## CHERRY CHAPTERS



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org.
The benefit is that you can see parts of it in color and can check for information even if you already threw away your hard copy!

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4-H Racketteers website is: https://sites.google.com/view/leonavalley4h/home. Facebook page is at: Leona Valley Racketteers.

Leona Valley Town Council website: www.leonavalleytc.org

Email - lvtc@leonavalleytc.org



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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.

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### From the LVIA Board...

We hope everyone did well at the Garage Sale, either making money or spending it on treasures! Thanks to everyone who participated; we had almost 20 houses on the map.

And we are looking forward to a big, fun Oktoberfest celebration on Sunday, October 5, from 3 to 7 pm. It will be a family friendly event with plenty of beer, great food, live music returning from last year, and games. Ticket prices are lower this year, so you can bring the whole family. Be sure to dress up for the Costume Contest and work out so you can hold multiple steins of beer in the Stein Holding Contest. We will have craft vendors of all kinds for you to enjoy. Don't miss out! See flyer on Page 1.

At our recent election, several members were elected as Board officers. They are Sal Rodriguez, President; Sarah Bonham, Secretary; and Peggy Fuller, Treasurer. We still have a couple of open positions ready for volunteers. We especially want to thank Jeff Wright, Kathy Owen and Sarah Pesses for all their hard work and contributions during their past year as officers on the LVIA Board. Their support was invaluable!

LVIA's Gymkhana Queen contestants have been busy practicing for their upcoming Pageant on October 19. Tickets are only \$10, so come out and support these girls who are going to be representing our community for the next year. The Pageant will include a live auction and raffle. See flyer on Page 4. The contestants have raised over \$10,000 thanks to the generosity of most of our local businesses. We are all grateful for their ongoing support!

Our final Gymkhana of the year will take place on October 25. It will be the first opportunity for our newly crowned Queens to ride on behalf of Leona Valley. Awards for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each division will be presented at a dinner in November.

Halloween is on Friday this year, so we are able to return to our traditional Carnival, Costume Contest and Caravan all on the same evening. The Costume Contest is open to kids, adults, and families, so get everyone all dressed up and join us! Maps for the Caravan will be handed out after the Costume Contest and will also be available as an interactive app for your phone.

With all these events happening, we sure could use some volunteers to help out, even if just for an hour here or there. Please consider supporting all that we do for our community and call Peggy at 805-382-9914 to find out how you can help. We appreciate it!

### !!! DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> !!!

Along with resetting your clocks, we are reminding everyone again that the Dark Skies law applies to Leona Valley, which means no outdoor lighting after 10 p.m. We have a lot of new residents who are used to city lights, but out here in the country we like it dark. You don't need to be afraid of the wildlife as long as you have your animals secured in a safe place. Any lights you have must be shielded so that they don't shine up into the sky.

And please be considerate to your neighbors and don't let lights shine into their houses. And if you are on the receiving end, please try talking to your neighbor about the problem before calling Code Enforcement. They may not even realize the impact their lights are having on you. Thanks!

# LVIA's Halloween

Costume Contest, Carnival with Prizes and Halloween Caravan

### Everyone's Invited!!

LVIA Community Building, Friday, Oct. 31st 3 pm Signup and Carnival Games

5 pm Costume Contest for Ages 0—100

Prizes - Candy - Fun - Vendors

3 - 5 pm 4-H Trunk or Treat for ages 8 and under in front parking lot

Hamburger or Hot dog, plus chips & drinks for just \$5

# Wanted!

Signups for <u>LVIA'S HALLOWEEN</u>
<u>CARAVAN on Friday, Oct.31</u>

Maps available at the Community Building after the Costume Contest.

> If you are interested in signing up up or if you have questions please call Leeann 661-270-9205



# JEONA JALLEY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION PRESENTS THE

18TH ANNUAL GYMKHANA QUEEN PAGEANT

## Sunday, October 19

Join us at 1:30 for hors d'oeuvres

2 pm Speechs and modeling,
live auction and raffle.

Awards & Coronation

Leona Valley Community Building 8367 Elizabeth Lake Road



Use this QR code to buy your tickets to the pageant. Tickets cost \$10, children under 12 are admitted free. All proceeds go to the Gymkhana Queen program.





### 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.

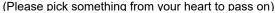
### Welcome to the "Kindness Corner"

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.
-Dodinsky
To:
From:
Good for one Act of Kindness





### Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Women's Club

And the Projects Keep Marching On...

For those of you who attended the Ice Cream Social we want to thank you. It's a challenge to hold such an event without electricity. But dry ice to the rescue and it was a great success. We sold out of ice cream, and everyone seemed to have a good time. Seventyfive cups of ice cream crossed the counter. At such a time it gave our neighbors something to do and a chance to visit friends.

Ten of our members spent one of our Mondays this month walking the two mile stretch of Elizabeth Lake Road on clean up duty. We are responsible for the road along the lake and filled a lot of trash bags. This of course was followed up with lunch at the Rock.

