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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**All events take place at the
Community Building,
8367 Elizabeth Lake Road,
unless otherwise indicated.**

May 30	4-H Memorial Day Services 11 a.m.
June 6	WAVHS Meeting, 6 p.m.
June 13	LVTC Meeting, 7 p.m.
June 16	LVIA Meeting, 6 p.m.
June 20	4-H meeting 6:30 p.m.
June 25	Gymkhana, 8 a.m.

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LVIA MEETINGS

Leona Valley Improvement Association meetings are held in the Community Building, 8367 Elizabeth Lake Road. Board Meetings on the 1st Thursday of each month starting at 6 p.m. General Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month starting at 6 p.m.

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President's Message

Greetings,

We are more than a little excited about the upcoming Cherry Parade and Festival on June 4! After much persuasion, Don Blumenshein has agreed to be our Grand Marshal, parade entries are arriving, vendors are applying, the band is booked, we have a fabulous grill master lined up, Kona Ice is coming and we are even experimenting with air frying our famous Cherry Burritos for the health conscious crowd (don't worry, we will still have the deep fried option too)! But... we would love to get as many parade entries as possible, so please help us spread the word. That said, we are still looking for a few more parade volunteers and if anyone has a mule that could help during the parade, that would be amazing! We are also in search of a classic car or truck for our Jr. Grand Marshal and we are looking for three judges. Please reach out to any LVIA member if you can help.

Litigation is being filed against the City of Palmdale regarding Ritter Ranch and we will need everyone's help, along with financial contributions if we are going to be successful in our fight to "Keep Leona Valley Rural." We will be selling Cherry Parade T-shirts incorporating our fight slogan and we hope to see you wearing yours!

We are striving to preserve our rural heritage and way of life in this beautiful valley.

On June 6-at 6 p.m.-you are invited to the WAVHS annual ice cream social and auction, so come out, enjoy a sweet treat and join the bidding for some fun prizes.

Lastly, we will have a mobile voting station at the LVIA Community Building on May 29 and 30, so if you want to vote in person, come on down!

See you at the Parade,
Judy Anaya, LVIA President

Light on A Hill

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 2, when our newly formed drama club will present a play called "Light on a Hill" for your entertainment. The kids have been learning and rehearsing for several months. If you are interested in participating in an acting role or behind the scenes, contact Kristen Ames at 661-609-0894 for more information.

Notes From Miss Cellaneous

It's finally cherry time in Leona Valley. Nothing beats walking into a U-Pic cherry orchard, picking a ripe cherry and popping it in your mouth. It doesn't get any fresher than that. A little boy once told me to, "Be careful and only eat eight cherries the first day, because they will make you go to the bathroom. You can eat the rest tomorrow."

Last year my son brought me some bark to use as mulch in my front flower bed. It was smaller than the standard mulch and it smelled like cocoa. Wonderful. Apparently the birds liked it too. By the next morning they had most of it out of the flower bed and onto the sidewalk. Eventually the aroma faded and the birds lost interest.

When my kids were little they liked to play in a wading pool. Much to everyone's surprise the wasps liked it too. I read an article in Organic Gardening magazine that described making a wasp trap. Fill a bucket half full of water. Hang a slice of raw bacon about one inch from the surface of the water. The wasps will land on the bacon and eat as much as they can hold. When they try to take off they are heavier than when they landed and fall into the water.

One year we were at the fair having a bite to eat when a bug ran up my leg. My immediate response was to swat it. Its immediate response was to bite me. I was very surprised to see a severely wounded praying mantis lying on the ground. I never knew they would bite.

Don't forget to dump any standing water around your place. Mosquitoes don't need much water for their eggs to hatch. The water in the tray of a self-watering pot will do.

'til next time, here's to the good times out there in the country. Ruth Perkins

Enjoy Ice Cream at the Next West Antelope Valley Historical Society's Next Meeting

The West Antelope Valley Historical Society will hold their June meeting on Monday, June 6, at 6 p.m. at the Leona Valley Community Building. It is the annual summer Ice Cream Social and everyone is invited to come enjoy some nice cold ice cream. There will also be a "white elephant" auction which means that everyone brings something they are done with and bids on items that someone else brought. It's a great way to clean out your closets and take home some new treasures. Proceeds benefit the restoration of the 1915 Leona Valley Schoolhouse.



