

# Cloverdale Connect

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January 2025



### Editor's Note

You are holding in your hands the first issue of **Cloverdale Connect** for 2025. In just a few months, we will be celebrating our fifth year of publishing the paper and I cannot express strongly enough my gratitude for the support we have received from our community.

At a time when most papers are failing, **Cloverdale Connect** continues to thrive.

I especially want to thank the many readers who have become **Cloverdale Connect Champions**, sending their financial gift assisting us in covering our ever-increasing printing and postage costs. We continue to deliver the paper free every month to over 6550 households, businesses and post office boxes in the greater Cloverdale area and now all of Geyserville.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year and reminding us all to be kind, to be empathetic, to be generous, to be patient, and to live with hope.

I'll see you around town!

*Dana*



Newly elected Cloverdale City Councilman Mark Laskey prepares for the City Council meeting by reading *Cloverdale Connect!*



Front Page Photo Contest Winner

Andy Kotnik wins a Gift Card from West Coast Sourdough

### Welcome 2025! from Neena at the Chamber

As we turn the calendar to start another year, let's be grateful we live and in many cases, work, in this wonderful town. People meet your gaze even if you don't know or remember their first names. Neighbors step up to help their neighbors. If there's an illness or a death, the community will rally around and provide a welcome buffer.

An unofficial poll: Looking out of our Chamber window, I saw lots of packages and bags from our local and independent shops. I'm grateful that I was able to support them this holiday season. I needed to do some on-line buying as my family is pretty large and populated with teens and young ones. Nothing would have made me happier than getting everything locally. That's always my goal. I hope it's yours as well.

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## CUSD Employee of the Month Whitney Westfall

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Whitney Westfall is an exceptional mother, friend, colleague, and educator. Having taught both 3rd and 5th grades for CUSD, Whitney has consistently excelled at every level. She creates a fun, welcoming, and Harry Potter-inspired classroom where every student feels valued and encouraged

to thrive.

Whitney is known for setting high expectations while designing engaging lessons that foster critical thinking. As a strong member of our leadership team, she contributes innovative ideas and strengthens community connections.

Her true superpower lies in her ability to connect deeply with her students, building relationships that last well beyond the classroom. Former students often return to catch up and share their lives with her—a testament to the lasting impact she makes.

Cloverdale is truly fortunate to have such a talented, dedicated, and compassionate teacher.

### Are You a Cloverdale Connect Champion?

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Thank you to the following readers who are now **Cloverdale Connect Champions!** You make a difference.

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### Myrl The Barber Was One Of A Kind Mary Jo Winter

Myrl Graham and Myrl's Barbershop are legendary in the annals of Cloverdale history. Encouraged by his dad who wanted him to have a trade to fall back on, Myrl started cutting hair in his dad's Eugene, Oregon barbershop when he was 12. Aside from a few interruptions, like World War II, the trade served him well for more than 62 years, 45 of them in Cloverdale.



During the war, Myrl was stationed in Italy where he served as a "Belly Gunner" with the 459th Bomber Squadron, flying more than 50 missions over Europe. His barbershop was filled with photos and memorabilia of that time. He loved to tell stories, so his exploits and memories were shared with many Cloverdadians.

Myrl often said there was never a day he didn't look forward to going to work. Being an avid fly fisherman, though, he had to admit he might have missed a few days here and there because he'd gone fishing.

He moved to Cloverdale in 1957 and married his wife Rosemary a few years later. All of their children attended and graduated from Cloverdale schools. Rosemary was realtor Pete Matovich's secretary for more than a decade. Myrl was an active member of the local VFW and a 28-year member and past president of the Cloverdale Lions Club. They were married for nearly 40 years at the time Rosemary passed in 2003.



Myrl's first local barbershop was on Tarman Dr. before he relocated it to the Depot Hotel on Railroad Ave. In 1985, he settled into the pink building on the east side of S. Cloverdale Blvd. At some point, he aptly nicknamed his business "The Good Ol' Boys Barbershop." Before retiring in 2002, Myrl had cut hair for several generations of Cloverdale families. He even made housecalls for his customers who were housebound due to injury or illness.

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# PET of the MONTH

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**Lori and Will Uthman**

Send your pet photos for PET of the MONTH to:  
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## New year, new home?

Wishing you and your family many blessings in 2025!

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## Whisker Talk Brigid Wasson



Letting cats outside is a topic of much debate. Cats benefit from fresh air, sunshine, exercise, and stimulation outdoors. They are also exposed to dangers like cars and poison, and they can prey on birds. A good compromise is a catio.

This is an enclosure that lets cats enjoy the outdoors in safety. An internet search will show many kinds, from small window units to large porches. If you're handy there are many plans available. If not, you can purchase a modular unit or hire someone to build it for you. Be sure to check local regulations about structures on your property.

I live downtown on a busy street, so I set up a catio in my backyard with access from a cat door. It has beds, perches, water, and a litter box. I made a scratch post from an old log. The sky's the limit as far as design. I don't recommend putting food in the catio as it can attract unwanted visitors like raccoons and other people's cats.

Do you have a catio you would like to share for my blog? Email pics to info@firststreetpets.com.

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## Fate or Destiny? Nora Archambeau, M.A.

In graduate school, I took a surprisingly profound course called The I Ching with one humble, wise, and delightful Professor Yi Wu, Ph.D. Our textbook was The I Ching: The Book of Changes and Virtues (which Dr. Wu apparently wrote his own version of in 2013). The I Ching, a book of divination or oracle, "is believed to have been written by a Chinese man named Fu Xi around 1000 BCE." Dr. Wu assigned this single compendium (816 pages) for the semester. Depth rather than breadth...nice. My final paper was titled "Fate or Destiny?" I chose to conclude this paper with my belief in Destiny, and Dr. Wu shared how happy he was with this perspective. I still believe in Destiny and will pursue it until it manifests ten-fold!

How can we stay on track with our Destiny? One "obvious" way is to consistently reflect on our choices. Are they in alignment with our essential vibration and Soul's purpose? Are we happy underneath the hustle and bustle of life's constant activities? Are we getting sick because we need to slow down and make different decisions? I believe there is usually a psychological reason for becoming ill. (*How to Heal Your Life*, Louise Hay, 1984) Having a respiratory infection, then a sinus infection, one right after the other, I had a lot of time to name, process, and proceed with a new set of intentions. So there!

1. **Overwhelm:** Write down ALL that needs to happen. This is referred to as a "brain dump." Next, choose and highlight three items that are priorities. Intend to complete those, then attend to other items. (*How to Stop Feeling Overwhelmed Right Now*, Mel Robbins, YouTube)
2. **Health Routine:** Feeling under the weather? Hunker down, give yourself absolute permission to cocoon, stay warm, hydrate, eat chicken/veggie soup, etc.
3. **Never Give Up!** Gather people around you who support, lift, and reaffirm your inspirations, dreams, and Soul's mission.
4. **A Third Perspective:** Get out from under trauma-induced belief systems and consider that an unknown 3rd perspective IS possible. *Destined Lives are our birth-right!*

## Measure W ~ Crucial Funding for Library Kat Gore, Sonoma County Library

Many consider their local library to be a cornerstone of the community, a welcoming place to enjoy resources and events for all ages. Sonoma County Library Commissioner Brooke Greene recently shared her journey and insights about the library's evolving role.

