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Editor's Note

It's hard to believe that this July issue that you are now reading is celebrating the 6th Anniversary for **Cloverdale Connect**. This wouldn't be happening without the outstanding support of our local businesses and non-profits, our writers, our readers and our special **Cloverdale Champions!** Thank you to everyone who is making **Cloverdale Connect** such a success. We are so proud to continue to "bring our community together".

I'll see you around town!

Dana

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.

CUSD Employee of the Month Danielle Bird

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We are thrilled to announce Danielle Bird as the Cloverdale Unified School District Employee of the Month!

Now in her second year as Athletic Director at Cloverdale High School, Danielle has demonstrated exceptional growth and unwavering dedication. She has exceptional knowledge of CIF procedures, scheduling, and athletic programs, proving herself to be a highly effective Athletic Director. Her hard work, leadership, and commitment to student-athletes have made a profound impact on our school community. Danielle navigates challenges with a unique blend of humor, realistic experience, and logic. She is always one text away, willing to help and ensure our programs run seamlessly. Beyond her Athletic Director role, Danielle coach's varsity baseball, where she fosters deep connections with families and students. As a CHS alumni and former student-athlete herself, Danielle's dedication to the athletic program shines through in everything she does.

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

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Linus

Linus and his favorite pastime

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Whisker Talk Brigid Wasson

Hedgehogs, sugar gliders, axolotls, oh my! Exotic pet ownership is on the rise and it's not difficult to understand.

These creatures range from the unusual to the adorable, and can be fun and interesting to keep in your home. However, and you knew there would be a however, they have many special considerations for care that should be researched before purchase. First, is this kind of pet legal? California has very strict laws about exotic pet ownership which is not necessarily a bad thing. Just read the news in other states where folks are keeping lions, bears, and wolves at home!

Second, what is its normal lifestyle? Is it a social animal, or one who prefers to be alone? Does it require special living conditions, temperature? For example, the humble iguana, legal and inexpensively obtained, is actually a very complicated pet to keep healthy and happy. Lastly, how long will it live? We know that many parrot type birds can outlive their people! Other creatures like possums have very short lives, only about 4 years. Overall, try to think past your own desire to have an exotic animal and consider first its well being.



Robert "Bob" Scott Fraser January 19, 1951 – May 13, 2026



Bob Fraser passed away at the age of 75, leaving behind a legacy defined by integrity, hard work, and unconditional love. A cornerstone of the Cloverdale community since 1987, Bob was cherished for his vivid storytelling and infectious laughter.

Bob took immense pride in raising his three children locally, serving as a dedicated youth sports coach and a lifelong fan of Cloverdale High athletics.

Beyond the sidelines, he was a devoted California Golden Bears fan and an avid gardener who maintained a beautiful home sanctuary featuring a koi pond and 135 varieties of roses.

Professionally, Bob retired as the Head of the Wine Studies Department at SRJC. A visionary in the industry, he transformed the Citrus Fair Wine Competition into the nationally recognized San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, ensuring that proceeds continued to support the Cloverdale Citrus Fair. His community commitment was extensive: he was a former member of the United Church of Cloverdale and the Lions Club, helped develop the local Boys & Girls Club, and a co-founder of the Cloverdale Wine & Visitor Center. Bob mentored countless youth as a Parliamentary Procedure coach for Cloverdale High School's former FHA-HERO and remained a steadfast supporter of the current Cloverdale FFA.

Bob is survived by his wife, Cary; children, Scott (Nicole), Brooke, and Alexandra (Blake); and grandchildren, Annabel, Preston, and Liam. He leaves behind a town improved by his presence and a family dedicated to honoring his spirit.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, July 12, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Cloverdale Citrus Fair. Donations may be made to the Bob Fraser Memorial Scholarship Fund.



Maxine LaMaster Receives Award



Pictured on left is Robert Redner, Cloverdale High School Rotary Interact Director, presenting the Interact Club's president Maxine LaMaster with an award for her outstanding performance in directing the club during this academic year. Along with Astrid Wike (VP), Ry Squire (Treasurer) and Alana Clemmer (Secretary), the club this year exemplified the Rotary motto of "Service above Self."

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Cloverdale Library Community Connection John Koetzner, Children's Services Librarian

The library's summer reading program theme is Plant a Seed, Read. It is now underway with prizes and more chances for winning grand prizes than ever before. Monday through Friday at noon, we have the summer lunch program running for ages 0-18 with a hot lunch, fruit, veggie, and milk.

