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October 2025



Editor's Note

Fall has arrived with a burst of rust and gold colors and rain showers. I love the smell in the air when it rains and how my garden perks up. I do regret that I can't hang laundry outside for a while. It seems like I was just enjoying the 4th of July Parade and here we are with plans of Trick or Treaters, hints of upcoming Holiday Events, a chill in the air and a dash to grab a sweatshirt before running out the door.

I was chatting with a friend the other day about how much we love living in the Cloverdale area and that it is such a secret little gem in Sonoma County. Our community consists of people who have been here for generations and those who have made a conscious choice to move here and make this their home. What we have here is so very special and should ever be taken for granted. Ours is a unique community and a reflection of the hard-working business owners, volunteers, non-profit organizations and public servants who create a wonderful environment.

I'll see you around town.

Dana



Your sandwich order will have to wait just a minute as Manny and crew at **West Coast Sourdough** check out the latest issue of *Cloverdale Connect*



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We are proud to recognize Angela Olsen as Cloverdale Unified School District's Employee of the Month!

Angela joined CUSD in 2020 as a Health Tech III, and we couldn't have been more fortunate to have her medical expertise during such a critical time. She stepped into the role of COVID coordinator and supported our district through the challenges of the pandemic with professionalism and care.

At Jefferson, Angela is known as the go-to person for students with scrapes, bruises, or any health needs. She greets everyone with a smile and provides kindness, compassion, and reassurance, always making students and staff feel valued. Angela wears many hats, and she handles each role with grace.

Angela and her family live here in Cloverdale. She has a daughter who attends Washington School and is also the proud owner of The Zen Den at Studio 5 Yoga.

The next time you see Angela around town, please join us in thanking her for her hard work, dedication, and the positivity she brings to our schools and community.

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PET of the MONTH



Yeti
 He weighs 16 lbs and enjoys eating copious amounts of stolen pizza and bread. He goes on long walks with his boy, Noah, and loves to snuggle everyone. He is his Mom's emotional support animal and his Dad's daily headache.

Elyce & Matt Ostermann

Send your pet photos for PET of the MONTH to:
info@cloverdaleconnect.com

Prizes courtesy of DogGonit and Cloverdale Connect

Kristin Kurpinsky Becomes Edward Jones Associate Financial Advisor

After 19 years as a senior branch office administrator with Edward Jones in the local office, Kristin Kurpinsky has been elevated to take on new responsibilities in her recently earned role as associate financial advisor in the branch office of Financial Advisor Dolph D. Green.

As an associate financial advisor, Kristin Kurpinsky will help tailor and personalize clients' experiences on their path to financially achieving the things that matter most to them and their families.

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Whisker Talk Brigid Wasson

Do you like to travel? Do you want to take your dogs with you? Here are some important things to consider.



- Weather.** Will it be very hot or cold where you are going? Are your dogs used to these temps? If it is hot, you may not be able to leave them in the car or camper when you need to step out, so how will you deal with that?
- Lodging.** Even pet-friendly places usually don't allow unattended dogs in the rooms, as they can bark and annoy other guests. An Airbnb might be a better choice, but you are still responsible if your dog causes any damage in the home.
- ID.** If you know me, you know this is my obsession. Millions of pets go missing every year. A registered microchip and a collar with tags are your dog's safe passage home should you become separated while traveling. This is an especially risky situation, as your dog doesn't know the area and neither do you.

If you decide not to take your dogs along, allow plenty of time to book a kennel or pet sitter. Do not call the day before and expect them to have an opening!

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Upgrade Time! ~ Will Carter

In just a few days' time, on October 14th, Windows 10 will receive its final update from Microsoft. At this point, Windows 10 will no longer receive crucial security patching or support. Businesses should already be switched by this date, and individuals should upgrade as soon as feasible. While I have written several articles about this before, this final article will tell you the steps to find out if you can upgrade, or if replacement will be necessary.

First you will need Microsoft's PC Health Check app, which should be offered in the pop-ups you're likely already seeing. If you don't get a pop-up, you can find the app on Microsoft's Support site: support.microsoft.com. Once the app is installed, you can open it, then click "Check now". This will scan your system for five different factors which are required for Windows 11 and give you a report. Some of these factors can be changed or upgraded to enable your system to run Windows 11, others cannot.

The factors which can be changed are: Secure Boot support, enabled TPM 2.0, minimum 4GB of memory, and a system disk at least 64GB in size. The first two are the most likely to be a hangup but are also able to be resolved with only simple software changes. The second two are likely already satisfied with most computers which are otherwise compatible.

The biggest concern, however, is Microsoft's new 'supported CPU' list, which prevents Windows 11 from being installed on systems by age, instead of by capability. Microsoft defends this as necessary for security; however, many find this new requirement to be erroneous and likely prioritizing sales over functionality. The short version of the story is this, if you see "The processor isn't currently supported for Windows 11" in PC Health Check, you're out of luck and it's new computer time.

If PC Health Check says that your system is compatible, now is the time to upgrade! If not, then it is time to make a change. Reach out to a techy friend for advice or give a trusted technology provider a call if you have any questions!

2026/2027 Cloverdale Community Map

In Cooperation with the Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce

AD SPACES ARE GOING FAST!

Connect Maps, a division of **Cloverdale Connect Inc.**, is once again publishing the Cloverdale Community Map, updated for 2026/2027. This publication will assist you in marketing your business to local residents, visitors, area businesses and commercial partners to the Cloverdale area. Ad spaces are full and are being given out fast for your artwork. A total of 8000 printed copies of the map will be distributed through the Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce and inserted into the January 2026 issue of *Cloverdale Connect*. This community map will also be available as a pdf online at: www.cloverdaleconnect.com

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The Soul's Inner Strength Nora Archambeau, M.A.

"Strength doesn't come from what you do. It comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn't".

Rikki Rogers, Writer & Marketeer

The soul's inner strength will be called upon in the coming months. Will we know how to handle the huge waves of change as they arrive? Is there a plan in place to deal calmly and peacefully with the historical and mind-blowing times we are about to experience? It may be a bit threatening and ominous, yet outstandingly luminous and exciting to step into a new dimension, rising up to become the human beings we are all meant to be. I believe we chose to incarnate/ be birthed into this very century because our souls chose to do so.

Frequency alignment is taking place, whether we are tuned into it or not. What once worked in our lives is falling away, including outworn relationships, boring routines, old reactions, and being resigned to a mediocre life.