For Greene, the library was instrumental in choosing Cloverdale as her family's home. "In 1984, when my husband and I were expecting our second child, we started looking for a small town in which to raise our family," she recalled. "My bottom-line criterion was that the town had to have a library."

They found Cloverdale, moved into a house a block away from the library, and became regulars. Nearly 40 years later, she's an official library commissioner. Appointed by the Cloverdale City Council in February 2023, Greene was motivated to represent Cloverdale due to a gap in local representation on the commission.

The passage of Measure W and renewal of the one-eighth of a cent sales tax aims to sustain and expand library services made possible by a previous sales tax measure. "Before Measure Y passed in 2016, the library was only open five days a week," Greene explained. Thanks to the sales tax funding, libraries are now open seven days a week with extended evening hours. The new measure ensures continued investment in technology, collections and modernization efforts.

Greene noted that the library offers a wealth of free resources:

- Kanopy: Stream films and TV shows
- Newspapers: Access major publications online
- Freegal: Stream your favorite music
- BiblioBox: Pick up your holds 24/7 from a secure locker

Cloverdadians, keep an eye out for upcoming upgrades to the patio area, supported in part by a bequest from the Claire McGowan estate.

From borrowing books to fostering connections and hosting enriching events, the Cloverdale Library remains a community hub. For more on the library's offerings, visit [sonomalibrary.org](http://sonomalibrary.org).



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### Pricing Your House to Sell

**Elissa Morrash**

Real estate is one of those fields where everyone is an expert; the internet, a family member, a next-door neighbor. Advice abounds. And it's free! For some reason, we tend to believe everyone but the actual expert we have hired. It's just human nature.

This is advice on how to find serious buyers who are willing to pay your listed price.

Pricing your house higher than the market. Over pricing as a "test" does not work in the seller's interest. It's understandable and sounds reasonable: "Let's try the high price, and if it doesn't work, we will reduce the price." This not a good idea. Over-priced properties stay on the market longer and most often sell for less than they should.

Pricing your house for what you need. Some sellers actually do need to net a certain amount, to pay off a mortgage, or to pay credit card bills, for example. If what you need is much more than the market dictates, then think twice.

Pricing your house for what your neighbor's house sold for. A lot of things contribute to a property's price. Your neighbor's house may have a new roof. They may have more updates and upgrades (or fewer) than you have.

When pricing, I use the age, income and preferences of buyers, interest rates, comparable properties and neighborhoods, and the age and condition of the property. I study local market trends, and using the secret sauce of intuition and experience, recommend a price range.

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### The February LOVE Album

Plan now to have your photo of you and your sweetheart in the February LOVE Album. Please submit your photos to [info@cloverdaleconnect.com](mailto:info@cloverdaleconnect.com) no later than Friday January 17th. Want to add a personal message? **Add a love note for just \$1 per word.** Let's celebrate LOVE! One entry will be chosen at random to win the "Love Basket" of prizes!

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## Connect with C.H.S. ~ Cheyenne Schriener

One semester down and just one more to go! Your Eagles are right in the midst of sports, exams, and college application season.

### ASB On-Campus:

ASB displayed a wall of re-assuring mental health quotes up for view on-campus. Both students and staff were given a sticky note to write their favorite mood-lifting quotes to ease the stress of exams. The final product was placed in the first hallway and was open to add-to any time before the break.

The second-annual Christmas door decorating competition took place the two weeks leading up to break. Ms. Wilkerson's advisory class took first place back to the classroom with a gingerbread-house themed door. Congratulations to the 3 runner up classes and thank you to all for spreading some Christmas cheer around campus! **1st Place: Ms. Wilkerson's advisory, 2nd Place: JEH's advisory, 3rd Place: Mr. Wilsons advisory, 4th Place: Mr. Cogorno.**

**Sports:** Highlight Game (Girls Varsity Basketball): The Eagles are headed out in good spirits as their victory against St. Helena beat a short losing-streak. Cloverdale snuck past St. Helena with a 47-41 win. The Eagles picked up their first road win, bumping their record up to 3-5 as of the 20th.

**Highlight Game (Boys Varsity Basketball):** The Varsity boys basketball won over the South Fork Cubs during the McMillian tournament in a 68-52 win. The impressive victory broke the winning streak and tested against the Cub's higher ranking leaving Cloverdale with a winning record of 5-4 as of the 20th.

**Highlight Game (Girls Varsity Soccer):** Cloverdale, with the crowd's motivation, never let St. Vincent de Paul onto the board and left with a 3-0 victory. Alexis Jimenez and Guadalupe Neapanoceno scored all three of Cloverdale's goals, bringing their combined season tally to six goals.

**FFA** teams in Parliamentary Procedure and student participants in Creed and BIG (Best in Greenhand) traveled to sectional finals in St. Helena. Their debate and speech performance has earned them further advance and recognition for involvement by judges. Congratulations!

The **Key Club** donated their time this holiday season to help wrap gifts for the Christmas gift-drive and volunteered at the Kiwanis Crab-Feed to help raise money for next semester's activities.

## Wild Side Jennifer Molidor

This month marks the beginning of the gray whale migration season. These intelligent giants are traveling from the warm birthing waters of the Baja Peninsula to the chilly feeding areas in Alaska. Whale calves are making their first trip and can be seen swimming with their mothers.

Later in the season, Humpback whales will migrate too. A good place to see whales from a boat is the San Francisco Bay.



On land, good spots for watching whales are Salt Point State Park, Stillwater Cove Regional Park, and of course, the Bodega Headlands. If you're up for a drive, and a lot of steps, you can try the incredible Point Reyes Lighthouse.

In February and March head to the Russian River on a quiet morning for a chance to see a river otter. In late winter and early spring mama otters are busy denning with newborn pups. So, rowdy yearling males venture out alone and can be seen exploring along riverbeds. I've seen otters and even seals in the Russian River out by Duncan's Mills on River Road.

Further afield, you might glimpse an otter youngster by coastal streams at Gualala Point Regional Park or by the Petaluma River.

If you spot an otter, you can become an otter spotter for the River Otter Ecology Project (say that ten times fast!) and report your sighting on their interactive map online.

As always, bring a camera and enjoy life on the wild side.

★ Happy ★

New ★ Year

## Robert "Bob" Andersen ~ July 27, 1935- November 26, 2024

Robert "Bob" Andersen, aged 89, of Cloverdale, CA, passed away peacefully on November 26, 2024, surrounded by his loved ones.

Born July 27, 1935, Bob was a cherished son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend. Known for his generosity and kind heart, he left an indelible mark on all who knew him.

Bob built a life of dedication and service, operating and owning Bob Andersen Excavating and Backhoe. He spent his free time working on community projects, hunting, and working on projects at his home. Bob was a family man and put his family's needs before his own. Bob never knew a stranger because anyone he met was warmly greeted as if he had been friends with them for years.

Whether working, cheering at his grandchildren's and great grandchildren's games, spending time with friends and family, or sharing stories that made everyone laugh,



Bob lived freely and fully and gave generously of his time and energy.

