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### Editor's Note

With the recent passing of Robert Duvall, I am reminded of the great novel, **Lonesome Dove**. It's one of my favorites. I have read the book a couple of times, listened to the audio version several times, and watched the film version. I have always been an avid reader, and my father even built a beautiful library wall for my bedroom when I was a child, where I kept dozens of my favorite books.

This month in **Cloverdale Connect**, we are introducing two new features. The first is a monthly book review and the second is a spotlight on a local author from our community each month. Books provide comfort, adventure, information, and a respite from our day-to-day lives and the chaos of the outside world. We hope you enjoy these new features and the books that are presented.

**Cloverdale Connect** is always interested in suggestions for new content, and welcomes reader comments.

See you around town!

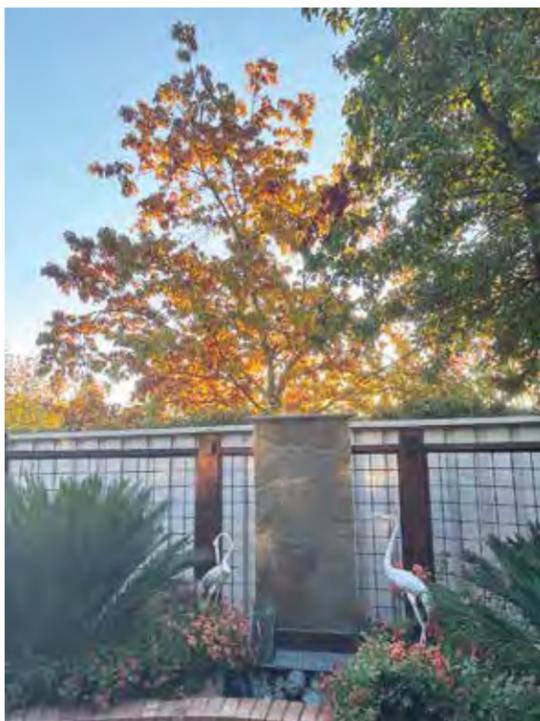
*Dana*



Rick Tang Photography

Phay Lok and Steven Ly at **Happy Donuts** are reading *Cloverdale Connect* waiting for you to MARCH in for a delicious treat.

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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 present six exhibits a year. You will exhibit with us for two months.

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.)

Contact Will McCoy, Cloverdale Arts Alliance Gallery Director, for more information or to submit your proposal: williamscottmccoy@gmail.com.

## CUSD Employee of the Month

**Dustin DeRosier**

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Dustin has been a dedicated Maintenance Worker with the District since 2015 and plays an essential role in keeping our campuses safe, functional, and welcoming for students and staff every day. His behind-the-scenes work helps ensure that our schools remain operational and run smoothly.

Dustin performs routine inspections, repairs, and preventative maintenance, responds promptly to urgent needs, and efficiently identifies and resolves facility issues as they arise. His willingness to step up without hesitation makes a difference across the District.

Born and raised in Cloverdale, Dustin is a Cloverdale High School graduate and attended UTI in North Carolina, where he was in the NASCAR program. He brings that same hands-on skill and dedication to his work with the District. Outside of work, Dustin has a passion for racing and can often be found at the racetrack, driving his race car, helping in the pit, or lending a hand wherever needed, all while having a great time. When you see Dustin out and about, please join us in thanking him for his dedication to our schools and the Cloverdale community.



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This cabaret leans decidedly more adult than our Citrus Fair dinner show—cheekier, sultrier, and a little dangerous—while still celebrating the theatricality, live vocals, and ensemble magic that define it. It's a chance to see familiar performers in a new light, telling stories through big songs, bold choreography, and unapologetic flair.

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Sunday at 2:00pm

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# PET of the MONTH

**Bella and Patches** love sitting at the window and watching everyone walk by.  
Elaine Gregg

Send your pet photos for PET of the MONTH to:  
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## Police Chief Parker Retiring



Cloverdale Police Chief Chris Parker has informed the City Manager of his intention to retire from the Cloverdale Police Department effective August 1, 2026. Since joining the Police Department in 2015, he has served as a Patrol Officer, a Patrol Sergeant, Police Lieutenant, and Police Chief. He remarks: "I have worked alongside an exceptional group of professionals dedicated to public service and community safety."

Together, they have navigated significant challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, major wildfire events, and complex shootings, robbery and homicide investigations, including the successful resolution of the Geer cold case, while continuing to strengthen our community policing efforts. Through events such as the Citrus Fair Parade, Fourth of July celebrations, National Night Out, Winter Festival, Coffee With A Cop, school presentations, and numerous community mixers, the department has remained committed to maintaining strong, visible connections with the community they serve.

In retirement, he will be entering his ninth season volunteering as Head Coach of the Varsity Chargers football program, and remains proud to mentor our youth in teamwork, accountability, and follow-through – lessons that serve well both on and off the field.

Thank you, Chief Parker, for your years of service to the community of Cloverdale.

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# PUZZLE SWAP

Every 4th Sunday of the month  
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## Allegory

**Cloverdale Arts Alliance Gallery**  
March 21 - May 10, 2026  
Reception: March 21, 5:30 - 7:30 pm  
204 N. Cloverdale Blvd.  
Cloverdale

Featured Resident Artist:  
Jane Gardner

**ARTISTS:**  
Xalvador Andrade  
Laura Paine Carr  
Jane Gardner  
Pamela Heck  
Terry Holleman  
Will McCoy  
Jason Taylor Morgan  
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Jennifer Weiss



Guest Artist: aNna rybaT

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## Whisker Talk Brigid Wasson



Spring is tantalizingly close, and we look forward to pleasant weather and outdoor activity. Now is the time to start planning and, as I often said when I was a pet sitter, don't forget your pets! Cats generally don't travel well so are best left at home. It's never too soon to book a pet sitter for upcoming trips. Sitters may not be available if you call at the last minute. There are more options for dogs including care in your home, care in the sitter's home, and kennels. Now is the time to do your research, choose an option, and book.

One important consideration is vaccinations. These are usually required in boarding facilities, so call your vet today and get your dogs up to date. If you plan on taking your dogs along on your adventures, make sure they are welcome and ask about requirements ahead of time. Many campgrounds, hotels, and other places are pet-friendly, but have rules like dogs can't be left unattended in rooms. Make sure your dog has a collar or harness with ID tag, and a registered microchip. Stop by Curly Doodle Dog Grooming any time for a free scan and registration assistance.

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## Just A Heads Up Art Yokom

When you talk to and about other people who believe and live differently than you, and you start with condescending, holier than thou tone and attitude, they aren't going to listen to you.

If you speak to people like a pompous jerk, why do you think they will listen to you and change their views or perspective?

A lot of people just seem to like to hear themselves talk and be completely disrespectful, rude, and hardheaded. Being passionate and loud doesn't mean you are correct.

Try to find common ground and seek some kind of peace and quit talking to each other with zero desire to try and understand.

I would rather love others with my actions and words than seek to humiliate, degrade, and always have to feel like I am the most correct on the matters of this world.

If this strikes a nerve with you, maybe it can be a helpful revelation.

## Nervous System Resetting Nora Archambeau, M.A.

*"Your nervous system will always choose familiar chaos over unfamiliar peace until you learn to heal and choose differently."*

— Lauren Zoeller, Nervous System Entrepreneur

In preparing to attract a new home, purge like there is no tomorrow, and psych myself up for a new chapter, a new life, a new me, it has become vital to discover new ways of coping. Good friends turned me on to YouTuber Lee Harris, of Lee Harris Energy. He is a gentle Brit who channels an entity called the Z's. Lee is quite calm, reassuring, and practical in his explanation of how to be present in birthing a 5D life. One of the precursors for 2026 is to release self-abandonment (giving into others' needs, letting go of the heart's dreams, and poor self-care). Being bombarded in most directions, we are quickly and easily thrown off kilter. We sometimes strain to stay centered yet also reach to remain hopeful. What a natural intention!

I wish to share some ideas, mine's and Lee's, that may help to better recalibrate our nervous systems (Nervous Systems in Need, Lee Harris Energy, 1/30/26):

1. Dissipating charged/electrical energy: scream into a pillow; clap hands loudly, then shake them vigorously; dance to rajasic (high energy) music;
2. Pausing when listening to trickling water (there is plenty of it right now in Cloverdale!);
3. Mother Nature walking, jogging, skating, and meandering;
4. Resisting the need for electronics 1 hour upon waking up and 1 hour before going to sleep;
5. Putting on 15 minutes of Hz 432 music (Natural Frequency) and Hz 528 (Love Frequency) music and open up to daydream;
6. Lighting a candle and praying for guidance to a universal higher power;
7. Ocean visiting to feel the wind on the face, catch the mist, and watch the pelicans.

