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Editor's Note

It's officially Fall and we're about to jump into the holiday season full of events. I personally have just returned from the annual Tater Tot Festival in Ontario Oregon, the birthplace of the Ore Ida tater tot. It's hard to top that for fun. However, right here in our community, coming up we have several music events, Geyserville Fall Colors, Ray Pesce's Pasta Fundraiser for the Senior Center, the Kiwanis Race, Rotary Asti Tour de Vine, a pumpkin pie bake-off, and so much more to enjoy!

Featured in this issue, catch up with the Donkey King and learn more about Oscar's Place. It's a great story and an insight about what he's accomplished. You'll also find statements from City Council candidates, we introduce our new FFA reporter, and you can ask yourself "What would Dolly do?"

"Think about what brings you joy and lean into it. You don't have to open a donkey sanctuary to find joy. Just lean into whatever brings you joy."

See you around town!

Dana



Rick Tang Photography

Julie Carter is taking a quick break to read **Cloverdale Connect** while anticipating the **Kiwanis Vineyard Races** which support literacy programs.



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Kim joined the district at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year following a distinguished career supporting elementary and middle school students across multiple districts.

Kim is widely celebrated for going above and beyond every single day. Driven by a deep caring for her students and colleagues, she excels at meeting children right where they are developmentally and emotionally. Her infectious positive attitude, warmth, and fun-loving spirit make her a joy to work alongside and a powerful force in the classroom, where her students are engaged, supported, and thriving.

When she isn't devoting her energy to fine-tuning her classroom environment, Kim can be found exercising, spending time with family, and helping her husband to run an inn on the Mendocino Coast.

The district extends its deepest gratitude and congratulations to Kim Roth for her remarkable dedication and lasting impact on Cloverdale's youth. Thank you, Kim, for everything you do to make our community stronger.

Off The Shelf
Susan Erkel Ryan
***Plainsong* by Kent Haruf**



With the arrival of fall, I find myself wanting to nestle into my cozy house and reach for a book that brings comfort. *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf is one of those books. No matter how many times I read it, it never fails to deliver. *Plainsong* is the first book in Haruf's trilogy set on the Great Plains. Haruf's writing is evocative and quietly powerful, filled with characters who are flawed, complicated, and deeply human. Tom Guthrie's wife is slowly disappearing into herself, leaving him to navigate raising their two sons while trying to understand her retreat. Guthrie is a high school teacher in the small town of Holt, Colorado, a farming community on the eastern plains. Around him, Haruf gradually unfolds the lives of people whose stories intersect in unexpected ways: Victoria Roubideaux, a troubled teenager; Guthrie's nine- and ten-year-old sons, Ike and Bobby; and the McPherson brothers, two aging cattle ranchers. The weather, the land, the light, the flora and fauna fill every page and become characters in their own right. The details are so rich that you know the season without Haruf ever having to announce it. You understand the difficulty of working cattle, the relentlessness of the land and weather, and the cruelty and pain that can be part of everyday life.

Even the title is an invitation into Haruf's world. *Plainsong* refers to the unadorned music sung in church, and it perfectly evokes both the setting and the writing. Haruf's prose is achingly beautiful—spare, carefully crafted, and composed of seemingly simple words that carry enormous weight. But what raises *Plainsong* from a beautiful novel to a book I cherish is its profound sense of community. These are people with limited means and more than their share of hardship, yet they find ways to help one another. Life on the plains is harsh. The land and weather wear people down. People can be unkind, even cruel. And yet, in those moments when someone reaches beyond their own troubles to help a neighbor, something like grace appears.

When I feel overwhelmed by politics, by the dehumanization of technology, or by the disregard for the environment in favor of greed, I find myself returning to art, nature, and community. They are the things that ground me. They remind me of what is still beautiful in the world. *Plainsong* gives me all three in good measure.

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PET of the MONTH

Chipper And Coco

They are the cutest doggies in all of Cloverdale, if you ask me

Patricia La Rosa

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Brigid Wasson



Do you know what your dog is thinking? You may be surprised to learn that a lot of canine communication is the same or very similar to human! Here are some examples.

- Staring.** Staring is rude for both humans and dogs. Unwanted eye contact and close proximity make the recipient uncomfortable. The starrer may be trying to prove something, or simply be curious and have poor manners.
- Looking away.** If one dog stares at another, the second dog may avert their eyes or turn their entire head away. This gives the message, "I don't want any trouble." We too may simply avoid others with whom we don't want conflict or conversation.
- Tense face.** Dogs, like people, read each other's faces. Squinted eyes and pursed lips show discomfort. The rest of the body may be tense too, and leaning or even backing away.
- Relaxed face.** The opposite expression is relaxed eyes, mouth hanging open, and what may look to us like a smile. The body will lean towards whatever the dog is interested in, be it a person or another dog.
- Tail wagging.** Tail position and movement can mean so many different things it merits its own article, so stay tuned. Also, people don't have tails!

In Memory of Elbert A. Winkler

Born in Hereford Texas ~ March 22, 1939
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Elbert Winkler leaves a wife, Wanda, of 66 years and two sons – Michael Winkler (wife, Diana) from Lodi, CA and Brian Winkler of Cloverdale, CA. He leaves a grandson Gerrod Winkler from Stockton, CA; granddaughter Amanda Winkler Lim (James). He also leaves a great-granddaughter Khailynn Lim, Stockton, CA. He leaves a sister Ruch Clarke in Jamestown, Ca.

Elbert Winkler moved to Cloverdale in 1955. He loved going camping and going to the ocean. He loved his family. He loved working on small engines. He worked for Paul B. Kelly Logging for several years, then worked for Lou Parde in Geyserville, CA. He worked for Field & Rued, also in Geyserville. He did welding, making grape gondolas for the grape growers, and worked on heavy equipment.

He requested no services.

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Perchance to Daydream Nora Archambeau, M.A.

"To see the world, things dangerous to come to, to see behind walls, draw closer, to find each other, and to feel. That is the purpose of life." — Walter Mitty (reciting the Life magazine motto), The Secret Life of Walter Mitty, 2013 movie

The topic of daydreams can receive a bad rap. People may be under the impression that to allow one's mind to wander and fantasize is to let go of reality to the point of detriment. This isn't the case, friends. When searching for a few evolutionary viewpoints on daydreaming, several surfaced. Psychologist Freud regarded daydreams as psychologically important; cognitively, they aid in problem-solving and creativity; many cultures see them as a necessary mental activity; and finally, they remain a developmental period of internalized play when we grow from childhood to adulthood.

In the 2000s, neuroscientists founded what they term as the Default Mode Network (DMN). Brain regions are connected in more ways than imagined. Merging daydreams with night dreams share nearly identical neural frameworks. (National Institutes of Health-NIH, www.pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov) David Webb, Psychology Educator and Author, purports "... daydreams can help incubate solutions," (refer to June's column for "how to incubate night dreams"). If this is at all possible, "stitching" our daydreams with night dreams can lead to some fascinating revelations and manifestations!

Not long ago, I daydreamed that I would like to receive a large sum of money to help with various needs/wants. In late August, I dreamt that someone gave me \$5,000. Here's to hoping it manifests!

Dream Resources:

1. Schedule 10-15 minutes daily the "luxury" of daydreaming. Keep it loose, light, and lovely. See what pops into a night dream!
2. "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty," 2013 movie where an employee at Life Magazine conjures up fantastical daydreams where he is the central hero.
3. David Webb, May 6, 2025, All About Psychology, <https://allaboutpsychology.substack.com/p/the-psychology-of-daydreaming>

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The mission of Cloverdale Connect is to bring the community together with respect and dignity; uplifting community members while avoiding divisiveness, opinion, and negativity.

Will CARTER

for Cloverdale City Council

My Fellow Cloverdadians,

My name is Will Carter and I am running for the Cloverdale City Council to serve, preserve, and improve our beautiful city. Many of you know me from the Cloverdale Kiwanis Club, my Cloverdale Connect articles, as an avid attendee of community events, or from my decade of experience providing computer and technology services to the small business and residents of Cloverdale, including the last five years under my business, Carter Systems.

As member of our City Council, I plan to bring my unique perspective and experience forward to collaborate with other council members to advance my three major goals:

- Follow through on existing suggestions to improve safety, accessibility, and connectivity for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers.
- Promote growth which aligns with Cloverdale's needs and values.
- Support productive and inclusive communication with the public.