His is survived by his wife, Louise Andersen, his children, Clay (Chris), Robin (Jared), and his grandchildren Megan (Darren) Olsen, Trevor Andersen, Neil (Ashley) Andersen, and Travis Vos, great grandchildren Tristen, Riley, Landen, Kyler and Shyanne, who will remember him as a guiding light, source of strength and of unwavering

love. Bob was preceded in death by father Charles Andersen and mother Ida Andersen (Costello), his sisters Catherine Lavoto and Meridith Andersen.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2025 at 11:30am at the Cloverdale Veterans Hall. Friends and family are invited to celebrate his life and share cherished memories.

Bob will be profoundly missed, but his legacy of love, humor, generosity and kindness will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know him.



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- Bareroot shrubs and trees will begin appearing in nurseries. Bareroot is a good way to plant many fruit trees, shrubs, and roses. If you can't plant the day of your purchase, submerge roots in a bucket of water up to 24 hours and plant as soon as you can.
- Roses should be pruned between New Year's and Valentine's Day. Be careful not to compact soil around plants with your feet when you prune. Prune hard, leaving 3-4 young, vigorous canes per plant.
- Clean, oil, and store tools such as shovels, hoes, and pruners. Use light machine oil on metal parts to prevent rust.
- Prune pines and other dormant conifers, but do not trim back individual branches part way. Rather, thin where necessary by pruning out entire branches to the base.
- Winter is the season when rats forage—and damage—ornamental plants. If you have had problems in the past or if your neighbors have noticed rats, put out traps early before they damage fruit trees, vines, climbing roses and shrubs.
- Rats favor heavy cover like overgrown ivy. If you have ivy, the best time to prune or remove it is winter when growth slows and soil is somewhat soft. If you wait until spring, ivy will quickly grow back, and roots will be harder to remove.

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**JANUARY COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

- Jan. 11 Sat.** 7:30pm Frank Junior Flores  
Cloverdale Performing Arts Center
- Jan. 16 Thurs.** 7pm Americana Night, Elliot Peck Trio  
Cloverdale Arts Alliance
- Jan. 18 Sat.** 5:30-7:30pm Gallery Reception "Friends"  
Cloverdale Arts Alliance
- Jan. 21 Wed** 6pm "Dance Night" (dance instruction)  
American Legion Hall
- Jan. 22 Wed.** 1-3pm Garden Club - "Fruit Growing"  
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- Jan. 25 Sat.** 6:30pm Bob Zany  
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Cloverdale Lions Club Crab Feed  
Citrus Fair Grounds

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### A Message from the Mayor:



“Recently I was sworn in for my second term on the Cloverdale City Council and chosen to represent our city as Mayor. Serving as the mayor for the past three years has been one of the greatest honors of my life. It has also been one of the most challenging roles I’ve ever held. While Cloverdale may be small in size, it’s incredibly diverse. Our community is made up of people with a wide spectrum of socioeconomic levels, beliefs, backgrounds, and perspectives. What unites us, though, is the deep, undeniable love of our community.

Like so many places across the country, our small town has not been immune to the divisiveness and tension that have dominated the national stage.

I’ve heard from constituents about their fear for the future. I’ve seen friends and neighbors turn against one another or stop speaking because of their lawn signs or political differences.

This isn’t who we are, and it cannot stand.

When I took my oath of office, I explicitly swore to uphold and protect the Constitution of the United States. In that oath is a promise to protect and encourage the expression of the freedoms, rights, and opportunities enshrined in that great document. These liberties are not reserved for some of us—they belong to all of us. While I’m honored to lead the charge, this is a responsibility that falls on all of our shoulders. It is all of our responsibilities to foster a space where everyone feels heard, respected, and valued, no matter their views or where they come from. Unity does not mean uniformity. It does not mean we will always agree. What it does mean is that we commit to treating one another with respect, empathy, and a belief in the common good.

Cloverdale, like the rest of Sonoma County, faces very serious issues in the coming years, homelessness, water security, economic strain, and wildfire threat, to name a few. These are nonpartisan, local issues that need all of our attention. We can’t face these issues divided. So, put down your device, log out of your social media, turn off your cable news, and go say hello to your neighbor.

I’ve seen my fellow Cloverdale residents come together in times of crisis and celebration. That’s who we are. We come together around our common values of liberty, patriotism, community, and prosperity, for everyone. I’m making the commitment, as I hope everyone else will, to build community despite our differences and face the unified future.”

**Todd Lands, Mayor of Cloverdale**

The City Council bids a heartfelt farewell to City Manager **David Kelley**, who concluded his dedicated service to the City of Cloverdale on December 11th.

David began his tenure with Cloverdale in February 2016 as Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director and was appointed City Manager in March 2018. Throughout his time with the City, he made a lasting impact, particularly in the development and preservation of parks and open spaces. His leadership was instrumental in the grand opening of the Cloverdale Dog Park and the Porterfield Creek Open Space, as well as the acquisition of Soda Springs Ranch and significant improvements to existing city parks.

David’s strategic vision and guidance also led to the successful passage of three vital ballot measures—Measure R (Utility User Tax), Measure CC (Urban Growth Boundary), and Measure DD (Sales Tax)—securing essential financial resources to support Cloverdale’s future.

As David embarks on the next chapter of his career, we express our deepest gratitude for his many contributions and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

The City Council extends its gratitude to Councilmember **Melanie Bagby** for her exceptional service to the City of Cloverdale. Melanie served honorably on the City Council for eight years, from 2016 to 2024, including her distinguished term as Mayor in 2019. Throughout her tenure, she represented Cloverdale



with dedication and integrity on numerous regional and statewide boards. These include the Board of Directors for Sonoma Clean Power, Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART), the Sonoma County Transportation Authority/Regional Climate Protection Authority (SCTA/RCPA), the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District, and the Sonoma County Legislative Committee.

We thank Melanie for her unwavering commitment to our community and wish her the best in her future endeavors.



**Mark Laskey** is welcomed as the City’s newest council member after coming in second in the November 6th election.

### New Shade Structures at Cloverdale Dog Park

The City of Cloverdale is excited to announce the installation of two brand-new shade structures at the Cloverdale Dog Park. This enhancement was made possible thanks to the tremendous efforts and contributions of the Cloverdale Rotary Club, Todd Land Construction and Parks Staff, whose fundraising and hands-on work brought this project to life.

The new shade structures provide a much-needed respite from the sun for both dogs and their owners, creating a more comfortable and enjoyable environment. Whether it’s a sunny summer day or a crisp fall afternoon, the shade structures allow for extended playtime and relaxation in the park.

The City extends its gratitude to the Cloverdale Rotary Club and Todd Lands Construction for their dedication and support in improving our community spaces. These structures are a testament to the power of collaboration and the shared goal of making Cloverdale a great place to live, work, and play.

We encourage everyone to visit the Cloverdale Dog Park and experience these wonderful new additions.



## Norma Lucille Reilly



Norma Lucille (Dubbs) Reilly (95) was born in Terre Haute, Indiana. After graduating from Wiley High School, Norma was employed by State Farm Insurance, where she met her future husband, Claude R. Reilly.

In 1974 Norma graduated from Skyline College with an Associates Degree in Business. Then in 1976 she graduated from Sonoma State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business with a 4.0 GPA and was on the Dean's Highest

Honors List, after which she worked as a Real Estate Auditor for the State of California until her retirement in 1996.

After retirement she was one of the first to purchase a home in Del Webb Clover Springs where she actively served on the Board for many years. Her favorite past-time was spoiling her dogs and shopping.