Hoping this list helps to refer to when the temptation to spin out occurs. Peace be with us all!

## KID'S CLUB at LIVING WATER CHURCH WEDNESDAYS April 8th — April 29th 6:15-7:30 PM



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# Celebrating Women's History Month and Barbara "Dusty" Roads

Elaine Rock, Author and Cloverdale resident

As Women's History Month begins, I want to thank our community for the extraordinary support you've shown for my work on **Dusty Roads: Meet the Hidden Figure Who Really Ignited the Women's Movement**. Because of you, the book became a bestseller shortly after launch and has since received a Literary Titan 5-Star Editorial Review and Gold Award for Nonfiction, as well as a Silver Global Book Award for Memoir & Biography. I'm deeply grateful.

Many people don't realize that Women's History Month has roots right here in Sonoma County. In the early 1970s, teachers in the Santa Rosa City Schools District—most notably Molly Murphy MacGregor—noticed students asking a simple but powerful question: Why weren't women's stories in their history books? Both girls and boys wanted to know where women fit into the American story. The absence felt intentional, as if women's history had been written in invisible ink.

Those educators worked with the district and later led a successful bipartisan effort in Congress to designate March as National Women's History Month. They were criticized and misunderstood, but their goal was straightforward: to make history relevant, accurate, and complete. Each year, Women's History Month highlights a national theme and honors trailblazers who shaped it. In 2017, Dusty Roads was recognized for her impact on labor and business. This year's theme is "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future."

Understanding women's history matters because the limitations were real. In the 1950s and 1960s, women couldn't open bank accounts, obtain credit cards or passports in their own names, or make major financial decisions without male approval.

Stewardesses faced marriage bans, mandatory retirement at age 32, strict weight limits, and humiliating body inspections.

That was the world Dusty Roads challenged. As an American Airlines stewardess and union leader, she fought discriminatory policies, became one of the first female union lobbyists to Congress, and helped file the first sex discrimination complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Her work reshaped airline policies and expanded job opportunities for women and men nationwide. As Gloria Steinem said, Dusty Roads "started it all." **Women's History Month exists because change has always begun with someone brave enough to say, "This isn't right."**

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Look for the **Cloverdale Connect Local Authors** display



Elaine Rock is a former history teacher and technology executive and the author of the biography **Dusty Roads: Meet the Hidden Figure Who Really Ignited the Women's Movement**. She has also published numerous short stories. Elaine and Dusty were featured in the PBS American Experience documentary *Fly With Me*.



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## Feel Like Felting? ~ Michele Armanino

Cloverdadians are proud of their little artsy town. The streets are played with eclectic sculptures and multifaceted art exhibits continue to draw the community together. The Knotty Nook is yet another delightful, tucked-away-treasure appreciated by our art-loving community.

Maleese Warner, who has a BFA from the Rhode Island School of Design, has professionally shown her fiber art, mixed media sculptures in Northern California, and her works have been commissioned on the renowned Broad Street, in Philadelphia. She and her husband, Earl Warner, opened the Knotty Nook at 129 N. Cloverdale Blvd. in May of 2025. With Earl's valuable twelve-year retail experience (Family Surf n' Skate store in Point Arena) they are the perfect combination for a successful, much needed art store in Cloverdale.

The Knotty Nook is hopping with diverse activities! Art classes include crocheting, macrame, felting (which is all the rage now!), knitting and more. My favorite is the "bead bar", where adults and children can belly up to the bar and fashion their own creations.

Private parties and kids' camps are available too. "We just did a felting and wine party, which was a big hit" says Maleese. The Nook will open up their summer camp again this year offering two half-day sessions. Keep an eye out in the Cloverdale Connect for dates and times of the upcoming craft classes.

"A customer came in to the store the other day while Earl was crocheting and commented that our store reminded them of those funky, fun, little stores in Paris!" said Maleese, who studied in Paris, and commented that their shop offers, "a little bit of everything that is all things art!" Customers who want to get back into painting and drawing can purchase basic supplies such as paints, brushes and drawing paper. "We have novelty gifts too." says Maleese. "We offer adult coloring books, socks, tarot and oracle cards. Our DIY kids' kits are both educational and artsy."

"We are here to help support art growth for all ages and love meeting the community and supporting their artistic endeavors!" says Maleese.

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## Moving With a Partner

**Elissa Morrash**



Moving with a partner is a major life change, transforming a logistical task into a profound test of a relationship. For partners to navigate this successfully, they need to be ready for collaboration, understanding, and mindfulness.

Approach your move as two people working toward a shared, desired outcome. Decision-making should begin not with house-hunting, but with open, calm communication about practical thoughts and emotional feelings.

Talk about the "good, the bad, and the ugly parts of moving." Knowing that you support each other in this difficult undertaking will make you closer. Be mindful that this is your partner and your family. And what, in life, is more important?

One thing I know for sure: priorities will differ. Decide what you should compromise on. While one partner may prioritize location, the other might prioritize the size of the house for hosting family or a large yard for a hobby.

- Financials (Price): This is often a critical, non-negotiable anchor that sets the limits for all other compromises.
- The Non-Negotiables: If one partner hates the location, no amount of compromise on the house itself will solve the core problem.

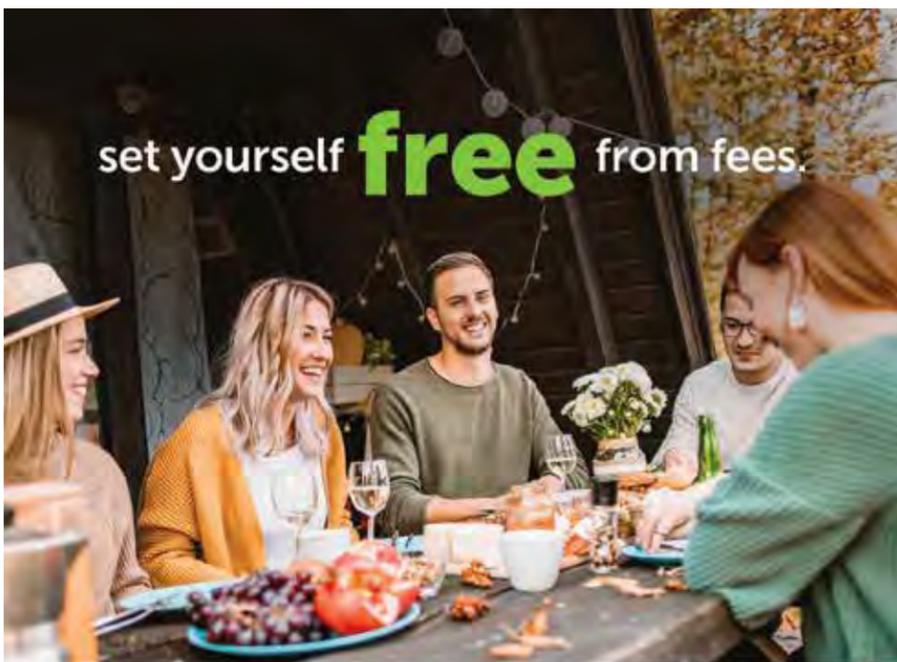
View the move as a new opportunity to know your partner and plan the next stage of your life together. It is a chance to define your shared goals and demonstrate your commitment to supporting each other's well-being. This is how you ensure the move brings you closer and sets a strong foundation for the next chapter.

*Elissa Morrash is a licensed Advisor (DRE 01872845) with Engel & Volkers Luxury Real Estate Healdsburg. She has made a specialty working with partners. Call or text her at (707) 694-8821 to arrange for a consultation on making decisions and respecting needs when moving with a partner. <https://elissamorrash.evrealstate.com>*



## March Gardening Tips from Sonoma County Master Gardeners *Sponsored by Sanz Nursery*

- Fertilize roses. Give them a first application at bud break then once a month thereafter.
- Fertilize other perennials that are emerging from winter dormancy.
- If you still have a lawn, apply a half-dose of fertilizer now and again in 6 weeks. If the thatch layer is more than ¾ in. deep, de-thatch. Dethatching relieves compaction and improves aeration and water absorption. It is possible to have a beautiful, healthy lawn with minimal reliance on chemical fertilizers and insecticides and lower water use. Better yet, take the plunge and decrease the size or remove it altogether, and replace water-demanding grass with a water-wise garden.
- Plant summer bulbs such as gladiolus, dahlia, callas, amaryllis, and lilies.
- Continue to look for and control snails. Hand pick them or apply Sluggo (non-toxic to pets, children, and wildlife) to control snails that are hatching now.
- Pull out what weeds you can by hand. If you get to them before they go to seed, put them on your compost pile. However, to avoid compacting the soil, avoid walking on planted areas sodden from rains.
- Use a few layers of newspaper or cardboard and cover with mulch to discourage areas of unwanted grass or weeds. By the end of the season, the paper barrier along with dead grass and weeds will be decomposed and become compost.
- Very hardy flowers can be planted 4-6 weeks before the average frost-free date; in Sonoma County, that is April 15. Indoors, sow warm-season flowers such as ageratum, celosia, cosmos, marigolds, sunflowers, and zinnias.
- Remember, the last frost date in Sonoma County is April 15th. Don't be fooled by any heat spells; cold nights are still possible.