I hope to have your support in pursuing my vision of a thriving, accessible, and vibrant city, which is ready for the challenges ahead.

Yours in Service, **Will Carter**

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Meet the Cloverdale City Council Candidates

Will Carter



Will Carter was raised in Cloverdale by his mother, Julie and his late father, Greg. Since his teen years, Will has been actively involved in serving the community of Cloverdale through his membership in the Cloverdale Kiwanis Club, where he currently serves as Club Co-President with his wife, Morgan. Will is running for the Cloverdale City Council to increase his service to his community. His primary objectives are to increase safety and comfort for all sidewalk and road users, to promote rational development that serves Cloverdale, and to stand out as an approachable and available public servant!

Steve Kawa



I'm honored to be a candidate for Cloverdale City Council! I've been part of the Cloverdale community for nearly 20 years, and bring 25+ years of state and local government experience to this race. As your Councilmember, I'll be guided by a few key principles: public safety is paramount, fiscal responsibility is mandatory, and Cloverdale must be economically, environmentally, socially, and culturally strong. I'm endorsed by the Cloverdale Police Officers Association, Mayor Brian Wheeler, Vice Mayor Todd Lands, Councilmember Mark Laskey, Supervisor James Gore, and many others. I hope to earn your vote and support. Thank you! Learn more: www.SteveKawa.com

Kimberly Kern



I'm Kimberly Kern, a longtime Cloverdale resident, educator, and public servant committed to steady, transparent leadership. I'm a proven pragmatic leader and a corruption fighter who believes residents deserve honest, accountable government. My focus is on responsible growth that protects our water, supports local businesses, and keeps Cloverdale safe, welcoming, and livable for families and seniors. I believe in open communication, honest problem solving, and decisions grounded in real data. I'm here to listen, to ask hard questions when needed, and to ensure Cloverdale's future reflects the values and hopes of the people who live here. Find me at KimberlyforCloverdale.com

Andres Marquez



I am a painter and restoration contractor, owner of Symphonic Finishing. My wife Mari and I are active community volunteers, serving as co-presidents of the Kiwanis Club of Cloverdale. Appointed to City Council in February 2025. I wrote our code of conduct. I represent Cloverdale on regional water resiliency, and I brought Cloverdale and Healdsburg into the Alexander Valley Water District proposal, putting us at the table. I have brought county funding home, including \$75,000 for the Grange and \$10,000 for the food pantry. I work with partners on outdoor education, guided hikes, and mobile home protections with Legal Aid.



As a Sonoma County native who chose Cloverdale as my forever home, I'm running for City Council to ensure our town thrives. Working in insurance, I bring creative problem-solving and budget-minded strategies to the table. You've likely seen me volunteering at Friday Night Live, and the local thrift store. My husband and I plan to retire here, and I want to enhance and protect what makes Cloverdale special—boosting our local shops, restaurants, and revenue for a lasting future. When I'm not working, I'm hanging out with friends, my dogs, or enjoying my husband's BBQ.

Marjorie Morgenstern



Serving on the Cloverdale City Council is a profound privilege. Through my role on the Agricultural and Open Space Advisory Committee, I am honored to be part of preserving land in our county for recreational use for all future generations. Effective leadership requires a deep commitment to listening, and I find it important to listen to our community to ensure every voice is heard. I am running for reelection to advocate for our entire community, especially our large population of elders, while safeguarding our natural resources. I respectfully ask for your vote.

Jenn Neylon



I bring my skills, experience and leadership qualities to ensure responsible growth, fiscal sustainability and to protect the unique character of Cloverdale. My leadership skills would help bring stability to the dais. My experience includes public, private, non-profit and education as Administrative/Risk Manager, Fiscal/HR Manager, CEO, and COO/CBO. I serve on the Fiscal Board of Directors for an insurance company established by Redwood Empire Schools Insurance Group. My focus will be revisiting the General Plan, balancing proposed developments, parks and recreation, community growth, while addressing challenges such as increasing costs, infrastructure and economic transparency.

Chris Parker



I am running for Cloverdale City Council because I believe experience, accountability, and community involvement matter. After more than 28 years in public service, including serving as Cloverdale's Police Chief and Acting City Manager, I understand our city, its operations, and the challenges ahead. For more than 22 years, my family has proudly called Cloverdale home. I have also spent more than a decade coaching and mentoring local youth and volunteering throughout our community. If elected, I will prioritize public safety, fiscal responsibility, economic development, infrastructure, thoughtful growth, and transparent decision-making while always putting the people of Cloverdale first.

Colleen Shields



I welcome the opportunity to represent you, as a member of the Cloverdale City Council. Having served on Santa Rosa Community Market's Board of Directors, been their interim Operations Manager; a Safety Manager with Soiland Resources, LLC for 20 years; ratified by the state of California to work in the Insurance Industry; and working as a Bookkeeper for 40 years, I feel qualified for the due diligence required by this position. As a resident of Cloverdale for over 30 years, now, I feel I have the awareness and fortitude to be an adept steward for where we, fortunately, call home.

Kelly Spagnola



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The Donkey Savior ~ Michele Armanino

Ron King saves donkeys. Every Saturday morning, ABC airs a show called

Donkey King. The entertainment is heartwarming as you watch seventeen episodes of King and his crew interacting with rescued donkeys on a 75-acre ranch called Oscar's Place in Hopland.

King, a former senior vice president of a large magazine company, has lived in 13 cities globally. "California is the place I really wanted to be because that's where all the cool people are," he says smiling broadly. But a midlife crisis during the Pandemic caused him to ponder the question: What brings you joy? King, who had never gotten dirt under his fingernails or even encountered a donkey in person, thought donkeys were the last possible answer. One day, however, a TikTok video sent him reeling, when he learned about the tragic plight of donkeys worldwide: five to six million slaughtered for their precious hides and used to make ejiao (a gelatin used in traditional Chinese medicine to make collagen). Equipped with in-depth research and a solid business plan, King set out on a mission: to change the fate of these unfortunate donkeys' lives. The unexpected bonus was the joy that the journey would bring him.

King will tell you outright though: this is not a story about him and how he's opened sanctuaries in Hopland and Potter Valley nor about the first donkey hospital in the USA located in Texas. It's about the safety and happiness of the donkeys - period. "Donkeys are very emotional animals," says King. "They sense that you are here for love and they give love right back to you. It's a two-way relationship," he says, smiling. An estimated 450 donkeys to date have been rescued by the operation.

A total of \$5.7 million a year must be raised to keep the sanctuaries, which have been running for over five years, in operation. King does this mostly by social media - Facebook, Instagram and digital marketing. "No social media is too small for us," he says. "You just never know who's going to be reading an article or listening to a podcast."

"This is a tough business," says King. "Before you think about opening a donkey sanctuary you better make sure you like donkeys. It involves lawyers, accountants, fire insurance....and 96% of the people who open sanctuaries fail in the first year."

The Hopland sanctuary, which opened on January 1, 2021, is not available to the public for viewing. However, a personalized tour of the donkeys' habitat is offered to those who volunteer, make a donation or adopt a donkey.

One of the hardest, yet rewarding acts King does is to attend the Texas Bowie Livestock Auctions where he out bids those who want to purchase the donkeys solely for the purpose of slaughtering them. "It's a really difficult thing to experience," King says sadly. "To meet a donkey is to love a donkey."

If donkeys could place their own ad for adoption, it might read like this: We are very affectionate animals and make loving pets. We are highly intelligent and have a 25-year memory span. Our diet basically consists of hay and straw. You can be sure we'll be around for a long time - we can live as long as 40 years!

Adoption is a viable solution for saving donkeys. A teary-eyed volunteer explained that while she was very happy the donkey she bonded with had been adopted, saying goodbye was a very emotional experience. It is just another testament to how these beasts of burden can steal your heart away. Oscar's Place is proud to announce that over 200 donkeys have been adopted in the last five and a half years.

The sweltering 90-degree heat of the summer doesn't deter Jennifer and Merie, two of the 145 volunteers at the sanctuary, from sharing their love with the animals. "When you look into their eyes, you are looking into their souls," Merie says heartfully. "And when they put their head on your shoulder and breathe into your face, it's a beautiful feeling."