Kamala Hurley is a new YouTuber I have recently been watching. She is a Forensic Psychic Medium, www.kamalahurley.com. While I do not accept verbatim all of what is shared, it is fascinating what she espouses. Researching and learning from many gifted intuitive readers, Ms. Hurley, among others, offers "tips" for how we can approach the deeply shifting times (timelines). Here are a few recommendations:

1. Make self-care a top priority right now. Develop regular habits that work to calm the nervous system such as EFT, meditation, prayer, exercising, humming, and hugs.
2. Be in or around water to bring positive ions into the body.
3. Connect with community: colleagues, neighbors, friends, and family.
4. Attend to any delayed medical issues. Knowing is better than being anxious.
5. Eat nutritionally to ward off disease, infection, and illness.
6. Have enough resources on hand for 72 hours: food, water, candles, meds, etc.
7. Trust that all is well and it will be. Make it so!

Happy 95th Birthday Bob Del Sarto



Pictured with his smiling face is Bob DelSarto, past president and Rotarian extraordinaire, with Gina Hatcher (on left) and Joan Tillman, celebrating his 95th birthday and his 50+ years with the Rotary Club of Cloverdale.



Alexander Valley Ladies Aid Old-Fashioned Christmas Fair & Bazaar

Please join us for our annual Christmas Fair and Bazaar! Crafts, ornaments, wreaths, greenery, homemade goods galore! This year's Christmas Bazaar will be held on December 6th, from 10am-1:30pm. Remember to come to our new venue at the Alexander Valley Hall, located at 5512 Hwy-128, just outside of Healdsburg.

Tickets available at the door for our five amazing raffle baskets. Children's shopping table just for the under 12-year-old set! And bring your own bags for check out at this traditional annual fundraiser, which benefits our scholarships and local charities.

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Artist Spotlight ~ Hector Manuel Ortega
“Empyrean”
Sponsor: Ann Elston



Hector Ortega is an artist from Phoenix Arizona and has been exhibiting with the Cloverdale Sculpture Trail for many years with his pieces often winning Best of Show and the People’s Choice awards. His piece Empyrean is located on the East Corner of Cloverdale Boulevard and 3rd street in front of the Supper Club.

Artist Statement

Empyrean was inspired by the heavens we all believe in as humans. A place, feelings and faith in the things that we cannot touch but know are there. My

work is created from a baseline in my past encounters with art and architecture at an early age. These spaces, forms and objects that I encounter imprinted in my mind and always left me wondering who was this human soul that created them. I primarily work in silver, stainless and steel. These materials are the medium where I can express myself in ways I cannot with words. Many times, during the process of creating sculpture, the greater intent of what I’m working on will reveal itself through the arduous process of fabrication. This is the moment that inspires me to be my best in this artistic journey as a human. It has compelled me to constantly learn, question intent, become a better person, to create geometrical emanations of my soul that will embody a sense of place, order, peace and most of all to inspire others to obtain the things that seem impossible.

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Connect with Cloverdale High School

June Schriner

Fall sports are in full swing here at CHS. On 9/6 our Varsity football team had an intense game against Kennedy-Richmond. With 1:34 minutes left on the clock Carson Brown scored a touchdown and got Cloverdale the win 14-8! Our JV also earned the win over Upper Lake 24-14. We also got to see a great halftime performance from our Cloverdale Cheer squad who also cheered on our football teams to the win! Go Eagles!

October 15, is our annual downtown Homecoming Parade and rally! Please come out and support our students and see the floats that they have built. Parade starts at 4:45 with the high school rally to be held immediately after in the plaza, where we get to see their dance skills on the stage. It's always a great time and hope to see you there!

Upcoming events:

- 10/15 Homecoming Parade & Rally 4:45 pm- 6:15 pm
- 10/17 Homecoming Football Game @ home vs. Clear Lake (JV 5pm/Varsity 7pm)
- 10/21 Volleyball game @ home vs. Kelseyville (Senior night)

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True West Film Center Opening Dates

True West Film Center announced its opening dates for the Cinemas at True West, the newest destination for North Bay movie goers. The cinemas are the focal point of the film center's James Redford Campus located at 371 Healdsburg Avenue. Cinema doors will open to the public on Friday, October 17. The Grand Opening Celebration will take place on Saturday, October 25, following a VIP Preview on Friday, October 24, 2025.

The project is being funded through the Campaign to Open True West, a multi-year \$5.6M capital campaign which has generated \$4.75M to date and runs through December, 2026.

The new venue comprises three theaters with a total of 102 seats and seven spaces for wheelchairs. The cinemas offer state-of-the-art theatrical exhibition, luxury seating, and a bespoke food and wine program featuring local providers. An additional multi-purpose space allows for independent screenings, private events, and community gatherings.



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Estate Planning: Joint Tenancy vs. Tenant-in-Common

Paula Hall

When two or more people purchase or acquire real property, the title officer may ask how they would like to take title: joint tenancy or tenants-in-common. Which should you choose for your estate plan? If you want your interest to pass to the other joint tenant when you die, joint tenancy is a good choice. Joint tenancy allows property to pass automatically to a surviving joint tenant when one joint tenant dies. The surviving joint tenant records an affidavit and the death certificate with the county recorder and title transfers to the surviving joint tenant. No Will, probate, or court supervision, is necessary. If you want your interest in the property to pass to someone other than the other co-owner, choose tenants-in-common.

With tenants-in-common, each co-owner may direct to whom his or her interest should pass. This flexibility allows a tenant-in common to sell his or her share to a third party, leaving the other tenant(s) in common to co-own property with a stranger. The privilege to direct who gets your interest requires actual direction. You must name the person in your Will and go through probate to get the property to your intended beneficiary, or otherwise hold your interest in a trust. Creditors are a disadvantage with either choice. A creditor of one co-owner can place a lien on the entire property to collect a debt, even if the other co-owner has no liability for the debt. Ultimately, the choice depends on the goals of the individual co-owners.

Generally, however, joint tenancy works for married couples, while tenants-in common is better for people acquiring property as a group, but want a degree of separation between the other co-owners and themselves, such as siblings or couples with children from a previous marriage.

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October Gardening Tips from Sonoma County Master Gardeners

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- If you haven't been cleaning up leaves as they fall from roses, be sure to do it now. A single rose leaf on the ground can carry millions of tiny fungal spores that overwinter and infect roses the following year. Put leaves in the trash, not the compost pile.
- Fall sales are still on at many local nurseries. Look for bargains but be mindful that many sale plants are root bound and will need to be watered regularly before winter rains begin. Do not buy anything you can't put into the ground and keep watered. Some pot-bound perennials can be divided 2-3 times before planting; use a pruning saw or large serrated kitchen knife to cut through the root ball.
- Bulbs are on display in nurseries and garden centers and good selections are available from specialty catalogs. It is generally easier to wait until after the first rains to plant them, but buy now so you are prepared.
- As days become cooler and shorter, you can begin to divide and transplant ornamental grasses and clump-forming perennials. Keep the divisions well-watered until it rains. It's easier to divide grasses if they are first pruned low to the ground.
- Perennials should be completely dormant before you cut them back to just above ground level from November to January. It's too early to start now. Leaving foliage intact allows leaves to continue feeding the root system throughout fall. You can cut back flowering stems and trim some unsightly leaves, but leave well enough alone until foliage dries completely or is killed by frost.
- October is a good time to take hardwood cuttings of woody plants such as lavender, rosemary, and manzanita. Take small cuttings, dip them in rooting hormone, stick in damp vermiculite, and keep misted. Covering with plastic helps hold in moisture. Keep out of direct sunlight and wait for roots to form in several weeks to a couple of months, depending on the species.

