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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**All events take place at the
Leona Valley Community
Building,**

**8367 Elizabeth Lake Road,
unless otherwise indicated.**

- April 1..... WAVHS meeting, 5 pm
- April 6.....Breakfast, 8 to 10am
- April 8.....Town Council, 7 pm
- April 15.....Grand Marshal deadline
- April 17.....Garage Sale deadline
- April 18.....LVIA meeting, 7:30 pm
- April 20.....Garage Sale, 8 am
- April 27.....Gymkhana, 8:00 am
- May 5...Community Queen Pageant

4-H Racketeers website is: <https://sites.google.com/view/leonavalley4h/home>.

For information about events and things of concern in Leona Valley go to the Town Council website—www.leonavalleytc.org

Email - lvtc@leonavalleytc.org

The Leona Valley Improvement Association (LVIA) website is www.myleonavalley.org

Greetings to all our longtime and new neighbors
and welcome to
Leona Valley Improvement Association’s

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST

ENJOY OUR WAFFLE BAR

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**Saturday, April 6, 8:00 — 10:00 a.m.
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LVIA MEETINGS

Leona Valley Improvement Association meetings are held in the Community Building at 8367 Elizabeth Lake Road.

General Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month starting at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome and invited to participate.

From the LVIA Board

We hope everyone is getting ready for our 51st Cherry Parade on Saturday, June 8. Our theme this year is Cherry Pies ‘n Blue Skies! The Entry Forms and Grand Marshal nomination forms are on the red pages included with this newsletter. They are also available at Rancher’s and on our website, along with Vendor applications.

We had a great turnout for the election. The poll workers said they got more votes here in one day than they had everywhere else in the previous week!

Don’t miss out on your FREE breakfast on Saturday, April 6, from 8 to 10 am at the Community Building. It is our annual Membership Breakfast where you get it free even if you join that day! This year we will have a special waffle bar with lots of goodies for toppings, along with sausage and eggs. Help us keep the lights on. And the heat and air too! Don’t forget you can rent the Building for events.

We know everyone is starting on their Spring Cleaning, so save up your sellable items for the LVIA Garage Sale on Saturday, April 20. See the flyer on Page 3.

The Gymkhana scheduled for March had to be cancelled due to these late rains we are having. But the crew is all geared up for the next one on April 27.

Leona Valley Town Council

The Town Council finally received a decision from the most recent hearing in the Ritter Ranch litigation. The judge ruled that the current Town Council Board is prohibited from bringing a lawsuit due to the 1997 Settlement Agreement signed by the original Town Council Board members. This allows 553 houses to be built by Ranch Center Drive.

L.A. County Public Works will be making repairs to the culvert on Elizabeth Lake Rd. near the Community Building after the rain stops and will have to close the road both ways for a day. They have scheduled it for August so that the work will not interfere with our Cherry Parade and picking. They will notify us of the date.

WEST ANTELOPE VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We managed to not get rained out for our March meeting, but our speaker cancelled, so we talked our former President, David Earle, into giving a presentation on the history of transportation in our area in the late 1800s. It was interesting to hear about railroads and steamships.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 1st, at 5 pm at the Community Building. Our speaker will be Bob Alvis talking about early railroad building through the Mojave and Edwards areas.

Lakes & Valleys Art Guild

Our next art show has a theme of Dreamscapes. Entries can be dropped off on Saturday, March 30th, from noon to 4pm. There will be a People’s Choice award given, so be sure to drop by and vote during the following week.

The opening for this Art Show will be on Saturday, April 6th from 4 to 7pm. We will have live music and a raffle, along with good potluck food and drinks. The People’s Choice Award will be announced at 5pm.

Our classes are continuing with painting with Donna Weil on April 13, and acrylic paint pouring on April 21.

Be sure to come visit the Easter Bunny on Sunday, March 31 and hunt for hidden eggs in our garden! Our website is www.lakesandvalleysartgallery.org.

Remember that the Cherry Chapters is always available to be viewed online at our website: www.myleonavalley.org. The benefit is that you can see parts of it in color and can check for information even if you threw away your hard copy!

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The information you wish to include as a Cherry Chapters sponsor should be mailed to the Leona Valley Newsletter, P.O. Box 783, Leona Valley, CA 93551 or left in the Leona Valley Improvement Association (LVIA) box in Rancher's Market, located at the intersection of Elizabeth Lake Road and 90th Street West.

LVIA's Spring Garage Sale Saturday, April 20



It'll be a great day to get out early and shop 'till you drop....
Then go back and buy even more!

To take part in this community-wide event:

Sellers: *In a sealed envelope, marked Garage Sale, leave your name, phone number, address and any helpful directions to your location, along with cash or a check for \$15 made out to LVIA.*

Put the envelope in the LVIA Box at the P.O. in Rancher's Market

DEADLINE IS 5:00 pm, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

Buyers: *Get a map from Rancher's Market after 4 p.m. on Friday, April 19. Start shopping at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 20. *Prices are double before 8 a.m.*

Shop, bargain, visit, and have fun.



The Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Women's Club

The LWC is a philanthropic organization dedicated to helping others not only in the local area but also beyond these borders.

Meetings are held the second Wednesday each month except December when we break for our annual Christmas party. We meet at 11 am in the Lakes Community Center on Elizabeth Lake Road. All ladies of the Lakes and Valleys area are welcome.

The LWC holds many fun events during the year, the biggest being Casino Night. In addition, most of the Lakes Community Center projects find the LWC helping in some way.

The majority of our time and effort goes to making turtle pillows, lap blankets, and quilts for the Painted Turtle Camp. The meetings for sewing these items are held most Mondays from 10 am to 2 pm. We take a break for a potluck lunch at noon.

Be a part of the fun and fellowship by calling our President, Judy Miller at 661-609-4822. You can also look us up on Facebook at Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Woman's Club.

Welcome to the "Kindness Corner"

Hello neighbors!

I am publishing these coupons of kindness each month for you to share with family, friends, and neighbors around town. I would love to see you share a photo of your experience.

Post your kindness nomination on the Leona Valley Improvement Association Face-book page or send what you did to my email at kathy.owen919@gmail.com or my phone 661-733-2295. The Board will pick a winner each month. I am sponsoring a \$25 gift card to a local restaurant for the presenter! All ages are welcome!.... by Kathy Owen

Kindness is the most tender and powerful way of leaving a memory inside people's hearts.

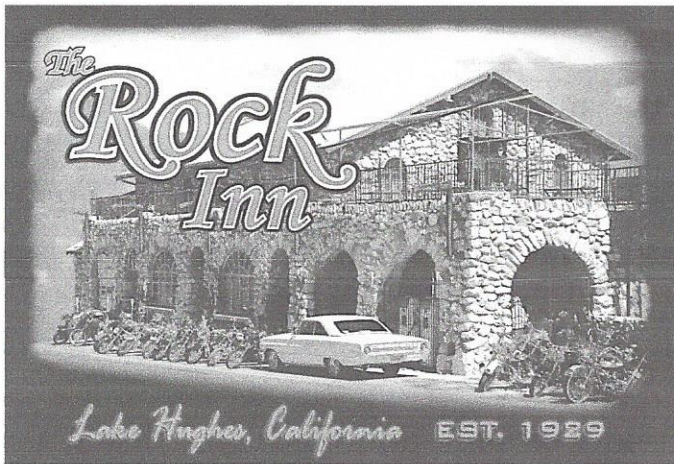
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(Please pick something from your heart to pass on)



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The Beauty of Spring is finally here....

For a few weeks we were unable to meet for sewing at the Lakes Community Center. It was being set up and used for voting. So, we took our free Mondays and decided to go have some fun. We went to a movie and lunch on the first Monday, the second Monday we just took the day off. And then the last Monday we took two cars and carpooled on a trip to Ventura. We walked main street checking out the shops until lunch time then gathered up our purchases and headed over to the Harbor. There we had a wonderful time eating at Andria's Seafood restaurant and walking the harbor, and having an ice cream, and then heading home. On the way home we stopped at a fruit stand and one of our members bought a lovely crate of plump organic strawberries. They are now in jars as jam. Yum!

We were asked by Oasis Ministry Ventures to provide food for a fundraiser they were holding on St. Patrick's Day. They have summer and winter camps for urban youth who otherwise would not have this opportunity. We have worked with them before by donating a quilt they raffled off and we also have sponsored some children so they could attend the camp. Our ladies prepared fresh veggies and hummus dip, chicken sandwiches, lemon bars, brownies, chips, and more. They were very grateful and told us they raised enough money for many more children to be able to have a wonderful experience.

Our club donated \$500.00 for a scholarship fund for students from within the area of our district, For several years students right here in the lakes area were able to apply for and receive a scholarship.

Mondays are once again sewing and other project days. If you want to see us and check out just what we do feel free to stop by anytime. We are there from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

And once again we want to remind all of you that coming up on May 4th, we will be having our Annual Yard Sale. If you wish to donate any items, please contact Jeanette Lundberg at 661-644-0933. Please take note that we do not accept clothing, electronics, or furniture. And if possible, hold the items until shortly before the sale as storage is difficult.

We are always looking for new ladies to come and join us. So, for those who are interested please stop by any Monday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm or for our monthly meeting held the second Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am and this is always followed by lunch. Interested women can look us up on Facebook at Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Woman's Club or give our President, Judy Miller, a call at 661-609-4822. Hope to see you at our events this year!

4-H HITS THEIR BUSY SEASON!

It's April!