Community Members Express Concern Over Ritter Project

The Leona Valley Town Council held a special meeting and a regular meeting in May, both to address the issue of continuing litigation regarding the Ritter Ranch project. People are very concerned that the project continues to rely on an Environmental Impact Report that is 30 years old, despite all the changes in laws and circumstances during that time.

There was an outpouring of support from the community and everyone was unanimous in their opinions to do whatever is necessary to prevent the City of Palmdale from ruining our rural way of life. Residents made it clear that they are willing to step up and help in whatever way they can to preserve our community, whether it be donations of time or substantial amounts of money. The Town Council is working with their attorney and has filed the next level of court proceedings against the City. Our town has fought this battle for over 30 years and is prepared to fight for however long it takes.

The 2022/23 Leona Valley Community Queens Are Crowned



On Saturday evening, May 7, the community royalty in Leona Valley changed. The 2022-23 Leona Valley Community Queens were chosen and accepted their positions. They are: Little Miss LV -Millie Davis; Young Miss LV-Aurora Winfrey; Junior Miss LV-Audrey Vander Hyde; Teen Miss LV-Harley Koons and Miss Leona Valley-Brooklyn Contreras.

Congratulations to all the girls and to those who put in all the hard work involved in this very well attended event. We know that the girls and their mentors will work hard this year and hopefully there won't be the distractions of the two previous years.

From the Lakes and Valley's Women's Club

So let the Summer Begin.....

As we all know the last couple of years have been trying for everyone. But as we are beginning this year our plans are to be productive and yet have fun. On May 7 we held our Annual Yard Sale, and it was a great success. We wish to thank all those who donated items and also to those who bought those items. Every year this community has come to support us and it is so gratefully appreciated.

This month we installed our new officers. So for the next two years we are pleased to announce as President—Judy Miller, Vice President—Terri Moss, Recording Secretary—Candy Maldonado, and Treasurer—Merrie Proffit. Our club is very fortunate to have these very worthy members serving our club and the community. Congratulations to them all.

Our next agenda item is to participate in the Cherry Festival Parade. We look forward to seeing many of you there. And if

Green Valley holds their Annual 4th of July Parade we will be there as well. But not to be forgotten there's the 49rs Day Event and parade. Our ladies will be volunteering to help the Lakes Community Club as well as be in the parade. If you attend please stop by our Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Woman's Club table for information on our club activities as well as information about our club. All women are invited to come and inquire.

Speaking of upcoming events. This Sept. 24 from 7-11 p.m. will be our Annual Casino Night. As many will remember there will be good food, music, lots of games, drinks, prizes, a Silent Auction and many wonderful baskets to take a chance on. Tickets will be available soon from any club member or you may call Judy Miller at 661-609-4822 for information. Plan early so you can get in on the fun.

There are other things on our upcoming agenda. In August we will once again have Monday Night Football Books available. These will be available from our members. Get yours early before they are sold out. Soon it will be time for us to take a walk along the roadway on Elizabeth Lake Road to clean up the trash lining the roadsides by the lakes. Finally, remember we gather almost every Monday at the Lakes Community Center to sew for the Painted Turtle Camp and others. We have a wonderful Potluck Lunch and everyone has a good time. Feel free to stop by and check us out. We welcome all the women here in the lakes and valleys to see what we are about and perhaps consider being a part of our club. If you wish to learn about us check out our Facebook Page at Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Woman's Club, or call our new President Judy Miller at 661-609-4822.