For Children we have the following activities to highlight:

- Tuesday, July 7 at 10:30-11:15 - Aguacate Music for Kids
- Tuesday, July 7 at 2:30-3:30 - Plant Pens craft (Grades 4-6) 15 person limit with registration
- Tuesday, July 14 at 10:13-11:15 - Puppylocks and the Three Bears
- Tuesday, July 21 at 10:30-11:30 - Didgeridoo Down Under

For teens, we have the following activities in July:

- Wednesday, July 8, at 3-4:30 pm - Slow Stitching with a 15 person capacity and registration. Grades 7 - 12.
- Wednesday, July 22 at 2-3:30 pm - Pony Bead Axolotl Keychain. Grades 7 - 12.
- Wednesday, July 29 at 2-3:30 pm - Intro to Zines with a 20 person capacity and registration. Grades 7 - 12.

For adults, we have the following programs:

- Sunday, July 5 at 2-3:30 pm Homemade Seed and Dried Flowers Paper - 16 - person limit and registration for this program.
- Tuesday, July 7 at 6-7:30 pm - UC Master Food Preservers: Introduction to Fermenting - 30 person limit and registration for this program.
- Sunday, July 12 at 2- 3:00 pm - The doRian Mode - Jazz Music
- Tuesday, July 14 at 6-7:00 pm - Cloverdale Library Book Club



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What is Dream Her/History? Part 2 Nora Archambeau, M.A.

"I love the silent hour of night, for blissful dreams may then arise..."
 Anne Brontë, English Novelist and Poet (1820-1849)

Being a dreamworker, I'm extra keen to watch a movie than to read a book (really?!). Hence, gravitating towards movies rather than that are based or at least partially based on dreams is simply awesome! *The Terminator's* (1984) last movie scene came out of a dream snippet when Director James Cameron was both ill and down on his luck in Italy. He dreamt of a "chrome skeleton emerging from a fire" that was depicted almost verbatim (see ref below). Another dream-inspired movie titled *Waking Life* (2001), created from interpolation animation, depicts the main character having repeated false awakenings from within a lucid dream (where the dreamer is aware that s/he is dreaming). Translating the dream to film here is a real directorial feat.

In my late 20s, life started to unravel. It was my first Saturn return (an astrological event where one "wakes up" to a wobbly, or unhealthy, life foundation). A romantic relationship fell apart, my French best friend and I ended our alliance, and I hit rock bottom. I needed therapy. The angels were with me thank God/dess! A wonderful, insightful, dream-educated Oakland therapist came to my rescue, in a literal sense as well. Simultaneously, there was a graduate school newly housed on my former college campus where they offered dream classes to the public. My entire being lit up! Immediately, I enrolled in the evening class. The combination of both weekly therapy and dream interpretation classes helped me to dive deep into my own unconscious and unearth recent pain, childhood trauma, and life patterns that did not serve my authentic self. Something I continue to work towards today.

Dream Resources:

List of Works Based on Dreams, Wikipedia, May 26, 2026
 Collaboration Journal: Vol. 28, No. 2 (Fall/Winter 2002/03)
 "Waking Life: a movie review," by Nora Archambeau, M.A.



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Oh no! We Goofed!

Unfortunately, we had an incorrect listing in our CHS Senior Class photo album in the June issue. **Isaac Cardenas** is listed as "not pictured". His picture IS in the photo album, however with the wrong name - Julian. Our sincere apologies to everyone impacted.



Local Author Jason Taylor Morgan

Jason Taylor Morgan is the author of seven novels, including *Souls on Fire* and *Lonesome Dreams*, *Angel Blood*, and *The Red Field*. A Boston native who studied Literature and Writing at Bard College, he has lived and traveled extensively in Europe and the United States and is also an abstract visual artist living in Cloverdale California.



Souls on Fire and Lonesome Dreams



*The Autobiographies of "Hazel and Erie"
America's Beloved Bluegrass Lesbians*
Jason Taylor Morgan

Before Hazel Lattisaw and Erie Slocomb, women rarely headlined in bluegrass music. What made their story extraordinary beyond the music was this: Hazel and Erie were not just musical collaborators but lovers — together since their teenage years in the coal hills of Mercer County, West Virginia, in the late 1940s.

Jason Taylor Morgan's sixth novel tells their story through two distinct first-person voices — fictional autobiographies unfolding side by side, chapter by chapter. Hazel, with her emotive birdsong and quiet wisdom. Erie, with her haunting tenor, her fire, and her demons. Together, a perfect, imperfect whole.