Norma is survived by her 3 children: Sue (Reilly) Harris, Melissa Reilly and Don Reilly, as well as 6 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren, nieces Julie (Boomer) Boyd and Laurie (Boomer) Riefel.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Claude R. Reilly, her parents, Everett and Alpha Dubbs, and twin siblings, Donald Dubbs and Barbara (Dubbs) Boomer.

Gravesite service will be at the National Cemetery in Dixon on Good Friday, April 18, 2025 @ 1:00 pm. A Celebration of Life will be held immediately following.

## Citrus Fair Exhibitor Guide Now Available

Be sure to pick up your copy of the Exhibitor Guide for the 133rd Cloverdale Citrus Fair this February 14-17th. The theme for the 2025 Fair is "The Good Ole Days, Remember When". This theme invites us to reflect on the cherished memories and special moments that connect us to our community and one another.

All forms and all entries are due no later than Sunday, January 26th at 5pm. Exhibit entry is open to anyone in the state of California. Be sure to consult the Exhibitor Guide under the appropriate department headings for exact details. If you need assistance, please call the Fair Office at 707-894-3992. Be sure to check out the many special contests – Youth in Action, Orange Surprise Desserts, Lemon Delight Desserts, Floral Gardens, Youth Citrus Sculptures, Adults Citrus Sculptures, and so much more.



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## City Council Report Eleanore Webster

At the December 11 meeting, Neena Hanchett thanked the City Manager on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Student Liaison gave her report. The Consent Calendar, which covered election results, staff compensation (wages and benefits), obligation payments, and professional services agreements, was approved after the compensation increase for City Council members was removed. Mayor Lands feels that the increase for Council members is warranted, but timing is poor, given budget deficits. Council member compensation was considered separately and passed; it had been discussed at earlier meetings and complies with California regulations.

A Proclamation recognized departing City Manager David Kelley, praising him for his dedication and hard work. Apparently Council Members and City staff all actually liked working with David! Members of the public also thanked David. He will be drinking a lot of coffee during the next few weeks, as many invited him out to have a chat (no one said who's buying, so David may need to get another job to pay for all those lattes and cakes). David added that the job caused him a significant amount of hair loss, but he expressed his gratitude and promised to keep his eye on Council members going forward.

A second proclamation recognized departing Council Member Melanie Bagby. Member Bagby was not present to receive recognition. The Proclamation recognized her hard work on commissions in the Bay Area, thereby raising the visible presence of Cloverdale. Council and members of the public thanked Melanie for her advocacy. Melanie was also invited out for coffee and a chat, so Plank is going to be very busy.

Council members then took their Oath of Office. Todd Lands was re-elected to a second term and Mark Laskey was elected as a new Council Member. Member Lands was selected for a second term as Mayor and Member Wheeler received a second term as Vice Mayor. City Staff made a presentation on how subcommittees might be consolidated. The proposed are: Infrastructure, Administration, Joint City/CUSD, and Homelessness. Council accepted the proposal, with possible review mid-year. Regional Board appointment requirements for Council Members were also considered.



## Dwayne John Petrich



Our loved one and my father Dwayne John Petrich, almost 97 years of age, passed away November 20, 2024. He was never truly happy without his beloved wife Edie. We are content knowing they will unite in God's new world where "He will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." Rev. 21:4

He loved his family, friends, the desert and of course his cars, trucks, and trailers! They spend

many years wintering on the Colorado River and visiting family and friends in Iowa and Northern California. Together they made a good life for themselves and lived the life they wanted for 67 years!

He loved to talk about his years in the Navy at the end of World War Two, spending time in Guam and Washington D.C. He was proud of his time in the service. He was the oldest surviving member of the local American Legion.

He is survived by his daughter Cindy/Curt Jessen, granddaughters Autumn Lopez/Jacob, Camille Jessen, and grandson Jake/Karli Jessen, great-grandchildren Maile, Bella, Kaia and Reed. He adored them and they will miss him. He is also survived by his sisters Elaine, Marilyn, and Marlys and brothers George and Charlie Petrich, and his cousin Margo Petrich, and many nieces and nephews.

Service will be at a later date. Many thanks go out to Providence Hospice, Cloverdale Better Living, and his wonderful caregivers Robin, Jorin and Cris! You made all the difference.

## Learn To Dance

The American Legion and Al Myers present "Cloverdale Community Dance" coming soon to the American Legion Building, 205 W. 1st St.

An initial meeting will be held on January 21 and currently the proposed schedule is first and third Tuesdays of each month.

The initial meeting will be a Q+A session and a presentation on Basic Ballroom Dance instruction, "Dancing Is Walking". Come join the fun!

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## The Three Ways to Stream Will Carter

Streaming movies and television as an on-demand, online service started eighteen years ago when Netflix expanded beyond DVDs and launched the first 1,000 films on their streaming service. In 2007, the majority of Netflix users accessed the site from their computers, and the closest thing there was to a "smart TV" was TiVo. Today, you can access streaming services on your computer, tablet, phone, or television, but each is a little different.

In many ways, streaming from a computer is the easiest: simply enter the URL of the site (like "Hulu.com") into your web browser and sign-in. This is also the best way to get your account set up initially.

Tablets and phones are slightly more complicated, since you will need to download an app. On your smartphone, go to the App Store or Play Store and search for the service you want to stream, find the app and install it. Once installed you can just tap on the icon to launch the app. Mobile apps will also allow you to pre-download movies or episodes, letting you watch when travelling or otherwise offline. The app or your mobile browser are the second-best option for creating your account if you don't have a computer.

Finally, we get to what is now our default: watching on your television! This is like a phone or tablet, in that you will need to download an app. This process varies widely depending on your television, but once installed you should be able to get signed-in with the help of your smartphone or computer. Where streaming on TVs can get complicated is in the hardware. While most folks use either their cable box or smart TV functionality, these options are usually slower than a dedicated device like a Roku, Google TV Streamer, or Apple TV.

Whether you're a hardcore cord-cutter or new to streaming, it should be easy to find and watch the shows and movies you like. Between a couple of streaming subscriptions, services available from the Sonoma County Library, and sites like YouTube, I never find myself wishing for cable service, or a cable bill.



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## This Is Your History Museum, Cloverdale

**Elissa Morrash, Executive Director**  
**Cloverdale Historical Society**

### What's Happening at the History Museum in 2025:

Did you know that your history museum houses over 10,000 artifacts, and memorabilia, ephemera, books, paintings, glass slides, vintage postcards, diaries and more from the past? Treasures from the Archives Exhibits, curated by David Allred, and assisted by Docent Ebbe Kolbeck and Engagement Director Katie Bogner Gibson are creating a whole series of exhibits, rotated throughout the year, to show off the cool memorabilia and ephemera hidden for years in the archives.

Speaker Series programs will start with a celebration of Women's History Month in March, with speaker Elaine Rock on her new book on the Women's Movement's key figure, Dusty Roads.

Creation of a permanent Latino Exhibit on the 2nd Floor of the History Museum starts this year. Stay tuned.

We've added new and better Membership Benefits! Have your birthday party here. Use the research library. Check out the full benefits program on our website.

Kay Wells' Autobiographical Writing Class starts this year. All you need is your memories! Join the group and enjoy hearing stories and writing your own.