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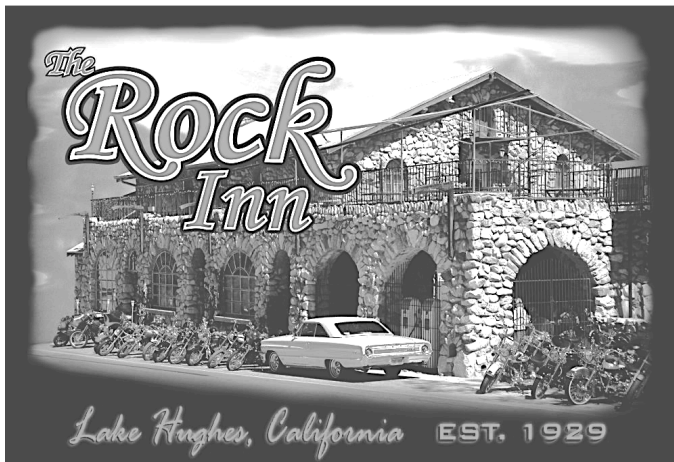
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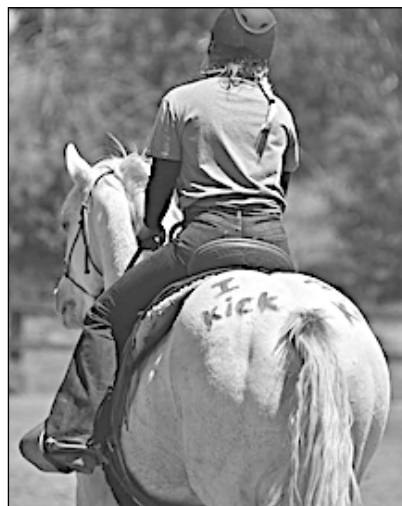
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Hello neighbors! I was recently elected to the LVIA Board and have been asked to contribute something each month to Cherry Chapters. I will be publishing these coupons of kindness each month for you to share with family, friends and neighbors around town. I would love to see you share a photo of your experience by posting it on the Leona Valley Improvement Association Facebook 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

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Knowing Your Leona Valley Neighbors

We live in a great community with lots of really good people, but just how well do we know our neighbors? See how good you do at matching the LV residents on the left with the facts on the right. Answers can be found on a different page of this issue of Cherry Chapters.



A-Jay Tremblay



B-Karen Bryan



C-Lisa Cooke



D-Chris Benjamin



E-Bob Knouse



F-Lora Elliott Tocco



G-Pam Knouse



H-Cain Smead

- 1 ☐ I soloed in a Cessna 152 at age 17, built my first car (VW convertible), and ran the Equestrian program at Painted Turtle for 5 years. My Dad built the original Knight Rider car.
- 2 ☐ I'm a two-time winner of the Baja 1000, have judged a car show in Dubai, and once played a bartender on the TV show Blue Bloods.
- 3 ☐ I've hiked the 211-mile John Muir Trail, and along with my spouse, scaled a volcano in Bali where we ate hard-boiled eggs cooked by volcanic steam.
- 4 ☐ I went to high school in Huntington Beach with actress Michelle Pfeiffer, and worked in the Brother Francis Incense Factory in Stanton, California.
- 5 ☐ I ride motorcycles, like fishing streams, buy and sell vintage cars, and am big into photography. I have a special connection with Nature, and love my donkeys and horses.
- 6 ☐ I've led "Krasnovian" (opposing) forces in simulated war games against real U.S. troops, and I've raced in the "Hare and Hound" motorcycle chase in the Nevada desert.
- 7 ☐ I lived in New Zealand for 15 years, and have visited all 7 continents, including Antarctica, where I worked on a Russian research vessel.
- 8 ☐ In the 70s, I discovered and recorded numerous archeological sites, including a pictograph on Ritter Ranch, resulting in the realignment of Elizabeth Lake Road.

Jeff Wright is always looking for participants to be highlighted in future "Knowing Your Leona Valley Neighbors" Match Games. If you're young or "a little more seasoned," if you've been a resident for many decades, or just moved to LV in the last year, or if you know someone that you think might be interested, please email Jeff at: Cresta5555@gmail.com.



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Meetings are held the second Wednesday each month except for 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. However, most of the 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. The meetings for sewing these are held most Mondays from 10 AM until 2 PM stopping for a potluck lunch at noon.

Be a part of the fun and fellowship by calling Jeanette at 661-644-0933.

From Our New Community Queen....

Hello Leona Valley residents! My name is Brooklyn Contreras, I'm 16 years old and I'm your new Miss Leona Valley. I was crowned May 7th along with the rest of my court Teen Miss Harley Koons, Junior Miss Audrey Vanderhyde, Young Miss Aurora Winfrey, and Little Miss Millie Davis. We have been lucky enough to be able to go to our first couple of events including Vines Pizza Night and serving food at the Gymkhana Play Day. We are looking forward to this year's Cherry Parade and so many other opportunities to serve our community this year. I would also like to say a huge thank you to all of our sponsors for your support. We appreciate all of you!



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