Call For Artists! Jason Taylor Morgan

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, emerging and established locals artists. Through our Community Arts Program, we seek to support the many talented artists - of all ages - 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.

This will be our fifth Art Annex exhibit! We have shown the artwork of twelve talented local artists. The program is going beautifully. Are you next?

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 November 22, 2025 - January 23, 2026 Exhibition, and for exhibits throughout 2026. We are considering quality painting, sculpture, photography, mixed media in all styles.

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, Co-director: jasontaylormorgan9@gmail.com.



OCTOBER EVENTS CALENDAR Cloverdale Grocery Outlet

Oct. 4 Sat.	Cloverdale Wine Walk Downtown Cloverdale
Oct. 4 Sat	SonomaCon, Gaming Convention Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa
Oct. 5 Sun	SonomaCon, Gaming Convention Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa
Oct. 5 Sun.	10am-3pm Antique Fair, Downtown Cloverdale
Oct. 10 Fri.	4-5:30pm Knotty Nook Ribbon Cutting 129 N. Cloverdale Blvd.
Oct. 11 Sat.	Rotary Tour de Vine
Oct. 12 Sun.	12-3pm Harvest Festival Grace Lutheran Church 890 N. Cloverdale Blvd. Cloverdale
Oct. 15 Wed.	5:30-7pm Nightmare Before Christmas Paint Party - Mountain Mike's Pizza; www.clovercreative.org 6-8pm Alexander Valley Resort Project Open House Cloverdale Veterans Memorial Building
Oct. 17 Fri.	True West Film Center Opening - Healdsburg
Oct. 18 Sat.	10:30am Master Gardener Bruce Robinson, Insectary Plants - Cloverdale Library 11am-Noon "No Kings" Event Cloverdale Plaza, Downtown
Oct. 19 Sun.	Kiwanis Vineyard Races
Oct 24 Fri.	5:30-8:30pm Spooktacular The Courtyard at North End 6-7:30pm Celebrate Gris' 40th Birthday Zumba Class - Empower Cloverdale Cloverdale Citrus Fairgrounds
Oct. 25 Sat.	12-2pm True West Film Center Ribbon Cutting, Donor Brunch & Block Party 5-10pm Dia de Los Muertos Cloverdale Citrus Fair
Oct. 31 Fri.	4-6pm Trick or Treat - Downtown Cloverdale 5:30-7:30pm Harvest Festival Living Water Church, 450 S. Franklin St.
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- **Driver's License Requirement** (CVC 21235(d)): All riders must possess a valid driver's license or learner's permit to operate an electric scooter.
- **Helmet Requirement** (CVC 21235(c)): Riders under the age of 18 are required to wear a bicycle helmet while riding.
- **Bicycle Lane Usage** (CVC 21230, CVC 21229.): It's mandatory to use bicycle lanes when they are available.
- **Sidewalk Riding Prohibition** (CVC 21235(g), CVC 21650.1): Riding on sidewalks is strictly prohibited to ensure the safety of our pedestrians.

- **Speed Limit** (CVC 22411): The maximum speed limit is 15 mph. Adhering to this limit reduces the risk of accidents.
- **Night Riding** (CVC 21223): Scooters must be equipped with operational and visible front and rear lights when used after dark.
- **Proper Parking** (CVC 21235(i)): When not in use, scooters should be parked in a manner that does not obstruct pedestrian access.
- **Alcohol and Drug-Free Riding** (CVC 21221.5): Operating an electric scooter under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal.

Classes of E-Bikes

David Maciel

In the last several years the popularity of e bikes has skyrocketed and with that comes a daunting task of understanding the classifications of each bike and what's the best choice for you. There are three classes of e-bikes

Class 1 E-Bike:

- Pedal-assisted
- Motor helps up to 20 MPH

Class 2 E-Bike:

- Throttle-controlled and pedal-assist
- Motor propels bike up to 20 MPH without pedaling

Class 3 E-Bike:

- Pedal-assisted and throttle
- Motor helps up to 28 MPH
- Must have a speedometer
- Rider must be 16+
- If under 18, helmet is required on public roads and bike paths

Each of these classes of e-bike can accelerate from zero to its top speed in less than three seconds. For a parent buying an e-bike for their child it's important to understand how fast these bikes are. The average person on a conventional bicycle will only reach around 15 mph.

There are many choices that fall into a very wide range of prices. The old saying of you get what you pay for cannot be more accurate. When choosing an e bike there are three factors to look for, making that decision:

1. Do they have a US-based customer service contact information?
2. Do they have a company website?
3. Read customer feedback and reviews online

Lastly, there is a lot of good information on safety and the laws surrounding e-bikes at dmv.org and Sonoma county bicycle Coalition.

California Regulation On Electric Bicycles

Cloverdale Police Chief Chris Parker

As Police Chief, I want to emphasize the importance of adhering to California's regulations regarding electric bicycles. Always wear a helmet, regardless of your age; it's your first line of defense in an accident. Be mindful of the speed limits, especially in high-traffic areas and shared pathways. Make sure your electric bicycle is equipped with the necessary lights and reflectors, especially if you're riding at night. By being vigilant and respectful of these regulations, we all contribute to a safer and more harmonious community. Remember, these precautions may seem minor, but they can make a major difference in preventing accidents and ensuring that everyone, cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists alike can navigate our streets safely.

Electric Bicycles An electric bicycle is a bicycle equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts. Three classes of electric bicycles have been established:

- **Class 1:** A low-speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when a speed of 20 mph is reached. There are no age restrictions for riders.
- **Class 2:** A low-speed throttle-assisted electric bicycle equipped with a motor used exclusively to propel the bicycle and NOT capable of providing assistance when a speed of 20 mph is reached. There are no age restrictions for riders.
- **Class 3:** A low-speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle equipped with a speedometer and a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when a speed of 28 mph is reached.