From difficult Appalachian childhoods to rising fame as groundbreaking singer-songwriters, innovators, and eventual feminist and lesbian icons, Hazel and Erie forged a bold path across America's changing landscape. Their decision to come out publicly in the 1970s ignites riots, album burnings, and death threats, while helping reshape the cultural landscape for women and LGBTQ people in American music.

Part love story, part musical history, and part meditation on identity and belonging, Hazel and Erie's journey asks what it costs to live hidden — and what becomes possible when people finally step into the truth of who they are.

From early years spent on back roads and in coal towns to concert stages and growing success across the American South, readers are invited into a world of bluegrass music, coming of age, hard-won dreams, and two unforgettable women whose voices refuse to fade.

Morgan spent eight years bringing Hazel and Erie to life. The result is a novel of music, roots, loss, transcendence, and the love that outlasts everything.

Jason's novels are available on Amazon and all online book retailers and soon at So Co Trading on First St in downtown Cloverdale.

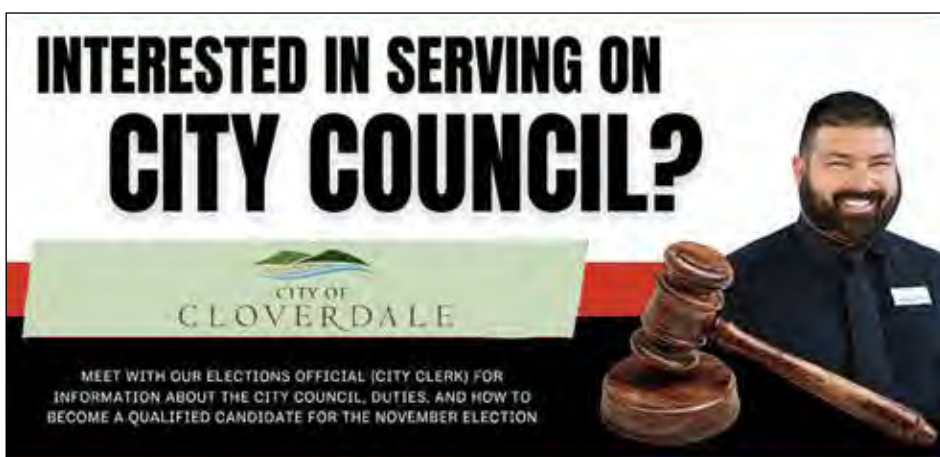


Off The Shelf ~ Susan Erkel Ryan

An American Firecracker – Barbara Kingsolver

Do you love Barbara Kingsolver's writing as much as I do? If you haven't read any of her books, start with the first, *The Bean Trees*. It is a classic that is so rich and charming. It can be returned to again and again, each time enchanting you in a different way. The story starts in Kentucky and ends in Tucson, Arizona, mirroring Kingsolver's life at the time. The landscapes are so vivid you can feel the heat and taste the dust, and her characters are so well developed; they pull you into the story with open arms. Taylor, the stories' heroine, leaves Kentucky, so she doesn't end up stuck and pregnant like her peers, but still winds up a mom. At a road stop, a child is thrust upon her by a desperate aunt trying to protect the child from further abuse. Thus begins the saga of Taylor and Turtle. Taylor's barely running car has its final breakdown in Tucson and this is where the story truly unfolds. One of the reasons you want to return to *The Bean Trees* repeatedly – aside from the wonderful story and great characters, is because Kingsolver is not afraid to tackle tough subjects like chosen family, the Sanctuary Movement, and women's resilience, which are as timely today as they were in 1988. It's likely this mesmerizing read will leave you hooked and hungry for more of Kingsolver's masterful storytelling. Never fear; below are a few of her wonderful titles. All great summer reads.

