

Cloverdale Connect

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June 2026



Editor's Note

Cloverdale is celebrating Pride Month this June with a movie night at CPAC, a dance party at The Beet, Drag Bingo at La Tequila, and a picnic and karaoke in the park. You'll find all the details inside this issue. It's time to celebrate community!

June is also the month to acknowledge fire safety as our hillsides warm up and vegetation dries out. Maintain prudent fire break space between your home and vegetation; have a "go bag" ready and accessible; check flashlight batteries; keep phones charged; and check your fire extinguishers.

Don't forget the "211" service that is provided by Sonoma County. This is a program of United Way of the Wine Country. During times of disaster, 211Sonoma coordinates with local and national emergency services to provide incident-specific information, including road closures, food and medical assistance, and shelter.

See you around town!

Dana



Rick Tang Photography

Cloverdale Arts Alliance Executive Director **Dan Richert** uses **Cloverdale Connect** to keep our readers informed about local art and music



Front Page Photo Contest Winner
Chuck Levine

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A Benefit for the Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center

BEER, BRATS, & BLUEGRASS

— Saturday, June 20 • 5:00-9:30 PM —

Live Music by Taylor Mountain Band

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- Drink Ticket

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CUSD Employee of the Month Sjarina Hester

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Cloverdale Unified School District is proud to recognize Sjarina Hester as Employee of the Month.

Sjarina joined CUSD in 2021 as a Paraprofessional and recently moved into the position of School Safety Supervisor. As School Safety Supervisor, Sjarina plays a vital role in creating a safe, supportive, and welcoming environment for students.

Her desire to see students succeed is evident in all she does. From offering encouragement, helping resolve conflicts, or simply checking in with students throughout the day, her positive impact is felt by everyone. She is a trusted presence on campus.

Sjarina keeps an eye on the entire campus throughout the day. She quickly assists students and staff and even serves as our Washington Middle School DJ every Friday at lunch.

The next time you see Sjarina around town, please join us in thanking her for her hard work and dedication to Washington School.

Cloverdale Community Choir

Mission: "To celebrate and unite our diverse community through the power of song, embracing voices from all generations and backgrounds." The Cloverdale Community Choir was founded by Director Mario Dell'Olio in October 2024, with 35 members. The choir has grown to 55 members after the debut holiday concert at the Cloverdale Performing Arts on December 8th, 2024.



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The Rotary Club of Cloverdale Celebrates 100 Years

The Rotary Club of Cloverdale is proudly celebrating 100 years of service to the community, having been chartered June 2nd 1926. Club members have seen the Roaring Twenties, the Depression, World War II, the Korean War, a Lunar Landing and arrival of the computer age. Throughout that time, the Rotary Club of Cloverdale members have proudly continued the tradition of "Service above Self".

In the first half century, the club sponsored the Boy Scouts, dammed up the Russian River to create a swimming hole, helped establish the Cloverdale Ambulance program, cooked polenta feeds, backed the Boys & Girls Club, and sustained the Citrus Fair during the Depression. The Citrus Fair today sees Rotary exhibits every year. In the 2026 fair season, the Cloverdale Club won first prize for its Citrus Fair exhibit.

In recent years, the Cloverdale Club has established the Asti Tour de Vine, created by Joan Tillman, to bring hundreds of people to Cloverdale each year for a beautiful bike ride through the lovely Alexander Valley, Dry Creek and Rock pile appellations of Sonoma's famous grape-growing regions. There were also wine auctions, Spring BBQs in the plaza and Texas Hold'em Tournaments.

Funds generated from the Asti Tour de Vine have allowed the creation of a computer lab at Washington School. It also helped turn Kleiser Park from a weed-infested lot to a new community park! Also, adding a "Little Library". The Club created shade shelters at the Cloverdale Dog Park and recently added BINGO games to raise awareness of Rotary in the community and bring the community together. We have partnered with Simple Gesture, Cloverdale Food Pantry and Rise Against Hunger to help with food insecurities. The Club has sponsored various cleanups, including the Russian River at River Park, various streets and Adopt a Highway program. Numerous benches and garbage cans have been installed around Cloverdale and, as of Jan. 2026, the Rotary club has a funded sustainable foundation that will endure the next 100 years.

We send high school students to leadership camps, sponsor an Interact Club at the high school, provide scholarships, and hosted a career fair. We ran bike safety workshops for school-aged children and provided helmets for all.

Internationally, Rotary is committed to eradicating Polio. The dread disease today is confined to Afghanistan and Pakistan. "We are this close". The local club sponsors shelter boxes for families displaced by natural disasters, has contributed to clean water projects in Haiti and Mexico, and dictionaries to third-grade students at Jefferson Elementary and in Guatemala. These are just a few of the accomplishments in 100 years of service. The 25-member strong Rotary Club looks forward to serving the community and the world in the next hundred years ahead. If you would like to join us in making a difference in our community and our world contact: mrkincali50@gmail.com

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PET of the MONTH

Pee Wee

Welcome to Cloverdale!
Martin (Meowtin) Boynton and Sara (Scara) Cantine

Send your pet photos for PET of the MONTH to:
 info@cloverdaleconnect.com
Prizes courtesy of DogGonit and Cloverdale Connect



Happy Graduation!

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams."
 —Henry David Thoreau

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Second Annual Cloverdale Pride Weekend June 18 - 21

Thursday, June 18: Reception and To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything! Julie Newmar at Cloverdale Performing Arts Center

Friday, June 19: Friday Night Live featuring Earl Thomas

Friday, June 19: Pride Dance Party at The Beet

Saturday, June 20: Community Day at the Plaza Gallery Reception at Cloverdale Arts Alliance Gallery

Sunday, June 21: Drag Bingo at La Tequila

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Whisker Talk Brigid Wasson

All Winter we complained about rain and cold temps, and now summer is here and we complain about the heat! We pull Summer clothes out of the closet, plug in air conditioners, and switch to Summer bedding. There are important considerations for our dogs as well. First and most obvious: do not leave your dog in the car on a hot day. Even with windows open, temps can soar into the danger zone in minutes. If you don't believe me, try it yourself. Park and shut the car off, then sit there. Soon you will be struggling to breathe. Second, mind the hot pavement. We wear shoes so we aren't aware of how hot the ground can be on a sunny day. Walk dogs in the early morning or late evening, and check the ground before venturing out. Especially avoid blacktop as it retains heat and can quickly burn a dog's pads. Third, use caution around the river. We all love to walk at the river and it seems a great way for dogs to cool off, but the water can be dirty and even contain toxic algae at certain times of the year. Have a happy and safe Summer!



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Quilts of Valor

Recently, at the American Legion Post 293 monthly meeting two local veterans were honored by Quilts of Valor, a national recognition awarded to service members and veterans for their sacrifice and continued service.

Senior Airman Krystle Peterson, a Post 293 member residing in Ukiah, received a handmade quilt after being nominated by her peers for her exemplary service to our country and her ongoing dedication to Post 293.

Also recognized was Petty Officer Mac McDonald of Cloverdale, who was presented with a quilt in appreciation of his many years of service.

The Quilts of Valor Foundation, established in 2003, has awarded more than 400,000 quilts to veterans and active duty service members across the nation. The presentations at Post 293 were made by Dee Pallesen, the local group leader, with assistance from Gerry Kral and Sylvia Palmer.

Nomination forms are available at the Cloverdale Veterans Building, 205 West First Street, or by contacting Ms. Pallesen at 707 272 0233.

