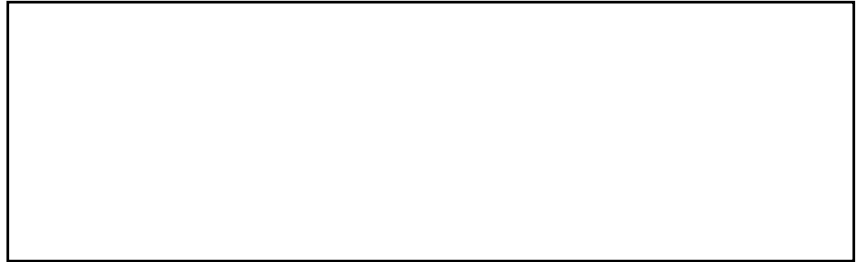

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President's Message by Helen Mitcham

I don't know about you, but August just seemed to fly by! It was a busy month at the Center what with the regular meetings and events ... and then all the excitement about the "fly-away" overhang! Busy busy – and lots of fun, too!

We had hoped to serve Chile Rellenos as our breakfast special on the 13th but our Relleno guy was under the weather so we'll offer them as soon as he's back on his feet! (We missed you, Jim!)

That same week, we had our regular POA meeting and the annual pig roast was on the 19th. It was a smaller than expected group but the pig was done to perfection (again!) and you can't go wrong with corn-on-the-cob and coleslaw (thanks Valerie for bringing your special recipe dressing!). There were 68 of us that enjoyed the feast and did a little karaoke before closing time. Thank you, Bryan Schwartz, (Seasoning master and bartender extraordinaire), Curtis Dabbs (keeper of the flame), Richard Vasquez (Make sure it's done guy) for making the main course a big hit! To Anthony Lindheimer – I know the cooks and those who kept an eye on them - loved the mister fan! Thank you, Howard and Casey, (new to valley events) for helping shuck the corn while getting to know some of us 'old-timers"! And as is always the case, thank you to the board members – Claudia, Lori, Vicki (and Anthony again) – and to Connie and Victor for everything you did to make this happen. There have already been conversations about doing it again next year ...

If you read the campground article, you know there was a mishap at the Center – and wouldn't you know it was right before the pig roast? The front door overhang blew down in a whirlwind on Wednesday, the 16th! Crazy! The campground had already planned to re-paint this year so that project just got a little bigger!

We finished out the month with karaoke on the 25th. We served "BCE" (Best Chicken Ever) and some dubbed it "BBCE" (Better Best Chicken Ever). Thank you, Anthony it was wonderful! We think some of our regulars opted for the free concert at the winery and we're sorry we missed you but you missed out on the BCE!

September brings back our very popular, second annual (?) Street Taco night. This was a huge success last year – authentic street tacos, your choice of three meats, rice and beans and desserts. Mark your calendars – September 23rd – 5:00pm to 10pm. Food served at 6:00pm.

Then we're going to try something new – Friday Night at the Movies on the 29th (no karaoke this month). Top Gun – Maverick is the film – hot dogs, popcorn, candy. This could be a new event – lots of movies available!

That's about it for now- please support the POA and come to breakfasts and events. Become a member (buy 6 breakfasts at regular prices and get the 7th free) – you also get a free member dinner (Usually held in March). We think you just might have a great time!!!

See you at the Center -

December

Dec.	6	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am
Dec.	6	Wed	EarTH Meeting- Moose Lodge 4pm.
Dec.	6	Wed	CSA #2 Advisory Board Community Center 7:00pm.
Dec.	10	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8:00am-11:00am
Dec.	16	Sat	Christmas Dinner Community Center 5:00pm-10pm
Dec.	21	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am
Dec.	21	Thu	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30pm.

Sunday Breakfast

8 AM – 11 AM

All you can eat Buffet

Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Potatoes O’Brien, Sausage and Bacon,
Biscuits and Country Gravy.

Only One Special Order per person from the Kitchen.

Omelets, Pancakes, Waffles or any Sunday special
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Child Age 5-10 (\$5)

ON THE GREENBELT by Joe Welz

Would the person or persons who removed the Helen Mitcham Park sign at the entrance to the campground please return it. Helen has worked for thirty-five years keeping this Community running and we all owe her the respect she has earned.