Animal Dreams (1990) *The Lacuna* (2009)
Pigs in Heaven (1993) *Flight Behavior* (2012)
The Poisonwood Bible (1998) *Unsheltered* (2018)
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- Check to make sure all irrigation systems are working and drip lines have not been disturbed by pets or wildlife.
- If you planted any trees, shrubs, or perennials this spring or summer, they likely need extra irrigation to adjust. Root balls must never dry out while plants are getting established. Water them evenly and thoroughly to encourage both lateral and deep root growth.
- Avoid killing spiders in your garden. Spiders do not harm plants and they help keep down other insect populations.
- Weeds are usually more vigorous than flowers and will rob plants of water and nutrients. Remove weeds regularly especially before they produce seed.
- Cut back flowering perennials such as nepeta, diascia, and penstemon to force new growth and keep their blooms coming.
- Deadhead perennials and annuals such as heuchera and petunias to prevent them from setting seed, which slows continued flowering.
- If you find plants at the nursery that you cannot resist, make sure that if you plant them in established beds, you are vigilant about keeping them frequently watered. Another solution is to designate an out of the way, shaded spot and group together any summer purchases. Check them every other day or so and water as needed. Small pots may need watering once a day during heat waves. Plant them in the fall once rains resume.
- Garden work lessens in July, a good time to observe and plan. Many gardeners take a notebook and pen and look around the garden, making a list of plants pleasing for their color and location and those that are not. Note particularly successful combinations that deserve to be repeated elsewhere in the garden when new planting begins in fall.

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The Supper Club Tim Boccia

Steaks, check. Chops, check. Steakhouse burgers, check. Now to explore more of the Supper Club's menu - pasta! First, we ordered starters. When we went, have garlic bread was now on the menu. I believe garlic bread must a sufficient amount of garlic butter, soaked into the bread. As much as I love Catelli's in Geyserville, I don't order the garlic bread. Not enough garlic butter - so, too dry. At the Supper Club it had the right amount garlic butter - with a deliciously fresh marinara to dip the bread in. My guess is the marinara sauce is not cooked, hence such a fresh taste. We shared the wedge salad - two good size wedges, it fed both of us. Creamy gorgonzola, drizzled all over. Topped with bacon, cherry tomatoes and a balsamic drizzle. We loved it.

Now, let's talk pasta. Two cardinal rules the Italians have for pasta - like you'd find in Italy - al dente (to the tooth - not mushy) and properly dressed with sauce - no drowning in a sea of sauce. I'm a sauce lover, but I appreciate the balance that Italians have for pasta. This was true of the pasta we tried at the Supper Club. Rigatoni Bolognese and Linguine and Clams. A classic Italian dish, Bolognese, a rich, slow cooked Italian meat sauce from Bologna. Finished with parmesan. The Supper Club did it justice. The linguini with clams was great - wine, stock and reduced down to cling to the linguini. My friend is a seafood junkie, so he could have easily eaten more clams.

Gianna (the owner/manager) and Drew, her young Chef de Cuisine, are doing wonders. Tune up your taste buds and try the Italian side of the menu! Want me to try a restaurant you've been hankering for? Email me at info@cloverdaleconnect.com.

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2:30-7pm 4th of July Block Party
Citrus Fairgrounds
- July 10 Fri.** 6-9:30pm Spike Sikes & His Awesome
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- July 12 Sun** 2-4pm Elvis Homecoming Tribute, Ryan
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- July 14 Tues.** 5:30-7:30pm Cloverdale Eagles Football
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- July 15 Wed.** 10am-1pm Job & Resource Fair La Familia
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- July 17 Fri.** 6-9:30pm The David Luning Band, Friday
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- July 18 Sat.** 10am-Noon North Bay Motorcycle Assn.
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7:30-9:30pm Foxes In The Henhouse, a
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- July 24 Fri.** 6-9:30pm Honey Island Swamp Band, Friday
Night Live, Downtown Cloverdale
- July 26 Sun.** 5:30-Sunset Sunset Music Series, "Soul
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Courtney's Pumpkin Patch Scholarships



Pictured from left to right: CPP President, Catharine Davis; Kylee Vlasak, Lily Duong and Treasurer, Dennis Davis.

Courtney's Pumpkin Patch was pleased to hand out 6 scholarships to graduating seniors at Cloverdale High School recently at the annual awards ceremony. Thanks to the generosity from our community for supporting our fundraisers, these scholarships are possible along with assisting cancer patients throughout the year.

The six recipients were as follows:

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City Council Report Eleanore Webster

May 27: Council proclaimed National Police Week and Public Works Week. Sergeant Beau Gastineau (Police) and Craig Johnson (Public Works) received the recognition. Council recognized the Cloverdale Rotary Club as the newest recipient of the Citizen Recognition Program. Kevin Kostolff, Club President, received the award. Director Montanye of the Public Works Department presented an update on Public Works projects related to water, wastewater, street repair (thanks to Measure DD), traffic improvements, utility infrastructure and grant-funded capital projects. Council received a report on selection of the real estate broker for the No. Cloverdale Blvd/East 1st Street property. The transaction was questioned by members of the public regarding potential conflicts of interest. Council wanted to be sure that financial, procedural, and ethical standards were followed and suggested developing a tighter policy to prevent questions in future transactions. Council adopted a funding and lease agreement with Sonoma Co. to help fund renovation of the "Scout's Cabin" on West Second Street. The agreement helps pay for the renovation. The estimated cost is \$1,000,000 and the County has agreed to provide \$333,000 for construction-related expenses.