School programs. We will share our resources with Cloverdale's teachers to enhance opportunities for Cloverdale's children in this competitive world.

Opportunities abound for those who have a love of history! If this sounds like you, let us know if you would like to docent, work on programs, create exhibits, or if there is something else you'd like to do. The history museum offers a meaningful way to contribute to the preservation of Cloverdale's heritage while making a lasting impact in our community. Contact us: (707) 894-2067  
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Thank you to everyone who helped contribute to our annual Cloverdale Christmas Giving this year! Special thank you to the following people for their donations and adoptions of families:

Debbie Handy, Todd Lands, the Crachiola Family, Danny Black, Andres Marquez, Kathleen Bradford, Nate and Jazmyne Hernandez, Liane Fabian, Renee Rose, Dana Bates, Sean and Avery Turbeville, Allie Phillips, Erin Mavis, Morrissey Family, Lytton Springs 4H, Velasquez Family, Suafai Family,

Perceptor MU Theta Cloverdale Chapter Beta Sigma Phi, Merwyn Welch, Christina Amaral and the Cloverdale Fire Dept.

We also had many donors who wish to remain anonymous. They may be unnamed, but are not unnoticed.

A very special "Thank You" to Janice Morrissey for being our Secret Santa shopper for the kids in our program. Janice loves every moment of it and hand selects each gift as if it were for her own family member. Thank you to all the busy bees at Honeybees Daycare and all of the families of Parkside Christian Church for volunteering their time to wrap every gift.



We were able to fulfill the wishes of 78 kids with gifts, and up to \$100 for Thanksgiving dinner for some families. Putting smiles on children and hope in their parents' hearts – that's what it's all about.

Each and every one of you held an important part in making this happen.

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The year has been one for the books, so much has happened to affect the lives of so many. The entertainment industry has lost a long list of talented people, many members of the original groups that created the memorable moments we will always cherish, the memories that we hold near and dear.

As we continue our journey into the future, one that may not be exactly what we hoped for or expected, let us have the courage of our convictions, the wisdom of our forefathers, the strength of our ancestors to make the future better than our past.

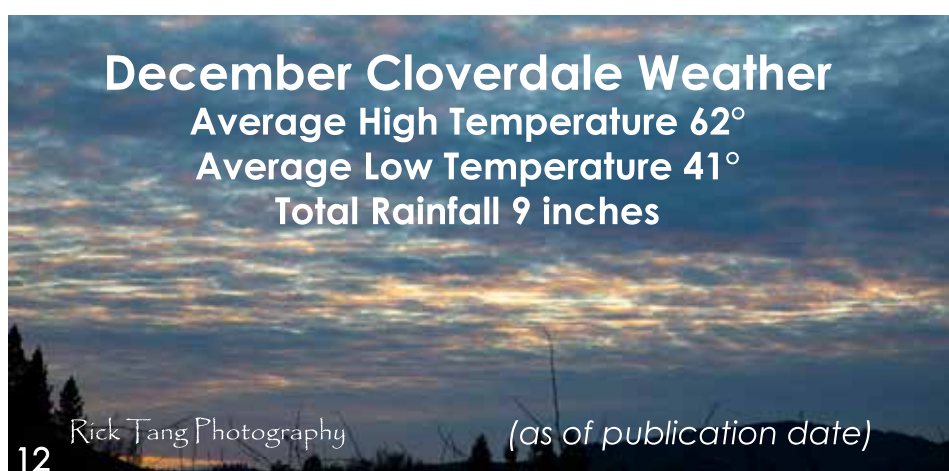
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Let the bells of freedom always ring true, loudly and clearly for everyone to hear! Here in the North Coast, there is a great radio station, KOWSfm.com whose motto is "Free Speech - No Bull". Check out our lineup of podcasts and a myriad of entertainment offerings. We are listener supported, underwritten by programmers and local businesses, who believe that tomorrow will bring a brighter day, well worth the efforts expended to secure the American Dream.



## Your Year To Shine

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## Call For Artists!

The Cloverdale Arts Alliance Gallery is welcoming proposals from local Cloverdale and regional artists for our new exhibit showcase: The Community Arts Annex - a sectioned area of the Gallery dedicated to exhibiting notable amateur and emerging locals artists. Through our new Community Arts Program, we seek to support the many artists in our city and area who are new to, or may not have been quite ready for, a professional exhibition. This can be your first step. Or, this can be your next step, if you have exhibited before and want to resume your art career.

We are offering four 5-foot sections of wall space for \$30 each, for a two-month run. We are currently considering submissions for our January 18, 2025 Exhibition, then for later exhibits. We will provide you with more information and detail after your submission. Your proposal should include up to five sample images (jpgs) of your work, preferably the pieces you plan to submit. Please include information about the work, including the title, date, medium, dimensions, and a brief description of each piece submitted.

Please include a short Bio, your Artist Statement, and your plans to further your art journey. (Brief descriptions are fine. We just want to get to know you a little.)

Direct your submission to Jason Taylor Morgan, Director: [jasantaylormorgan9@gmail.com](mailto:jasantaylormorgan9@gmail.com) or Laura Paine Carr, Director: [lauracarr232@comcast.net](mailto:lauracarr232@comcast.net).

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In life or death. we love you dearly.

Everyone is welcome to join us on Sunday, January 5th, at 10:00am at the Cloverdale River Park. We will be planting another Big Leaf Maple tree and native wild roses. We want to thank our community for your support over these past seventeen years.

Love and Miss You Courtney. There will never be a day when we won't think of you.

Dad and Mom

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**Let's Travel**  
**Craig Clark**

**Tips To Avoid Travel Scams Over the Holidays\***

**Be skeptical of 'too-good-to-be-true' deals:** If something seems to-good-to-be-true, chances are it probably is. Be on alert for fake ticketing and travel booking websites that offer extreme discounts for flights or accommodations.

**Beware of AI chat bots:** AI chat bots are being used to simulate live customer support interactions, says Clay. "These chat bots can convincingly answer questions about fake travel deals, accommodations or bookings, giving travelers the impression they are interacting with a legitimate representative

**Verify the authenticity of travel websites:** double-check website URLs, ensuring that they are the true website for the airline or travel agency in question.

Look at the domain name closely to ensure it is actually the site for whichever major travel provider you're hoping to book with. Look for misspellings in the brand name or other small errors such as capitalization.

**Avoid off-platform transactions:** Redirects to off-platform money wires or bank transfers to steal information and bypass secure payment methods that guarantee buyer protection.

**Refrain from clicking on links in unsolicited emails:** These malicious links can also redirect you to an unexpected webpage and prompt you to provide your personal details on that website, it may also infect your computer with a virus.

**Work with a travel advisor:** Yet another way to avoid scams is to book travel using a trusted travel advisor, which circumvents fraudulent internet actors altogether.

\*From Travel Pulse

**Creative Corner ~ Christy Anne**

As New Years is often thought of as a time of renewal and bringing some fresh energy into the new year, I was trying to think of something that seems to never really go out of style, but can occasionally do with a refresh...enter one of my favorite materials that can not only stand the test of time, but refuses to fully go out of style: cork.