Who changed the pig roast signs from “bar opens at 5pm, dinner served at 6pm.” The sign was changed to “bar opens at 3 pm and dinner served at 7pm.” Who ever did that is a very rotten person! Volunteers work very hard to bring nice things to this Community and it is so sad that any one would try to sabotage any event around here.

Berries and grapes are in season and local wildlife are taking advantage of this resource. The only worry are bears. Never had any problems with bears myself but respect must be given to a local that can get up to six hundred pounds. And if you see cubs, get away from the area.

Yellow Jackets are out in full force be careful around the garbage cans. I don't think I've seen any kind of snake this year at all.

It rained August 21st and as of August 20th there was 159,600 ac. f t. in IVR (Indian Valley Reservoir) releasing 263 cu. ft. per second.

Deer season (Bucks Only) closes September 24th 2023.

And that's about all folks, till next time.

WOLF CREEK FIREWISE by Win Cary

It is getting close to the time for me to report to National Firewise on how much work has been done, and what it has cost to make our area a safer place to live. Thank you to all the neighbors who have been keeping their properties trimmed and cleared of brush. Please let me know the hours and costs of keeping your property and home site neat and cleared. Encourage your neighbors to inform me of their efforts. The more information I have to send to National Firewise, the better our area looks overall. You can call me at 707-998-3004 to leave your information.

With the extreme summer heat and dry weather, plan your yard work for early morning or in the cool of the evening. If you are trimming weeds or trees, be careful not to generate sparks. Have some form of fire control handy, just in case you need it. Stay cool, stay safe, stay happy.

The Firewise volunteers will be working on Saturdays, only, until further notice. The volunteers will be busy during the week with jobs, vacations, appointments, and meetings. If you need their help or would like to help, call 707-998-3004.

CAMPGROUNDS by Helen Mitcham

Campground meeting September 16th at 10:00am in the Community Center.

Tornadoes in Spring Valley? OK mini-tornadoes for sure! You may have noticed the overhang over the front door of the Community Center is GONE! Yep, gone! Got picked up by a mini tornado and dumped about 15 feet south! Crazy, I know. Despite what some may think, this was Mother Nature messing with us! We had already budgeted to paint the exterior of the building this year so we'll add this replacement to that project. Many, many thanks to all the offers of help with this job! A special thank you to Shawn Rudden (life time resident) who called and has volunteered his labor And help from his employer (Bridges Construction). It looks like we have a couple of general contractors willing to help and several of our "regulars" ready to lend a hand. Thank you all! Thank you also to the Special Districts crew for using their backhoe and dump truck to pick up the material and haul it away ... thanks guys!

We'll do an assessment of the siding and replace as necessary before we paint but we want to get the overhang back up as soon as possible. In the next few days, we'll get a light fixture up to replace the one we lost.

We have made the decisions on the lighting improvements for the campground. Upgrades to bathroom and shower lighting will be made before fall ends.

Joe may mention in his article that he has seen bear tracks around the area, so please be alert and careful when you're enjoying the area. Keep your dogs on leash – it's the law and it's there for your safety.

The creek is still very cold (and refreshing) and running fast, so please be careful as you enjoy a dip!

Please come to the campground meeting Saturday, September 16th at 10:00am in the Community Center. We should have some information on the building project and are interested in your ideas for future projects. I hope you can make it! See you there!

CSA #2 ADVISORY BOARD by Cindy Storrs

The following is an abbreviated version of the minutes from our August 2, 2023 meeting.

Supervisor E. J. Crandall attended and said he's been attending meetings about how to get available funds into the hands of rural communities as well as working on broadband issues. He'll keep us posted as information is available.

CSA #2 Goal report:

- (G#1) PG&E might be undergrounding on Quail Trail, so the paving project to finish the water line project is on hold so as not to dig up a new roadway.
- (G#2) Bridge projects have been sent out to bid. Helen encountered a company (Steelhead Constructors) out of Redding who were in the area scoping out the Chalk Mountain bridge job. The new bridges will be 28' wide and basically the same footprint as the ones being replaced.
- (G#4) regarding the purchase of the hot asphalt machine. This and other road related items will be under consideration at the September BOS Budget meeting. Jim reported a conversation with Scott Harter about pulling those items and getting them ordered in the next two weeks. Special Districts has a new Superintendent. (He lives here in the valley) Once the new machines arrive, some test "patches" will be selected and repaired with the hot asphalt – to see the "how to" and to test duration of the work.
- (G#'s 5,6,7) Fire Station windows have arrived. As of this article, windows and doors are in and most of the siding is up as well. Ed reports that the Finance Committee is waiting for the end of the year budget reports so that the committee can work with them. The Finance Committee has asked SD to complete a study about water rates, making sure that we stay with our "water pays for water" Board mandate.
- Items for follow-up: Need to make sure that the emergency generator is being serviced and fueled on a regular basis so that it will be ready in the event of any emergency. Also, when will the permanent generator be arriving? SD has been asked to investigate the daily visits by crew member checking the water system and water tank levels. Are these visits mandated by the State? We don't want to incur unnecessary expense. Following the recent power outage, the emergency generator kicked in however when power was restored, the system did not handle the rebooting of the refrigerators. Food was lost. POA has designated someone to come to the CC in the event of an outage and make sure the reboot is successful. POA is also working to address the electrical issues at the Center.

Lake Recovery Project Discussion

- We gained a greater understanding of the weirs

Open questions:

- Osage was once designed as a sedimentation pond area. Will it be used that way in the new design? What is the update on Osage, the purchase and its uses?
- (G#3) Has the “package” of the proposal and all the necessary data be sent off to the ACOE?

New timeline:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Begin</u>	<u>End</u>
Preliminary design	3/16/2022	4/20/2023
Final Design	4/23/2023	11/7/2023
CMAR Preconstruction	9/03/2023	1/27/2024
Construction Year 1	1/28/2024	1/28/2025
Construction Year 2	1/29/2025	1/29/2026
Construction Year 3	1/29/2026	1/29/2027

- Construction Grant Report (Scott Hornung) All of the grants we are going after are for construction funds to implement the design by Anchor QEA. SDA has filed NOI (Notice of Intent) or applications for six funding grants in excess of \$10M SDA Staff is continually looking for funding opportunities and will research and submit for any grant that appears promising.
 - How much has been spent so far? The original IRWM grant for the Lake Recovery Project was \$945,000. Anchor QEA’s contract was for a total of \$563,308.00. There is \$381,192.00 remaining. Anchor QEA’s contract covers update meetings, field review, schedule preparations, topographical surveys and mapping, right of way surveys and delineation, hydrologic and hydraulic calculations, simulations and studies, geotechnical work/explorations, grading plans, engineering plans, specifications and estimates for construction of the lake and spoils areas, construction support to respond to contractor questions and inquiries, review change order requests, perform any special inspections and to prepare the final as built plans.
 - We do not know the extent to which Mr. Van Pelt will be involved in this project.
 - Supervisor Crandall has linked Carter Jessup (Super Fund Manager) with Scott Hornung at SD to see if there is a way to use lake spoils at the Mercury Super Fund.
 - Board is still concerned about upkeep costs for the completed project. Will be monitoring things
- By Consensus the Board was unanimous in their continued support of Special Districts and the Lakebed Recovery Project. The Board will continue to work with SD and the community to receive and share information as it is received.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS by Lori Gomez

Looking for volunteers to help with the Halloween party at the Community Center here in Spring Valley, Tuesday October 21, 2023.

We will be decorating and setting up areas for games.

Need people to run the games and cake walk.

I will also need cake donations and candy donations.

If interested in helping please call me: Lori Gomez @ 707-317-4711

Thank you in advance.

BIG WHITE TANK AND WORK LOT

The white tank and equipment storage along New Long Valley Rd. next to the Pantry is being used by a P.G.&E. subcontractor. They are starting to put utility lines underground at the far end of New Long Valley Rd.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (C.E.R.T.)

Tammy Alakszey and Dennis Burke at North Coast Opportunities (NCO) are developing a program for residents to train for the Community Emergency Response Team. The training starts with a nine-step computerized component, and training meetings. Call NCO at (cell phone) 707-349-4302 or (office phone) 707-998-8643. They would like to have a training session at our Community Center.

A number of Spring Valley residents trained and outfitted themselves for this program in the early 2000's. Many of these residents have left the area, so there are only a few people of the original group left.

Tammy and Dennis would like to hear from you if you have gone through the training.

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