The operator of a Class 3 electric bicycle:

- Must be 16 years old or older.
- Must wear a bicycle safety helmet (all ages).
- Must not transport passengers.
- May ride an electric bicycle in a bicycle lane if authorized by local authority or ordinance. CVC 21200; This section states that bicycle riders have all the rights and are subject to all the provisions applicable to the driver of a vehicle, including, but not limited to provisions concerning driving under the influence of alcoholic beverages or drugs, and a host of other detailed rules of the road (Speed, stop signs, etc.). All electric bicycle classes are exempt from the motor vehicle financial responsibility, DL, and license plate requirements (CVC 24016(b)).

Essential Safety Tips for E-Scooter Riders

1. **Always Wear a Helmet:** Wearing a helmet is crucial for protecting your head in case of falls or collisions.
2. **Stay Focused:** Keep your eyes on the road ahead and avoid distractions.
3. **Control Your Speed:** Ride at a safe speed that allows you to react to obstacles.
4. **Follow Local Laws:** Be aware of the regulations regarding e-scooter use in your area.
5. **Perform Regular Maintenance:** Check your e-scooter before each ride to ensure it is in good working condition.
6. **Use Protective Gear:** In addition to a helmet, consider wearing knee and elbow pads, wrist guards, and gloves to protect against injuries in case of falls.
7. **Let Others Know You're Coming:** Use a bell or your voice to alert pedestrians and cyclists when approaching them on shared paths.
8. **One Rider at a Time:** E-scooters are designed for single riders only.

E-Bike & E-Scooter Safety

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Why Children Should Not Ride E-Scooters

Ashley Morgan, MD, Master of Science, Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Shared electric scooters (e-scooters) are common in cities and on college campuses across the United States. Much like bike shares, you can find them on the street, unlock them with a smartphone app and leave them at your destination. But there is a cost to convenience: e-scooter-related emergency room visits have spiked. With this increase in e-scooter injuries, it is important to be aware of dangers and regulations surrounding e-scooters and how to keep kids safe. Read on to learn more.

Common e-scooter injuries

If you fall off an e-scooter, which can travel up to 15 and 20 miles per hour, you are going to get hurt. Period.

The most common injuries are cuts, fractures and head injuries. Some of these injuries are severe. Many of these injuries are caused by incidents with motor vehicles or user-control issues of the e-scooter.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that children under 16—who are too young to have a driver's license—should not operate or ride on motorized or e-scooters.

Helmets: the best protection on e-scooters

All scooters pose a similar—if not increased—risk of head injury compared with bikes. Helmets are the best way to prevent serious head injuries, but usage remains low. Consider:

- A 2017 survey found that parents were less likely to make their child or adolescent wear a helmet while riding a scooter when compared to riding a bike. Only 57% of parents said they would make their child or adolescent wear a helmet while riding a scooter.
- When signing up on the apps to rent e-scooters, riders are asked to wear helmets; yet helmets are not provided.
- Images on social media often make it seem like it's ok to ride a scooter without a helmet. Always make sure to wear a helmet when using an e-scooter, even if advertisements do not show riders wearing them.
- The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) conducted a study showing that there are about 14 injuries per 100,000 trips on motorized scooters. Some of these injuries were severe.
- According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) in 2021, there were an estimated 42,200 emergency room visits due to e-scooter injuries. This number shows a 66% increase from 2020.
- E-scooters are responsible for 68 deaths from 2017 through 2021.

E-scooter injuries in children are increasing, which is likely due to the rising popularity of e-scooter sharing apps. It is important that parents are aware of the dangers and regulations surrounding e-scooters.

Important safety rules for all e-scooter riders

- Children under 16 should not operate or ride on motorized or e-scooters. In some cities, it is illegal for kids under 16 to use an e-scooter.
- Wear a helmet and closed-toe shoes. Wearing a helmet may prevent or reduce the severity of e-scooter injuries. An adult who falls off an e-scooter is just as likely to hit their head as a child.
- Wear protective gear. This includes elbow and kneepads and reflective gear when riding at night.
- No texting and riding. Use both hands to operate the scooter.
- No earbuds in. Be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not ride e-scooters on sidewalks, beach paths, or parks. This puts pedestrians at risk of injury as well as riders.



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The Future of Public Media is Local

Darren LaShelle, President and CEO
Northern California Public Media

In July 2025, Congress voted to eliminate federal funding for public media by defunding the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). This marks the first time in nearly 60 years that public television and radio have lost their federal financial support, a crucial source that ensures services are available to all Americans. Without these funds, public stations are left relying solely on local efforts to sustain operations.

At first glance, this might seem like an excellent capitalist opportunity for the marketplace to determine what stays and goes. However, the consequences are significant. For many communities, this decision could mean losing the only local broadcast outlet in their area. Stations are already facing budget cuts, which result in fewer news reporters, reduced coverage in rural areas, and less representation for underheard voices. Public media was founded to serve all people.

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Local Remembrance



The advanced floral class at CHS did a beautiful job on remembrance wreaths honoring the 343 responders who passed away on 9/11. The class learned about 9/11's history from Cloverdale's firemen during the annual ceremony. Thank you to everyone who serves this country and to the families who have lost their loved ones protecting us.

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Let's Travel

Southwest Airlines Coming To Santa Rosa Airport Craig Clark

Flights to Santa Rosa's Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport (STS) will begin April 7 and will fly four routes from Santa Rosa, including daily service to both San Diego and Las Vegas. Flights to Burbank will operate five times per week, while the Denver service will be Saturday only. This is a plus for the airport as Southwest ranks first in customer satisfaction by J.D Power

Elliott.org recently published a report on how AI is trapping online travelers into paying more for flights and hotel stays. While I don't have the space here for the entire article, the takeaway is that airline and hotel reservation systems will often display higher prices based on your past inquiries. To counter this try using different browsers for your inquiry, go incognito (Ctrl + Shift + N), clear your cookies between searches, or use a VPN (Virtual Private Network) to shift your location.

More hotel and car rental rates are being offered at non-refundable rates. New AI-driven pricing models allow travel companies to adjust their prices and refund terms in a split second. For example, hotels will often lower their rates by 10 percent in exchange for the room being nonrefundable, knowing that some people will cancel and then they'll get to sell the room again.

To avoid this, book your hotel stay using a credit card guarantee, with a 24- or 48-hour cancelation privilege. The same goes for rental cars. If a deposit or full payment is required, select a different car type or different company as most airports have more than one rental car company available.