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What is Dream Her/History? Part 1

Nora Archambeau, M.A.

"The dream is the small hidden door in the deepest and most intimate sanctum of the soul, which opens to that primeval cosmic night that was soul long before there was conscious ego and will be soul far beyond what a conscious ego could ever reach." Dr. Carl Jung, Swiss Psychiatrist and Psychotherapist (1875-1961)

While we appreciate that Dr. Sigmund Freud (1856-1939), an Austrian neurologist who wrote *The Interpretation of Dreams* (1899) and created the basis for psychoanalysis, Dr. Carl Jung took dream analysis to a whole different level, a more personal, humanistic approach. *Memories, Dreams, Reflections* (1963) is a quintessential book detailing Jung's personal processes as they relate to dreams and helped to evolve his psychological theories.

In earlier times, the world was perceptively privy to dreams and their benefits. Dream incubation was invented (and is still very useful) as "an ancient practice dating back thousands of years to Sumerian, Babylonian, and Ancient Egyptian cultures. It was later formalized as 'Temple Sleep' in Ancient Greece, where people slept in sanctuaries seeking healing or divine answers from Asclepius, the God of Medicine." (*Sleep, Death, and Spirit* by Sarah Janes, Medium, 2022) We are consequently aware of the plethora of inventions based on having dreamt of creative ideas, solutions, and discoveries. When we type into Google the phrase, "list of works based on dreams," Wikipedia populates an extensive list of dream-inspired creations. The book *Twilight* (2005), by Stephanie Myers and made into a 5-saga movie series, effectuated a dream Ms. Myers had where a boy was infatuated with a girl whom he both adored and desired to murder. The success of this franchise speaks for itself.

Next month's column will have more dream-based discoveries, as well as how I became fascinated with my love for all things dream-related!

Dream Resources:

The Interpretation of Dreams (1899), Dr. Sigmund Freud
Memories, Dreams, Reflections (1963), Dr. Carl Jung
 C.G. Jung Institute of San Francisco, 1311 Mission Street, San Francisco, www.sfjung.org

Cloverdale Connect Mission Statement

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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The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.

Good Shepherd Church LGBT+ Ministry

Good Shepherd Church on Main Street is inclusive and celebrates diversity. Everyone is warmly welcomed and has a place at the table. The church serves all of their neighbors: the affluent and those experiencing homelessness; queer, straight, and transgender; cradle Episcopalians and wandering atheists; kids, retirees, and everyone in between. Good Shepherd is a warm place to renew faith in God, care for one another, and thrive in a diverse and inclusive community.

The church invites people to bring their questions, yearnings for the holy, and hunger for meaning and purpose in life. They keep it conversational, relevant, and gentle to include life-long church attendees or someone new to the faith journey. They believe that God loves us all – no exceptions.

LIFE NOTICES

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 Anniversaries • Birth Announcements**

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Tim & Bob Honored



Recently, Tim McDonald and Bob Scott were named Paul Harris Fellows at the Rotary meeting. It is one of the highest honors in Rotary, acknowledging individuals who contribute, or in whose name is contributed, a gift

of US \$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation.

Leader of the CPAC Michele Armanino

Sometimes life can evolve into a serendipitous cycle. As a high schooler and South Florida native, **Lenore Messler** dabbled in the theater, her main focus being costume design. "I never wanted to be an actor," she said. But Messler, current President of the Board of Directors at the Cloverdale Performing Arts Center (CPAC), came full circle in 2019 when she arrived in Cloverdale, attended an open mic night, where her partner played the drums, and found herself, once again, embracing theater life.

Messler worked as a graphic designer, then, in 2024, as a marketing and communications manager for Food for Thought, a food bank in Forestville serving all of Sonoma County. After that first mic night at the CPAC, she asked if she could be a volunteer at the theater. Messler shadowed behind the scenes and learned all the intricate moving parts of theater production. In 2024, she stage-managed her first play, *Misery*.

There are many people and organizations that make theater production in Cloverdale possible. "Robert Zelenka, artistic director, books acts and reaches out to local artists and Jackie Evans takes care of our comedy shows," says Messler. In 2008, Cloverdale received a loan from the City of Cloverdale Community Redevelopment Agency. "We were able to purchase and remodel the building and had our first ribbon cutting in 2010," she says.

Messler feels that an experience at the CPAC is a lot different than one at other performing arts centers in Sonoma County. "We offer an intimate experience, as CPAC was built for Cloverdale by Cloverdale citizens. We strive to be a hub for Cloverdale artists. Additional programming, such as family sing-a-longs and movie nights are on our agenda."

Messler's message to the public: "Come to our open mic nights! And take a chance on performances and plays that are relatively unknown. I've had people tell me that they've left the theater thinking the performance was just as good as anything on Broadway! This year's summer theater camp for kids runs from June 8-26, ages 6-18. Get involved and tell a friend!"

Local Author Mario Dell'Olio

Mario Dell'Olio is the winner of the 2022 Premio Vincenzo Crocitti International Award for literature and music. He was the music director at Sonoma Academy in Santa Rosa, Marymount School in Manhattan, and Mission Dolores Basilica. He holds a Doctor of Music, a Master of Music in Voice, and a Master of Theology.



Mario is the author of six books.

Letters from Italy is the story of his parents framed by love letters—a sweeping romance—a reminder of the importance of love and family.

Coming About: Life in the Balance, a memoir, is about a sailing adventure gone terribly wrong. It keeps you on the edge of your seat as they battle weather and misfortune—a thrilling, nail-biting, oceanic adventure.

Elusive Light is a reflection on various types of grief and how one deals with each. It is an evocative journey through an experience we all must travel.

Body And Soul explores the strife of coming out in the 1980s. The characters meet years later as adults and revisit their tumultuous relationship.

New Men: Innocence Lost is based on the author's experience at the Vatican. It's everything you want in a novel—drama, romance, intrigue, corruption, & the search for meaning. If you liked *Call Me By Your Name*, then you'll LOVE this!

Titling Toward the Sun, is a compulsively readable, inspiring, and hopeful fortress of courage and a memorial of love—a love story to melt your heart.



Mario Dell'Olio's books are available at SoCo Trading 117 E. First St., Cloverdale. Look for the **Cloverdale Connect Local Authors** display



Supervisor Gore Updates Club



Pictured with big smiles are Gerlyn Dielman (James Gore's mother), Supervisor James Gore, and Rotary Club President Kevin Kostoff during the Rotary luncheon Information event where James updated the club on current events and future plans for our county. James has

done an amazing job for our area and we thank him for his service.



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Avian Almanac Robert Bauer

Just south of the intersection of Pepperwood Dr. and Foothill Blvd. is a walking path that hugs the Muscat Creek riparian environment, and takes you around The Cottages development to two large water tanks servicing the south end of town. Tucked away in this wooded corner, you'll find several ancient oak trees that are home to a thriving colony of Acorn Woodpeckers, the clowns of the bird world and my all-time favorite neighbor. Acorn Woodpeckers live in oak and mixed oak-evergreen forests. They adapt very well to urban environments and are very tolerant of humans. No doubt you have seen them, and have heard their "waka-waka" call that sounds like a ratchet wrench. It is believed that Walter Lantz patterned the call of his cartoon character Woody Woodpecker after that of the Acorn Woodpecker.