June 10: Council recognized student liaisons Valeria Anguiano and Brisa Cardenas for their excellent job keeping Council informed about Cloverdale student activities. Council proclaimed June as Pride Month. Members of the Cloverdale Pride Committee were present to receive recognition.

Council approved a budget amendment for emergency water main repairs at Cloverdale Blvd and Industrial drive. Council considered the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan. The Plan is part of a state mandate on availability of water supplies. The Plan must contain contingencies for water shortage in drought years. The Plan does not control or direct water availability. Tonight's action is to receive public comments; public can submit comments before the next meeting.

Council adopted the City Biennial Budget for FY 26-27 and 27-28. The budget includes money for local non-profits and public programs. There were comments about the surveillance traffic cameras. There are strict rules about these cameras, and the information is not shared with federal agencies. There is a \$240,000 deficit which one Council member considered safe because of usual delays in expenditures. There was also suggestion that NPO's need to justify requests by presenting their needs before Council. There was a lot of discussion on fairness in allocating funds to NPO's, so that requests are considered equitably. One suggestion was to put all the donations in one pot and try to allocate based on presentations from the groups. Council adopted a resolution to transition to district-based elections for City Council. This is in response to a demand letter from an attorney who said that our process violates the State's voting rights act. There are costs involved, including attorney fees and professional demographers. This would not be in time for this coming election, but would be in effect for the following election. There was discussion about a proposed new law to exclude cities the size of Cloverdale; the timing may not be favorable to waiting and the change may need to happen before a law is passed.

Council adopted a resolution to state the City's position on the Potter Valley Project and identify an authorized representative (Vice Mayor Lands) for Cloverdale. This resolution formalizes the activities of City Council members in participating in this project. There was extensive discussion about appointing a single representative (v. a couple of representatives) and about lack of transparency in how this issue is being handled. Interested people might tune into the conversation by linking (at the 4¼ hour pt.) to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y4aTB4q7tBk>. A separate resolution regarding Council Member Marquez' efforts was pended to a future meeting. To view the entire meeting and read agenda attachments, see the link to the video on the City website.



On the Wild Side ~ Jennifer Molidor



On the corner of 2nd Street and the boulevard, "Raven" (by Bryan Tedrick) is a newer addition to the award-winning outdoor public art exhibit that is Cloverdale's renowned Sculpture Trail, bringing art and beauty throughout our town.

Ravens are some of the most captivating residents of our local skies. On cool mornings, their deep croaks drift across Cloverdale vineyards and oak woodlands, ancient and conversational. Ravens ride the wind with wings spread wide, tilting and banking

through the air. Why flap when they can soar, drifting on thermals, rolling through gusts, and tumbling in playful arcs. There is a wild intelligence in every movement. Perched high in an oak or pine, a raven surveys the landscape with bright, curious eyes like polished beads that study the world. A raven's bill is thick and curved, powerful enough to pry and probe, giving the bird a rugged appearance, like a Skeksis from *The Dark Crystal*. Shaggy throat feathers ruffle in the wind like a scarf of black silk. Yet, in the sun, their plumage gleams with oil-slick blues, smoky purples, and flashes of green that ripple across their wings.

A raven perched on a weathered branch looks like a witness who has watched seasons turn, storms gather, and our hills fade from green to gold. Their deep, resonant croaks echo across the landscape as rough as bark and as old as stone. These large birds are corvids, like crows, scrub jays, and magpies. They solve problems, remember places, and recognize faces. They even mimic human noises and make over 100 unique sounds. Like most intelligent creatures, they love to problem-solve and play. Scientists have observed them sliding down snowy roofs, tumbling through the air, inventing games with sticks and other objects.

Although together they are called "an unkindness," the way a flock of crows is called "a murder," crows are loving and mate for life. They've been known to hold funerals for loved ones.

To encounter ravens is to glimpse both wildness and wit. They circle overhead, call from a distant branch, or appear suddenly on a fence post. Wherever they are found, the raven brings a touch of mystery to the ordinary day, reminding us that intelligence, beauty, and wonder are all around.