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Coffee and a Cozy Couch Michele Armanino

Marne Dupere grew up in South Dartmouth, Massachusetts on her family's dairy farm. After living in L.A., for a while, her husband Mike pitched the idea of buying an Airstream and driving around the country in search for the perfect, small off-the-grid town to live. The following week, the couple quit their jobs, purchased a 28 ft. Airstream, bypassed freeways and navigated backroads in search of their dream town. Along the way they collected an array of antiques with the thought of opening a furniture store someday. In 2007, Marne and Mike purchased 40 acres in Cloverdale and were thrilled to be connected again to the land. They built a tiny home, planted fruit trees, drilled wells and built fences around their extensive garden.

"We had to rent three trucks to collect our antiques that were scattered all over the country, this was not an easy feat." Marne said laughing. "Every time we tried to cram something into the truck we would yell out, 'How long is it?' And the answer would always be 14ft!! That's how our furniture store got its name." **14 ft.**, at 229 N. Cloverdale Blvd., first opened its doors in Healdsburg in 2007, and later in Cloverdale in 2012. The eclectic showroom is filled with vintage furniture, local artwork and small wares created by local and international artists. Local Cloverdadians get a ten percent discount year-round!

"We could see that there weren't any coffee shops in Cloverdale." says Marne. So, in 2012, the industrious couple opened **Plank** on Cloverdale Blvd. "It was a joy for me to see people connecting at the shop that hadn't seen each other in years." says Marne smiling. The Merry Pranksters, a Senior Group, meet daily at the coffee shop to connect and sample freshly baked items made only from organic ingredients. "A coffee shop is the melting of humanity." says Marne.

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Rainy Days and Mondays on their way...thank goodness we were saved from horrible fires here in the North-Coast, with the exception of the Napa holocaust. We must live within the confines of nature in order to survive in this near perfect environment, the Redwood Empire is such a beautiful place.

I hear that some of the national news agencies are taking a different approach to presenting current events, slanting towards a more extreme conservative viewpoint. Free Press access is guaranteed by our Constitution, the law of our society, the Right to Life and Liberty, the Pursuit of Happiness without interference from government. It is being challenged. We must not allow this erosion to persist. Read "Orwells 1984" for a peak into the future. Written in 1949, this novel offers an insight into the unthinkable, seemingly coming to fruition. Allow me to state, in perfect clarity, there is NO room in our Democracy for violence, of any sort. Peaceful protests are guaranteed, not the right to express your viewpoint with a weapon!

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Pavelka's Puns

I have reached the age where my train of thought often leaves the station without me.

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— Marcus Garvey

September Cloverdale Weather Recap

Average High Temperature 89°F
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A Plethora of Planksters



"The Merry Planksters" Connecting in Cloverdale at Plank. Plank regulars featured are Don, Bridget, Marti, Val, Shirley, Barbara S, Peter, Walker, Barbara C and Ron, Plankster Emeritus returned for the portrait.



Plankster pups sitting outside Plank are Dixie, Charlie, Shrimpie and Gus.



Plank baristas Michelle, Jordan, Torrie and Linea take a breather to Connect outside Plank

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Cloverdale Democratic Club Melanie Bagby

October is a busy month for the Cloverdale Democratic Club. We are working hard to get out the vote for the November special election and we are also gathering signatures on the petition to put the SMART Initiative on the spring 2026 ballot.

California Proposition 50, also known as the Election Rigging Response Act, is a significant legislative measure that will be on the ballot for a special election on November 4, 2025. The measure would authorize temporary changes to California's congressional district maps in response to partisan redistricting efforts in Texas. If passed, the new maps will be used for the 2026 to 2030 elections. The California Citizens Redistricting Commission, which typically handles redistricting, will resume its duties after the 2030 Census. Unlike Texas's approach, California's law requires voter approval for extraordinary redistricting measures, emphasizing democratic participation. Watch for our canvassers encouraging people to vote, and contact us for yard signs, buttons and postcards.

The SMART Initiative (theSMARTinitiative.org) is a voter-led effort to extend the existing .25% sales tax for 30 years to protect our \$1 billion investment and ensure rail and trail project completion to Cloverdale. With SMART funded to Healdsburg (expected to be completed in 2028), it's more important than ever to ensure the system has a secure local funding source for operations and completion. SMART ridership continues to break records. If you haven't ridden yet, go see what you're missing: seniors 65+ and students ride free. Watch for us collecting signatures at local events including the October 18th No Kings events. A petition is also available at the Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce Monday-Friday 10am-4pm (call 707-894-4470 to ensure availability).

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Friends of the Cloverdale Library – A Legacy of Love for Literacy John Koetzner, Children’s Services Librarian

It's important to recognize that the library doesn't do everything on its own. It's our partnerships with community groups, and in Cloverdale, especially one community group: the Friends of the Cloverdale Library. Not only did they contribute a significant amount of money to the library's refresh that saw it move to a single service desk and a more welcoming design nearly a decade ago, but they also purchased ADA accessible picnic tables for the previous patio. They also have supported library programs, outreach efforts, and so much more.

Early in my tenure, I observed the leadership of past president, **Susan Clark**, and how she and the Friends not only supported so many facets of the Cloverdale branch, but they tabled at community events downtown, ran book sales, and worked tirelessly to keep their book kiosks supplied with books.

More recently, they supported author visits by Natasha Yim and Lisa Randolph to both Washington Middle and Jefferson Elementary Schools, the Book Buddies program, the Young Authors Project, and enrichment programs such as Grammy-winning children's musicians 123 Andrés. In addition to all this, they gave monies to buy additional books for the library, book club books for librarian-led book clubs at the schools, and helped with other endeavors such as supporting Measure W.

Current Friends of the Library president Lynette Chandler noted that the group is still looking at a possible spring book sale, and

they are constantly reviewing donations of recent and relevant hardback and paperback books in good condition as well as DVDs, CDs, and puzzles. They limit donations now to two boxes or bags of books per week due to space restrictions. The best way to meet the Friends is to attend their next general membership meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 4-6 pm in the library's meeting room. Come meet these wonderful volunteers and see why their love of literacy lives at Cloverdale Library and in the community.



Craig William Furber September 6, 1946 – September 18, 2025



Craig William Furber, 79, of Healdsburg, CA, passed away on September 18, 2025.

Craig was born September 6, 1946, in San Rafael, California, to Helen and Alan Furber Sr. He grew up in Cloverdale, where he played baritone in the high school band. He later earned a degree in Business

Administration from Santa Rosa Junior College.

Craig began his professional career in banking, holding a variety of roles from the installment loan desk to assistant manager. In 1973, he became Bank Manager at First National Bank, where he was valued for his sharp critical analysis and skill in navigating complex financial matters. After a successful career in banking, Craig retired from the industry in 1986 to join his parents and brother in developing family land in Cloverdale into homes and the Furber Ranch Plaza shopping center, contributing to the community's growth.