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## MARCH EVENTS CALENDAR Cloverdale Grocery Outlet

- March 4-10** Grocery Outlet Semi-Annual Wine Sale  
111 Treadway, Cloverdale
- March 7 Sat.** **10am-4pm** North Bay Science Discovery Day  
Sonoma County Fairgrounds  
**10am-4pm** Steelhead Festival  
Milt Brandt Visitor Center, Lake Sonoma  
**1-4pm** Repair Fair, Cloverdale Library
- March 8 5pm** Healdsburg Community Band, American Music for 250th Anniversary, Raven Theater 117 North St. Healdsburg
- March 11 Wed.** **10:30-11:30am** Ask A Lawyer, (free)  
Jim DeMartini, (every Wednesday)  
Cloverdale Senior Center, 311 N. Main St.
- March 12 Thurs.** **10-11am** Coffee With the Mayor & Friends,  
Joni Huntsperger, Master Plan for Aging  
Cloverdale Senior Center 311 N. Main St
- March 14 Sat.** Ribfest, J. Rickards Winery  
**3-4pm** Crochet Hour  
Knotty Nook 129 N. Cloverdale Blvd.
- March 17 Tues.** **4:30-6:30** Kiwanis Corned Beef & Cabbage  
Drive Thru, Citrus Fairgrounds  
(Ticket sales cut-off March 6)
- March 19 Thurs.** **6pm** Rotary Bingo -  
La Tequila Restaurant
- March 20 Fri.** **7:30pm** Cabaret  
Cloverdale Performing Arts Center
- March 21 Sat.** **7:30pm** Cabaret  
Cloverdale Performing Arts Center
- March 22 Sun.** **2:00pm** Cabaret  
Cloverdale Performing Arts Center  
**2-4:30pm** Wet Felting Workshop  
Knotty Nook 129 N. Cloverdale Blvd.
- March 25 Wed.** **1:30-2:30pm** Building Brain-Healthy Habits  
Cloverdale Senior Center, 311 N. Main St  
**2:30-3:30pm** "Should I Stay or Should I Go?"  
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## Adrian Litman

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Adrian Litman is a sculptor based out of Santa Rosa. His pieces can be seen in various public spaces throughout Sonoma County.

### Artist Statement:

"I started to learn about art at a very early age, playing with colors and art materials in my father's Art Design and Restoration Studio. In 1964, I was accepted into the Fine Arts High School N. Tonitza in Bucharest Romania where I studied art techniques including drawing, painting, graphics, engraving, sculpture, fresco, mosaic and ceramics. After finishing the Fine Art High School, I attended the National Art Institute, graduating in 1974 with a master's degree in Graphic Arts Design. Since 1980 when I relocated to California, I worked as a graphic designer and art director in the San Francisco Bay Area until 2002 when I retired from the corporate world and started Adrian Litman Art & Design Studio. I create an eclectic body of commissioned art pieces for civic public art, corporate and private clients, including custom paintings, murals, frescoes, mosaics, sculptures, stained glass panels, fountains and wall treatments, all of which facilitate the harmonious integration of art with architecture. My current artistic activity includes about 40 public art projects in nine cities in California and Oregon and more than 100 art pieces in private collections in countries around the world."



## Transitional Kindergarten & Kindergarten Registration

### Glen Senestraro, CUSD Superintendent

#### Now Open for Fall 2026

Cloverdale Unified School District is pleased to announce online registration is now open for Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and Kindergarten for the 2026–2027 school year. Beginning in Fall 2026, CUSD will offer free, expanded Transitional Kindergarten/Pre-K access, continuing our commitment to early learning and student success.

#### Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Eligibility

Children are eligible for Transitional Kindergarten if they will turn 5 years old between September 2, 2026 and September 1, 2027. This corresponds to children with birthdates between September 2, 2021 and September 1, 2022.

#### Kindergarten Eligibility

Children are eligible for Kindergarten if they turn 5 years old on or before September 1, 2026, with birthdates between September 2, 2020 and September 1, 2021.

#### How to Register

Families can complete registration online by visiting [www.cusd.org](http://www.cusd.org) and selecting Online Enrollment, or by going directly to: <https://cloverdaleusd.aeries.net/enrollment/>

During the enrollment process, families will be asked to upload the following documents:

- Original birth certificate
- Immunization records
- Proof of address (utility bill with a Cloverdale address)
- Parent/Guardian photo ID

#### School & Contact Information

Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten are offered at Jefferson Elementary School, located at 315 North Street, Cloverdale.

For questions or assistance with enrollment, families may contact Jefferson Elementary School at 707-894-1930 or email [craigj@cusd.org](mailto:craigj@cusd.org).

#### After-School Care

Families interested in after-school care can contact the Champions Program at 707-385-3147 for additional information.



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## Connect With Cloverdale High School

### June Schriener

It's been a busy month for our CHS students! Between the still exhibits, parade, and Citrus Hall, FFA and Interact club participated in our local Citrus fair.

With our winter sports coming to an end, senior nights were hosted to conclude our 2026 soccer, wrestling, cheer, and basketball seasons. Thank you to everyone who came and supported! It's now time to begin our spring sports, baseball, softball, tennis, and track.

Congratulations to our 24 students who will attend the FFA State Conference, a convention where over 7,000 FFA members meet in Ontario, California from March 19th - 24th to learn about agricultural careers, teamwork, and personal leadership skills.

Please show up to our annual Mr. Eagle contest on March 12 at 6:30 hosted by ASB in the CHS gym! This is a competition between male seniors to showcase their talents and pageantry abilities. All proceeds go to the senior class.

## Introducing Susan Erkel Ryan and "Off The Shelf"



Put Susan on, near or in water and she is happy. Put a beautifully written book in her hand and she is in heaven. Susan has spent 30+ years grounding and growing small businesses in the nonprofit and for-profit sectors. She has a degree in cultural geography and loves to travel and immerse herself in local culture. She was a managing editor for **Whole Earth Catalog**, owned a bookstore on the Russian River, created a literacy program for kids that spread from Mendocino County to Marin, and has a small online used bookstore, Riverbank Reader. A longtime fan and supporter of Russian Riverkeeper she has been working as their Director of Operations since 2023.

### Off The Shelf Susan Erkel Ryan

**Playground**, A Novel by Richard Powers  
ISBN: 978-1324-12373-6 paperback  
ISBN: 978-1324086031 hardcover

Dear Cloverdale, we are truly fortunate to have such a vibrant local paper, and I am thrilled to join its ranks. With water and artificial intelligence (AI) currently at the forefront of our community conversations, I couldn't think of a better way to start my new book review column than with Richard Powers' brilliant novel, *Playground*.

Powers possesses a rare talent for marrying passionate storytelling with luminous, sophisticated prose. The haunting cover of the hardcover version of *Playground*—a large manta ray drifting through a blue-green world—sets the tone for a story that grapples with the fragility of culture and the rise of AI. Here, Powers explores the vastness of the Pacific, the last great wilderness remaining in our quest for colonization.

Powers intertwines the lives of a diver, an artist, a bibliophile, and an AI developer, each lending their voice to a polyphonic narrative and creating characters that blur the line between fiction and reality. Characters that you embrace and care deeply about. The story steers them individually toward a high-stakes showdown on the island of Makatea.

As utopian dreams of floating cities clash with the reality of a fragile ecosystem, the fate of a local community and the future of our species hang in the balance.

The final chapter may require a second reading to truly appreciate its weight. It highlights a fascinating paradox: AI is brilliantly designed to placate us, giving us what we want, yet it remains fundamentally detached, unable to care about the outcomes it generates. The story reminds us that we still hold the power of choice.

Favorite Local Places to find great books:

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Levin & Co, 306 Center St, Healdsburg, (707) 433-1118  
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The mission of Cloverdale Connect is to bring the community together with respect and dignity; uplifting community members while avoiding divisiveness, opinion, and negativity.