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The History Museum in Cloverdale

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Did you know there is a History Museum in Cloverdale? The little red house and beautiful garden, known as the Gould-Shaw house, on Cloverdale Blvd. is part of the Museum maintained by the Cloverdale Historical Society. The museum is open to the community.

The Cloverdale Historical Society has a new website and Facebook page to help you learn about who they are, what they do, what they offer, and about the history of Cloverdale. Their website provides a timeline that provides pictures and stories of the people who settled Cloverdale and about buildings, places and events throughout the years. Their Facebook page posts stories and pictures of Cloverdale's past. Both provide information about events and exhibits.

You can join the Historical Society from the website. They are excited to launch these resources to let you know a bit about Cloverdale's History and ways to learn more about it.

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The Community Choir - A Musical Experience Janet Greene

What a magnificent musical gift The Community Choir gave to everyone in May. The range of emotions and dynamics in the *Last Words of David* took us on a journey from a mountain of lightning and thunder down to the gentleness of tender grass that finally faded into a place of stillness and silence.

Mario's introduction of the *Lasting Peace* connecting it to today's situation, gave the audience the opportunity to reflect on the constant work of preserving the ideals of our Democracy. From the inner conflicts and vision of Abraham Lincoln to the cries of a child yearning to escape the bondage of slavery, the repeated chant of "Honor, Justice, Truth, Liberty, Freedom" demonstrated the enduring power of those who have walked and worked "hand in hand, arm in arm" in this country for 250 years for a "lasting peace with charity for all."

After the intermission we put on the Ritz and stepped out into the America of the nineteen thirties where we watched the hilarious taunts of the two Irving Berliners trying to outdo each other. We listened to the wishful longing for *Someone to Watch Over Me* and the soul-stirring solo of *Summertime*. After a flute-full *Foggy Day* we nestled under a *Blue Sky* with its tint of melancholy.

And then, the audience was suddenly caught in the net of Roy's soaring clarinet solo of *Rhapsody in Blue*. From then on, the wild ride into the land of Gershwin took us from the exuberant flag-waving patriotism of 'yankee doodle-oo' to the tender intimacy of *Embrace Me*.

I am hopeful that after being a part of this musical experience, some members of the audience, will feel a stirring to change, to throw off the overused coat that hides the joyful, playful and courageous garment of our true selves.

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Prairie Schooner Came to Cloverdale Mary Jo Winter



As part of America's 200th birthday celebration, a Bicentennial Wagon Train Pilgrimage began on the West Coast, reversing pioneer trails, to end at Valley Forge, PA on July 4, 1976. The state of Pennsylvania had commissioned a replica covered wagon for each state at a cost of \$5k each. Manufactured in Jonesboro, Arkansas, and driven by a representative from their home state, the wagons

traveled through local historical and parade routes before joining the main cross-country train.

Each wagon carried a supply of Bicentennial Rededication Scrolls. These 100-foot-long parchment documents contained excerpts from the Declaration of Independence and pledges to American principles and were ultimately signed by an estimated 22 million citizens, including President Gerald Ford.

California's Bicentennial wagon, the Prairie Schooner, was officially received in June 1975 by then-Secretary of State March Fong. As part of its year-long journey to Valley Forge, it arrived in Cloverdale to much fanfare on Sept. 25, 1975. After parading up Cloverdale Blvd., it was parked on Broad Street for a while to give those who wanted to sign the Rededication Scrolls a chance to do so.

Next it was off to City Park for a Chicken BBQ, prepared by the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and a full evening of live musical entertainment and dancing. Folks from miles around were invited to attend this "once in 200 years" event. Rumor has it that the BBQ clean up committee loaded all the dirty pots and pans into the back of a pickup truck and drove it through the car wash.

The late winery owner Ralo Bandiera wanted to leave no doubt that the Prairie Schooner had stopped in Cloverdale. After seeing an inadequate water barrel strapped to the side, he replaced it with one he painted to read "Bandiera Winery, Cloverdale, California."

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It will elevate the image of Cloverdale as a desirable, diverse and inclusive place to live, raise a family, retire to, and build a life.

Growth is inevitable. Esmerelda is the kind of community addition that Cloverdale needs to maintain an optimum balance.

We hope it gets approved and built soon.

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Still our flagship program, the Cloverdale DPIL provides one book every month to all registered kids under 5 in our town, totaling over 3,000 annually.