Craig will be remembered as an avid horse owner (Edelweiss Farms) whose prize-winning horses brought him great pride, a devoted San Francisco Giants fan, a fisherman who enjoyed time on the water with his brother Alan and brother-in-law Jim, and a man deeply dedicated to the animals he loved—especially his horses and dachshunds. Above all, Craig cherished his wife, Suzanne Furber, whom he met on a blind date that began with a high school dance. The two shared a loving marriage of nearly 50 years until her passing.

He is survived by his brother and business partner, Alan Furber Jr.; his sisters-in-law Sara Bertolini and Rose Marie Jackson; and his brother-in-law Jim Bertolini. He also leaves behind nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and dear friends Sheena, David, and Ryder Paulsen, Mark Wothe, and Robert Smith. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Suzanne, and his brother-in-law, Walter Jackson.

As per Craig's request, no formal services will be held. In place of flowers, donations may be made to the Humane Society of Sonoma County, PO Box 1296, Santa Rosa, CA 95402, or to the Center for Equine Health, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, Office of the Dean–Development, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616.

John Walter Novak April 29, 1953 – August 16, 2025



John was born to John and June Novak in Chicago, Illinois. He entered eternal rest after a brief illness.

John is survived by wife Kelly, his 4 children and 3 stepchildren, 4 brothers, and one sister. He will also be greatly missed by his nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

John was known for his faith in God and was a man of true kindness, always willing to lend a hand. A proud veteran of the US Air Force and a member of the American Legion volunteering service to the Cloverdale Community.

John was an Educator in Industrial Arts for many years ranging from Chicago, IL. to Sonoma – Mendocino Counties. John retired from teaching at Cloverdale High as an Industrial Arts Educator. John's students called him respectfully, "Sarge". John did his best to encourage students with their futures. He will be greatly missed by many who knew him.

A memorial service was held Saturday, September 27, 2025 at Grace Lutheran Church in Cloverdale with full military honors.

On behalf of the Novak family, thank you for your continued prayer and support.

Cloverdale Christmas Giving Program Michael Velasquez

The St. Peter's St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference provides for those in need for our community in northern Sonoma County. For the past several years we have supported the "holiday program" in providing grocery gift cards, toys and clothing for families in need during the Christmas holidays. We're very grateful for the tremendous support effort Angela Cordova and her volunteers perform in making this happen every year!

Please contact Angela Cordova 707-479-8089 or angelacordova@comcast.net for donations or sponsorship of a family in need. Donations are a tax write off. Cash, check or Venmo are accepted.

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Glen Senestraro, CUSD Superintendent

September has been a month of reflection, achievement, and progress across Cloverdale Unified School District.

Last month, approximately 100 eighth-grade students from Washington Middle School attended the Never Forget 9/11 ceremony at the Cloverdale Fire Department. This solemn event served as a reminder of the resilience, unity, and sacrifice that continue to define our nation. Students from the Cloverdale High School Floral Design class made a meaningful contribution by preparing and presenting several wreaths, which were prominently displayed at the ceremony. Their work added beauty and respect to the occasion, reflecting the creativity and thoughtfulness of our students.

With the school year well underway, fall sports at Washington Middle School and Cloverdale High School are in full swing. These programs highlight the dedication of our student-athletes, the commitment of their coaches, and the spirited support of our families and community members. We look forward to celebrating their efforts and achievements throughout the season.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to parents and community members for continuing to drive safely around our schools. Your attentiveness during busy drop-off and pick-up times plays a vital role in ensuring the well-being of all students and staff.

In addition, the Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten new classrooms project remains on schedule. Once completed, these classrooms will provide modern, engaging spaces that support the growth and development of our youngest learners, ensuring a strong foundation for their educational journey.

As we enter October, we are reminded of the strength of our community, the dedication of our students, and the ongoing commitment to providing an excellent educational experience for all. Together, we honor the past, support the present, and build for the future.



Cloverdale Lions Honor John Valera



In honor of John Valera, an incredible Lion and Cloverdalian who lost his battle to cancer in 2018, the Cloverdale Lions Club recently hosted the annual John Valera Golf Tournament. This event raises needed money for our community and provides funds for the annual scholarship for graduating students from Cloverdale High School in John Valera’s name. The Cloverdale Lions Club extends a huge “thank you” to the golfers, sponsors, and everyone who came out to make this event happen and contribute to the wonderful time for all involved.



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Dear Community of Cloverdale: HELP NEEDED!!

First and foremost, the Cloverdale Food Pantry Board would like to thank the community of Cloverdale for their 20+ years of support. Without your support, food and monetary donations, the Food Pantry would not exist. We distribute food to 90+ families every week. And the need is growing! We thank the following organizations for their time and effort: United Church of Cloverdale, Kiwanis Club of Cloverdale, Cloverdale St. Peters Catholic Church, and Living Water Church.

There are monthly costs to the Cloverdale Food Pantry program: (Approximately \$2,000 per month.)

- Food Pantry building: rental fee, water, electricity, and insurance
- Weekly food purchases from the Redwood Empire Food Bank
- Food Pantry van (gas, insurance, service maintenance costs)

More importantly, there are many individuals that give countless hours in order for this program to run smoothly and serve the community every week. Suffice it to say, we are getting older and tired!! We do not want to see the program end, but we do need more organizations/people to keep it going.

Weekly duties include:

- Pick up food from the local grocery stores 1-3 days per week (8 hours)
- Make a trip to Redwood Empire Food Bank (on Airport Blvd.) on Thursdays to pick up food for distribution on Fridays (three hours)
- Weekly sorting of food (5 hours)
- Bookkeeper to pay the bills and keep track of incoming monetary donations (up to 10 hours)

Complete the paperwork required by the Redwood Empire Food Bank (10 hours/month).

As one can see, there’s a lot that goes into making the Food Pantry Program work week after week. Please contact Polly Lile at 707/290-4558, if you or your organization can lend a hand to keep the Pantry open and running smoothly.

Thank you,
Food Pantry Board

Minsky’s Moon

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~Billie Lindemulder 9/7/2025

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North Bay Honor Flight Mission One Reunion



Gene Marcinkowski opened the reunion by welcoming all attending. He introduced and thanked Al Delsid and Bob Cox for their leadership in putting this reunion together. The American Legion Family, Sons of the Legion Squadron 293, Sea Cadet Honor Guard, and Mounted Honor Guard all participated in hosting North Bay Honor Flight's Veteran and Guardian reunion to its Inaugural Honor Flight Mission:One on August 10th at the American Legion in Cloverdale. In attendance were more than half of the distinguished Veterans who flew on the North Bay Chapter's Inaugural Flight on April 28, 2025. Also in attendance were their Honor Guardians, a family member or friend who accompanies each Veteran on the Honor Tour of Washington, D.C.; the North Bay Honor Flight Chapter Board of Directors and Honor Flight Crew; the chapter's honorary Chaplain, Tim Maloney, USA; and its honorary Mission Photographer, Jim Johnson.