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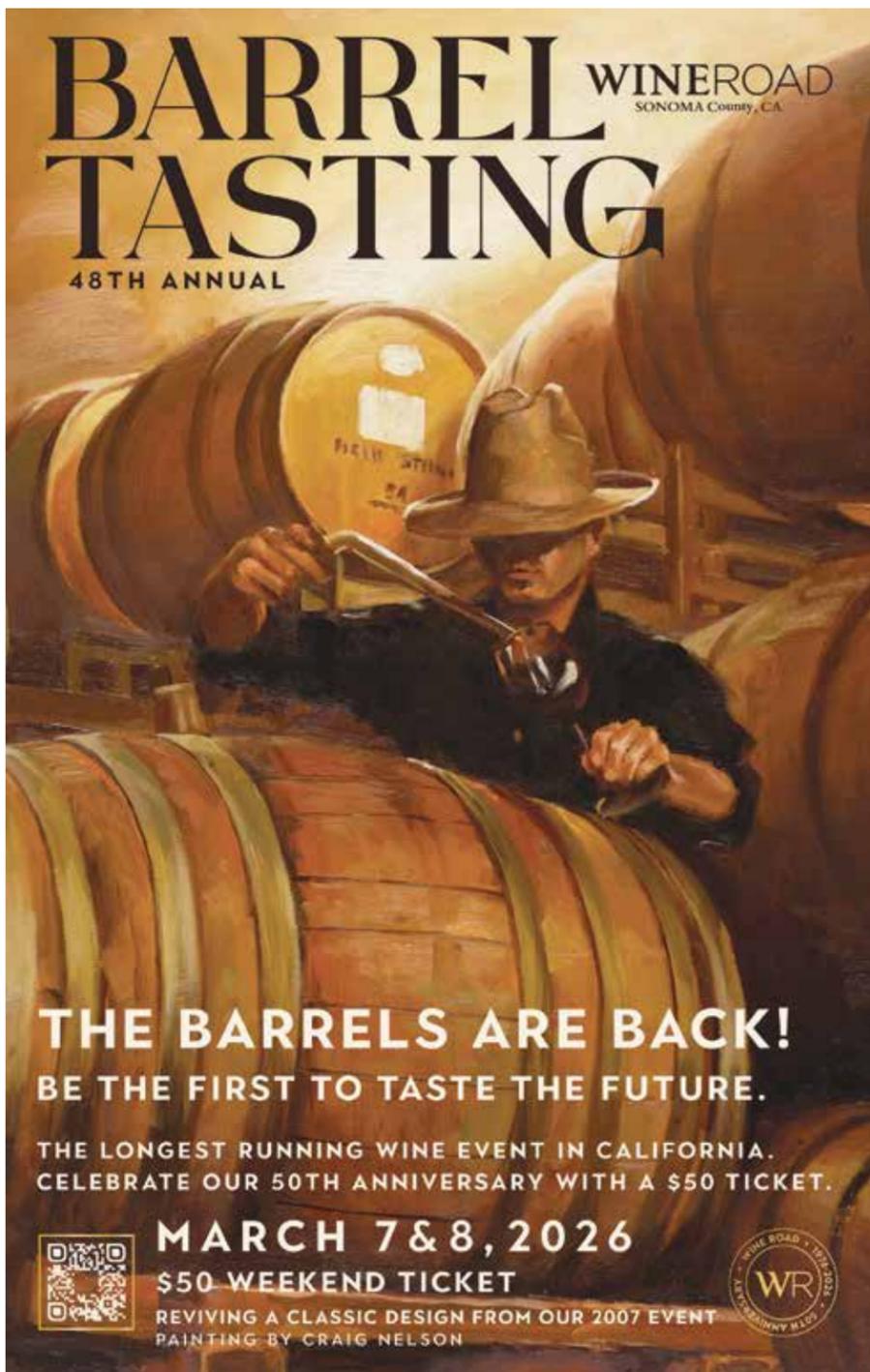
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## FFA Attends College of the Redwoods Field Day

Cloverdale FFA had two amazing days competing at the College of the Redwoods Field Day.

The Advanced & Novice Parliamentary Procedure teams competed strong and gained valuable experience along the way. They also competed in Vet Science, Woodworking, Floral Design, Dairy Products, Prepared Speech, and Best Informed Greenhand.

They brought home team and individual awards, but more importantly, Cloverdale FFA members made new connections, learned new skills, and represented the club with outstanding attitudes and sportsmanship.



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## March is Mental Health Month

March is Mental Health Month, a time to recognize that emotional well being is essential to overall health. At Alexander Valley Healthcare (AVH), we care about the whole person—not just their medical symptoms.

The AVH Behavioral Health team includes a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), a staff psychologist, a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, a substance use disorder (SUD) counselor, and an integrated behavioral health case manager. Working side by side with our medical and dental providers, they help ensure patients receive coordinated, compassionate care that addresses both physical and mental health needs.

To better support patients with complex needs, we have launched the CalAIM Enhanced Care Management program. This initiative helps us go beyond traditional medical care by connecting patients with resources, care coordination, and ongoing support tailored to their individual situations.

One recent patient shared, “The AVH Behavioral Health team helped guide and advise me when my mom could no longer live safely alone. They listened, directed me to community resources, and stayed in touch with follow up visits and phone calls. Because of their support, my mom is now in a safer setting, and I feel less overwhelmed knowing we are not alone.”

In preparation for the new Health & Wellness Center, (AVH) has received state capital funding through the Department of Health Care Services’ Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP). This investment will help us expand mental health services in our new facility, increasing access to care for Cloverdale and surrounding communities.

This March, we invite our neighbors to prioritize their mental health and to reach out if they or a loved one need support. Alexander Valley Healthcare is here to help.

Call (707) 894-4229 for an appointment.

Existing patients can now request an appointment through the Patient Portal!

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### More Than a Ride: Why Conexión Cloverdale Matters

By Kat Ryan

Before I supported La Familia Sana with their marketing, I was simply a daughter trying to hold everything together.

I'm a single mom working full time, and when my mother was battling cancer, I was also her primary, and only, caregiver. Getting her to appointments became a second full-time job. Coordinating schedules, loading her in and out of the car, managing her fear, managing my exhaustion. It was overwhelming.

She qualified for some transportation assistance, and we tried it. But it was a standard taxi-style service. The drivers were in a hurry. They drove fast. My mom was scared. What she needed wasn't just transportation — she needed patience. A steady presence. A listening ear.

She was lonely. I was stretched thin. If there had been a program like Conexión Cloverdale — a volunteer driver who understood that this wasn't just a ride, but a moment of care — it would have changed everything for us.

That's why this new partnership between Circuit Rider Community Services and La Familia Sana matters so deeply.

Conexión Cloverdale provides up to four round-trip rides per month for seniors (60+) and adults with disabilities who need help getting to medical appointments or essential errands. But this program only works if neighbors step forward.

Cloverdale is filled with generous, compassionate people. I know this program can grow into something beautiful. It can reduce isolation. It can ease the burden on caregivers. It can restore dignity.

But it starts with volunteers.

If you have time, a safe vehicle, and a heart for community, this is your moment to make a difference.

Because sometimes what someone needs most... is not just a ride.

To get started visit <https://www.circuitridercs.org/conexion-cloverdale>

## City Council Report Eleanore Webster

At the January 28 City Council meeting, new Cloverdale Peace Officers Lloyd Dowell (a veteran of the British army) and Michael Eubank (former ASU quarterback) were introduced. The new officers' wives were present to pin their badges. Mike Nixon, Craig J. Carni and Robert A. Maddock were appointed to the Citizen Oversight Committee for Sales and Utilities Tax.

Street maintenance funding was discussed (see agenda recording and attachments for report and presentation) with revenue coming from the new sales tax. Projected annual revenue is \$1.2 million. Priorities include pavement rehab and ADA compliance. Resident expectations need to be prioritized. Unfortunately, the sidewalks aren't all owned by the City. The City needs to focus not only on major streets, but the ability to leverage money by grouping projects for cost efficiency. Loans might help to advance funds, allowing for project efficiency.

Council discussed the idea of a retreat or workshop to improve communications among the members. Vice Mayor Lands wanted to focus on legal requirements before communications; he feels some members have made missteps and each member needs to better understand their role. Others suggested that relationship building was primary. A workshop seemed to be the most agreeable approach.

A potential amendment to City's Flag Policy was presented. All the libraries in the County fly the Pride Flag except Cloverdale and our library has requested permission to fly it (the City controls this flagpole). The question is whether to amend the City Ordinance to allow flying commemorative flags beyond the City's designated commemorative flagpole. The request would allow a second commemorative flag to be flown, one on the Town Square and one at the library. The Council voted to allow the amendment to be written.

The Potter Valley project was discussed. Vice Mayor Lands presented his report (see Agenda recording for details). There was disagreement among Council members about information accuracy, what the facts actually are about water availability, and the role of Council members in presenting their ideas on social media and attending association meetings.

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## Picturesque Little Church Is A Cloverdale Landmark Mary Jo Winter

The little white church with the tall steeple on the northeast corner of Main and Broad Streets looks like it is might be located on the set of a Hallmark movie.



