. Paying homage to his hometown, Veracruz, Rodriguez offers Mariscos Jarochos, a shrimp, octopus, scallops and crab legs extravaganza sauteed in a spicy red sauce. Select a Mexican beer from the restaurant's full-service bar, spark up your taste buds with the popular appetizer, Aguachiles, (ceviche cooked in fresh lime juice), and let the games begin!

La Tequila, located at 134 N. Cloverdale Blvd., serves breakfast too. Their popular Chilaquiles, fresh corn tortillas sauteed in a sauce with scrambled eggs and onions, is a tasty way to start your morning. Sip some “aguas”, fresh cucumber, pineapple, watermelon or strawberry beverages, with your breakfast burrito for a full Mexican morning happening!

“Customers love sitting outside by the fountain”, says Acosta, who continues the alfresco dining on the heated patio during the winter months. And every Friday, La Tequila is hopping with live Latin music as The Rice and Beans Project fills the spirited patios, kid-and-dog-friendly space with cheerful entertainment.

“When we purchased La Tequila,” Acosta says, “We thanked people for coming to our restaurant. But what we didn't expect was the outpouring of thanks and gratitude given to us for opening the restaurant.” La Tequila, managed by family members, is open seven days a week offering reasonable prices and catering facilities for up to three hundred people.

“The ‘La’ in La Tequila are the initials of my late dad, Luis Acosta. We serve a Pinot Noir, made by Rojas Winery, in remembrance of my dad.” says Acosta. “He was definitely an inspiration to us.”

Cloverdale Jazz Collective ~ Susan Verde

The Cloverdale Jazz Collective (CJC) is a group of professional musicians who passionately bring jazz to Sonoma County. Perhaps you have seen them perform recently at The Longest Table event, or at the Cloverdale Winter Festival. CJC has enjoyed playing for the Cloverdale community since 2019.



Composed of five Sonoma County locals, the band focuses on classic jazz standards by familiar artists such as John Coltrane, Miles Davis, and Thelonious Monk. The band members are: Ubidube Whitaker - bass/double bass; Justin Ciechoski – drums; Matt Riney – guitar; Jeff Wuopio – sax; Canon Crawford - sax

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