We were further honored by the presence of Todd Lands, Mayor of Cloverdale; Chief and Mrs. Robert Bisordi, Division Chief, Sonoma County Fire District; and most notably by the family members of our late comrades-in-arms, Will Meyers and Deborah Goodan Rocha. May they rest in peace.

Robert Goodan, USN, from 1950 - 1954 and a member of Honor Flight Inaugural Mission:One passed mid-April 2025. Robert's daughter and Honor Flight Guardian, Deborah Goodan Rocha, deferred her opportunity to be a Guardian to a future flight during which she will be a Guardian for a deserving Veteran.

David M. Meyers, USMC, from 1969 - 1973 and Army National Guard

from 1973 - 1994. Sgt Meyers served on the aircraft carrier USS MIDWAY in Viet Nam, brig duty at Treasure Island San Francisco, and retired from the Army National Guard as a Master Sergeant. North Bay Honor Flight was honored and proud to bring David on our Inaugural Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. where we celebrated him and many other American Veteran Heroes during a day of honor at our nation's memorials.

The Sons of the Legion, Squadron 293, put on a superb meal, the Sea Cadet Honor Guard nailed their precision drill, and the Mounted Honor Guard flanking the entrance to the American Legion was stunning.

After the meal, the Mission Commander of the Honor Flight and President of the North Bay Chapter, Nicole McAdams, USMC, welcomed our honored guests, provided some statistical background on the flight, and then turned it over to the Veterans to share their thoughts on the flight, including lasting impressions and impacts. Something that struck home for many people in attendance was when a Veteran's family member stood up and shared their perspective on a special aspect of the Honor Flight that the Veteran is unaware of ahead of time - for the Veterans to hear it from the other side was quite touching. Overwhelmingly, we heard that the healing and emotion the Veterans felt in Washington, D.C. was still present and with them, more than three months after the flight.

Rounding out the event was the presentation of Board Service acknowledgement to Claudio Calvo, outgoing NBHF Board President, from Nicole McAdams, incoming NBHF Board President. Claudio Calvo was also a Veteran on the Inaugural flight, and with so many of the right people assembled, it seemed like the right place and the right time to acknowledge Claudio's service to the board despite the fact that the changeout had occurred months earlier. Nicole McAdams and Gene Marcinkowski closed the event by reminding folks about the Events page on NBHF website (where you can find M:1 Veterans, Guardians, and flight crew around the county) and thanking the amazing Sons of the Legion cooks and galley staff for a truly memorable day.

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Could Esmeralda Strengthen Cloverdale's Future? ~ Erik Terreri

The proposed Esmeralda resort and housing development in southeast Cloverdale is projected to generate substantial tax revenue for the city. While that benefit is widely acknowledged, the bigger question many residents ask is whether Esmeralda will truly boost the rest of Cloverdale—or risk drawing energy and spending away from our historic downtown.

In my view, Esmeralda has the potential to be a catalyst for growth across the entire community. Once complete—likely within a decade—the development could attract enough new residents and visitors to support additional restaurants, shops, and services. That kind of increased demand could be exactly what Cloverdale needs to maintain and expand its local business base.

The real key will be in how Esmeralda integrates with our existing economy. Instead of importing outside brands to fill its on-site retail spaces, the development should partner with Cloverdale's

own entrepreneurs. Imagine their planned pop-up grocery store operated by Dahlia and Sage, the coffee shop branded as another Plank location, or many other potential collaborations that help sustain existing businesses in town and provide needed services on site. Such partnerships would keep dollars circulating locally, foster community pride, and ensure downtown and Esmeralda grow together—not in competition.

The project is still in its due diligence stage, with time remaining for market analyses, city review, and preliminary approvals before the land purchase is finalized. That's why it's critical for the Planning Commission and City Council to make local business partnerships with Esmeralda's retail spaces a priority.

With thoughtful collaboration, Esmeralda could do more than add rooftops and resort rooms—it could become a cornerstone of a stronger, more vibrant Cloverdale for decades to come.



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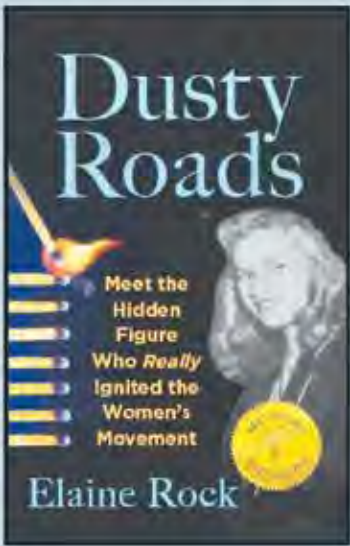
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Georgia went to **Stephanie's Spa For Paws** dog grooming in Cloverdale. She did a fantastic job. I highly recommend her.

Sara Donaldson-Grell

Thanks to **The Outpost** in Cloverdale for indulging me and doing a beautiful job on my "Things are always looking up" dive hat. Really nice people at this pleasant, spacious clothing store next to the hardware store on Cloverdale Blvd.

Robert Gardner

What a hilarious performance (**CPAC's The Sugar Bean Sisters**) with some of the best CPAC actors in recent memory. A salute to **Director Robert Zelenka**.

Mark Thayer

What's Really Happening in Real Estate

Elissa Morrash

The real estate market in September 2025 is in a state of recalibration. Mortgage rates have dipped to an 11-month low, around 6.25%—boosting affordability and giving buyers nearly \$20,000 more in purchasing power compared to midsummer. Yet, inventory remains tight, and sellers are adjusting expectations as bidding wars fade and pricing strategy becomes key.

If you're thinking about buying, now might feel like a window of opportunity. First-time buyers are cautiously re-entering the market, using creative financing to navigate affordability challenges. Investors are eyeing rental properties, where demand remains strong. For sellers, motivation often stems from life changes—downsizing, relocating, or cashing in on equity.

But is it the right time? That depends on your long-term goals. Are you planning to stay put for 5–10 years? Then buying now, while rates are favorable and competition is not frenzied, could be wise. Selling might make sense if your home's value has peaked or if you're ready to transition into a different lifestyle.

Ultimately, the decision to buy or sell isn't just about timing, it's about clarity. What do you want your life to look like in the next chapter? Right now, the market is offering a moment to act strategically rather than reacting emotionally. The frenzy is gone. What remains is opportunity—if you know what you're looking for.