Built in 1886, the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd is prominently featured on the City of Cloverdale's logo. It is one of the oldest buildings in town, as well as one of the oldest churches, and established as a Mission Church of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California in June 1888.

The church property consists of three buildings, with the Vicarage built in 1905 located next door. It is used primarily for meetings and as a gathering place for social events.

Wallace House, founded by the late Father Gary Wallace as a refuge for abused women, children and runaways, is located on the northern most part of the property. It is now a fully functioning outreach shelter currently operated by Reach for Home.

About 25 years ago, a columbarium was added to the interior of the church, with the late Marie Vandegriff, a former mayor of Cloverdale, the driving force behind this project. Her husband's ashes were among the first inurned there.

During the Pandemic, a bulletin board was posted out front where folks could share a concern or prayer request using the paper, pencils and push pins supplied.

Since then, a new weather-friendly Prayer Box has been installed. Every week, there is at least one, and often several, prayer requests in the box which are then read and prayed for by the congregation.

Among the church's unique features are the beautiful stained-glass windows strategically placed throughout. The window over the altar was donated in the 1950s, while one in the back of the church was donated in the 1990s.

New side windows depict the seasons, vineyards, the river, and, of course, a lamb for the Good Shepherd.

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**Roots of Rock KOWSfm.com ~ M.J. Girard**

March! What a wonderful time, as we enjoy greater daylight and the coming of Springtime. It also invokes the peoples' right to assemble and peacefully exercise their rights to protest against infringement of those rights and freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution. In my opinion, We the People must decide our future, not an individual.



Recently I was in a downtown mall watching the parade of people entering the food section and a group of folks sat down nearby. I could plainly see that they were special needs folks with a couple of attendants to oversee their outing. They quietly opened their lunchboxes and proceeded to enjoy their meals. As I watched the attendants assist some of the individuals, I paused in prayer, that by the grace of God, there go I.

It is written that we are judged by how we treat the least of us. If we observe and judge for ourselves what is happening around us, then maybe we can express how we feel by contributing to a National Conversation towards a return to normalcy and adherence to our principles of abiding to law and order without violence or violation of our God given human rights!

This season the "Roots of Rock" will be emphasizing the stirring songs of protest heard over the past decades during times of trouble and unrest. Your requests are welcome at GIRRD.org anytime.

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## Why Your Next Tech Purchase May Cost More Will Carter

Just over a year ago the price of computers and other personal electronic devices skyrocketed. Tariffs on imports affected the ability of manufacturers to do business in their usual fashion, resulting in raising prices for consumers and delays in availability. Over time, major brands have been able to get their arms around the new paradigms of international trade; Prices are up, but most items are available, for now...

Before the Supreme Court struck down many tariffs on February 20th, something else was already working its way into supply chains, threatening to do even greater damage to the consumer electronics market: massive orders for components to power AI.

An expansive number of yet-to-be built data centers are poised to consume a massive quantity of yet-to-be manufactured components to power products that are yet-to-be profitable. Despite the actual use of these components being months, or even years, away, it has already had huge effects in the world of consumer electronics. The components that I most often replace, or upgrade, for my clients have soared as much as 100-250% since last year. Perhaps the most ominous signs are the closures of brands, warnings of product launches being delayed, and some items already becoming outright unavailable.

Micron announced the closure of their consumer products brand Crucial in December, Western Digital reported on their January Earnings Call that they're "pretty much sold out (of storage products) for calendar 2026," A Bloomberg report in February suggests Sony might delay their anticipated PlayStation 6 by years, and the RAM and SSDs in new systems are worth almost as much as the entire computer, causing prices to surge upwards.

If the tariffs are successfully removed by the courts, it will provide much needed relief in this tense market. Speculation runs wild in articles and online discussions, but no one really knows what will come next. In the meantime, the best thing you can do as a consumer is to be aware of the broader effects of AI, the risks it might pose to you, and consider making technology purchases sooner, rather than later, because we can be sure that the ripples of this disruption are only just starting.

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## Puzzle Exchange

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All proceeds support our local Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center.



**SALE**

**Donations**

If you have donations, please call the Senior Center at 707-894-4826. We are open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

Don't miss our weekly Sidewalk Sale every **Wednesday**, weather permitting! And here's the best part: on the **1st Wednesday** of each month, everything inside the store (except yarn) is 50% off! It's the perfect time to shop & save big!

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## Food Pantry News & Food Distribution News

*The Food Pantry has made the decision to not move to the Grange.*

The Redwood Empire Food Bank is **changing their schedule** and locations. There will no longer be a distribution at St. Peters. There will now be weekly Thursday distributions at the LDS Church, 1101 S. Cloverdale Blvd., at 10am. Don't forget – on Monday at the Citrus Fair, Thursday at LDS Church and Friday at the Food Pantry.

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## Senior Center Endowment Program

Please give generously to the Community Endowment Program supporting the Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center (CSMC) at Redwood Credit Union. Your donation provides for future generations to enjoy the benefits and programs available at the Senior Center.

Choose a one-time, weekly, or monthly contribution to the CSMC Endowment Fund at RCU. Consider including CSMC in your estate planning as part of your will or trust.

**CAT RESCUE OF CLOVERDALE**

A Tribute to "Mike Tyson": How One Scrappy Tom Cat Started a Movement



In March of 2025, a battered tom cat showed up on the doorstep of our founder, Katie's home. With a scarred eye and the look of a seasoned prizefighter, he earned the only name that fit: Mike Tyson.

Mike was a creature of habit. Every day at 6:00 PM sharp, he arrived at Katie's porch for his daily "press conference"—a routine consisting of affectionate headbutts, a snack, and a high-pitched meow to say thank you.

Despite his friendly soul, Mike was a street-savvy warrior. He frequently appeared with new injuries, and he managed to outsmart humane traps for six long weeks. Finally, Katie caught him and he received the medical care he desperately needed.

During the weeks she spent trying to rescue him, a wonderful family fell in love with him too. After visiting him every week as they awaited his capture, they were finally able to bring him home. Now, instead of patrolling the streets, Mike spends his days and nights being showered with love.

Mike didn't just save his own life that day; he sparked a mission that would save dozens more.

Watching Mike transform from a "boxing match" veteran to a beloved family pet inspired Katie to make her childhood dream a reality. She filed the paperwork, secured our 501(c)(3) non-profit status, and Cat Rescue of Cloverdale was officially born.

Our impact in 2025 (May 1st – Dec 31st) speaks for itself:

- 69 cats & kittens spayed and neutered.
- 50 forever homes found for rescued kitties.
- 51 rescues came directly from the Tarman neighborhood alone!

At Cat Rescue of Cloverdale, we focus on Rescue, Rehabilitation (through our amazing fosters), and Adoption. But we can't do it alone. Cloverdale has a large overpopulation of cats, and our small team needs your help to continue Mike's legacy.

Join the Fight:

- Foster: Join our team and give a cat a second chance at love.
- Donate: Every dollar goes directly to medical care and supplies.
- Adopt: Find your own "Mike Tyson" (scars optional, love guaranteed).

Contact Us: 707-321-0968  
[www.catrescueofcloverdale.org](http://www.catrescueofcloverdale.org)  
 PO BOX 354 Cloverdale, CA 95425

## Marlys Southard



Marlys Southard passed away January 10, 2026 at the age of 94. She was born in North Dakota to a farming family who moved to Washington for economic reasons during the Depression. They came to Cloverdale in the late 1940s when the Coastal Plywood mill opened.

Marlys graduated from Cloverdale High School where she met the love of her life, R. B. Southard, whom she married in 1952. Together they raised four children in Cloverdale where R. B. ran his auto-repair and fire business while Marlys worked in the lumber industry. In 1976 they moved to rural property near Yorkville where they spent their retirement.

Marlys enjoyed music and played violin and piano from an early age. She shared with her husband a love of gardening, dancing (every week), and traveling across the country in their classic cars. She prepared many champagne brunches for high school reunions and to raise money for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Among family and friends she was known for her pies and homemade ice cream.

R. B. died in 2024 and two of their children, Diane and Dave, predeceased them both. Marlys' love and presence will be missed by her remaining children, Jan and Paul Southard, daughters-in-law Melanee and Juli Southard, grandchildren Jake, Ryan, Brandon, Brett and Angela and eight great-grandchildren. A private remembrance will be held at the family ranch. The family suggests donations in Marlys' memory be made to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition ([ovarian.org](http://ovarian.org)).

## Rise Against Hunger With Rotary

Rise Against Hunger works in countries worldwide to fight hunger, targeting communities facing high rates of food insecurity. They provide volunteer-packaged meals and other assistance, often through school feeding programs, to support nutrition, education and health for children and families facing hunger right now. They also partner with local leaders to implement sustainable agriculture and income-generating projects that support long-term solutions to food security and empower communities to become self-reliant and thrive.