The Donkey King has a special message for everyone: "Think about what brings you joy and lean into it. You don't have to open a donkey sanctuary to find joy. Just lean into whatever brings you joy."

Ron King was looking for joy, but he ended up spreading joy to hundreds of donkeys, volunteer workers and adoptive pet owners. He provides a joyful, safe, and peaceful haven for his donkeys, ensuring they will never again be sent to auction.

Oscar's Place is heaven on earth for a donkey.

October Gardening Tips from Sonoma County Master Gardeners

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- It's time to begin fall chores. If you have deciduous trees, stay ahead of their fallen leaves. Shred or run a lawn mower over large leaves before composting. If large, moist leaves are not shredded, they will mat together while still moist and decompose slowly, making a slippery, gooey mass in your compost pile or on beds.
- Bulbs are on display in nurseries and garden centers. It is generally easier to wait until after the first rains to plant them, but buy now so you are prepared.
- You can begin to divide and transplant ornamental grasses and clump-forming perennials. Keep the divisions well-watered until it rains.
- If you have soil high in clay content or sand, apply ample amounts of compost this fall. Spread it out about 3-4 in. deep and work it lightly into the top few inches of garden beds, avoiding digging deeply. Compost will slowly breakdown and improve soil structure over time, allowing for improved drainage as well as water retention and increased nutrient uptake. Apply additional compost and mulch again in spring.
- Perennials should be completely dormant before you cut them back to just above ground level from November to January. You can cut back flowering stems and trim some unsightly leaves, but leave well enough alone until foliage dries completely or is killed by frost. Dead or dying leaves and often seeds provide habitat and food for wildlife throughout fall and winter.
- October is a good time to take hardwood cuttings of woody plants such as lavender, rosemary, and manzanita. Take small cuttings, dip them in rooting hormone, stick in damp vermiculite, and keep misted. Covering with plastic helps hold in moisture. Keep out of direct sunlight and wait for roots to form in several weeks to a couple of months, depending on the species.

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- Oct. 8 Thurs 11am-1pm** Cops & Subs Fundraiser
West Coast Sourdough
- 7-9:30pm** Thursday Night Dead, The Might As Well Band, Cloverdale Arts Alliance
204 N. Cloverdale Blvd.
- Oct. 10 Sat** Rotary's Asti Tour de Vine
- 1-5pm** Geyserville Harvest-Wine & Marketplace
- 6:30-10pm** All-Star John Prine Birthday Celebration
Cloverdale Arts Alliance 204 N. Cloverdale Blvd.
- 7-9:30pm** Blues Night, The Blue Lights
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- Oct. 15 Thurs 7-9:30pm** Americana Night, Dolly Parton Tribute
Cloverdale Arts Alliance 204 N. Cloverdale Blvd.
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- Oct. 18 Sun** Kiwanis Vineyard Race
- Oct. 19 Mon 5-6:30pm** Lions Club Ray Pesce's Pasta Fundraiser
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Meet Our New FFA Reporter

My name is **Maysin Cavness**, but most people call me May. I'm a junior, and this is my third year in FFA. I'm so excited to be serving as your Chapter Reporter this year. One of my favorite things about FFA is the community and how everyone is welcome. There is a place for everyone in FFA, and it feels more like a family than just an organization. For my SAE projects, I have a few, including raising and showing market lambs, breeding and showing rabbits, and plant production.

When you find me outside my blue jacket, you can usually find me working, hanging out with friends, taking care of my animals, playing sports, or spending time with my family. I love being surrounded by the people and animals that mean the most to me. I'm so excited for another year in FFA to make new friends, make memories, and help make our chapter a place where everyone feels welcome. I can't wait to see what this year brings!

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Exciting Progress on New Alexander Valley Health & Wellness Center

Kirsten Tellez, Director of Development

Excitement is building in the heart of Cloverdale! Following the submission of our permit applications in December 2025 and nine months of rigorous review, Alexander Valley Healthcare (AVH) is thrilled to announce that we have officially met all requirements for permit approval for the new Alexander Valley Health & Wellness Center.

If you have traveled down Cloverdale Blvd. recently, you likely noticed activity underway. Security fencing is being erected around the AVH-owned portion of Thyme Square as well as the adjacent City-owned parcel, which will serve as a staging area. PG&E was also working to install temporary power to support the upcoming phases of site preparation.

The first on-site work focuses on comprehensive soil stabilization. Because of the substantial underground water running beneath our town, this foundational engineering ensures sound, resilient footing for our future facility.

In parallel, AVH is partnering closely with the City of Cloverdale and the Cloverdale Unified School District to complete the Washington Street extension through to Healdsburg Avenue. This essential infrastructure project will finally create safe, dedicated public access to Washington School—delivering a long-awaited enhancement for local students and families. Looking ahead, vertical construction of the state-of-the-art, two-story medical center is projected to break ground in early 2027 once final project financing is completed.

While we still have a long road ahead, seeing physical progress on the ground marks a major milestone. All of us at Alexander Valley Healthcare are deeply grateful to the entire community for your continued support, advocacy, and patience. We look forward to sharing more updates as we bring this vital community resource to life!



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On the Wild Side ~ Jennifer Molitor

Did you know California has a state bat? With creamy golden fur, pallid bats match the golden grasses of our hills. Unlike black bats, they are a pale, ghostly gleam against the rugged canvas of the American West. They live in oak woodlands, coastal redwood forests, deserts, and the pine forests of the Sierra Nevadas.

Can you hear bugs walking? Pallid bats can. Unlike other bats who hunt in the sky, pallid bats pluck their prey from the ground. Their huge ears help them listen as they hunt for mosquitoes, crickets, centipedes, and crop-destroying insects. They even eat scorpions because they are immune to the venom. They drop just inches above the earth listening for the scuttle of scorpions, the rasping of centipedes, the shifting of sand beneath beetles.

Back home, pallid bats are tender and deeply social creatures. They love to chat with families and neighbors. Under bridges, and in rock crevices and mines, they live in maternal colonies of a dozen or up to even one hundred bats. They constantly vocalize calls and chirps to each other.

However, they are sensitive to habitat disturbance. They're listed as a species of special concern in California. That's why it's important to think about how we're modifying the living natural world around us.

This spooky season is time to celebrate bats. Remember this Halloween to skip the gauzy fake spider webs that wild birds, bats, and other critters get tangled up in so everyone can enjoy the season safely. You can view bats at sunset on the edge of town, where they help bring balance to our agricultural fields. Learn more about bats with classroom and library presentations from NorCal Bats.



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James (Jim) Fredrick Caldwell



James (Jim) Fredrick Caldwell died on Sept. 4th of a recent illness. He was 90 years old. Born in N. Carolina on Aug. 16, 1936, the eldest son of Fredrick and Pearl Caldwell. He is survived by his partner of 30 years Enid Brame, his sister Gwen Keiley of Virginia and his brother Anthony (Beverly) Caldwell of N. Carolina.

Jim moved to San Francisco in the early 60's where he worked as an insurance adjuster until he and Enid retired in Cloverdale in 1999 when he worked for Simi winery in the tasting room for 15 years.

He loved to travel and his hobbies were hiking, music and genealogy.

His ashes will be scattered on Mt. Tamalpais, his favorite mountain. He and Enid met there when he was leading a hike for The Mt Tamalpais Interpretive Association in 1992.

Tune-up your Taste Buds

Tim Boccia

"101Thai Way"

There's a jewel of a Thai restaurant, in our own backyard. It's been a minute since I was there, so back I was. My favorite starter is the firecracker shrimp - giddy-up! This dish is hot/spicy and highly seasoned at the same time - you decide how to tackle this dish. The shrimp sit on a bed of diced hot/spicy chiles (the hot/spicy part), with the shrimp themselves having a drizzle of delicious, sweet chili sauce (the seasoned part).



A gorgeous crispy coating - not oily. So unctuous - makes my taste buds water. Perfect fry. I make my bite a little hot (but always well spiced). I take a little bit of the hot relish, which follows the shrimp I'm biting into. You're in full control!

Onto entree dishes - stir fries, rice or noodle-based dishes, your choice of protein. We also had some yummy brown rice (chewy, chewy!). Pad Thai with shrimp first (so delicious). The sauce will make or break a Pad Thai. This one was so savory - my mouth watered. It stood up to some other Pad Thai at great Thai restaurants in SF. Finger licking good - but I used my fork.