And we want to thank all of you who bought our Monday Night Football books. We sold out and have had two weeks of winners so far. If you have one, keep an eye out to see if you are a winner. But if you can't, don't worry about it as the winners will receive a check in the mail. And for the real football fans the Playoff Books will be coming soon.

At our last meeting we had a visitor. His name is Nick Stone. As a retired US Navy man, he still has contacts with some of the personnel on ships and those stationed overseas. Our club will be putting care packages together and sending them throughout the year. He gave us ideas of the items wanted and needed. We are looking forward to sending the first boxes very soon. We wish to thank him for all the information and for his help with this project.

And finally, as a reminder, we are holding our Christmas Boutique on November 15th. There will be pictures of some of the wonderful things we have available so keep an eye on our local sites to see some of our inventory.

Information on our club is available on our Facebook page at Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Woman's Club or call our President Judy Miller at 661-609-4822.

### Lakes & Valleys Art Guild

The Gallery has a fun holiday theme for its next art show opening on October 25. It is Weird, Wonderful, and Out of this World. Just in time for Halloween and we will have a costume contest with separate categories for kids and adults. So dress up in your finest and join us from 4 to 7 pm. Our featured artists will be Karen Nepstad and Warren Scherich. We will have our usual potluck food, drinks, and live music. The public is always invited and it's a great time to meet the artists - they love to talk about their work. And don't forget to vote for your People's Choice favorite!

LVAG will be a vendor again this year at Kaleidoscope on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, at Marie Kerr Park. It's a great event that is FREE with live bands playing all day, food trucks, crafts and beer vendors, and plenty of art activities going on. There is a spectacular drone show Saturday night and lots of things for kids to do on both days, like a pumpkin patch and petting zoo. Stop by our booth and say hello to get a free lip balm!

Check our website at www.lakesandvalleysartgallery. org for all of our upcoming holiday events. We will have kids crafts, special classes, and sales. And be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Horse Arena Committee



### Leona Valley Improvement Association Membership Form

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### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR RACKETTEERS 4-H

Get ready for some spook-tacular fun! The Leona Valley Racketteers 4-H Club will have a Trunk-Or-Treat Event for the community on Friday, October 31st from 3-5 pm in conjunction with LVIA's Halloween Carnival at the Leona Valley Community Building. So bring the kids in their costumes with their candy bags!

Be on the lookout for our Pie Fundraiser coming up in November! See page 10. Preorder only, and one special LV cherry pie will be raffled. Check our Facebook page for raffles starting November 1st.

The next General Meeting will be on Monday, October 20th at 6:30pm at the Leona Valley Community Building.



### Lots of County winners at the August Los Angeles County Record Book Judging!

The California 4-H Youth Development Program has a long history of record-keeping as an activity by 4-H members. In early 4-H history, Record Books focused on project profit and loss and other activities in agricultural and home economics projects. In the 21st century, the 4-H Record Book has undergone a transformation to ensure positive outcomes of youth participating in the 4-H Youth Development Program.

We sent nine books in for judging at the county level and every book was either a County Winner (gold) or silver. The Racketteers represented Leona Valley well county-wide. Congratulations to all the winners!

#### **Junior Category**

Beef: County Winner - Charlotte Bonham

Clothing & Textiles: County Winner – Adan Rodriguez

Poultry: County Winner – Easton Kock Sheep: Silver Medalist – Luke Jordan Swine: Silver Medalist – John Leaf

#### **Intermediate Category**

Beef: Silver Medalist – Scotlyn Leaf

Clothing & Textiles: County Winner – Alina Rodriguez

Sheep: County Winner – Ava Bonham

#### Senior Category

Beef: Silver Medalist – Annabel Leaf



# LAZY T RANCH "Horse Boarding at its Best" Tremblay Family Owners Operators Beautiful Mountain Trails

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### BBMS SPONSORS POKER RUN

Join us for the BBMS Happy Children Memorial Fund Poker Run on October 11, 2025, to support families recovering from addiction and survivors of domestic violence. Nearly everyone knows someone affected by these challenges, making this cause deeply personal. Your participation helps provide hope, healing, and resources to those rebuilding their lives.

### Founded in Memory of Children Lost

BBMS was founded in memory of children lost and families destroyed by the ripple effects of addiction and violence. It was founded on a heartfelt mission to transform grief into action. It was established by Laurie Millard, mother of the late Brianna Brandy Millard Smith, who died alone on March 30, 2014, along highway 138, as a semi-truck driver veered onto the shoulder of the road, striking Brianna and killing her instantly.

#### **BBMS** Continues to Grow

With the love, support, and compassion of this wonderful community, our 501(c) (3) charity continues to grow into a beacon of hope & support, offering aid to local families. Every dollar raised at this Poker Run, featuring a scenic ride, raffle, 50/50, and a chance to win a 5-day Cancun getaway, directly empowers recovery and resilience.