We cannot believe how fast this year has gone, it's been lots of excitement and lots of hard work but we are in the homestretch. We have our livestock shows coming up starting on April 18th. See your favorite 4-Her for their schedules.

We have a new project coming up also. This one will run through the summer. The Sewing Project will be taught by a FIDM (Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising) graduate and 25 year alumni of the fashion industry. We are very excited to welcome Mrs. Rodriguez! If you are a current 4-Her, or want to be, you can contact us by Facebook or by contacting Mrs. Bonham.

We will not have a General Meeting this month due to the shows. We will be hosting a Memorial Day service on Monday, May 27th, at 11 am. The service will be followed by a community gathering with coffee and donuts.

Ava Bonham, Club Reporter



SERTOMA BRINGS ST. PATRICK'S DAY TO THE COMMUNITY

Good morning to all of my family, Facebook friends, email buddies and loyal sponsors. It has taken me two days to digest Sertoma's recent St. Paddy's day fundraising feast held at Jack's Place. We can never thank them and their entire staff enough for their tireless efforts to make it a grand success.

Thank you also to: LVIA, Scott and Raina Clark, Ray Mullins, Charlene Moore, April Rock, Theresa Leone, Leona Valley Queens, Sal Rodriguez, Colleen Jones, Bob Reader, Costco, Smart and Final, Calandri Farms, Maxi Case Inc., Crazy Otto's Ave I, Burkey-Cox-Evans and Bradford, and Broken Bit Steakhouse. Not to mention our loyal patrons – we couldn't have made this event happen without your support!!! To say the least, I hoped that folks would take the helm regarding our efforts, and they did.

It is important for me to say, from me only, that our group, as well as our other Leona Valley non-profits, have fewer members now due to people moving away or who have sadly passed away. So, what is my message? I want to express the fact that we all need and are hopeful for new membership within our very special organizations. Especially now that our community (little piece of heaven) has new residents. I'm not embarrassed to request new membership from folks who are energetic and who have new and fresh ideas to share. We need extra leadership that can take us all into the future and expand our ideas to "the max".

As for Sertoma (Service to mankind), I ask that you please take the time to visit our website/blog at: www.leonavalleysertoma.org and better understand all of the great things we, as a team, have accomplished. We would welcome you to become a part of our group as I know that we will continue to shine even more than we already do. If interested, email: 1grannyjanny@att.net. Also, please take the time to read and enjoy our local Cherry Chapters to keep in touch with community happenings. *Jan Clark*



LEONA VALLEY COMMUNITY QUEENS CONTINUE ON!

Our Leona Valley Community Queens continue to help our local organizations, as seen above at the Sertoma St. Patrick's Day dinner. Pictured above are: Miss Jordi Williams, Teen Miss Sophia Gorrindo, Junior Miss Emma Rogers, and Young Miss Makynzie Weilbacher, along with Sertoma's Jan Clark, and her son Scott, the cook. In the middle of everything, like always, Dave Clayton, ready to do some carving.

Most of our current queens have chosen to continue on to next year by running in our 2024 Pageant, which is set for Sunday, May 5. Sophia Gorrindo is running for Miss Leona Valley, Emma Rogers is running for Teen Miss, Makynzie Weilbacher is running for Junior Miss, and Alina Rodriguez is running for Young Miss. The girls must certainly have enjoyed their past year representing Leona Valley and LVIA and we look forward to working with them again!

Origins of Well-Known Phrases

“Caught red-handed”

Today’s use: Getting caught in the act of doing something wrong

Origin: An old English law ordered that a person be punished for butchering an animal that wasn’t their own. The only way the person could be convicted is if they were caught with the animal’s blood still on their hands.

“Give a cold shoulder”

Today’s use: Being unwelcoming or antisocial toward someone

Origin: In the early 1800s, it referred to an old custom of giving an unwelcome guest a cold piece of meat from the shoulder of mutton, pork, or beef chop, as opposed to a welcome guest receiving a warm serving. It was a polite way of saying, “You may leave now”.

“Let one’s hair down”

Today’s use: To relax or be at ease

Origin: In public, the aristocratic women of medieval times were obliged to appear in elegant hair-dos that were usually pulled up. The only time they would “let their hair down” was when they came home and relaxed.

“Armed to the teeth”

Today’s use: Being overly prepared or too well equipped

Origin: 17th century pirates who wanted to make sure they never ran out of ammunition, would hold a gun in each hand, keep another one in their pocket, and hold a knife in their teeth.

“Fly off the handle”

Today’s use: To become suddenly enraged

Origin: Comes from the 1800s when some axes were so poorly made that when swung, the ax heads would fly off the handles. (A little stretch to today’s use of the phrase!)

If you know a term commonly used in Leona Valley or any rural area, send an email to Jeff Wright (Cresta5555@gmail.com). It may come up in the next edition.



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