Our next entree was so clever - never seen it before. Stir fried entrees (you pick the protein) are usually based on flavor profile (Thai basil, garlic, ginger, eggplant etc.). The restaurant will vary veggies included in each of their stir fry entrees. They have a "peanut lovers" stir fry! What? Not a fan of eating peanuts plain, but used the peanut sauce used in the satay appetizer (meat skewers) and they hit a home run! I've always been a fan of peanut sauce for satay but never thought of it being part of a stir fry sauce! Tune up your taste buds and run!



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City Council Report

Eleanore Webster

August 26: Council proclaimed August 26, 2026, Women's Equality Day, recognizing passage of the 19th Amendment. Nicole Bird, Cloverdale Librarian, received the recognition. Council awarded the Citizen Recognition award to Cloverdale Food Pantry. Joe Wiedeman of the Food Pantry received the recognition.

Council received a presentation by City Attorney Alex Mog (see video and agenda attachment) regarding potential submission of proposed development projects to voters. The projects would include Esmeralda; the proposal comes from community requests. An EIR is needed before the project could be placed before the voters. Council recommended creating a timeline and road map for public review. March 2027 would be the earliest opportunity for a ballot measure.

Approval was given for Cloverdale Police to use military-style equipment like small drones and teargas. The drones are used for traffic accidents, fireworks complaints, and inaccessible areas. After an active public hearing, Council adopted the new water and wastewater rates. Council members asked about costs, plans, remedial projects, local comparisons, and options on rate increases. Council received a report on code enforcement: some complained that city responds poorly to rodent/pest infestation. Staff was directed to contact other local cities to see what they're doing.

September 9: Council adopted a resolution to address flooding risks from anticipated El Niño winter storms. This is intended to prevent or reduce flooding by streamlining future requests for permits and funding. All work would be subject to existing rules, budget updates, and future council decisions. In 2023 we experienced many issues with floods; an emergency declaration would have helped expedite the work.

Council held the third public hearing on district-based elections. There will be a directly elected at-large mayor, and four specific districts with council member representation. Public is invited to comment on district boundaries. Council will make a final decision after public comments. This November, three at-large council members will be elected; 2028 – the mayor and one district council member; 2030 – three district council members (see Agenda attachments and video).

Two Esmeralda public hearings were set for the City Council meetings on October 7 and 14. There was discussion about Chamber of Commerce funding due to social media-generated questioning. Discussion expanded to funding for all non-profit recipients. Council wants transparency on how firms are selected.

Special-Needs Dental Clinic Offers Calm, Supportive Care for Children with Developmental and Sensory Challenges

For many children, a trip to the dentist can be stressful. For children with autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy and other developmental or sensory challenges, it can be especially overwhelming.

To better serve these patients, Providence Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital's dental clinic reserves one Saturday each month exclusively for patients under age 21 with disabilities. The quieter setting allows families to access services such as cleanings, X-rays and cavity treatment in a calm, supportive environment.

"There can be barriers to care when there are distractions and noises and the usual hustle and bustle of a clinic," says Arturo Martinez, dental programs manager at Santa Rosa Memorial. "On Saturdays, patients and families can enter through a side door and enjoy a quieter, more welcoming experience. We can also dedicate additional time to their care."

The monthly clinic serves about 230 patients each year, ranging in age from eight months to 21 years. Many patients and families primarily speak Spanish, and bilingual staff help ensure effective communication and compassionate care.

Parents are also important partners in care. Janet McLaughlin, whose son has been a patient for 15 years, says the clinic's patience and understanding helped him progress from being too frightened to complete an appointment to successfully receiving X-rays and cleanings.

The program helps create positive dental experiences that can support lifelong oral health and reduce anxiety for both patients and families. By tailoring care to each child's needs, the team helps make dental visits more comfortable, accessible and successful for everyone.

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The BiblioBike Comes Rolling into Cloverdale John Koetzner, Children's Services Librarian

Occasionally, grant opportunities come along that bring a fun way to reconsider how we deliver library services to the community. Such is the case with Cloverdale Library's new BiblioBike. The bike is a three-wheeler with two wheels mounted at the front, carrying the weight of a wood storage area and some shelving for books. It also has an electric motor and battery.



On its maiden voyage around the Cloverdale Library, I pedaled it around and it was easy to handle. On its second journey, I ventured to the 4 Cs Preschool on North Washington Street for a Storytime. I found having some books and other supplies made it a little more difficult to steer when under pedal power when carrying additional weight.

So, how will we use this innovation for library services? Well, I'll be doing some Storytime programs at the park when weather allows, I'll take it to 4Cs Storytime and do some outreach to Jefferson Elementary School. Sonja, our Teen Services Librarian, will possibly use it with the Book Buddies program, and our Adult Services Librarian, Amanda, may use it for outreach to the Cloverdale Senior Center. Of course, it will probably show up at events such as the Citrus Fair parade. Be on the lookout for the blue BiblioBike rolling through town as it will be bringing books and other resources to community.

On Another note: The Cloverdale Friends of the Library will hold their 2026 Annual General meeting on Tuesday, November 17th at 4:00 in the Forum Room of the Library. You are invited to come and learn what projects the Friends have completed during the year, with a fiscal update regarding their fundraising for Library programs and resource materials. Enjoy a pleasant Fall meeting that will include delicious treats to be shared.

Senior Center Endowment Program

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

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

Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center ~ Melanie Hall

It is one of the most beautiful times of the year. I love the smell of fall in the air, the colors of the leaves, harvesting vegetables and planting the winter garden, and the shorter days that give us more time inside to cook and spend time with family and friends.

I want to thank the community for all their support for our Pancake Breakfast in coordination with the Cloverdale Chamber's Car and Motorcycle show. A big thank you to our many senior volunteers and the volunteers from the Kiwanis Builders Club.

On October 5 and 19, the Cloverdale Lions Club will be serving Ray Pesce's famous pasta, with salad and a roll with butter. This will be a to-go meal only. The Cloverdale Connect is donating the to-go containers, and Dahlia and Sage is donating ingredients. All proceeds will benefit the Senior Center. This opportunity is open to all in the community; please call to pre-pay and reserve your meal. A family of four meal is \$40, a community guest single serving is \$12, and current Senior Center members are \$9.

Please come and join us on October 15, 10:00-11:00 A.M. for our Coffee with the Mayor and Friends. Our special guest will be Michael Thompson, HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program) Regional Outreach Coordinator, Senior Advocacy Services. Michael Thompson will also lead a presentation on Medicare Annual Choices and Changes at our Lunch and Learn following Coffee with the Mayor, 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Please call to reserve your space by October 13. Lunch is sponsored by a grant from Sonoma Community Foundation.

We are offering the first in a series of free concerts on October 28, courtesy of money raised at our Beer, Brats, and Bluegrass fundraiser in June. We are delighted to have a sitar concert with Peter van Gelder on sitar, Dana Pandey on tabla, and John WubbenHorst on bansuri. Food prepared by Black Oak BBQ will be available for purchase before the concert, 5:00-6:00 P.M. Music is 6:00-7:30 P.M.

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

B00! Did that scare anyone? Doubtful, but it was worth a try. October, the transitional month that brings cooler temperatures and precipitation to the North Coast, marking the upcoming midterms across the nation and putting our summertime gardening efforts asleep, (I'm going to miss my tomatoes!).



As we prepare for the winter season, let us look around our homes and secure the areas of debris, change the filters and batteries in our devices, making sure our homes and businesses are ready to provide the protection we'll need to ensure our future.

KOWS had a successful day in Santa Rosa at the Railroad Square celebration, meeting hundreds of fans and taking many requests. (No...I'm not going to Hollywood...although the Walk would do me good!). The radio station is offering an opportunity for anyone interested in hosting an hour-long show "Host With The Herd" we provide the engineer to produce the show; you provide the talent! Details on our studio website: KOWSfm.com

The music heard around the world this season will remind all of us of the incredible talent that we are blessed with. The passing of Dolly Parton has affected many around the globe. She was and will remain the "Queen of Love" and her legacy will remind us that Love truly is the answer...no matter what the question.

Thank you for your support of our community radio station...remember our motto "Free Speech ~ No Bull"! Don't forget to vote!