Looking closely at these old oaks, you'll see thousands of holes drilled into the bark, each one providing storage for a single acorn. If you look further up into the large branches spreading out over the area, you'll ultimately find the large holes leading to the nesting cavities. Acorn Woodpeckers are unique in that they live, breed, and brood in family groups of up to 15 birds. These family groups will have 1 to 3 breeding females, and 1 to 7 breeding males, with all members of the group participating in raising the young. The breeding females lay all of their eggs in a single nest cavity. They hoard acorns by the thousands and wedge them in holes they've bored into oak trees, creating a "granary" that will feed them through the Winter and into Spring's breeding season. These granaries are used year after year, and are maintained and defended from jays throughout the winter. In spite of this devotion to the acorn, insects, fruit, seeds and sap actually make up the bulk of their diet, especially in the summer after the acorns are gone.

So if you get the chance, take a walk along Muscat Creek to the water tanks. You'll find a nice park bench where you can sit and take in the delightful antics of the Acorn Woodpecker.

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10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Huerta Gym
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What to Expect

- Health & wellness resources
- Transportation services
- Housing & benefits information
- Caregiver support
- Community programs & activities

Free Event • All Are Welcome

Tune Up Your Tastebuds

Tim Boccia



Tim grew up in a restaurant family in Hollywood, CA where his grandparents owned a famous restaurant at the time, Naples, during Hollywood's heyday. He left Southern California in 1998 to take a job in San Francisco and never looked back. Tim and his family moved to Cloverdale in 2021.

"The Burrow"

Just checked out the space where "The Worst" was in Healdsburg and I'm glad I did! It's now "The Burrow", with a Cloverdale connection. Our favorite waiter, Omar, from El Milagro, is now a sous chef there (Omar lives in Cloverdale). I saw the menu online, Bistro/Cal-Italian cuisine. When we arrived, we ordered 2 appetizers and 2 entrees. The food was absolutely delicious! Serving dishes looked deceptively small – we had leftovers from three of the four dishes.

The first appetizer was Mac and Cheese - done right! Baked, not the type done on the stove - where you just mix macaroni with a cheese sauce. The baked versions also create a thicker cheese sauce – this was so custardy. Breadcrumbs. It was an umami bomb! Finished it there. The other appetizer a Cobb salad, with a jammy egg on top - yum! One Entree was the Fried Chicken sandwich, dressed with aioli and fries. Delicate batter, but crispy! Stick with me, you'll want to know about the other entree.



There's an appetizer that you can turn into an entree - we did. Meatballs, sauce, burrata, and add spaghetti. Genius – meatballs - cloaked in a rich red sauce and a decadent piece of burrata on top. The spaghetti came in a separate bowl, tossed in butter and parsley. You decide how to combine the two. Deliciously assertive. By assertive, I mean flavor bomb! The chef/owner's family is from Sicily, Italy (mine from Naples) and the further south you go, the more the use of Calabrian chiles. Savory and unctuous memories that hang with you for days.

The chef was kind to share 2 desserts (wife is the pastry chef). Flourless fudge cookies filled with vanilla gelato? Tune up your taste buds and get down there!

June Gardening Tips from Sonoma County Master Gardeners Sponsored by Sanz Nursery

- Be sure to mulch around new plantings to cut down on weeds and prevent soil from drying out quickly. Keep mulch at least 6 in. away from the base of all woody plants—trees and shrubs—to prevent fungal growth that can cause fatal damage.
- Continue to fertilize roses and other heavy feeders.
- Dead-head roses frequently. Cut stems for bouquets early in the morning and quickly sink them into deep, warm water. They will remain fresh longer in vases.
- Pull or cut suckers from the base of sucker-prone plants such as wisteria, crab-apples, poplars, and fruit trees.
- As the weather warms, any aphid problem will lessen but stay alert for remaining or new colonies; spray them off with water.
- Fill in empty spaces in flowerbeds or borders with annuals such as zinnias or impatiens.
- If you plan to be away this summer, ensure that you have someone available to water plants. If not, set up your irrigation system on automatic timers.
- In the midst of June chores, enjoying the garden is high on an activities list. Plentiful flowers bring out bees and hummingbirds in full force, and many other birds are still busy courting and building nests.



JUNE EVENTS CALENDAR Cloverdale Grocery Outlet

- June 2 Tues.** Election Day – Statewide Primary Election
- June 5 Fri.** **6-9:30pm** Friday Night Live featuring Dustin Saylor & The Stowaways
Downtown Plaza, Cloverdale
- June 6 Sat.** **10am-1pm** Pet Adoption Event, I.SEE Optical
210 N. Cloverdale Blvd.
3-5pm "Brad & Jim Show", Mercury Wine & J. Rickards Winery 24505 Chianti Road
- June 7 Sun.** **10am-2pm** North County Senior Resource Fair, Huerta Gym, Windsor
- June 8-June 26** Cloverdale Performing Arts Youth Summer Theater Camp
- June 11 Thurs.** **5:30-8:30pm** Sip & Make-Up Master Class with Freddy Lopez
North End, 233 N. Cloverdale Blvd.
- June 12 Fri.** **6-9:30pm** Friday Night Live, Arpenos De Emmanuel Ortega, Downtown Plaza
- June 13 Sat.** **5-10pm** Clover Food Fest, Cloverdale Citrus Fairgrounds
7-9:00pm Open Mic Night
Cloverdale Performing Arts Center
- June 18-21** Cloverdale Pride Weekend
Presented by the Cloverdale Arts Alliance, Cloverdale Performing Arts Center, Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce, The Beet Restaurant and Wine Lounge.
- June 18 Thurs.** **5pm** Prospective Cloverdale City Council Candidate Information Contact: Cloverdale City Clerk
6pm "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything!"
Cloverdale Performing Arts Center
- June 19 Fri.** **7pm** Friday Night Live presents Earl Thomas
Downtown Plaza, Cloverdale
9:30pm Dance Party, The Beet
116 E. First St, Cloverdale
- June 20 Sat.** Community Day at the Plaza
11am-2pm Picnic & Karaoke in the Plaza
2-4pm Cloverdale Arts Alliance Gallery reception
5-9:30pm "Beer, Brats & Bluegrass"
Cloverdale Senior Center Fundraiser, Veterans Building
- June 21 Sun.** Drag Bingo at La Tequila
134 N. Cloverdale Blvd., Cloverdale
- June 21 Fri.** **6-9:30pm** Friday Night Live, Tommy Castro & The Painkillers
Downtown Plaza, Cloverdale
- June 27 Sat.** **11am** Banana Bread Bake-Off, Mavis & Mavis, 117 N. Cloverdale Blvd.
11am-4pm Cloverdale All School Reunion
Vets Building
- Through July 12** Cloverdale Arts Alliance Gallery
"Sanctuary" 204 N. Cloverdale Blvd.

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY COUNCIL, DUTIES, AND HOW TO
BECOME A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION



Blake Quinn O'Brien
April 10, 2022 – March 20, 2026

Blake Quinn O'Brien was born on April 10, 2022, to her loving parents, Kelly and Emily O'Brien, and her proud older brother, Madden. From the moment she entered the world with her beautiful dark hair and radiant spirit, Blake brought light and joy to everyone around her.



At 16 months old, Blake was diagnosed with Rubinstein-Taybi Syndrome. Through physical therapy, speech therapy, and the unwavering love of her family, Blake faced every challenge with remarkable strength, determination, and joy.

She learned to walk just before turning two and a half years old and confidently expressed herself through sign language, always making sure her opinions were known.