Elissa Morrash is a licensed Realtor® DRE 01872845 with W Real Estate in Cloverdale. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce and recently retired as the Executive Director of the Cloverdale Museum of History. Follow her on social media and reach her in person at (707) 694-8821, text, or elissa.morrash@gmail.com

Creative Corner

Christy Anne



October, the magical month, trapped between the chaos of the new school year and the last time before the holiday madness takes hold of us all. Those of us who hid during the summer months can finally emerge and reintroduce ourselves to humanity and many rejoice as the assault of pumpkin spice rears its head and one can almost hear the swooning as many indulge in the long dormant flavor as it makes its yearly appearance.

For those looking for a project it can be a strange time as schedules are full and the expense of the holidays looms over our collective heads, making frivolous purchases unappealing. Luckily, many of us have lingering about in closets or dusty corners of the garage, old picture frames that have long ago lost their glass and backings. Many of you know what I mean, the older wooden ornate frames that you can't quite decide whether to finally toss in the bin or hold onto a wee bit longer. I have a solution and no, my ridiculously busy example is not the part I propose.

The part I propose is the simple art of attaching that wooden frame to a box to create a shelf of sorts, perfect for smaller items, or larger depending on the size of your frame face. Even for those hesitant to build, creating the box is quite simple and there is no need for a back. Simply measure the back of the wood frame where a box could be attached, mine for example is 14" by 12". I had some scrap wood and cut 2 pieces to 15" and 2 pieces to 12". The extra inch on the 2 pieces allows for ½" overlap when set up with the 2 – 12" pieces. A little wood glue and some panel nails as my pieces were only ½" thick did the trick.

Because I can take anything and make it involved, I had some fun. If you would like to see more pics and descriptions of how I did it, I will be posting to Cloverdale's Facebook page on the 5th of October.



On the Wild Side

Jennifer Molitor

It's spooky season. The celebration of Halloween comes from the Celtic festival of Samhain, marking the end of the harvest. It is a time when the veil between the spirit world is most liminal. Nocturnal bats and owls feed on insects that flock to festival bonfires, and became linked with Halloween. Irish author Bram Stoker's Dracula also played a part in linking bats with vampires and the creatures of the night.

In California, our official "state bat," the pallid bat, has golden-state colored fur and helps keep pests at bay. We also share landscapes with the Townsend's big-eared bat, brown bats, and Hoary bats with frosted, silver-colored fur. Look for bats at dusk. They roost in trees, crevices, caves, attics, and barns. At twilight, you can see them flying from under bridges, over rivers and lakes, and out of large trees.

Owls are also associated with Halloween. Nearby, the Great Horned Owl, Western Screech Owl, and Barn Owl live in forests, woodlands, and farmland. Vulnerable species include the Northern Spotted Owl, which lives in forests near the coast, and enjoys meals of dusty-footed woodrats. Listen for the hoots of owls, and if you're lucky, you may see one perched on tree limbs or fences, or hunting over open fields.

If you want to support bats and owls, connect with Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue and the Bird Rescue Center. These organizations can assist with an injured animal or advise on how to add bat boxes, owl boxes, and native plants to your spaces.

Celebrate a wildlife-friendly Halloween: skip the fake spiderwebs, netting, and spray that can trap critters and contaminate yards. Let's protect these critters who help keep our lands healthy. Happy Halloween!



Lauren Orozco, past vice president of the Cloverdale High School Rotary Interact Club, receives an award from Rotary Interact Director Robert Redner, for her service to the club and the community last year. Lauren continues to be involved in Interact, and is a RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) graduate.

Cooking with David Maciel

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The smell of fall and harvest is in the October air. The cooler morning temps give way to warm afternoons. This creamy very rich soup is a perfect belly warming meal for those cooler evenings

Pumpkin and Bacon Soup

Ingredients

- 2 cups low-sodium chicken stock
- 2 (15 oz.) cans pure pumpkin puree
- 1 (12 oz.) can evaporated milk
- 1 Tbsp. packed brown sugar
- 1 and 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- 1/2 tsp. dried sage leaves
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 oz. Parmesan cheese
- 3 strips cooked bacon

Instructions

1. Put a large pot or Dutch oven over high heat. Add the chicken broth, pumpkin puree, evaporated milk, salt, pepper, sage, garlic powder, and brown sugar. Stir. Reduce heat to medium.
2. Cover and cook, stirring often, until it comes to a simmer. Reduce heat to low. Taste. Add more salt and pepper if desired.
3. While the soup is coming up to a simmer, finely grate the parmesan cheese and finely chop the bacon. Mix them together.
4. Preheat a nonstick skillet over medium heat. Drop the Parmesan and bacon mixture into the pan in 6 little piles with space between them. When the piles have melted and started to brown (about a minute), use a spatula to scrape under them and flip them over. They'll squidge up a bit when you try to get under them but that's okay. Cook, flipping occasionally, until golden brown on both sides, 1-3 more minutes. Remove from heat. Let them cool for a minute and then chop them up.
5. Ladle the soup into bowls and top with the bacon and Parmesan crumbles.

Cloverdale Sculpture Trail Updates

Janet Howell worked closely for 15 years with Joyce Mann, who founded the Cloverdale Sculpture Trail, and took full responsibility for it upon Joyce's retirement 3 years ago. Janet and her husband, David Domeniconi, have recently relocated to Mendocino, CA and has turned the reins over to Cloverdale resident, Danielle Elins. Howell will continue working with her as needed during the transition.

Elins is the Co-Owner/ Assistant Director of Erickson Fine Art Gallery, a Northern California contemporary fine art gallery specializing in painting and sculpture in Healdsburg, CA. She graduated in 2006 with a BFA in Arts in Architecture at the University of California Los Angeles and BA in Geography Environmental Science. Receiver of the Hans G. and Thordis W. Burkhardt Award, Werner Z. Hirsch Award: Honorable Mention in Representational Drawing Contest Every summer she teaches environmental science through backpacking and kayaking to underserved teens with the local non-profit Landpaths Organization.

Danielle's first love of sculpture ignited during a weekend welding workshop in Mendocino Art Center with Richard Yaski. The experience went on to propel a degree in fine arts in the Arts & Architecture and Geography/ Environmental Science at UCLA in 2006.

She works with artists in the permanent collections of Storm King New York, SFMOMA, NYMOMA, the Whitney Museum, Brooklyn Museum, Triton Museum, Sonoma County Museum of Art, etc. Danielle was the curator of Extraction: Art at the Edge of the Abyss at Erickson Fine Art Gallery, 2022, working the International Art Fair Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, CA.

Additionally, the Sculpture Trail is now under the non-profit umbrella of the Cloverdale Arts Alliance, where it originated. New installation for sculptures is slated for Spring, 2026.