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Let's Travel Craig Clark

When a Cheap Airline Ticket Becomes a Travel Nightmare

It's every traveler's worst nightmare: You arrive at the airport, ready to board, only to discover that your ticket has been canceled—and the airline says you're responsible for the bill.

A growing travel scam involves seemingly legitimate third-party booking sites that sell discounted airline tickets but pay the carrier with stolen or fraudulent travel credits. The traveler pays the agency by credit card, receives a legitimate-looking confirmation, and may even fly before the airline discovers the problem. When the fraudulent payment is eventually flagged, the passenger can be left owing the airline and, in some cases, barred from flying.

If You're Banned, Act Quickly

If an airline says your ticket involved fraudulent payment, gather documentation immediately. Keep your credit-card statement, booking confirmation, receipts, emails and correspondence with the travel agency.

Ask the airline to have its fraud, risk-management or corporate-security department review the case. Explain that you paid a third-party agency in good faith and provide evidence showing the transaction. The airline may require proof that you were an unwitting victim rather than a participant in the fraud.

How to Spot a Booking Scam

An unusually low fare is the first warning sign. If established airlines are charging substantially more than an unfamiliar website, investigate before purchasing.

Look closely at the agency's contact information, physical address and customer-service options. Be especially cautious about companies that demand payment by wire transfer, cryptocurrency or peer-to-peer services rather than a credit card.

Before booking, search the agency's name along with terms such as "scam," "fraud" or "complaints." Whenever possible, book directly with the airline or use a well-established travel agency.

If the Agency Disappears

Contact your credit-card issuer promptly to dispute the charge if the promised service was not provided. Keep detailed records of every attempt to contact the agency.

A bargain airfare isn't a bargain if the ticket disappears at the gate. The safest deal is one you can verify before you pay.

Showing Up in Geyserville

La Familia Sana continues to expand its presence and outreach in Geyserville, bringing services and resources directly into the community.

Through outreach, partnerships, legal support, mobile services, and other community-based efforts, their team is working to make it easier for families to connect with the help they need close to home. La Familia Sana's outreach reached at least 30 individuals and families in Geyserville through schools, food distributions, door-to-door engagement, and other trusted community locations.



In partnership with Legal Aid of Sonoma County, biweekly immigration-related legal services have also been offered at the Geyserville School District, helping bring bilingual legal support into a familiar and accessible setting. Through those on-site services,

13 Geyserville community members were connected with civil legal services.

La Familia Sana has also provided Family Preparedness support, documentation assistance, referrals, and navigation to help families take concrete steps toward protecting and preparing their households.

This work is part of La Familia Sana's ongoing commitment to meeting people where they are and making sure families throughout Northern Sonoma County have access to trusted, bilingual support.

Cloverdale FFA Report Maysin Cavness

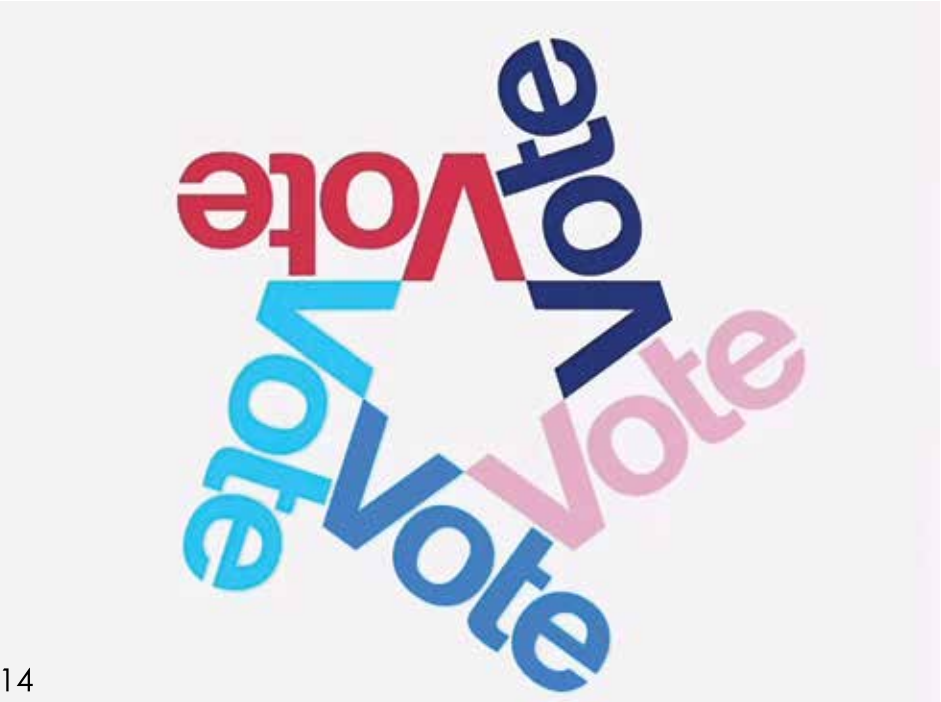
September has been a busy month for Cloverdale FFA as we welcomed our newest members at our Greenhand Breakfast and Greenhand Stampede. A Greenhand is someone who is new in FFA, as green is symbolic of growth. Our Greenhands got to meet other new members, learn more about FFA, and start getting involved in our chapter. These events were a great way to introduce our new members to the FFA family and get them excited for everything we have planned this year.

We also had the opportunity to take part in a 9/11 ceremony at the fire station. As part of the event, we made flower arrangements to help honor and remember those who lost their lives and those who continue to serve and protect our community. It was a meaningful experience for our members and a great reminder of the importance of giving back to our community.



Our Agriculture Construction students participated in the Redwood Region Resource Rally in Scotia where they learned about industry careers for forestry and natural resources.

Our members also traveled to Petaluma for Greenhand Leadership Conference, where we had the chance to learn, meet other FFA members, and grow as leaders. Between welcoming our Greenhands, serving our community, and continuing to build our chapter, September has already been a great month for Cloverdale FFA.



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Curly Doodle is the best. I am absolutely in love with my dog Gravy and wouldn't trust him with anyone else. They are absolutely top notch and I really appreciate how they care so much about animals and the community. Quality matters and I would much rather have good quality when it comes to the ones I love the most.

Finn Hauger

I made a quick trip to **Redwood Credit Union** this afternoon in preparation for my garage sale. Leslie (I think that's her name) was so patient while I tried to guess what I needed to make change.

Connie Anderson

Shout Out to **Country Side Plumbing!** I have used Tommy Brunelle for many years – quality work, fair prices, very knowledgeable.

Susan Shappy

Thank you, **Ramiro Maciel of Maciel's Hauling & Junk Removal** for your prompt response to my post last week. When I messaged you and asked "When could we meet?", you replied, "20 seconds" – and you were serious! I was lucky that you were already in the area. I didn't want to wait to schedule an appointment with Recology and then have to drag everything left over to the curb. You arrived as promised on Sunday, and in no time, you had everything in my driveway and the front of my house cleared away. Thank you!

Connie Anderson

Went for dinner tonight at The **Supper Club** for the first time. Greeted with a smile by the owner Giana. The restaurant is beautiful for starters! Marisa was our server and was delightful. The food was delicious. Calamari was fresh and perfectly crispy. The linguine with clams was perfection. My friend got the bone-in pork chop with a baked potato and roasted carrots. I tried the carrots and they were so good.

Liane Fabian

I've been a weekly customer at **Diavola Pizzeria & Salumeria** for many years. They constantly impress me with outstanding cuisine. It's rooted in Italian food, but branches out way beyond. They use fresh, local ingredients and are very creative with everything they do, from the simplest pizzas (which are outstanding) to the 40-ounce porterhouse steak for two. That's the best steak in Sonoma County for sure. If you only have pizza there, you're selling the restaurant short. Highly recommended.

Greg Heumann

My BLT was incredible and the homemade fresh sun-dried aioli is out of this world! **Wolf House Brewing!**

Savannah DelCampo-Snyde



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We were heading down to Windsor on a foggy, gray morning to watch our grandson while his parents worked. Suddenly, the low tire pressure warning came on the dashboard. What to do? Driving by **Tate's Auto/Tires** on a Saturday, we were amazed to see they were open! Swinging in, we explained our predicament. Austin explained they would be glad to check it out. Turns out there was a screw embedded in the tire, and it would continue to deflate. We couldn't be late and make our son late for his job! Daniel Love, Tate's mechanic, dropped the job he was working on and put a plug in our leaking tire, and we were on our way. Austin said, "No Charge". We arrived in Windsor with time to spare, and all was good. But that wouldn't have happened without **Austin and Daniel** at Tate willing to go out of their way and come to our rescue! Thank you and shout out to them!!