Once little ones go to school, Kiwanis continues supporting them with over a thousand books a year at our Jefferson Book Project. During this two-day event every student at Jefferson Elementary personally selects two books to take home and teachers are given additional books for their classroom libraries.

Washington and Jefferson also have book vending machines which are both sponsored by Kiwanis, giving free books to students through 8th grade. These machines each provide Cloverdale students with hundreds more free books throughout the school year.

In recent years the Cloverdale Kiwanis Vineyard Races have extended its support to broader extracurricular and curriculum projects at the Johanna Echols-Hansen Continuation School, which works in conjunction with Cloverdale High School.


Since the first runner took their first step at a Cloverdale Kiwanis race the club has given over 50,000 books to local kids. With one goal set in 2011 the Kiwanis Club of Cloverdale has made a giant impact on our community.

Kiwanis meets at Zini's most Thursday mornings at 7:00 am.

Information about the Cloverdale Kiwanis Vineyard Races can be found at cloverdalevineyardraces.org.

To assist in our vision please contact Julie at: info@runthewinecountry.org.

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

12 score and ten years ago, this nation became an independent Mecca of Freedom, Liberty and the rule of Laws. This may not be the next Gettysburg Address, but the point is, this land we call home is steeped in traditions of civility and fair play. We can thank our lucky stars that our founding fathers had foresight and determination to establish a new world order, predacated upon equality and opportunity. Opportunities rarely afforded other peoples of various cultures around the globe.



We are fortunate that our Constitution is a living document, altered and updated along its two hundred and fifty years of existence. I am proud to be an American, a San Franciscan to be exact, reared in one of the most progressive states and afforded the opportunity to excel and express myself for my best self, as you can no doubt appreciate.

I began my journey in broadcasting as a summertime replacement in Northern California during my senior year at Potter Valley High School. A career that spanned over sixty years. I've had the privilege of meeting and working with an incredible group of talented artists of many different disciplines, introducing Willie Nelson, Diana Ross, Bob Luman and many others before vast crowds across Texas and Oklahoma.

This summer and into the winter months I will preside over the "Roots of Rock" as an announcer with compassion and empathy for those of us who have traveled through the 1960's onward.

The music will bring back memories from our youth, our relationships and our individual experiences, the music of our lives, the lifeblood of the beat of our hearts. Enjoy the journey, and thanks for sharing your favorites, for listening and giving our community radio station, KOWSfm.com, the opportunity of being part of your lives.

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However, be aware that identity verification can only be used a limited number of times within a 72-hour period. If you are taking a short trip and still won't have access to your ID before your return flight, you may not be able to rely on the same process again. In that case, retrieving your ID before departure or delaying travel could be the safer option.

To avoid this situation in the future:

- **Check for your ID before leaving home.** A quick review of your essentials can prevent unnecessary stress.
- **Allow extra time at the airport.** Identity verification can take additional time and could cause you to miss your flight if you're running late.
- **Keep a digital backup.** A photo of your ID or a digital copy stored securely on your phone may be helpful, although it does not replace the physical document.
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Flying without an ID may be possible, but it involves additional screening and can be a significant inconvenience.

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The Supper Club at the Cloverdale House Inn Michele Armanino

Chances are you've seen the stately Victorian house on the corner of 240 N. Cloverdale Boulevard with its two-sided winding staircase and spiraled brick chimney. This iconic 1864 Inn, owned by Cloverdale residents, **John and Gianna Volpi**, has been through some intense renovations over the last few years. "The house sat on such a dark and lonely corner," says Gianna. "We wanted to bring back the hustle and bustle that once lit up the boulevard." The grande dame Victorian now proudly holds the title: **The Supper Club at the Cloverdale House Inn**.

The towering Victorian underwent significant structural changes leading up to its transformation. A house jack was used to raise the two-story building wherein a concrete slab foundation was laid, thus creating a new first floor. With the installation of A/C, updated plumbing, electrical, roof, paint and elevator, the three-story Victorian took a step into the 21st century.

By November of 2022, six authentically decorated Victorian-style rooms, some with electric fireplaces and all with adjoining spacious bathrooms, were ready for service. A sprawling suite at the top of the Inn boasts a full kitchen, sitting room, four bedrooms, one full bath, two half baths and a lovely terrace for dining alfresco.

"June and October are our favorite months as we have many wedding parties at the Inn," says Gianna. "It's really a lot of fun for us as we're a big part of their celebrations, too. Our patio is popular and very convenient for wedding rehearsal dinners."