Join this special Cloverdale Rotary event in April to make a difference. Spend just a couple hours with your neighbors for an exciting, hands-on volunteer opportunity to package meals for global hunger relief.

Form a team of 10, or join an existing team, and gather with other Cloverdale community members on April 25th, from 9:30-11:30am in the Cloverdale High School Gym to package 20,000 meals.

Please contact Kevin Kostoff, Cloverdale Rotary President, for more information – [mrkincafi50@gmail.com](mailto:mrkincafi50@gmail.com) and read more on [riseagainsthunger.org](http://riseagainsthunger.org).



## Center Stage at the Cloverdale Performing Arts Center Lenore Messler

For nearly two decades, the Cloverdale Performing Arts Center (CPAC) has been the creative heartbeat of Sonoma County. From sold-out runs of Clue and Norbay Award-winning dramas to our vibrant Youth Theater Camp, 2025 was a banner year that proved one thing: the arts thrive here because of you.

Our 2026 season is our most ambitious yet, as we aim to pack our calendar with a diverse array of programming—including new monthly Movie Nights, and the return of favorites like Cloverdale Cabaret and Open Mic Night.

As a bold, independent theater, we rely on the kindness and patronage of our neighbors to keep the curtain rising.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation or becoming a sponsor today. Your gift ensures that CPAC remains a world-class stage for local stars and global professionals alike. Visit [CloverdalePerformingArts.com](http://CloverdalePerformingArts.com) or email us at [office@CloverdalePerformingArts.com](mailto:office@CloverdalePerformingArts.com)

Together, let's make 2026 our brightest year yet.

With gratitude,

The CPAC Board, Staff, and Volunteers



## Recent quotes from our Cloverdale Connect readers:

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"Well done – you have so much useful content!"

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## Update on the Permanent Bridge at Asti-Cloverdale Russian River

Geoff Peters



For more than 100 years, the Asti–Cloverdale crossing of the Russian River has been recognized as a critical connection for residents, emergency responders, and the broader Cloverdale community. Local residents have organized through the Alexander Valley Citizens League (AVCL) to advocate for critical infrastructure improvements:

- Improve evacuation and emergency access routes,
- Support vegetation management and wildfire resilience, and
- Advance the long-term solution of a permanent bridge at Asti.

The County is considering forming a special financing (assessment) district for nearby properties that would directly benefit from the bridge. This process will include:

- A Board of Supervisors action to initiate the district process.
- A community meeting to explain the structure and implications.
- A formal hearing regarding the formation of the assessment district and to confirm majority approval in accordance with statutory requirements.

### Why a Permanent Bridge Matters

- **Wildfire and evacuation safety:** A permanent bridge significantly improves emergency response times and provides a critical second evacuation route for about 300 homes.
- **Emergency response:** Fire, medical, and law enforcement services will help keep small incidents from becoming catastrophic.
- **Environmental:** Eliminates annual environmental disturbance associated with installing and removing a temporary bridge.
- **Economic efficiency:** Long-term financing of a permanent bridge is more cost-effective than ongoing temporary bridge installation and removal

Broad and enthusiastic community participation is essential as this project moves into its final planning and funding phase:

1. Attend a Board of Supervisors Meeting tentatively scheduled for April 7, 9am, 575 Administration Drive, Room 102A, Santa Rosa, and speak about why you would like to see a permanent bridge.
2. Write a letter of support to: 575 Administration Drive, Room 100 A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. You may include some of the points made above.
3. Send an email to: [bos@sonomacounty.gov](mailto:bos@sonomacounty.gov)
4. Recruit **all** your neighbors and any companies with whom you do business to individually write a letter to the Board of Supervisors advocating for a permanent bridge.
5. Write a check to "Alexander Valley Citizens League" to help us get the word out about this effort. (1126 Highland Ranch Rd. Cloverdale, CA 95425)

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## Cloverdale Library Community Connection

John Koetzner, Children's Services Librarian

### Gearing up for Spring

As we get ready to shift gears toward spring and changing our clocks again, we at the library await the data analysis of the recent library survey that saw over 7,000 responses to the countywide library survey that will help shape our strategic plan for the next five years. Overall, sixteen percent of the surveys completed were by non-library users, which may help shape some additional services or shape collection development. We always want more of the community to be using library services. Of course, library users do have the option to suggest titles for purchase through our online catalog, and patrons are always welcome to make suggestions to library staff either directly at a branch, or through our comment cards at the branch.

As winter gives way to spring this month, here are some programs that patrons of all ages can enjoy. (For detailed descriptions go to: <https://events.sonomalibrary.org/events/month>).

### Children's programs (Baby-preschool) and Tween (Ages 6-12):

March 3–Spanish Music/Movement 10:30–11am, Baby-Preschool  
 March 4, 11, & 25–Tween Game On! 1:15–2 pm, Tween (6-12)  
 March 5, 12, 17, & 26–Storytime 10:30–11am, Baby-Preschool

### Teens (ages 13-18) have several programs to entice them:

March 11–Universal Yums 4–4:30pm  
 March 13–Studio Ghibli Movie Series 3:30–4:30pm  
 March 25–Bedazzle Your Favorite Book 3–4:30pm

### Adult programs include:

March 10–Cloverdale Library Book Club 6–7pm  
 March 24–Creativebug: Monoprints with Watercolor 6–7:30pm

### All ages programs this month are:

March 1–Keenan Webster Afro Roots World Music 2–3pm  
 March 7–Repair Fair 1–4pm  
 March 22–Puzzle Swap 3:30–4:30pm

Spring is almost here, and patio weather will join us soon, welcoming patrons to sit outside, read, relax, and enjoy the Cloverdale Library.

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## El Milagro Closed

"Dear friends, neighbors, and family,  
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Unfortunately, rising food costs, higher rents, and other challenges has made it impossible for us to continue. In a small town like Cloverdale, with only so many people and many wonderful dining options, it has become harder and harder to sustain what we built.

This is not the way we wanted the story to end here in Cloverdale, but what we will carry with us forever are the memories – the laughter shared around our tables, the families who celebrated milestones here, the friendships forged over good food. You gave us a gift that we can never repay.

We'll remain in Healdsburg and we warmly welcome you to visit us there. All gift cards will be honored at either location.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for believing in us and for letting us share a piece of ourselves with you. Though our doors may close in Cloverdale, the love we feel for this community will stay with us always.

It's a tough time for small, family-owned restaurants. Every visit, every take-out order, every kind word truly makes a difference. When you choose local, you're not just buying a meal – you're keeping a dream alive. Fast food might be cheaper, but it can't match the love, care, and real ingredients that go into the food made right here in your community, by people who pour their hearts into every plate. If you can, choose local.

With love and gratitude,  
 Marco, Julio, Alan and the El Milagro family."



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**SHOP & SHINE**



Renewal, cleanse and celebrate the return to light with a complimentary yoga class offered at The Zen Den on the evening of Friday, March 20th from 6 pm to 7 pm. Saturday enjoy an exclusive pop-up at North End with Spiritual Gangster, and give your yoga closet the springtime glow up it deserves.

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## Management Connections Award



The Lakeport office of Cloverdale's Management Connections recently received the Best of Lake & Mendocino award for 2026. Pictured is Lakeport Branch Manager Pam Harpster, holding the certificate. Management Connections has received this award four years in a row.

# LOCAL ICONS

This month, True West launches its **Local Icons** program, weekly screenings of classic films with legendary performances, curated by members of the Healdsburg community!

 <b>Amélie</b> Wednesday, March 4 Selected by Kelly Dorrance	 <b>McFarland, USA</b> Wednesday, March 11 Selected by Marcy Flores
 <b>Dazed and Confused</b> Wednesday, March 18 Selected by Ariel Kelley	 <b>Sophie's Choice</b> Wednesday, March 25 Selected by Laurie Ubben

  
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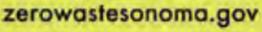
True West Film Center is a community-funded nonprofit organization dedicated to the art of cinema.