Eric Neel and Cynthia Grant

Shout out to **La Tequila!** Recently they catered an amazing dinner for 125 people. The presentation was great, the tacos, enchiladas, rice, beans and numerous toppings were all amazing! Agua Fresca's & Horchata were so good, and everyone loved the churros for dessert! Thank you so much.

Cathi Pritchard



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CUSD News Glen Senestraro

As the leaves begin to turn and a cool autumn breeze settles across the valley, the energy across Cloverdale Unified School District is burning brighter than ever. October brings a vibrant season of fall athletics, seasonal learning activities, and important conversations shaping our classrooms. From our youngest learners to our graduating seniors, CUSD students are demonstrating excellence, community spirit, and genuine pride in being Cloverdale Eagles.

Here is a look at what is happening across our district this month:

Exploring Screen-Time Guardrails and/or Limits

At the district level, CUSD leaders and staff are officially examining a comprehensive student screen-time board policy. District leadership is evaluating models from across the state, distinguishing between individual device use and teacher-led interactive instruction, and exploring potential screen-free guidelines for early elementary grades.

District staff is gathering valuable feedback from teachers, staff, and parents to help shape a balanced approach. The overarching goal is to preserve valuable educational technology while prioritizing hands-on learning, traditional print reading, and active face-to-face social engagement during the school day. Expect a draft policy proposal to come before the Board of Trustees for further public review later this fall.

Jefferson Elementary School

Jefferson students are enjoying crisp autumn weather with hands-on garden and agriculture projects, seasonal reading challenges, and preparations for their beloved annual Halloween costume parade!

Washington Middle School

Eagle pride is running high as WMS fall sports teams hit the field and court. In the classroom, students are diving into collaborative STEM experiments while student leaders foster a strong culture of campus kindness.

Cloverdale High School

Friday night lights, volleyball matches, and cross-country meets are keeping CHS student-athletes busy! Meanwhile, upperclassmen are taking key steps toward college planning and Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways.

JEH Continuation High School

JEH students continue to make inspiring progress through personalized learning plans, practical life-skills workshops, and targeted credit recovery as the first quarter ends.



Halloween 1973 Was Like No Other Mary Jo Winter

The suicide of a 42-year-old unemployed merchant seaman inside his blazing home on Hillview Dr. ended an unforgettable night of horror on Halloween in 1973...

Four days earlier, Spencer Snow had argued with his wife in a local bar before storming out with her purse and car keys. She contacted the police, who stood by while a locksmith cut a new key, and later when she went to get her clothes, which had been tossed into the yard.

That Halloween, officers observed Snow spinning rubber with his tires on First St. and followed him home to issue a citation. Snow, who had been drinking, and described as being agitated and angry, was still able to pass the sobriety test.

Police left but returned within the hour when a group of trick-or-treaters reported Snow met them at the door while loading a gun. Another boy reported Snow told him to get off his property while pointing a gun at his head.

Upon arrival, officers noticed all the front windows had been broken out, and Snow was throwing furniture onto the lawn while randomly firing shots from several types of guns.

When efforts to get him to peacefully come outside were unsuccessful, two officers went around back, only to discover Snow was now holed up in a back bedroom. When one of them approached, Snow kicked out a glass window and appeared to be loading a gun.

A tear gas canister was then thrown in the window and flames were seen shortly thereafter. When firefighters arrived, the bedroom was engulfed in flames, but they were unable to approach the house because shots were going off again.

Snow's body was found next to a Ruger 44 magnum. One bullet had been fired. The rest exploded by fire. Autopsy results determined he was not killed by the fire, leading to the belief it was suicide.

Go Eagles



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How Do You Know If Your Home Is Priced Right? ~ Elissa Morrash

One of the hardest decisions when selling a home is deciding what price to put on it. Naturally, sellers want to get the best possible price. After all, for most of us, our home represents a significant part of our financial lives.

So how do you know when you've got the price right?

You start with the facts: what similar homes have recently sold for, what's currently on the market, and how your home compares in location, condition, size, improvements and special features. But after all the research and discussion, there's one more important participant in the pricing decision: **the buyer.**

Once your home goes on the market, buyers begin giving you information.

Are they coming to see it? Are agents calling with questions? Are you getting second showings? If there's plenty of online activity but few actual showings, buyers may be finding

other homes more compelling at the same price.

If people are touring the home but no offers are coming, that tells you something, too. They may like the house but feel the price doesn't quite match what they're seeing elsewhere.

In today's market, many buyers are taking their time. Every home is different, and some simply take longer to find the right buyer—especially in a slower market.

It's also easy for sellers to think about what they paid for the house, what they spent improving it, or how much they need to walk away with. All of those things are understandable. But buyers are looking at something different: **What else can I buy for this amount of money?**

Perhaps that's the best way to think about pricing. The question isn't only, "What is my house worth?"

It's also, **"At what price will a buyer recognize its value?"**

When those two things meet, you've probably found the right price.

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How to Save on Software & Subscriptions

Will Carter

Beginning on January 1st of next year, under SB122, consumers in California will now be obliged to pay Sales and Use Taxes on many of the software products they use. This change is controversial; however, it will allow state and local governments to benefit from the technology industries we have incubated in our state.

What this means for you as a resident of Cloverdale is that you will now pay our total local sales tax of 10% when you purchase or subscribe to many digital products you may use every day. Examples of some products you may use which will be taxed: Microsoft 365 (formerly Office), Adobe Creative Cloud (Acrobat, Photoshop, etc.), AI Models (ChatGPT Plus, Claude, etc.), Tax and Bookkeeping Software (Quicken, QuickBooks, and similar apps), Professional Email Services (Google Workspace, Microsoft 365 for Business, etc.), and even antivirus software!

While this will create much needed revenue and provide a source of returns for growing AI implementation, it will also mean you could be stuck paying more for the same product. To alleviate that, and maybe even save you some money, I want to suggest some alternatives you might try at that best possible price of FREE!

If you use Microsoft 365/Office, the free open-source alternative LibreOffice is an easy recommendation, which many of my customers enjoy!

If you use Adobe's Photoshop or Illustrator, GIMP and Inkscape work just as well.

If you pay for an antivirus subscription, consider trying the built-in option! Both MacOS and Windows are secure for personal use so long as all security defaults are maintained.

The great news is that this does not apply to media like streaming films, digital art, e-books, audiobooks, or video games. Even for this, I have a suggestion: The Sonoma County Library! They provide access to all these common media purchases and subscriptions through their eLibrary, as well as so much more, like local & national news (including the Press Democrat) and educational resources for children & adults. All of this can be found at SonomaLibrary.org/eLibrary.



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Private Funding Brings Literacy Program



Read On Sonoma is expanding this fall into Cloverdale Unified School District, bringing its reading program to Jefferson Elementary School and Washington Middle School.

Founded by Guy Fieri and Lawrence Amato, Read On Sonoma is an incentive-based literacy initiative of The Seraphim Fund, a Sonoma County nonprofit organization. Serving students in grades 2 through 6, the program combines individualized reading goals, measurable comprehension, schoolwide participation, and meaningful incentives to encourage children to read more frequently, challenge themselves, and develop lifelong reading habits. Under the program's teacher-led, school-wide model, students receive personalized reading goals each trimester and earn rewards for meeting them.

The program is provided at no cost to participating schools, students, or families through private philanthropy and community partnerships.

“We are thrilled to welcome Read On Sonoma’s deliberate and resourceful program into Jefferson Elementary and Washington Middle this year,” said Cloverdale Superintendent of Schools Glen Senestraro. “Incredibly, these private donors have had no prior association with our schools; they just want to help and to inspire others.”

The expansion into Cloverdale is funded by Linda and Frank Riolo and the Susan & Lawrence Amato Giving Fund.

“Former Mayor Todd Lands encouraged me to do business in his town ... and to find a way to give back to this community. My wife and I are excited to see this program put into action!” said Lawrence Amato, co-founder of Read On Sonoma.