Whether in wine bottles, coasters or bases for your favorite plants, cork rarely lets us down. But even our hearty friend can use a pop of color when one is looking for a little pre-spring nudge of joy. The best part is there are so many things that adhere to it and paint is not the only one. Enter the often-forgotten ink pads of days gone by. Yes, my friends, they are still around and amazingly reasonable in cost and if not already living in your junk drawer, easily obtained. The cork pads from Cloverdale Nursery are



not only amazing for plants, but double as trivets for hot dishes as well! Here is the added bonus if wanting to use a bit of creativity, but are still exhausted from the holiday tsunami of activities; one can easily use the removable mini stamp pads to create designs or fill in stencils, but the older school variety one can simply roll the edges on the cork across the pad using some pressure, but not too much if a newer pad still ripe with copious amounts of ink as with cork being somewhat porous, can oversaturate fairly easy. Remember, sleepy creativity is still creativity and will start priming the creative pump for the new year, so that when you finally recover from some of that running about and want to dive into something more complicated, the creative valve shall remain open and ready to go. Happy New Year & Happy Creating!

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**Cloverdale Police Department News**



**Sergeant Rudy Segobiano** has officially retired, concluding his remarkable 22-year career with the Cloverdale Police Dept. We are deeply grateful for his outstanding service and are actively seeking to fill his position. In his farewell message, Sergeant Segobiano expressed his deep appreciation to the citizens of

Cloverdale, acknowledging their support and trust. He emphasized the honor of serving the community and praised their cooperation, understanding, and resilience, which have been pivotal in achieving a safer and more vibrant community. Congratulations Rudy!

The Cloverdale Police Department is proud to announce the graduation of our newest officer, **Uziel Ruiz**, from the Santa Rosa Junior College Basic Police Academy, Class 215! Officer Ruiz demonstrated exceptional dedication, resilience, and commitment throughout his training, and we are thrilled to welcome him to our department.



Following his graduation, Officer Ruiz was officially sworn in by Chief Parker and will now embark on the next chapter of his career in the Field Training Program. Under the mentorship of experienced Field Training Officers, Officer Ruiz will gain invaluable hands-on training as he works to transition into his role as a solo officer. We have every confidence that he will serve our community with the utmost professionalism, integrity, and dedication.

After over four years of dedicated service, **Sergeant Salvatore Borruso** retired from the Cloverdale Police Dept., having made significant contributions, including his instrumental role in reopening the Geer case. He diligently mentored officers, providing unwavering support to help them succeed while supervising the staff. We extend our sincere thanks for your service to the Cloverdale community and the Police Department. Wishing you happiness and success in your retirement and future endeavors.



After an amazing 22 year career with the Cloverdale Police Dept., our incredible Community Service Officer (CSO), **Teresa Hegarty**, is retiring! Over the years, Teresa has worn many hats, that included serving as our Animal Control Officer, Evidence Technician, fill in dispatcher, and so much more. Her dedication to public safety, compassion for animals, and

meticulous attention to detail in handling evidence have made her an invaluable part of our team. Teresa's work has not only supported the department but has also made a lasting impact on our entire community. Teresa, your kindness, professionalism, and tireless commitment will be deeply missed. While we're sad to say goodbye, we're thrilled for you to enjoy this next chapter of life--you've earned it!

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## Gallery Reception

The Cloverdale Arts Alliance Gallery invites you to attend the Opening/Reception of their new art exhibit: FRIENDS at the Cloverdale Arts Alliance Gallery! They are displaying the masterful artwork of Terry Holleman, their Featured Resident Artist, and the exhilarating artwork of Guest Artist Tali Marotz, as well as their first two local artists in their newly established Community Art Annex: Xalvador Andrade and Will McCoy. **Reception: Saturday Evening, January 18, 2025, 5:30 – 7:30 pm.** Please join the Arts Alliance for beautiful artwork, stimulating conversation, artist talks - wine and hors d'oeuvres! **Exhibit: 1/18/25 – 3/22/25**



Pictured left to right are Rotary Interact Club members Avery Wilke, Ry Squire, Maxine LaMaster, and Olivia Valverde building blankets for seniors to be donated to various locations around Cloverdale this holiday season. Exemplifying Rotary's motto "Service above Self" these students are a credit to both their Club and Cloverdale High School.

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## Marian Zagorites

June 12, 1933 - December 8, 2024



Born Panagiota Belenis to Greek immigrants Paraskeva and Eleni (Kakridas) Belenis in the heart of San Francisco's Greektown, Marian passed away peacefully at 91 with her daughters at her side. Marian's early years were storied with the trials and tribulations of being a child of the Great Depression. Unable to speak a word of English, she enrolled in school and

quickly mastered the English language, which began Marian's lifelong love of school and learning.

At a young age, Marian and her younger brother Bill lost both of their parents. In 1944, she and Bill went to live with their Thea Katina in Richmond, where they learned to work the Victory Garden. Living in the east bay city, the siblings gained two big brothers, Bill Kolaites and Clare Karahalios, a loving sister-in-law, Alyce (Karahalios), and a strong circle of lifelong friends.

Marian graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 1955 with a degree in English and began a career as an elementary school teacher in the Richmond School District. As a young woman, she attended many Greek gatherings in the Bay Area. At one of these events, Marian met Gust Zagorites, and soon after, he became her husband. The two were married for 49 years until Gust's passing in 2011.

After marrying Gust, Marian left Richmond in 1962 and moved to Cloverdale, where the two raised four daughters. Marian enjoyed hosting summer barbecues, birthday parties, and swimming at Boucher's. She could sew just about anything and loved to bake delicious cookies and pies, all made in a warm and inviting home for her family and friends. As the girls grew, Marian returned to the workforce at the Cloverdale Library, where she enjoyed her second career working for 21 years as a library technician.

In her retirement, Marian continued to sew, garden, and bake. She also took up photography, focusing on scenic views and beautiful flowers. With Gust, she traveled about Sonoma County in search of the best fresh fruit to make delicious jams and pies for family and friends. She stayed involved in the library and began researching her family history, writing a short story of her childhood memoirs. Throughout her life, Marian had a great love of the theater and enjoyed taking family and friends to see the latest musicals performing in the area.

Marian loved taking road trips with Gust to visit their daughters. They often traveled with the Elderhostel program, experiencing the beauty of the West Coast. In her later years, she volunteered at the Cloverdale Historical Society and enjoyed dining her way around Sonoma County with the Red Hat Ladies.

Marian was preceded in death by her husband Gust, brothers Bill Belenis, Bill Kolaites, and Clare Karahalios, along with nephew Bobby Karahalios. She is survived by her daughters Elene Zagorites, Kia Zagorites, Katerena (David) Linfield, and Deana (Tom) Chiarchianis, along with several nieces and nephews.

Services were held on December 28th St. Seraphim of Sarov Orthodox Cathedral in Santa Rosa. Memorial contributions: Cloverdale Senior Center, 311 North Main Street, Cloverdale, CA 95425



## Importance of Estate Planning

Paula Hall

When your New Year's resolution is estate planning, it's easy to say, "I'm going to get my estate plan done this year." But where to start? First consider your assets, their value, and who you'd like to leave them to. The goal is to get the assets to your beneficiaries quickly, efficiently, economically and to avoid probate. If you have a very small estate, less than \$184,500.00 and no real estate, an affidavit procedure will work. A larger estate will require probate. Probate is the court supervised administration of your estate.