In April 2025, Blake began preschool at Jefferson Elementary, where her bright energy and sweet smile quickly touched the hearts of those around her. She loved wearing her heart-shaped sunglasses, dancing to Taylor Swift, and asking for snacks of every kind. Blake had a special gift for turning ordinary moments into something magical. Her sweetness, charm, resilience, and loving spirit left a lasting impact on everyone fortunate enough to know her.

On March 20, 2026, just shy of her fourth birthday, Blake unexpectedly passed away. Though her time here was far too short, the love she gave so freely will remain forever in the hearts of her family and friends.

Blake is survived by her parents, Kelly and Emily O'Brien; her beloved brother, Madden; her grandparents; aunts; uncles; cousins; and countless friends who loved her deeply.

The O'Brien family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped honor Blake's life and supported her celebration of life service. They are especially thankful for the overwhelming love, prayers, meals, flowers, and kindness shown by family, friends, and the community during this unimaginable time. Your support has brought comfort and strength to the family as they continue to carry Blake's beautiful memory forward.

The family hopes everyone who knew Blake will continue to honor her through love, kindness, and compassion toward others. Blake brought joy wherever she went, and her life was a beautiful reminder that every person is worthy, special, and deserving of love. May her memory inspire others to spread joy, embrace differences, and lead with the same gentle light and unconditional love that Blake shared so naturally with the world.

Off The Shelf
Susan Erkel Ryan

"Kin" by Tayari Jones

Summer is the ideal time to explore, so take a scenic drive north and get lost in the shelves of the Mendocino Book Company (102 S. School Street, Ukiah). If you ache to go even further afield discover the curated, secondhand wonders at The Book Juggler, (182 S. Main Street, Willits). For those seeking a profound emotional journey, "Kin" by Tayari Jones is an unforgettable rich triumph of storytelling. Set in 1950s Louisiana, this novel explores the bond between Vernice and Annie, "cradle friends" whose shared experience of motherless-ness – one through death, the other abandonment – define their lives in the small town of Honeysuckle. Raised by family who cherished them but struggled to express affection amidst their own grief, the girls are profoundly shaped by this void. As they enter adulthood, their paths diverge dramatically: Vernice finds a new sisterhood at Spelman College and enters an affluent world, while Annie embarks on a perilous quest to find her mother. Alternating chapters, Vernice and Annie's distinct voices are incredibly engaging, creating a coming-of-age story that is both humorous and heart-wrenching. It is a brilliant, poignant look at class, color, and the bonds that define us.



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Cloverdale FFA Wrap-Up
Baileigh Wilson

As the school year comes to a close, our chapter has had an incredible year. This year was filled with growth, leadership, and unforgettable memories. From conferences to chapter meetings and everything in between, Cloverdale FFA lived it to the fullest. Without the help and guidance from certain people, this year wouldn't have been possible. Thank you to all advisors, officers, members, parents, and community supporters! As we look to next year, our chapter hopes to grow in members and build off our success. On May 19th, we held our Annual Awards Banquet. We recognized members who competed in leadership development events and career development events, degree recipients, and so much more. Twelve members interviewed for office and were slated. At the end of our awards banquet, the 2026-2027 officer team was announced. Our chapter is grateful for such an amazing year and can't wait to see what the future holds.



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Introducing Dr. Gil Rodriguez-McCann DDS

Dr. Gil Rodriguez-McCann brings a rich multicultural background and a deep commitment to service, family, and community care. Born in California, he spent much of his childhood abroad, shaped by a globally minded upbringing. His father, a native of Madrid, Spain, was a longtime professor of Spanish literature, while his mother, of Irish descent, taught Spanish and French in public schools.



Dentistry is part of Dr. Rodriguez-McCann's family legacy. His uncle, Dr. Michael McCann, was among the founders of the dentistry program at UCLA and served as a lasting mentor and inspiration throughout his life.

A UCLA graduate, Dr. Rodriguez-McCann earned both his undergraduate and post-graduate degrees there. He remains an active member of the American Dental Association, California Dental Association, and Redwood Empire Dental Society.

His dedication to service extends beyond his private practice in Healdsburg. Dr. Rodriguez-McCann has volunteered with the Healthy Smile Mobile Dental Foundation, served children through Hanna Boys Center, and supported Valley of the Moon Children's Home. He also serves on staff at Healdsburg Hospital, caring for medically compromised patients, managing advanced procedures, and providing emergency dental care.

Family remains central to his life. His wife, Carla Rodriguez-McCann, serves as Sonoma County's District Attorney and is a passionate advocate for the Family Justice Center and victims of domestic violence. Their children include Logan, attending San Diego State University while pursuing dentistry, and Luka, who will enter her senior year at Cardinal Newman High School.

Dr. Rodriguez-McCann is excited to become part of the Cloverdale community and has worked diligently alongside his team preparing the historic Main Street building to welcome patients. When not caring for patients, he enjoys carpentry, community projects, sports, and time outdoors in Sonoma County. He and his team look forward to seeing you in Cloverdale soon!

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Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center Melanie Hall

In case you have not heard, the Senior Center is having a big, fun event this month on June 20, 5:00-9:30 p.m. It is called "**Beer, Brats, & Bluegrass**", and it is going to be at the Cloverdale Veterans Memorial Building. This will be a 21+ event with a live and silent auction, bratwurst with all the works, including German potato salad and coleslaw, and some impressive bluegrass music courtesy of the Taylor Mountain Band. The Taylor Mountain Band is a group of seasoned singers and multi-instrumental musicians. It has been said that their sound is like Bill Monroe and the Bluegrass Boys.

Some of the auction items are Skunk Train tickets, gift certificates to local businesses, wine from local wineries, a Cruise bicycle donated from Crazy Dave's Bike Repair, an Estate Planning package, a Revocable Trust package, and a 7-day stay in a Makahuena' Poipu, Kauai, HI condo, just to name a few. We do hope that you will join us!

I want to give a big shoutout to the Cloverdale Lions Club. The Senior Center has been a recipient of their generosity and kindness. They not only donated a couple of griddles, but they also donated a shed to store them in. The shed came in pieces, which they put together after work hours with lots of love and care. I feel so lucky to live in a town where the service clubs and others are continually volunteering their time and expertise to help others have a better quality of life. One of my favorite quotes about kindness was said by a princess.

I leave you with this quote: "*Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you.*"

~ Princess Diana

Healthcare Foundation Announces \$365,000 Funding

The Healthcare Foundation Northern Sonoma County today announced \$365,000 in new grant funding from Sutter Health (\$250,000) and the North Sonoma County Healthcare District (\$115,000) to support the Northern Sonoma County Coalition, a collaborative initiative designed to strengthen the region's safety-net providers as they transition into California's evolving Medi-Cal reimbursement system under CalAIM.

Launched in response to California Department of Health Care Services' California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative, the Coalition brings together six trusted local nonprofits and clinics—Alexander Valley Healthcare, Alliance Medical Center, The Botanical Bus, Corazón Healdsburg, La Familia Sana, and Reach for Home—to build shared infrastructure, align service delivery, and increase access to reimbursement for services that address the social drivers of health, including housing navigation, food access, transportation, and case management. This new funding comes on the heels of a strong and productive first year in which all members voiced the benefit of the Coalition for their organizations and the communities they serve.

While CalAIM represents a historic opportunity to integrate community-based services into reimbursable healthcare delivery, the transition process is complex, particularly for smaller, grassroots providers. Through bimonthly convenings, technical assistance referrals, and coordinated systems support, the Coalition ensures that local organizations can successfully become or maintain CalAIM provider status, unlocking sustainable funding streams for services that are essential to community health.