The Inn's Supper Club dining room is a stunner. John designed the backlit, stained-glass panels in the ceiling. At the entrance of the dining room, an underlit quartzite bar casts a translucent glow into the dining room. A restored 1890's Brunswick wooden bar with brass light fixtures, selected by John to complement the room's Victorian essence, sits in the rear of the dining room. Elevated cocktails served from fancy glasses are the specialty here, with raspberry lemon drops being one of the most popular drinks.

Gianna describes The Supper Club menu as a "...steakhouse with an Italian influence." "It's still evolving," she says. "We are constantly testing recipes and adding on to the menu." Drew Gehrett, The Club's chef, is no stranger to Cloverdale. His grandmother, Kathy Zunino cooked for a restaurant in Cloverdale owned by the Ramazzotti family. "Drew's Bolognese recipe is a family one and it's amazing!" Gianna says. "All Drew's pasta dishes, pesto, linguini and clams and the chicken piccata served on a bed of creamy polenta are outstanding!"

"I want to thank the people of Cloverdale for being so patient while we undertook this renovation," says Gianna. "We're grateful for their support and friendship and look forward to welcoming everyone at the Supper Club and Inn."

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July is the heart of the summer months as we celebrate our independence on the 4th.

This is an excellent dish with a red, white & blue theme that fits into any celebration. Fresh sweet fruits herbs and prosciutto add a nice natural saltiness which balances with the sweet fruit flavors.

Red, White & Blue Salad

- 2/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup julienned fresh basil
- 1/3 cup white balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 cup julienned fresh mint leaves
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups cherry tomatoes
- 8 cups fresh arugula
- 1 carton (8 ounces) fresh mozzarella cheese pearls, drained
- 2 medium peaches, sliced
- 2 cups fresh blueberries
- 6 ounces thinly sliced prosciutto, julienned
- Additional mint leaves for garnish

Instructions

In a bowl, whisk first 9 ingredients. Add tomatoes; let mixture stand while preparing salad.

In another large bowl, combine arugula, mozzarella, peaches, blueberries and prosciutto. Pour tomato mixture over top; toss to coat. Garnish with additional mint leaves. Serve immediately.

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AT&T Thinks It Is!

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Earlier this year, AT&T submitted a petition to the FCC requesting the Federal agency preempt California's "carrier of last resort" law, which ensures the availability of phone services to residents of our state. The goal of this petition? To disconnect thousands of phone lines, and their associated services, in various areas across the state by this time next year.

AT&T's reputation for poorly maintained infrastructure is known to their Cloverdale customers, just moderate rain can lead to slow internet and phone disconnections. Now, AT&T is seeking their perfect solution: Abandon copper phone lines altogether and push those customers to their new product, AT&T Internet Air, a 5G home internet product.

If AT&T succeeds, many local customers, potentially including all of Geyserville, will need to decide if 'Internet Air' is a good choice for them. Of course, AT&T is far from alone in this offering, as T-Mobile, Verizon, and others have been rolling out 5G home internet services.

So, what is 5G home internet? Most simply, it is like traditional internet services: A monthly service which provides your home with an internet connection through a modem/gateway, only without a wire. Instead of phone lines, fiber optics, or coaxial cable, the internet is delivered via the cellular network. Importantly, this means no landline; your cellular carrier(s) are now your only connection to the outside world.

Nowadays, cellular service is reliable enough for me not to be worried about downtime, however, there are other concerns. Since the modems require a cellular signal, they will not work well for every address. Due to sharing infrastructure with thousands of typical cellular connections, speeds are often slower, sometimes too slow for practical home use.

While many residents on River Rd and in other rural areas are already using services like this, newcomers to cellular home internet should take these steps: Choose a provider with good signal at your home; Fully understand your bill, including any promotions and fees; and, most importantly, test your new service before disconnecting your old provider! If you're not certain if 5G home internet is right for you, ask a friend who already uses it or reach out to a trusted technology professional.

The Sonoma County Library, in cooperation with the Redwood Empire Food Bank, is providing lunch service at the Cloverdale Library this summer from June 8 - August 7. Studies show that malnourishment can diminish a child's overall learning potential. Summer Lunch at the Library works to solve this issue by providing free lunch to all children and youth.

Lunch is available to all children between the ages of 0-18 years. Families are welcome to enjoy lunch, stay to play and read together. Summer Lunch and Summer Reading activities go hand in hand - keep learning all summer long!