#### AC Dave Will be Your Guide

Ride with us from The Rock Inn, Lake Hughes, to Don Chatos in Leona Valley, guided by our very own AC Dave, from AC Dave Heating & Air. Our goal is to make a positive impact. Together, we can break the cycle and uplift our community. For more details, call Laurie: (661)-904-5956. Thank you for your continued support.



#### GYMKHANA HIGH POINT WINNERS



At the September 6 Gymkhana, our High Point Winners were (left to right), Quorra Yacovelli, A; Kyleigh Dana, FC, under 18; Stacey Carames, FC over 18; Johnny Acosta, AAA; and Stephanie Jones, AA. Congratulations to all of you!

## Leona Valley Racketteers

Pie Fundraiser 2025



Apple, Chocolate, or Pumpkin-\$15

Pecan-\$18

Raffle tickets for one (1) Leona Valley Cherry Pie Will be \$5 each

Pre-order only: lvracketteers4h@gmail or

Call/text- (310) 614-7208

Deadline to pre-order-11/16/25

### A Call to Service for

### **Leona Valley Town Council Candidates**

On Tuesday, November 4, 2025, the Leona Valley Town Council will hold an election for open seats on the Town Council. Our rural community needs dedicated, service-oriented, Leona Valley residents to represent and protect the interests of Leona Valley citizens. As our community's governmentally recognized representative body, the Town Council serves as Leona Valley's liaison, "watchdog" and action arm in dealing with all government, business and regulatory entities which may influence the Valley's quality of life, interests and rural life style. Serving as a councilperson is an opportunity to make a concrete contribution to a unique community that we enjoy so much.

Duties and demands are modest and are compatible with those of work and family. Service is unpaid, except for the quiet gratitude of your friends, neighbors and government officials. Each council position carries a term of two years and Officers and Directors Liability Insurance is provided at the council's expense. Please consider applying; the rewards of service are well worth the effort.

Leona Valley residents willing to serve their community in this important capacity are encouraged to complete the form below. To be eligible, a candidate must be at least 18 years of age, a Leona Valley resident for at least two years and a registered voter, both within the Leona Valley CSD boundaries. In order to be included in our local newsletters, submit the form no later than September 20, 2025. A "Meet the Candidates" program will be added to the Leona Valley Town Council meeting on Monday, October 13, 2025. The deadline for inclusion on the ballot is October 13, 2025.

For further information, please contact Town Council Treasurer Peggy Fuller at pfuller@leonavalleytc.org. Additional information and a copy of this form are available on our website at: http://www.leonavalleytc.org.

### Statement of Candidacy for Councilperson on the Leona Valley Town Council

Please submit to: Leona Valley Town Council Election Committee P.O. Box 795 Leona Valley, CA 93551

Name:	Email:
Address:	How long:
Phone numbers:	
I am a registered voter within	the Leona Valley CSD boundaries. (yes or no):
,	ERVE MY COMMUNITY AS A TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER and and the November 4, 2025 election for Leona Valley Town
Signature:	Dated:
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### Candidate Biography:

Please submit a photo of yourself (in digital format) and provide a brief personal biography, stating why you would like to serve and how you will contribute to the Leona Valley Town Council and the community. We will submit your information to the local newsletter and post it to the Town Council web site.

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### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 5 - Sunday - Oktoberfest

October 6 - Monday - WAVHS meeting, 5 pm

October 13 - Monday - LV Town Council meeting, 7 pm

October 16 - Thursday - LVIA General meeting, 7:30 pm

October 18 &19 - Gymkhana Queen Pageant

October 20 - Monday - 4-H General meeting, 6:30 pm

October 25 - Saturday - LVIA Gymkhana, 8 am

October 31 - Friday - Halloween Carnival & Caravan

November 3 - Monday - WAVHS meeting, 5 pm

November 10 - Monday - LV Town Council meeting, 7 pm

November 17 - Monday - 4-H General meeting, 6:30 pm

November 20 - Thursday - LVIA General meeting, 7:30 pm

November 27 - Thursday - Happy Thanksgiving!

December 1 - Monday - WAVHS meeting, 5 pm

December 7 - Sunday - Senior Dinner, 1 pm

December 8 - Monday - LV Town Council meeting, 7 pm

December 14 - Sunday - Holiday Craft Faire, 10 am

December 15 - Monday - 4-H General meeting, 6:30 pm

December 18 - Thursday - LVIA General meeting, 7:30 pm

December 25 - Thursday - Merry Christmas!

### For Future Planning!

October 5 - Oktoberfest

October 18-19 - Gymkhana Queen Pageant

Oct. 31 - Halloween Carnival, Costume Contest & Caravan

Dec. 7 - Senior Dinner

Dec. 14 - Craft Faire

Use this Zelle QR code to pay for your membership or any LVIA events.