The Northern Sonoma County Coalition, convened by the Healthcare Foundation since January 2025, reflects a shared regional commitment to collaboration, mutual aid, and long-term health equity—ensuring that local providers are equipped to meet community needs today and into the future.

For more information about the Northern Sonoma County Coalition, see <https://healthcarefoundation.net/projects/calaim-coalition/>.

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The Evolution of Real Estate Contracts: From Handshakes to Paperwork

Elissa Morrash



Over the last 50 years, real estate transactions have evolved from simple, trust-based agreements into detailed, disclosure-heavy legal documents. What was once handled with a handshake and a two-page contract has become a process involving

hundreds of pages of contracts, advisories, and disclosures. This transformation reflects not a change in people, but a change in the legal, financial, and regulatory environment surrounding real estate.

Decades ago, real estate was largely local and personal. Buyers, sellers, and agents often lived in the same communities and operated on shared expectations and reputations. Contracts were short because they only needed to cover the essentials: price, financing, contingencies, and closing terms. Trust and personal relationships filled in the gaps.

As real estate markets expanded and transactions became more complex, the need for consumer protection laws increased. Regulations such as the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA) and the Truth in Lending Act (TILA) introduced requirements designed to protect buyers and sellers through greater transparency. Over time, every lawsuit, dispute, and regulatory change added new clauses, disclosures, and procedures.

Today's real estate contract is no longer a single document but a comprehensive package. Environmental hazards, lead-based paint, mold, radon, wire fraud warnings, agency relationships, inspection rights, HOA disclosures, and zoning issues are now routinely addressed. In some transactions, there may be more than 27 property disclosures and over 40 possible investigation reports.

Technology has accelerated this expansion. Electronic signatures and digital platforms make it easy to add pages and documentation without slowing the process.

While modern contracts provide greater clarity and protection, they have also reduced the simplicity that once defined real estate transactions. The challenge today is maintaining the human connection and trust at the center of real estate while navigating an increasingly complex contractual landscape.

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New Chief Medical Officer

Sean Townsend, M.D., will join Providence Sonoma County (Healdsburg, Petaluma Valley and Santa Rosa Memorial Hospitals) as chief medical officer effective June 1.

Dr. Townsend is widely recognized for leadership in sepsis care, including developing the first national sepsis quality measure adopted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. His meaningful experience in quality, safety and clinical transformation will help advance our patient-centered care across the region.



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New School Resource Officer Rickey Rhodes



The Cloverdale Police Department is proud to announce that Police Officer Rickey Rhodes officially began his new assignment as the Department's full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) on Tuesday, May 13, 2026.

Officer Rhodes has served the Cloverdale community as a patrol officer since 2013 and brings years of experience, professionalism, and dedication to this important

role. Prior to this assignment, he already served in a part-time SRO capacity, working closely with the Cloverdale Unified School District (C.U.S.D.) staff on school-related investigations and attending school events, athletic competitions, and other campus functions throughout the district.

In preparation for this assignment, Officer Rhodes successfully completed the California POST School Resource Officer Course, as well as D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. training programs. These specialized trainings help equip SROs with the skills needed to build positive relationships with students, support campus safety, and serve as a trusted resource for students, staff, and families.

As the Department's full-time SRO, Officer Rhodes will work collaboratively with C.U.S.D. and travel between all district campuses as needed. His assignment reflects the continued partnership and strong cooperation between the Cloverdale Police Department and Cloverdale Unified School District to enhance school safety, foster positive engagement with students, and support a safe learning environment for everyone.

Connect with CHS June Schriener

Happy last month of the school year! It's been a busy season with sports, tests, and end of the year activities.

On May 8th, Cloverdale High School hosted its annual Community Unity day where students participate in service based activities around town. Some of these include helping out at the City Park, picking up trash, and cleaning up the cemetery.

CMC Track meet was hosted at St. Helena and 22 out of 33 students came back with a ribbon or metal. Congratulations! Thirteen moved on to the North Coast Section meet.

May 4th-8th was our schools Teacher Appreciation Week. We are grateful for our dedicated teachers and staff, thank you!

Our drama class preformed Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" mid May. Thank you to those who came out and supported!

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June 4th- Last Day of School

June 5th - Class of 2026 Graduation @ 6 PM



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May Cloverdale Weather Recap

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

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The Rolling Stones, an English rock band formed in London in 1962 have been instrumental in popularizing the gritty, rhythmically driven sound that came to define hard rock. Initially formed with vocalist Mick Jagger, guitarist Keith Richards, multi-instrumentalist Brian Jones, bassist Bill Wyman, and on the "skins" drummer Charlie Watts. Ian Stewart was occasionally on keyboards. During their initial stage presentations, Brian was the frontman. Their manager, Andrew Oldham encouraged them to pen their own original compositions as they played cover versions of R&B tunes by American artist.

Rooted in the Blues and early Rock and Roll, the Stones were on the forefront of the British Invasion of the mid 1960's alongside the Fab Four and other highly regarded bands from the U.K. Some of their counterculture hits include "Satisfaction", "Get Off My Cloud" and "Paint It Black" among many others. They have sold well over 270 million records and are still producing commercially available albums, their latest release soon to hit the market. The Rolling Stones are ranked as one of the greatest artists of all time.

The Stones were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1989.

The selection of tunes from past summers will be shared along with the June special featuring The Rolling Stones along with the many requests sent to the "Roots of Rock".

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The fire started around 6 a.m. in a gasoline stove at the 30-room Cloverdale Hotel as breakfast preparations were underway. Despite a quick response and the best efforts of both firefighters and citizens, the blaze was beyond control. When it was over, the Mitchell Brothers Saloon, with its badly burned south wall, was the only building still standing on the west side of the street. The interior was flooded and much of the liquor in the store room was lost, but the building itself was basically unscathed, and a good portion of the bar goods were safely removed.

Built in 1854, it is recognized as one of the city's landmarks and the oldest commercial structure remaining in downtown Cloverdale. Purchased by pioneer James Mitchell in 1865, it

was operated as a general merchandise store through the 1870s. By 1884, however, Mitchell was listed in local directories as a saloonkeeper.

The building remained a saloon into the next century, first operated by Charles Mitchell and later by his sons, Jake and Thomas, who renamed it the Mitchell Brothers Auto Saloon. In 1927, Tom and his wife converted the building into a restaurant. It was sold in 1949, a year after Tom's death.

In recent years, it has been home to a number of popular businesses, including The Natural Look clothing store, Alley Cutz hair salon, and Local Folkal, a shop showcasing the works of local artists.

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As we look to year two, we still have some wonderful cats looking for their new families:

- Sister: A gentle 5-year-old with a heart of gold.
- Luke & Leia: A sweet, playful, bonded pair of siblings.
- The "Tropical Fruit" Litter: Mama Coco and her babies—including Mowgli, an orphan rescued from under Highway 12 at just 7 days old. Three have homes lined up, but Kiwi, Jack and Mowgli are still looking for their forever families and will be ready for adoption soon.



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Grange 456 Update Jude Gibson

I wanted to update the community on what we've accomplished and what still needs to be done since we acquired the building about 6 months ago.

- We have a new roof.
- We have new toilets and subflooring for said toilets.
- We had the hardwood flooring refinished.
- We have new windows in the back where the donations are received.
- We opened a bank account, created our accounting system and point of sale.
- We created a secure office space and added 2 desktop computers and 2 printers. All the equipment but one printer was gifted to us.
- We repainted the interior of the Thrift Shop.
- We trained volunteers to operate the cash register and how to sort, price and merchandise.
- We have a lawn mower, blower and weed whacker. Most of these items were gifted to us by the community.
- We created a social media presence where you can read information.
- The Thrift Shop has been open since January 10th and is doing well.
- We have obtained bids for the electrical work that needs to be done and hope the work will be starting soon.
- We have formed a committee to create procedures and policies for the 456 to begin giving back to the community.