Probate is expensive, time-consuming, and public. If your estate is worth half a million dollars, your estate will pay statutory probate fees of \$13,000 to the executor and \$13,000 to the attorney; \$930 in court filing fees; probate referee's fees, for this example, of \$500; \$225 to publish in the newspaper, for a total of \$27,730.00 - money that your beneficiaries will not receive. Certain assets, such as life insurance, IRA's, retirement plans, and POD accounts pass by beneficiary designation. Designate your beneficiaries and you are done.

If you own a home, you could avoid probate by titling it in joint tenancy. Joint tenancy property, such as home or joint bank account, passes to the other joint tenant by operation of law. Joint tenancy will work to pass the asset to the surviving joint tenant. However, joint tenancy is not advisable if you have multiple children. Your assets could become subject to the child's creditors. If you own a home, a trust is necessary to transfer your property to your beneficiaries privately and efficiently, without the delay and expense of probate. To avoid probate, you must have assets that pass by beneficiary designation or by operation of law or a trust.

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## Elliot Peck Trio To Play In Cloverdale

On Thursday, January 16, 2025, the Cloverdale Arts Alliance's Americana Night will feature the Elliot Peck Trio. The Elliott Peck Trio features Elliot Peck, Alex Jordan, and Burt Lewis.

Elliott Peck is a San Francisco-based guitarist, singer, and songwriter, and co-leader of the band Midnight North. She has toured extensively around the country with her band as well as with the late, great, Phil Lesh, former founder and member of the Grateful Dead. She writes songs with clever lyrics that tell rich stories with a powerful voice.



Alex Jordan plays lead guitar and vocals. He brings a wealth of his own original music, and a wide background of Americana, blues, folk and country covers, adding his own personal interpretation to each. Alex and Elliott have sung harmonies together for over 10 years and evoke a Gillian Welch/Dave Rawlings or Emmy-Lou Harris/Gram Parsons duo kind of vibe.

Burt Lewis rounds out the outfit on bass guitar. Burt has been a staple of the Northern California music scene for many years and has played at some of the West Coast's most reputable clubs. He holds down the rhythm and supports the guitar and vocal melodies as they soar over his warm, rich playing.

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

To receive reserved seating privileges, purchase advance tickets online at [www.cloverdaleartsalliance.org](http://www.cloverdaleartsalliance.org) Tickets, if available, may also be purchased at the door.

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

## The CloDems Ask: Ready for 2025?

Dave Delgado

It's hard to believe we're a quarter of the way into a century many of us – at least those of us born back when 'Lassie' or 'Green Acres' was on TV – thought took forever to get here. With the annual passing of the calendar page, it's prudent to take the measure of where we are individually. A few examples:

### Banking:

- What plans have we made to address rising costs for goods and services?
- Are we prepared for changes in tax laws that might impact our withholding and our take home pay? Or those of our employees?
- Have we reviewed retirement funds and investments with an advisor, noting regulatory changes coming in the new year?
- Are our charitable offerings still impacting the needs and causes we wish to address?

### Healthcare:

- Is our health insurance keeping up with our needs? Has the coverage changed?
- Are we utilizing available healthcare resources from the Affordable Care Act, MediCal, Medicaid or other sources?
- What about our mental well-being? Have we set aside time for relaxation or reflection? This costs us nothing.

### Governance and leadership:

- Do we know who has been elected to our City Council? Do we know any of our City Council members? Same goes for our county and state representatives.
- Can we find time to attend City Council or School Board meetings?
- Might we have time to serve on a local commission (planning, homeless advisory, school council, etc.) to assist our leaders?
- What are we doing to ensure that our elected representatives – at all levels – stay informed about the needs of the constituency they've been chosen to represent?

One thing most of us know about New Years Resolutions is that they are just as easy to break as they are to make. But there's one we can make together: Let's resolve to stay healthy, stay engaged, stay positive and to make the best of the new year – and the next quarter century.

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

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*Chelsea Conner*

**Cloverdale Nursery** is the best! Thank you to Ashley, Scott and Gary for ALWAYS being so nice and helpful, and for providing Cloverdale with a lovely location to visit.  
*Karen Larsen*

Big thank you to **Rodolfo Trevino and Kathleen Cookman** for helping me get my house ready for the rain! Got the gutters unblocked and the yard cleaned up just in time for the storm. Highly recommend both of their services.  
*Max McNally*

Thank you, **Outpost** for carrying Skechers slip-ons! Love my new shoes and they are cleaning and waterproofing my boots for me too! Moving to a bigger space next to ACE Hardware.  
*Debbi Davis*

The birria at **Flavias** is always the best but it tastes even better with this weather!  
*Erika Nava*

Thank you **Cloverdale Bike Shop and David J. Maciel** for accommodating us outside of your business hours! I appreciated that I could come pick up our repaired bike today. Thanks for being flexible!  
*Amanda Miller*

I went to **Happy Donuts** for the first time and love it! Recommend!  
*Alicia Foley*

Thank you, **Dahlia & Sage** for offering your complete, traditional Thanksgiving meal, prepared, packaged, and with reheating/preparation instructions! Everything was delicious and perfect, as usual.  
*DeeDee Robbins*

## Cloverdale Rotary Club News



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Pictured on the left is Frank Crivello, being awarded the "Rotary Friendship Award" for exemplifying the tenants that Rotary promotes in "Service above Self."

Frank's involvement in Rotary and his many years of service have greatly increased the club's effectiveness.

Presenting the award on behalf of the District Governor is Robert Redner, Rotary Club President.



Pictured left to right are Rotary Club Interactors Jarod Bishop, Marisa Hixon, club president Keiko Saito, and Rotary Club president and Interact director Robert Redner at the Interact Club bake sale at Cloverdale High School raising funds to support various charitable projects and to further Rotary's mission of "Service above Self."

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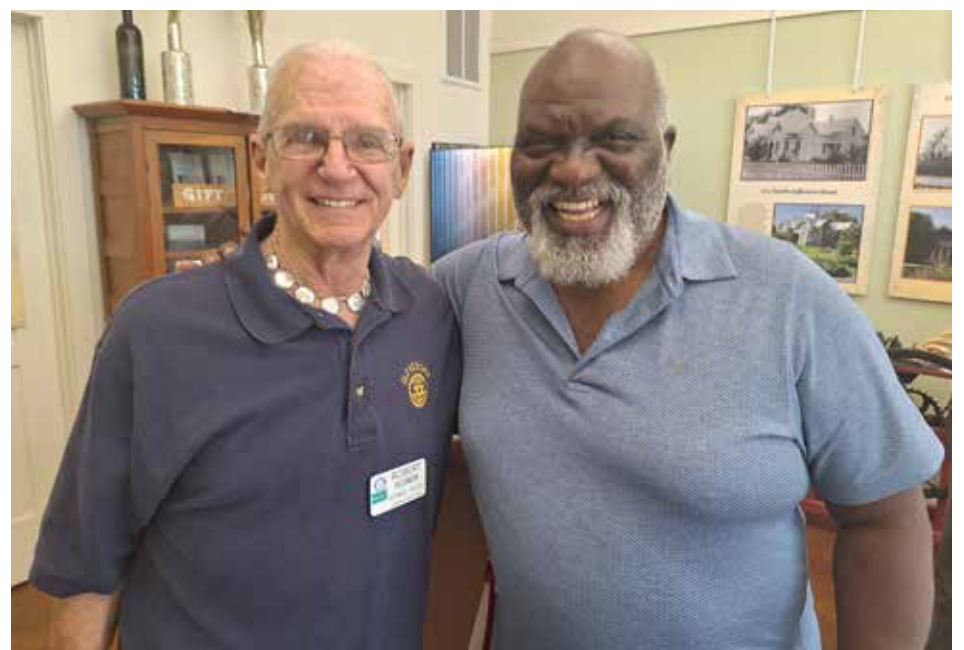


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Pictured is Rotary Club president Robert Redner with their special speaker, Tony Saunders, Emmy winning bass player and song writer.