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District-Based Elections

Cloverdale is moving to district elections for the 2028 general election. The city will be divided into four council districts, and voters will elect council members by district, and the mayor will be directly elected at large. The City's consultant has released four draft maps, and the Council has been taking public input on them. Currently, all five members of the City Council are elected at-large by the entire city.

If the City utilizes district-based elections, the City would be physically divided into separate districts, with each district represented by one councilmember who resides in that district and is selected only by voters of that district.

The City is making this transition in response to the threat of expensive litigation alleging violations of the California Voting Rights Act. Many cities in Sonoma County and throughout California have similarly made this transition in recent years.

State rules guide how the lines are drawn. Districts need to be connected, keep neighborhoods and communities together where possible, follow clear boundaries, and be compact. Lines also cannot be drawn to help or hurt any incumbent, candidate or party. Federal laws require equal populations, adherence to the Federal Voting Rights Act and no racial gerrymandering.

The California criteria are, in prioritized order:

- 1) Geographically contingent
- 2) Avoid division of any neighborhoods and "communities of interest" (Socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together)
- 3) Easily identifiable boundaries
- 4) Compact (Do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)

California prohibition – "Shall not adopt election district boundaries for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party."

Community input is a critical part of the districting process. Members of the community may participate in the process by attending one of the public hearings, or by submitting comments or map proposals to districting@ci.cloverdale.ca.us. The City of Cloverdale has provided several mapping tools to assist the public in drawing maps. There are different tools for different purposes, and different tools for different levels of technical skill and interest.

The transition process involves 5 public hearings. Below is the current tentative schedule for the next upcoming hearing.

October 14, 2026 (5th Hearing), **Purpose/Action:** Adoption of ordinance to implement district maps

November 7, 2028 First 2 districts elect

November 5, 2030 Remaining 2 districts hold first election

For more information:

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Lynn Buchman Receives Appreciation Gene Marcinkowski



Recently, Gene Marcinkowski presented Lynn Buchman a certificate of appreciation signed by many of the veterans she lovingly calls "her boys" and "her heroes." For the past two years, almost every Sunday without fail, Lynn has provided a bag filled with snacks — cookies, crackers, juice boxes, and other treats — to bring to the kitchenette at the VA Santa Rosa clinic. These small comforts greet veterans when they come in for their appointments.

Most of these veterans will never meet Lynn. Yet through her quiet generosity, she has brought smiles to faces she doesn't know and perhaps made someone's pain or illness feel just a little lighter. This recognition has been long overdue, and it was an honor to finally give her the appreciation she has earned.

Geyserville Plaza Park

For years, Geyserville residents have asked for a real community space. That's changing thanks to the efforts of the Geyserville Alexander Valley Municipal Advisory Council and to \$1.4 million in grants from Sonoma County Ag, Open Space and the Coastal Conservancy.

The Geyserville Community Plaza Project is led by Sonoma Public Infrastructure (SPI), turning a County-owned lot in downtown Geyserville into a safe, easy-to-use, and welcoming public space. The plan is to upgrade the current Park and Ride parking lot into a community plaza that keeps needed parking, creates room for local events, and serves people using the Great Redwood Trail. Questa Engineering Corporation is designing the project. Located at 21140 Geyserville Ave., the 1.17-acre project includes public restrooms, and modern amenities.



The Geyserville Community Plaza project will provide the unincorporated town of Geyserville with a much needed and requested outdoor recreation area for its residents, as well as a venue for community-based such as the Fall Colors Festival and Geyserville Tractor Parade. It will connect the business section of town with SMART and Great Redwood Trail, providing a visual entrance to the town commerce. The planned improvements to the undeveloped area at the current Sonoma County Park and Ride facility will increase the visibility of the parking lot and provide patrons with modern services such as public restrooms and electric charging stations.

Infrastructure design is to be complete by Spring 2027 with construction scheduled to begin Fall 2027. Learn about the concept design and next steps: <https://www.gavmac.org/geyserville-plaza-park>

Economic Development Candidate Forum Erik Terreri

Recently, the Cloverdale Economic Development Committee hosted a City Council candidate forum focused on the future of our community. I appreciated the preparation and thoughtfulness the participating candidates brought to the discussion.

Steve Kawa especially impressed me with his qualifications, professionalism, and understanding of the issues facing Cloverdale. Will Carter, Chris Parker, and Kimberly Kern also offered thoughtful responses, while Kelly Spagnola brought a fresh perspective to the conversation.

Andres Marquez discussed several projects and ideas he has supported, including the privacy screen at First Street and Cloverdale Boulevard, the future of the downtown plaza, and the city-owned building beside it. These subjects highlight the importance of continued public discussion about how individual projects fit into a broader, long-term vision for downtown. Our community benefits when proposals are evaluated carefully, competing viewpoints are heard, and residents understand how different plans would work together.

Three candidates did not participate. Colleen Shields notified us that she would be traveling abroad on a trip arranged before the forum was scheduled. Jenn Neylon did not respond to our invitations, and Marjorie Morgenstern declined to attend. I hope there will be additional opportunities for voters to hear from all the candidates before the election.

Serving on the City Council requires preparation, judgment, openness, and a willingness to listen to people with different perspectives. I appreciate everyone who is willing to put their name forward and serve our community. I also thank the residents who attended, submitted questions, or watched the forum. An informed and engaged public is essential to Cloverdale's future, and respectful dialogue will help us make the best decisions for our city.

What Would Dolly Do?

Julie Carter

Sometimes I wonder how many times since 2009 I have asked myself the question- "What would Dolly do?" That year, my late husband, Greg, brought the idea of starting a chapter of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to the Cloverdale Kiwanis Club. Last month, with the passing of Dolly, I finally had an answer: just keep loving and just keep giving.

There was much publicity around her death and the international accolades which followed; but what may have escaped the public view is just a few days after that, over 3 million books were shipped to little kids who had no idea the world had changed. 255 of those books came to children in Cloverdale. By this publication, another larger shipment will have left Tennessee. Hundreds of staff and thousands of volunteers have made this happen every month since the program's inception in 1995.

The program continues to grow through several key initiatives: Following expansion across communities in the U.S., there are now many international chapters. Multiple statewide rollouts are currently in progress, building on local successes like the Sonoma County Chapter, which was established two years ago. The bilingual Spanish/English book collection introduced during the California expansion will soon be available nationwide.

Dolly's vision ensures that the Imagination Library is built to continue inspiring children for many years to come.

The Imagination Library enjoyed a moment of celebration on September 25th (9-25), when many communities celebrated Dolly Parton Day. The Dollywood Foundation called it "Give Like Dolly Day". Countless gifts were given and literacy programs were funded. Locally, the stores Erin Mavis and Mavis & Mavis donated 100% of that day's profit to the Cloverdale Imagination Library, now running strong for 15 years. Across Sonoma County, other businesses stepped up including El Coqui Restaurant in Santa Rosa; the City of Guerneville is renaming their Christmas parade and celebration to A Holly Dolly Christmas. Dolly Parton may be gone from our view but her impact continues through others.

So, I ask you as you are reading this "What Would Dolly Do?"
Cloverdale Imagination Library
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Cloverdale CA 95425
Register at <https://imaginationlibrary.com/>



It's spooky season once again and DogGonit has a special treat in store for you! Send them a picture of your fur baby in their Halloween costume by October 25th for a chance to win \$20 off your next \$100+ order AND one free frozen item! The winner will be selected and announced on October 31st. DogGonit is looking forward to seeing all the spooky and sweet costumes! Happy Spooky Season!

Flanked by Rotary Club President Preston Addison (on left) is Rotary District Governor Jeff Kolin, visiting our club (one of 46 in the district), sharing the club's fellowship and delivering a special District Service Award to Erik Terreri (on right) for his outstanding efforts in furthering the Rotary motto "Service above Self" and his determination to continue to make this community a more peaceful and prosperous environment for everyone.



Seated on the left is Rotary Interact Club President Maxine LaMaster, counting the proceeds from the Club bake sale along with Audrey Quiroz Cervantes, Interactor Extraordinaire. The Interact Club would like to heartily thank the community for their generosity, allowing the Club to continue to support positive service projects and activities and to demonstrate "Service above Self."