The 456 was built in 1931, is 95 years old, and needed many costly repairs. We want to ensure that it will be standing for our community for many years ahead. From the Board of Directors and the Thrift Shop Volunteers of the 456, we thank you for supporting us. We are making an impact on the community and that impact is going to grow.



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City Council Report Eleanore Webster

April 22 meeting: April was proclaimed Autism Acceptance Month. Representatives of the Cloverdale School District were present to accept recognition. April 19 – 25 was proclaimed Administrative Professionals Week. Taylor Hernandez, Chamber of Commerce Administrative Assistant, was present to receive the recognition.

Eric Polan, Cloverdale Ambulance, made a presentation on the Cloverdale Health Care District. He reviewed improvements in call response times. Council members asked about service glitches and offered thanks for the responders. Chief Parker then made a presentation on Cloverdale PD, reviewing the statistics on service calls and emergency preparation efforts.

A presentation was made on the water and wastewater rate study results. The study reviewed revenues, service costs, and rate setting. There are legal requirements for setting water rates in California. The agency can't charge more than the funds required to provide the service. It also can't increase one group's rates to pay for another group's service. The agency must go through a public hearing before raising rates. The law does not require a voting process. The presentation said Cloverdale rates are low in comparison to other area cities. There are several infrastructure improvements needed to maintain the service, which require rate increases. Deficits are anticipated over the next four or five years. The study recommended a 7% increase over the next five years, and an additional 6% increase in 2034. This would be about \$4 on a \$75 monthly bill and \$13 on a \$188 monthly bill.

May 13 meeting: Council proclaimed May 2026 as both Lyme Disease Awareness Month and Older Americans Month. Members of the Cloverdale Kiwanis Club were present to accept recognition for older Americans (no visible ticks were present to accept the Lyme Disease recognition). Council then proclaimed National Municipal Clerks Week. Mike Maloney, PI Officer and City Clerk, was present to accept the recognition.

Lisa Carreño of United Way made a presentation to the Council. The presentation focused on the 211 service in SoCo and how it connects residents with needed services. The service channels about 17,000 calls annually throughout the County. Council recognized the efforts and needs in Cloverdale. For more information on how to use the service, see <https://211sonoma.org>.

For more information, see video and agenda for the May 13 meeting; the April recording is not available.

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Vincent Marcinkowski Completes "Top Gun" Flight School



Cloverdale American Legion Post 293 is proud to announce that one of its youngest members, First Lieutenant Vincent Marcinkowski — grandson of Gene and Carolyn Marcinkowski — has successfully completed NATO's elite "Top Gun" flight school in Sardinia.

Upon his return to the United States at the end of May, Lt. Marcinkowski will report to Luke Air Force Base in Arizona, where he will begin advanced training to fly the United States Air Force's premier fighter aircraft, the F35 Lightning II.

Only two pilots were selected from a cohort of ten for this prestigious assignment, underscoring the exceptional skill, dedication, and professionalism of Lt. Marcinkowski has demonstrated throughout his training.

Post 293 extends its heartfelt congratulations to Lt. Marcinkowski and his family on this remarkable achievement and upcoming chapter in his Air Force career.

Express Yourself

This space provided for community input. Must adhere to the Mission Statement of **Cloverdale Connect**: no bullying, no lying, no cruelty, no slander, no libel, etc. Rate is \$1 per word. Submit to info@cloverdaleconnect.com

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In the 18 years I've lived here, I've watched Cloverdale stagnate. The movie theater left town... twice. Bear Republic is gone. Soil King moved on. El Milagro closed their doors. There seems to be a belief that Cloverdale needs to stay exactly the same, that growth and change are bad words. I don't think they are. Not when growth is done with respect for the community. I've been learning about the proposed Esmeralda project, and I think it could be a real addition for Cloverdale. I've spoken with Devon several times and asked her hard questions such as:

- On jobs: Esmeralda will create good jobs both during the buildout and after. Plenty of folks here commute to Healdsburg, Geyserville and Santa Rosa for hospitality work that could be here in Cloverdale.
- On water: plans for a million-gallon storage tank and aquifer recharge.
- On the riverfront: the plan is to gift that park to the city, so anyone can enjoy the river.
- Imagine live performances year-round by the Russian River, and kids engaged in art, music, and science at summer camps and workshops. These programs would be open to all Cloverdadians.
- Will this project help fill our empty retail spaces? I believe so. I don't see it as competition — we're all on the same team.
- Will it help speed up the SMART train? Yes. Esmeralda's proposal is to create a new model of a community-based neighborhood, built around humans connecting with each other. It would be amazing if it happened here in Cloverdale first.

Jon Lambert

The Best Option For Balanced Growth

I am writing to address the concerns people are expressing regarding the impending Esmeralda development. This is a planned development on city land scheduled for housing — either with Esmeralda, or with some other developer.

People are expressing concerns about population growth and water availability in this small town. Although this represents growth, it is growth that has been planned for the last 20 years. Cloverdale's General Plan calls for 12,500 people by 2025 - well above the current population of 8,800 - along with water to support that growth. It is inevitable that this land will be developed. When this land is developed by Esmeralda, or anyone else, the land and the water is already planned for and available.

So far as population growth is concerned, we will grow one way or another. I prefer balanced growth: Cloverdale has more low-income housing than any other Sonoma County city. For the city to thrive it must have income from property taxes and hotel TOT taxes — this will not come from more low-income housing. It must come from middle and higher housing, with the associated higher property taxes. We need a multi-generational development supporting mid-level and higher-end housing and a hotel. I believe Esmeralda will meet the need to provide the sort of balanced fiscal growth that Cloverdale needs.

Susan Nurse

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Scam-a-Rama ~ Will Carter

Since the beginning of this year, I have seen a rise in scams among my customers, some familiar, and some using new techniques to trick you into trusting them. A common example: An innocuous invitation to a celebration or party, sent from the actual email address of someone you know. In reality, these messages are scams trying to steal your email account, or, unfortunately, things much more important. No matter which scams you may encounter, there are three thresholds you should never cross without verifying that what you are seeing is legitimate and trusted.

Entering your credentials to "Sign in with a Google/Apple/Microsoft Account" is a common form of phishing scam, where an entity attempts to gain access to your accounts by tricking you into thinking you are doing a routine sign in. If a suspicious or unverified link to a website immediately prompts you to sign in with these services, pause and ensure that you are on a legitimate website for the service.

Allowing software to run on your computer via User Account Control (UAC). Since Vista, Windows has required you to

click Yes or Allow in the UAC window before running any software as an administrator. If you see a window titled User Account Control you should say no, unless you know exactly what software is trying to run and for what purpose. Allowing unknown software to run on your computer is an irreversible mistake which can allow a bad actor complete access to your computer, your accounts, and even your identity.

Moving more than a few dollars, in any form, should never be done without extreme scrutiny. PayPal, Venmo, Zelle, and Apple Cash, payments to most accounts are completely irreversible. Gift cards should never be bought at the behest of anyone (has your friend had their email account stolen?) as they are also non-refundable under almost any circumstance. Don't take any chances with cryptocurrency either!