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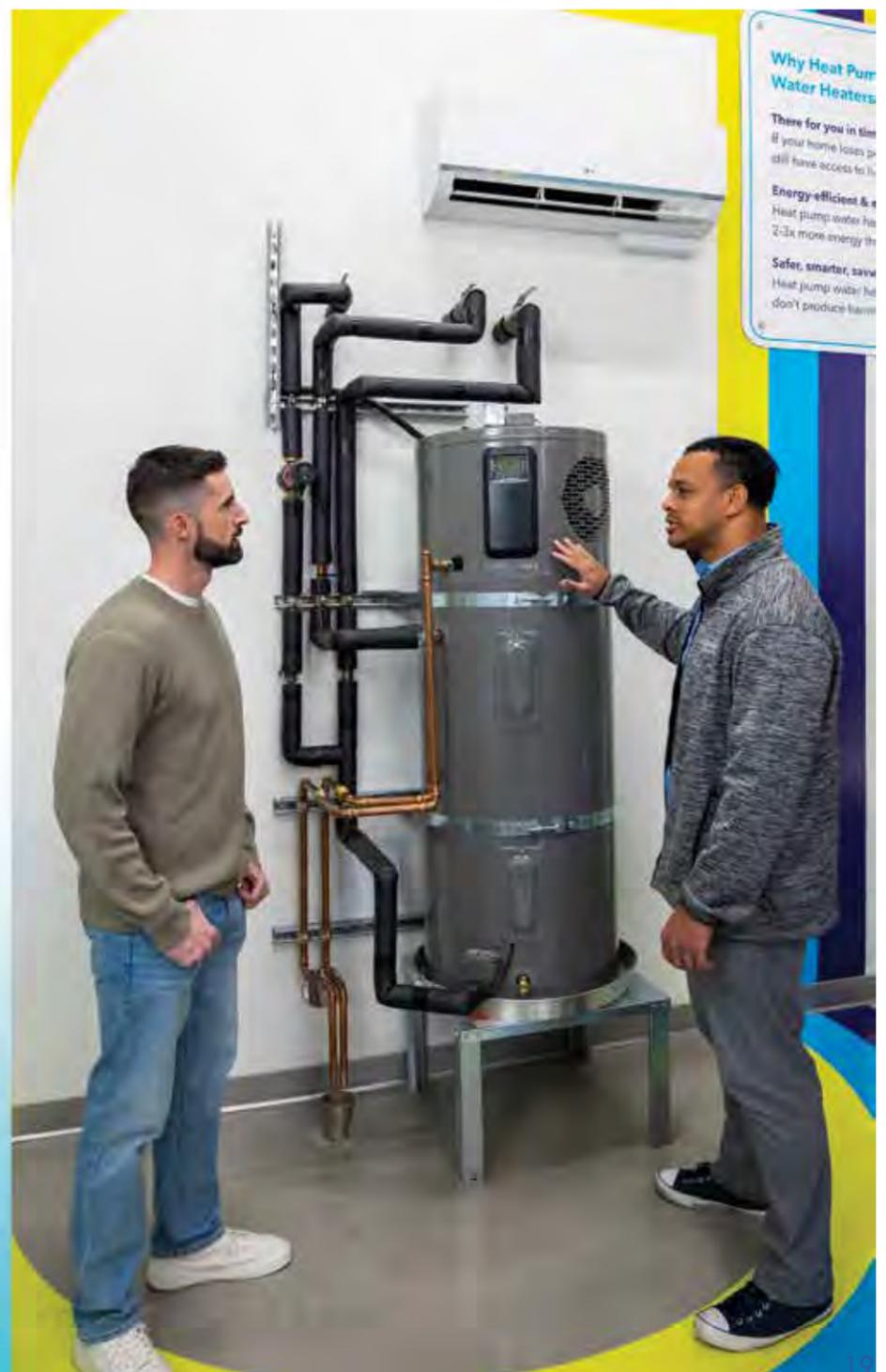
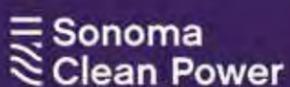
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Huge Shout Out to **Maciel's Hauling!** Great pricing, communication, and service! Stop searching, call Romero, you will not be disappointed.  
*Lynn Pardini*

First trip to **Pick's**. Everything was great. Staff very friendly and knowledgeable. They have done so much work, lots more seating areas and heaters at the ready. My burger was delicious and perfectly cooked. I had a gluten free bun, next time I will ask for a lettuce wrap. I have yet to find a decent GF bun. This was one of the better ones I've tried. The fries were great, skinny, the way I like them. One order was plenty for the two of us. Vanilla milkshake was excellent. I have no problem paying \$16 for such a high-quality burger. My husband got the \$13 burger – same 1/3 pound size, just less bells and whistles.  
*Angela Aquila*

I was so lucky to taste some amazing treats coming to the **Supper Club!** Gianna and her Executive Chef were testing recipes - everything I tasted makes it clear the Supper Club will be a winner!!!! Delicious sauces, mussels, New York steak, fresh fish - just a few things I tried. We are so lucky to have another amazing restaurant in our town! Plenty of space for delicious restaurants to thrive in this great town. I predict Cloverdale will become another restaurant destination! Take that Healdsburg! This benefits other Cloverdale businesses shops and restaurants alike! I'm adding the Supper Club to my restaurant rotation!  
*Tim Boccia*

Finally made it to **Piacere Ristorante Italiano** in Cloverdale. Their food was amazing, service was top notch. The Wednesday Happy Hour, which runs all evening, has some great options and very affordable. Jose and Mary are wonderful hosts. We'll be back for Sunday Brunch ASAP.  
*Andre Siedentopf*

Big thanks going out to **All Out Plumbers** for fixing us right up yesterday! Bigger job than expected and they got er done.  
*Jammie King*

Shout out to **Cloverdale Police Officer Kevin Burt** and **Officer Dowell** who were very instrumental in helping me clear fraudulent charges on my credit card...great job!  
*Julie DeMaestri*

Got my car cleaned and detailed today at **All N One Detailing** – husband says "it looks like a brand-new card". Well worth it, she needed it badly.  
*Melody Winslow*

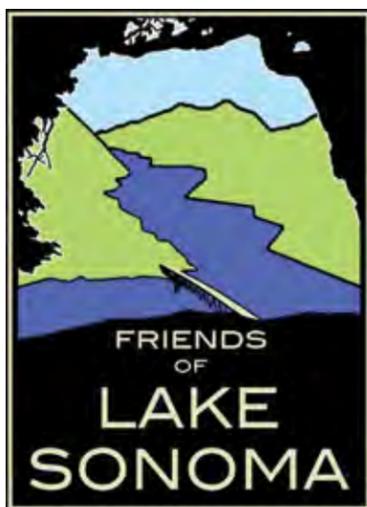
Big Shout Out to **Tate's Tire Pros & Auto Service** for saving the day and our tire! When a sneaky little nail tried to ruin our schedule, they jumped in and got us patched up fast so we could safely transport our residents without missing a beat. Keeping our wheels turning and our residents rolling safely – that's community teamwork at its finest! We appreciate you more than you know.  
*Vine Ridge Senior Living*

I came to **Sherry at Bella Moda** with a hair color and cut that desperately needed fixing, and she completely turned things around! From the moment I walked into her salon, she made me feel at ease with her warmth and professionalism. Despite the busy holiday season, she found time to correct the situation and worked her magic.

Sherry is truly an artist when it comes to color. She is highly trained with Redken products and immediately knew how to fix my too-dark, too-red, uneven color. She talked me through each step of the process, explaining what she was doing and why, which made me feel so confident in her expertise. By the end, my hair was the perfect warm brown I had envisioned--she absolutely nailed it.

On top of that, Sherry also fixed my haircut and gave me one of the best cuts I've ever had. She has an incredible eye for detail and is so skilled at creating a style that suits you perfectly.

Sherry is truly a hidden gem in Cloverdale, and our small town is so lucky to have someone with her level of knowledge and skill. She is a true professional who cares deeply about her work and her clients. I can't recommend her enough--I'll definitely be going back!  
*Gabrielle D.*



### Special Drawing to Support Friends of Lake Sonoma

Catch up with artist Kenyon Lewis at the Steelhead Festival March 7th and enter the drawing to win the 33" fish sculpture in the Visitors Center to help raise funding for the Friends of Lake Sonoma programs!



**Grow Your Green Thumb with Us!**

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## Showa Farm Wins Silver Award

Cloverdale producer earned recognition for a medium-intensity Arbequina extra virgin olive oil from Northern Sonoma County.

Showa Farm has been awarded a Silver at the 2026 New York International Olive Oil Olive Oil Competition for Showa Farm Organic Arbequina.

Showa Farm Organic Arbequina is an extra virgin olive oil of medium intensity, produced from Arbequina olives. The oil is distinguished by a delicate floral character that carries through the aromatic profile.

Located in Northern Sonoma County in the heart of Alexander Valley wine country, Showa Farm is family-owned and guided by biodynamic and organic farming principles. The farm uses solar panels for all of its electricity and relies on aquifer well water delivered to the orchard through drip irrigation. Alongside the olive trees, Showa Farm raises goats, chickens, burros, horses, cats and dogs, and grows fruits, nuts and vegetables to support on-farm diversity.

The 2026 Silver adds to Showa Farm's record at the NYIOOC, where the producer has earned a total of six awards, including two Gold and four Silver distinctions, with previous recognitions in 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023 and 2025.