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- FEBRUARY 6, 2027
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- APRIL 3, 2027
- MAY 1, 2027

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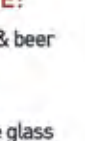
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Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Departure
10/2	Willits **	Away	5:00/7	2:25 pm
10/9	Kelseyville **	Away	5:00/7	1:30 pm
10/16	Lower Lake *	Away	5:00/7	1:30 pm
10/23	St. Helena * (Homecoming)	Home	5:00/7	
10/30	Middletown * (Senior Night)	Home	5:00/7	
11/7	Stuart Hall * (V) (Kezar Stadium- SF)	Away	2:00	10:30 am
Varsity Head Coach: Seth Grell Principal: Casey Berry		JV Head Coach: Athletic Director: Danielle Bird		
* NCL South League Game		** NCL N/S Interlock Game		
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A comment submitted for the Planning Commission meeting will not automatically carry forward to a later City Council meeting, and vice versa.

C. SPEAK IN PERSON

Oral public comment will be available in person at the meetings. Attend in person and speak during the applicable public comment period.

D. PREFER ANONYMITY?

Use Option A, but ensure there is no identifying information (i.e. return address) provided when you deposit it in the metal drop box near the front entrance of City Hall. Staff will date-stamp and scan it for inclusion in the written public comment record. Anonymity through electronic submissions cannot be guaranteed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning Commission:

Thursday, October 1 at 6:00 p.m. (Vets Hall)

City Council: Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. (Vets Hall)

City Council: Wednesday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m. (CPAC)

Agendas are posted at least 72 hours in advance and include meeting details and public participation information. Find them at www.cloverdale-net/agenda center.

Project materials to date are available at www.cloverdale.net/esmeralda.

Alliance Medical Center Welcomes Dr. Scott Holmes ~ Chief Medical Officer

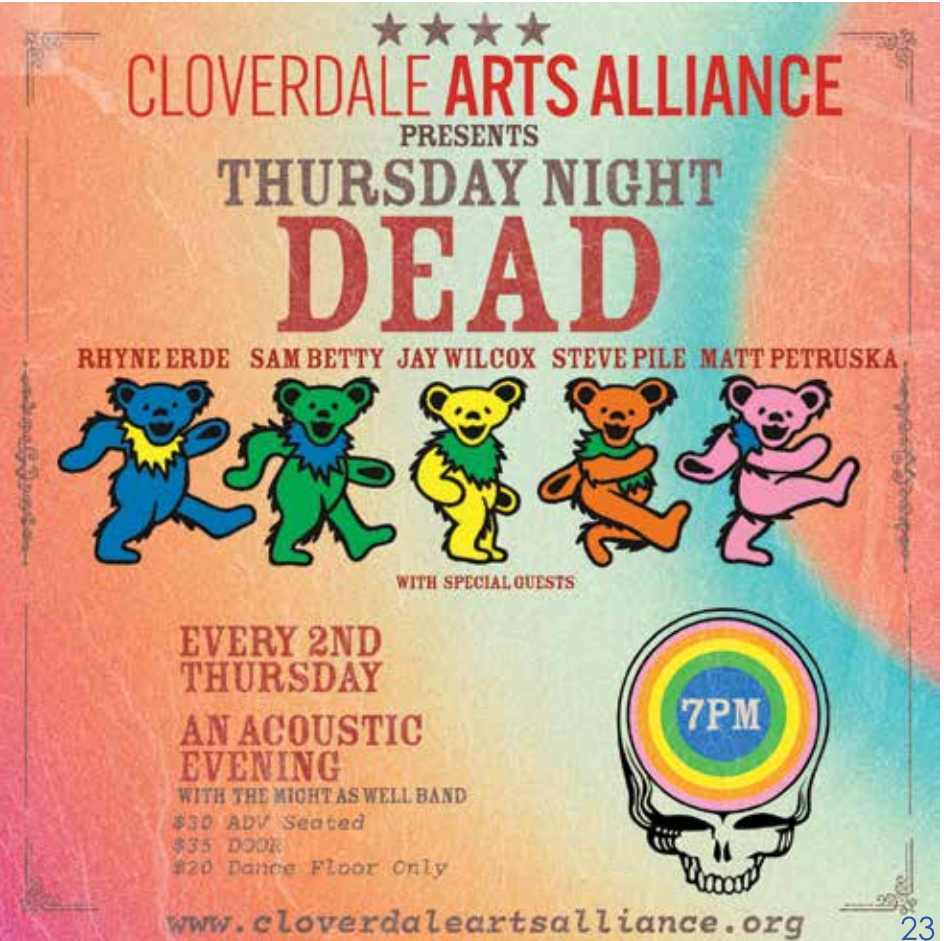
Experienced Sonoma County physician leader brings expertise in primary care, pediatrics, clinical innovation, and health informatics to Alliance Medical Center

Alliance Medical Center is pleased to welcome Scott Holmes, DO, as Chief Medical Officer, bringing an accomplished Sonoma County physician leader with a passion for compassionate, patient-centered care and a strong background in clinical innovation.

Dr. Holmes is board certified in both Internal Medicine and Pediatrics and brings extensive experience in clinical leadership, primary care, pediatrics, and health informatics. Most recently, he served as Medical Director of Primary Care at Petaluma Health Center, where he provided clinical and operational leadership across a multi-site Federally Qualified Health Center. He previously served as Director of Clinical Informatics and Associate Medical Director and continues to practice as a primary care physician. Dr. Holmes has also served as a pediatric hospitalist and Chair of the Pediatrics Department at Providence Petaluma Valley Hospital.

In his new role, Dr. Holmes will provide clinical leadership across Alliance while continuing to care directly for patients. A central focus of his leadership will be strengthening the systems that support both excellent patient care and a sustainable primary care workforce.

Dr. Holmes completed his combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics residency through ChristianaCare, Thomas Jefferson University, and Nemours after earning his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He also holds a Master of Science in Cancer Biology from the University of California, San Diego, and a Master of Arts in Teaching and Education from the University of Southern California.



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October is the start of the holiday season with Halloween. If you have little trick or treaters, it can be a challenge to get them to eat dinner. This chicken pie casserole is an excellent dish that kids of all ages will love. It's very belly warming on those cold fall nights.

Chicken Pot Pie Casserole with Biscuits

Ingredients:

- 4 Tbsp. butter
- 3 medium carrots, diced (about 1½ cups)
- 3 stalks celery, diced (about 1½ cups)
- 1 large yellow onion, diced (about 1½ cups)
- 1 tsp. chopped fresh thyme
- 1 tsp. kosher salt, divided
- ½ tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 4 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 2 cups whole milk
- 1 cup low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
- ½ tsp. garlic powder
- 4 cups cooked shredded chicken
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 1 (16.3-ounce tube) biscuit dough

Instructions:

- 1) Preheat oven to 375° with rack in the center. In a large skillet, melt butter over medium-high heat. Add carrots, celery, onion, thyme, and ½ teaspoon salt, and cook, stirring often, until softened, 5 to 7 minutes. Add flour and stir to coat vegetables. Cook for 2 minutes more, then add milk, broth, mustard, garlic powder, and remaining ½ tsp salt, whisking to combine. Increase heat to high and bring to a boil. Immediately reduce heat to medium and simmer, stirring often, until thickened, 3 to 5 minutes. Fold in chicken and peas. Taste and add more salt as needed.
- 2) Transfer mixture to a 13"-x-9" baking dish. Arrange biscuits on top of filling. Sprinkle all over with salt and pepper.
- 3) Bake until filling is bubbling and biscuits are golden and have risen, 22 to 25 minutes. Let cool 5 minutes before serving.

GEYSERVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & GEYSERVILLE KIWANIS CLUB PRESENTS:

Fall COLORS Festival

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

EVENT LINE-UP:

PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8:00AM-11:00AM Geyserville Fire House	BAKING COMPETITION 11:00AM-2:00PM Catelli's Event Space
FALL COLORS FESTIVAL 10:00AM- 4:00PM	CLASSIC CAR SHOW Geyserville Park & Ride

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Live music
- Family-friendly games
- Arts & crafts
- Baking competitions
- Food vendors
- Local goods vendors

For more information, visit www.visitgeyserville.com

Bring the whole family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy this festive day!



American Legion Thanks Kiwanis



Gene Marcinkowski, Veterans Building Manager and Commander Terry Kelly attended a recent Kiwanis meeting to thank the club for preparing the food for the September 9th American Legion Dinner. They are seen here with Kiwanis members Cathy Demattei and Sharon Richardson who chaired the project.