Scams are widespread, innovative, and designed to target our emotions, including fear, joy, and curiosity. Be cautious when doing any business online, vet anything suspicious before engaging with it, and act quickly if you believe you've been a victim of a scam!



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Cloverdale Pride Weekend returns for June 18–21, 2026, bringing four days of community celebration, live music, arts programming, food, film, and entertainment to downtown Cloverdale. Organized in partnership with local businesses and community organizations, the weekend is designed to celebrate diversity, inclusion, and connection throughout Northern Sonoma County.

The festivities begin Thursday, June 18 with a Pride Happy Hour at The Beet Restaurant & Wine Shop, followed by a reception and screening of *To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar* at the Cloverdale Performing Arts Center (CPAC).

Friday evening features Pride Happy Hour at The Beet Restaurant and Wine Shop, the Cloverdale Arts Alliance Friday Night Live concert with acclaimed musician Earl Thomas, sponsored by La Crema, followed by a late-night Pride Dance Party at The Beet Restaurant and Wine Shop.

Saturday's Community Day at the Cloverdale Plaza, hosted by the Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce and the Cloverdale Arts Alliance, will include karaoke with KJ Fullsend, arts and crafts by Knotty Nook, Papa's Pizza by the slice, Butcherman Food Truck, and a special Pride Gallery Reception at the Cloverdale Arts Alliance Art Gallery.

The weekend concludes Sunday with a Drag Bingo Brunch at La Tequila Restaurant featuring brunch, drag performances, and bingo entertainment.

Event Highlights:

- Film screening & reception at CPAC
- Live music featuring Earl Thomas
- Pride Happy Hours & Dance Party
- Community Day at the Plaza
- Pride Art Gallery Reception
- Drag Bingo Brunch Finale

Cloverdale Pride Weekend welcomes residents and visitors alike to celebrate community, creativity, and pride in the heart of wine country.

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We'll tour parts of the preserve by car, stop to walk key areas, and wrap up in a group circle to share observations, resources, and real-world management techniques you can use.

This event is produced in partnership with the Anderson Valley Land Trust.

- We will meet at the entrance to the Galbreath Preserve at 30720 Elkhorn Rd. in Yorkville, southern Mendocino County, off Highway 128. There we will form carpools to drive on the preserve. The preserve is a 90-minute drive from Sonoma State's main campus.
- Parking is limited so please consider carpooling
- It is not possible to join the event late or to leave the event early.
- AWD or 4-wheel drive vehicles are required on the preserve.
- You will receive more detailed information via email just before the event.
- Participants must sign a waiver upon arrival.
- This event is appropriate for minors 12 years and older. All minors must be accompanied by a legal guardian for the entire event, and all minors must be registered individually for the event (the parent's/guardian's email can be used for their registration).
- There is a restroom (porta-potty) available a few miles from the entrance of the preserve.
- Pets and smoking are not permitted.
- Due to rocky, unpaved roads, sturdy shoes for hiking are required and no strollers are permitted.
- We will be walking over uneven and potentially steep ground in forested areas, but the walk will not be strenuous—perhaps half a mile total with minimal elevation gain. Walking sticks may be helpful.
- No previous experience or knowledge is required to participate.
- This is a rain or shine event, but if the weather forecast is concerning, we will notify you via email of cancellation.

What to Bring

- Please bring a backpack, sun and insect protection, rain gear, a water bottle, a bag lunch, and sturdy shoes to hike in. Layered clothing and long pants are recommended. Walking sticks might be helpful.
- There is a restroom available at the Galbreath Preserve, but no drinking water.

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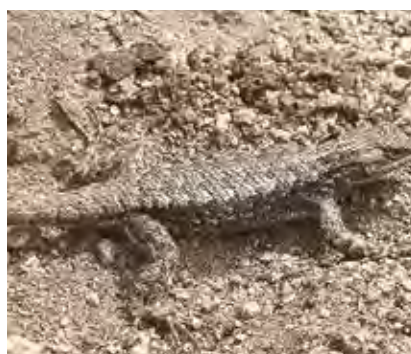


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On the Wild Side

Jennifer Molidor



If you see a lizard doing a push-up, don't worry. That's a mating display and they're marking out their territory. They scurry away along the path, darting between bushes, rustling to catch shade and hide. What are those little lizards we see everywhere?

Many of the lizards sunning on rocks, crossing our paths, hiding in the bushes in Cloverdale are native Western fence lizards. In fact, the Coast Range versions are endemic to California - that means that out of all the lizards in the world, these are only found here.

Sometimes people call them "blue bellies" because the males have blue patches on their bellies and throats. These small spiny lizards are about six inches long with sharp claws they use to scale stumps and fence posts to sunbathe or find a look-out.

They've got clever tricks up their sleeves, like a third "eye" on their head, called a parietal eye, to sense predators from above. If a predator catches their tail, it detaches, and in a month, they'll grow a replacement. These lizards are an important snack for local hawks, coyotes, raccoons, and skunks too.

Western fence lizards don't bite and they're not dangerous. Instead, they help our gardens by eating aphids, ticks, and beetles. One of their superpowers is an immunity to Lyme Disease. When a tick tries to feed on a lizard's blood, a protein kills the disease. The lizard's blood even cleanses the pathogen from the tick's gut so they can't spread the disease.

So, the next time you see a Western Fence Lizard on the trail or in your yard, stop and thank these little friends. The world around us is made up of creatures great and small who help keep things thriving.

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Allene Vierra

Dinner at **Zini's** tonight – absolutely delicious steak fajitas with their homemade tortillas, rice and beans, and a yummy bacon cheeseburger.
Juli Southard

Shout out to **All N One Detailing!** They did a phenomenal job on my car today.
Annika Lewis

Shout out to **The Outpost!** These shoes made all the steps for two weeks in Europe. They are light and they washed up really well. I love them so much. I'm going to get another pair right here in our town. I found these right before we left. You can pop one side (of the shoe) down, which was great for when we were flying in the plane because I don't take my shoes completely off, but I can put that down and let my feet relax.
Tammy Azcarate

I want to shout out some of our amazing and kind businesses! A little over a week and a half ago I was driving our truck downtown at lunch, and it died on me! Thankfully I was able to get right in front of **Eagle Tech**, and they were so kind and directed me to **Cloverdale Tow**, who thankfully was 2 blocks away! They towed me to **Cloverdale Automotive**, where Craig and the rest of the crew were incredible! They were not only kind but also had the BEST deal around for a new transmission with a warranty! I'm so grateful for our amazing community and the wonderful people who work and live here!! Thank you!
Savannah Delcampo-Snyde

Shout out to **Jace and Ryan** at **Wheeler Electric**. They just hooked up my Tesla charger for my new EV car! Jace was super helpful, sending me the information on what and where to buy the charger and was out in just a few days to install. Fast, efficient, and always helpful! Really lucky to have Wheeler Electric in town.
Denaire Nixon

Just wanted to share the GREAT service we have received from **iROC Landscape Supply** here in Cloverdale. Not only did they have everything I was looking for, but they very promptly delivered it, and even let me borrow a wheelbarrow! Thank you, David and Richard, for your helpfulness and wonderful customer service.
Denise and Michael

I just wanted to give a shout out to **La Familia Sana**. Every time I get into a conversation about them I learn of some AMAZING thing they're doing to better our community. We are so blessed to have them in Cloverdale! Their outreach is some of the best I've ever seen.
D.B.

Sam at **Ace Hardware** is the best customer service person in the whole wide world! He has helped me with my weed eater so many times. Thank you, Sam. I really appreciate you and your great customer service.
A.F.