In the Olive Oil Times World Ranking, Showa Farm is ranked #27 in the United States, #77 in the Northern Hemisphere and #81 Worldwide.

The NYIOOC World Olive Oil Competition, widely regarded as the world's leading olive oil quality contest, is a trusted reference for consumers and industry professionals.

Courtesy Olive Oil Times, Feb 2026

## New Health To Go Vending Machines Free Essentials



Sonoma County residents can now access free lifesaving, disease preventing and health protecting supplies — such as Narcan, condoms, dental hygiene kits, COVID tests, and more — from Health To Go public health vending machines. Through a new initiative of the Public Health Division of the Department of Health Services, these vending machines offer individuals easy access to what they need when they need it. One of the locations is at **La Familia Sana, 439 N Cloverdale Blvd., Cloverdale, Open 24/7**

“This project aims to fill gaps in our current services by improving accessibility, reducing costs and ensuring

privacy,” said Public Health Division Director Amy Olson. “By strategically placing these vending machines, stocked with harm-reduction products, health and hygiene items, and other essential resources, we can better support those who need these free resources the most. We will also refine the products offered over time based on what people actually use, ensuring that the items in the machines meet the actual needs of the community.”



## On the Wild Side Jennifer Molidor

Those who love nature know that healthy outdoor spaces are important to our individual health and well-being, and to our community wellness, too. We need clean air and water to thrive, like the wildlife and wild places around us. Healthy ecosystems come from relationships among pollinators, carnivores, scavengers, and aquatic animals like beavers, who build wetlands that many need to live in the arid West.

When we go through something traumatic and our health is in crisis, as mine has been, or we've lost a loved one, like the editors of this paper have, we turn to nature. We are lucky to have these places around us here in Sonoma County. Cloverdale has an abundance of nature just waiting for us to share, more than much of the county. Sonoma County has 50+ regional parks (and 11 state parks!), from Gualala to Bodega Bay, from Anderson Valley to Sonoma Valley.

We have Lake Sonoma trails, the Russian Riverpark trail and the anticipated expansion to the north, the Porterfield Creek Preserve by the Del Webb neighborhood, and the new Soda Springs Ranch and Open Space Preserve by City Park. Our city parks are important, from Tarman Park to the green space across from the high school. It's my hope that Cloverdale will continue to grow its natural spaces, restore its community garden, and celebrate nature in our yards with native plants. It's good for the critters, but it's also good for our neighbors, from those who are avid hikers to those taking their dogs and children for a walk, to those who can't get out much anymore but sure appreciate all the birds, butterflies, and squirrels we see from our houses. Please do what you can to enjoy the nature in our community.

## Sculpture Trail – Call For Artists

The Cloverdale Sculpture Trail invites sculptors to submit work for our outdoor public exhibit. We are now accepting a broader range of materials and mixed-media works, in addition to traditional sculpture formats such as steel, wood, stone, bronze, and other enduring materials.

### What we're looking for:

We welcome sculptures that are bold in concept and durable in execution. In addition to the materials traditionally seen on the Trail, we are now open to works that incorporate mixed media, innovative material combinations, and creative processes. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Metal and steel works, classic and contemporary
- Wood sculpture and works incorporating natural materials
- Mixed materials and recycled elements
- Murals both flat and multi-dimensional
- Light-based and illuminated pieces
- Site-responsive installations, including dimensional wall works and alley installations
- Ephemeral or time-based works, including biodegradable or landscape interventions, provided they're appropriate for public outdoor settings

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## Fernando Ledezma Promoted



Fernando started with the City of Cloverdale last year as a temporary maintenance worker and after a successful recruitment process, has stepped into a permanent role helping care for the parks, open spaces, and public areas our community uses every day. From ballfields to picnic areas, his work helps keep Cloverdale looking like

Cloverdale. Promotions like this do not just fill a position. They recognize consistency, growth, and the kind of steady effort that makes a difference over time.

## Kiwanis Book Giveaway

"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book." - Dr. Seuss

On February 23rd and 24th the "Magic" came to Jefferson Elementary School when the Kiwanis Club of Cloverdale held their annual Book Giveaway. This event, which was one of the first annual projects started by the 25-year-old club, gives students an opportunity to select 2 books from hundreds of grade level appropriate titles. Teachers can also select books for their classroom libraries.



"Over the course of two days we give away more than 1,000 books," explained Kiwanis Literacy Chair, Julie Carter. "By giving kids (and their teachers) the opportunity to choose their perfect books we know our books will be read and loved. It creates countless magical moments for these young readers. For me, as a volunteer, this is our most rewarding event. The kids' smiles make all the work worthwhile!"

Literacy is a major focus of the Cloverdale Kiwanis who through this and other programs, including the Imagination Library, annually give Cloverdale Kids nearly 5,000 books.



Kiwanis meets on most Thursday mornings at 7:00 am at Zini's. On the last Thursday of the month, we hold an evening meeting. Visitors are always welcome! For additional information on Kiwanis and their literacy programs please contact Julie Carter at 707-548-8706.

## Snoop Dogg's Cloverdale Connection



Every time Donna Ocaranza wears her "Dogg" crocs into Dahlia & Sage, she receives smiles and compliments from checker and Snoop Dogg fan, Jack. Recently when she went in to shop, there was a book waiting for her behind the counter Snoop's "Crook to Cook" – a gift from Jack. Not to be outdone, Donna baked some of Snoop's "Rolls Royce Chocolate Chip Cookies" and delivered them to Jack.

And then Donna thought to reach out to Snoop at Death Row Pictures and relay her Cloverdale story. Much to her surprise, she received this response:

"We loved hearing the story of how a pair of Snoop Dogg Crocs sparked a friendship at the grocery store, and how it led to cookbooks, cookies, and good vibes all around." The best news? With the note, they included some t-shirts, some Snoop snacks, and another cookbook and the promise that they would pass the story along.

As Snoop says: "It ain't no fun if the homies can't have none".

## Rotary News



Here is the Rotary Club exhibit that took 1st place at this year's Citrus Fair. Led by Club president Kevin Kostoff, the exhibit aims to honor our country and it's 250 years of survival and success. Working on the exhibit are future president Preston Addison, assisted by past president Bill Hoyer. Also pictured is "2 Gun Kevin Kostoff," Rotary President, getting ready to paint.



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## Cooking with David Maciel

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March is the tail end of winter and on those cold evenings I really enjoy hardy cream-based soups. This recipe is very easy to prepare and has a rich elegant flavor. Accompanied with a nice hunk of sour dough bread, it'll leave you warm and fuzzy.

### Cream of Broccoli Soup

- 6 tablespoons butter
- ⅓ cup flour
- 2 tablespoons butter
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- 4 cups broccoli florets, cut into bite sized pieces (fresh or frozen)
- 6 cups chicken broth (or you can use the 49 1/2 oz can)
- ¾ cup half-and-half
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper

### Instructions

- In a small saucepan over low heat, melt the 6 T. butter. Add in the flour and stir until blended; do not brown. Remove from heat and set aside
- In a large saucepan, melt the 2 T. butter. Add onion; cook until tender. Add chopped broccoli florets, cook and stir about 6 minutes. Add the chicken broth. Increase the heat at this point and bring to a boil. Whisking constantly, add the flour mixture. Cook and stir until soup is thickened and bubbly.
- Use an immersion blender or Cuisinart to puree the soup to a nice creamy texture.
- Last, add in the salt, pepper, and half & half. Heat through and serve hot. Note: The soup will thicken upon standing.
- You can substitute cauliflower or broccoflower in place of the broccoli.

## Roots For Peace

Kevin Kostoff, Cloverdale Rotary Club President, and member Judy Cratty of the Cloverdale Rotary Club recently attended the Rohnert Park-Cotati sponsored Sonoma County Association of Rotary Club's (SCARC) dinner featuring a presentation of "Roots for Peace," the organization that addresses sustainable agriculture and food insecurities worldwide. Rotary promotes both local and global projects to help better mankind, once again striving to spread their philosophy of "Service above Self."



## Poet's Corner

### "Forest Dance" by Howard Adler

There's a special creek that I know  
in the woods where I go.  
As I near it, I hear it as a magical musical place.  
The plip-plop in the pool at the top is soprano.  
The gurgle in the pond at the bottom brings the bass.  
A woodpecker taps out a rhythm,  
as the mockingbird sits in with 'em  
on improvised vocals.  
I close my eyes, and in a trance  
I join the locals with a forest dance.  
I twist and sway like the trees on a breezy day.  
My boots commune with the roots, grounding me.  
I swim through the sound waves surrounding me.  
Like the sap in a tree my blood flows to by brain  
where i hear this refrain.  
I recite it, get excited and forest dance.  
Finally free to be me;  
I am the poet tree.

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