Playing with everyone from the Grateful Dead to Lady Gaga, Tony has been a musician for almost 60 years, and is not slowing down yet. Rotary thanks him for coming to our fine city and sharing some of his amazing experiences. We loved it!



## New Name, New Vision for Nursery



Nine years ago, Ashley, Scott, and Gary opened **Cloverdale Nursery**. Now they have rebranded as **Cloverdale Home + Garden**, which reflects their growth and vision for the future of their store and Cloverdale. Their new signage is now up. They have even more exciting plans, including four new continent-based gardens, all set to open by their Spring

Celebration in March 2025. Be sure to drop by and see Ashley, Scott, Gary and of course, Queen Starlight to see the store.



Serenity Lee Campos-Smith playing in the leaves in the Cloverdale Plaza

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## Courtney's Pumpkin Patch Announces Raffle Winners

On behalf of the board of directors of Courtney's Pumpkin Patch, we would like to thank the community of Cloverdale for their amazing support to our recent raffle. Three lucky winners were chosen from over 1,200 tickets sold.

Chrissy Hart won the \$1,000 grand prize cash prize, Brittni Southard won the first prize gift card to Dahlia and Sage Community Market and Kathleen Bunting won the second prize to Catelli's Restaurant in Geyserville.

All proceeds will benefit the Courtney Jade Davis Memorial Scholarship at CHS and assisting cancer patients.

A heartfelt thanks to all who participated and made this raffle the success that it was.

## Kiwanis Partners With Washington School

The first partnership, which is very much in line with the Kiwanis Club's emphasis on literacy, is the sponsorship of the Washington School Book Vending Machine. According to Librarian, Gabby Desio, students earn tokens which can be used to "purchase" books. The vending machine was installed during the last semester of the '23-'24 school year. Several hundred books came with the machine but a source was needed for continually restocking. Desio reports that students have been very excited to select their own books. The enthusiasm has grown as Desio has asked students to recommend books for inclusion in the program. Kiwanis Literacy Chair, Julie Carter, notes "It is an amazing experience to take books to the librarian and know that there are students who will put forth effort to earn the book they requested."



In 2009, the Kiwanis Club started a Junior High service group called Builders Club on the Washington School campus. That same year 8th Grade Science Teacher, Sean Ballard, signed on as the club's faculty advisor; Ballard has been with the Builders Club ever since. When fiscal restraints were destined to downsize Ballard's hands-on class projects this year, the Kiwanis Club stepped in, purchasing both replacement lab supplies and consumable items needed for his classes. "Since all 8th grade students at Washington benefit from Ballard's classes, this seemed like a perfect thank you," explained Builders Club Kiwanis Advisor, Nikki Lane.



Chrissy Hart winner of the \$1,000 grand prize.

Pictured with board members Dennis and Catharine Davis and David Domeniconi

1st Prize Winner, Brittni Southard pictured with her family and board members Catharine and Dennis Davis and David Domeniconi



Kathleen Bunting winner of 2nd prize. Pictured with board members David Domeniconi and Catharine and Dennis Davis

## Wolf House Brewing Giving Beer a New Profile Michele Armanino

Partners Kevin Lovett and Elice and Dwayne Moran jokingly like to say that their First Street Wolf House Brewing establishment is the “first in and last out brewery in farthest Northern Sonoma County!”

Brewmaster, Kevin Lovett, brother of Elice, (yes, it’s a family business) has been around breweries most of his life, devoting the last sixteen years to micro brewing. In 2019, the three partners purchased the former Ruth McGowan’s and spent the next five months gutting and remodeling the place from top to bottom. When Covid hit, beer aficionados lined up at the door to get their Mason jars filled with specialty beers. “The community really saved us during that time” says Kevin, thankfully.

There are typically twelve beers on tap, and a few IPA’s depending on the season. Lovett likes to describe one of their most popular beers, “Therapy Session, as a classic, crystal-clear IPA with no bitter tongue. It has a caramel balance but with big hops!” Burning Daylight Pilsner, Wolf’s classic California Pilsner, is not your typical German-style Pilsner. Lovett adds, “The hops are there but not overwhelming.” An impressive flagship IPA, Cryonic, is a newer style IPA made with cryo hops, a process (which Wolf is one of the first to use) that enhances lupulins, a waxy substance found in the hop plant that gives beer its flavor. This method makes the hops three times more potent while creating a clean, clear beer.

Complement your Wolf House cheeseburger, the most popular item on the menu, with any of Wolf’s IPAs. “Everything is made fresh here.” says Master Chef, Dwayne Moran. “We process twenty to thirty pounds of beef a day, ten pounds of chicken and only use the loin, the tenderest, butteriest and flakiest part of the Alaskan cod.” A fried chicken sandwich teamed with Wolf’s Burning Daylight IPA will surely make you nod your head!

Like prizes? Pop in to Wolf House on the first and third Wednesday of each month for a fun trivia night. “We’re also very excited for our Hoptober Fest next year.” says Elice. “We are partnering with IPA 10k for a lot of enjoyable events like a beer chug and downtown festivities.”

## Cloverdale Connect Photo Contest

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## Cooking with David Maciel

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In January we start the new year. If you’re like me, I try to take off a few holiday pounds or just eat healthier. This roasted winter vegetable salad is an excellent way to do both. I do add some roasted chicken to mine for a very satisfying meal.

### Roasted Winter Vegetable Salad

#### Ingredients

- 1 Red onion
- 1 Butternut squash - small
- 10 Baby potatoes
- 2 Carrots
- 2 Parsnips
- 1 TBS Olive oil
- 1 pinch Sea salt and ground black pepper
- 4 handfuls of Watercress or arugula mix

#### Dressing

- 1 TBS Olive oil
- 2 TBS Balsamic vinegar
- 2 TBS Fresh basil - finely chopped
- 2 TBS Fresh coriander (cilantro) - finely chopped
- 2 TBS Fresh parsley - finely chopped
- 1 pinch Sea salt and ground black pepper
- ¼ cup Light feta cheese

#### Instructions

- 1) Preheat your oven to 400°F
- 2) Chop red onion, butternut squash, baby potatoes, carrots and parsnips so they are fairly chunky. Put them in a bowl with olive oil and sea salt and ground black pepper and mix well.
- 3) Put onto a baking tray into the oven for 35-40 minutes.
- 4) Make the salad dressing by mixing together Olive oil, Balsamic vinegar, Sea salt and ground black pepper, Fresh basil, Fresh coriander (cilantro) and Fresh parsley.
- 5) Remove the vegetables from the oven.
- 6) Divide watercress or arugula salad mix between 2 bowls and top with roasted vegetables. Drizzle the dressing on top and crumble over the feta cheese.