Shout out to **Trevino Handyman Services**. When a local service provider flaked on me, Rudy and his son drove all the way out to Guerneville to get my new grooming shop operational in time for opening day!
Brigid Wasson

We ate at **The Supper Club** on Friday night, and they hit a home run! Everything was incredible! Steaks cooked to perfection. Caesar salad delicious, roasted carrots were cooked perfectly and well-seasoned. Polenta was heavenly! Cloverdale is lucky to have this new location as part of our restaurant scene! Thank you Gianna and John Volpi for bringing your vision to life. Absolutely love it!
Erik Terreri

Another rave for **Alexander Valley Healthcare Dental** services. I had a tooth I feared would have to be pulled because I procrastinated, but he has it looking like new. In and out in about 30 minutes. That staff has always been kind, competent, professional, and friendly.
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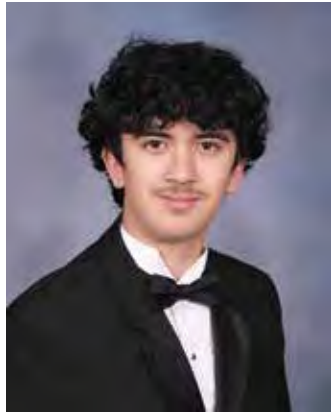
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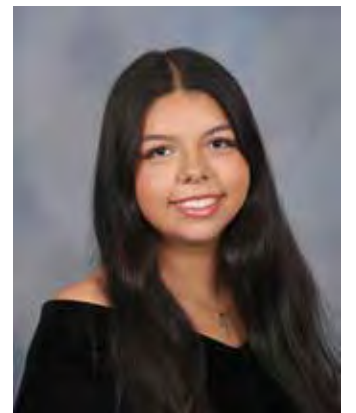
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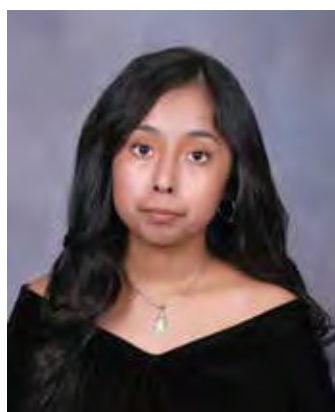
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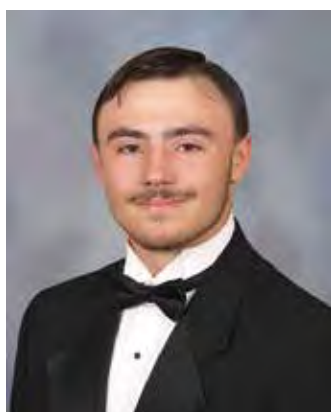
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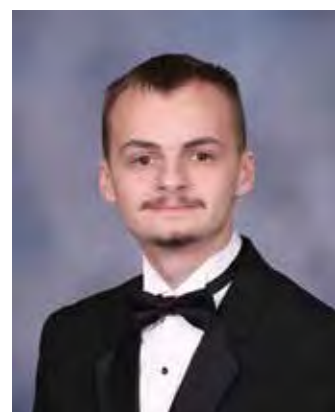
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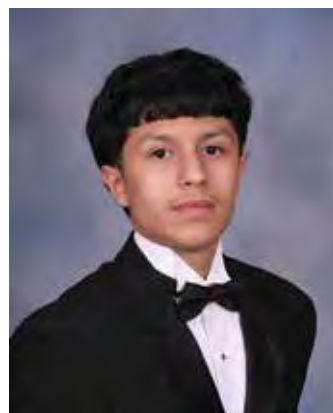
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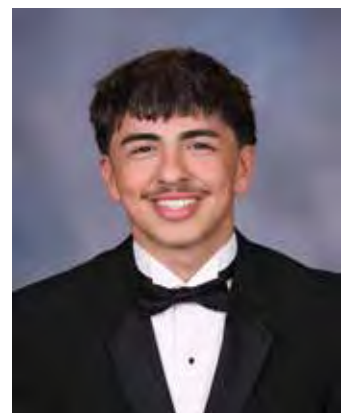
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Cooking with David Maciel

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June is the official kickoff of summer out door dining. I recently made this appetizer for a backyard barbecue and it's was a huge hit. I served it with plain crackers & cut veggies, like carrots, celery, cucumbers and broccoli for dipping. It's excellent served warm or cold. I added bacon bits to mine.

Red Pepper Jelly Cream Cheese Dip

- 10 ounce jar pepper jelly (use whatever heat level you prefer)
- 8 ounce block cream cheese, softened to room temperature
- ½ cup chopped green onions (divided use)
- ½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
- ½ cup shredded pepper jack cheese
- ½ cup mayonnaise or sour cream
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon paprika (optional)
- ¼ teaspoon kosher salt
- Pinch of Cayenne pepper

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350° F.
2. Heat up 10 ounce jar pepper jelly in a microwave-safe dish for 10-second increments until it is not so thick and can be spread over the cream cheese smoothly. Set aside.
3. In a pie dish (or similarly sized oven safe dish) add 8 ounce block cream cheese, softened to room temperature, 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese 1/2 cup of pepper jack cheese and 1/2 cup of mayonnaise or sour cream, 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder, 1/2 teaspoon paprika and 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt. Mix until smooth and combined.
4. Then stir in 1/4 cup green onions. Spread the cream cheese mixture so it is evenly spread out in the pie dish. Wipe the edges of the pie dish so it is clean from the cream cheese. Top the cream cheese mixture with the warmed pepper jelly so all of the cream cheese is covered.
5. Bake for about 7-8 minutes or until the dip is hot.
6. Top with the remainder 1/4 cup of the green onions.
7. Serve warm with your favorite dippers.

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If you are denied boarding your flight this details what to expect and how to handle the situation.

Understanding the difference between “voluntary” and “involuntary denied boarding” is critical, as it determines whether a passenger receives minimal perks or substantial cash compensation.

When flights are oversold—a common and legal practice—airlines must first ask for volunteers to give up their seats in exchange for compensation. This is considered voluntary only if passengers willingly agree. If not enough people volunteer, the airline can deny boarding involuntarily, which triggers federally mandated compensation.

For U.S. departures, passengers bumped involuntarily and delayed more than two hours are entitled to **400% of their one-way fare, up to \$2,150**, typically paid immediately. In contrast, voluntary compensation is unregulated and depends entirely on negotiation, often resulting in far lower value.

This creates an incentive for airlines to classify situations as voluntary whenever possible. In some cases, passengers are removed from boarding lines, offered small vouchers, and recorded as volunteers—whether or not they clearly agreed. Confusion, stress, and urgency can lead passengers to accept offers without understanding they may be forfeiting significant compensation.

To protect themselves, passengers should:

- Ask clearly if they are being **involuntarily denied boarding**
- Document interactions (texts, emails, photos, or video)
- Avoid accepting compensation without understanding the terms
- Keep all travel documents and written offers

Importantly, accepting a voucher under pressure may not legally waive compensation rights, but proving this later can be difficult.

There are exceptions: smaller aircraft, failure to meet check-in rules, or documentation issues may void eligibility. Additionally, airlines' internal records often determine how cases are classified, making disputes challenging.

Although passengers can file complaints, enforcement is limited. Many cases go unchallenged, allowing airlines to minimize payouts. While compensation laws are clear, the burden often falls on passengers to assert and defend their rights.

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