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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

Feb. 5.....WAVHS meeting, 5 pm  
Feb. 12.....Town Council, 7 pm  
Feb. 15.....LVIA meeting, 7:30 pm  
Feb. 19.....4-H meeting, 6:30 pm  
Feb. 24.....Gymkhana, 8:00 am  
Feb. 25.....Queen Tea, 1:00 pm  
March 4.....WAVHS meeting, 5 pm  
March 11.....Town Council, 7 pm  
March 18.....4-H meeting, 6:30 pm

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](http://www.leonavalleytc.org)

Email - [lvtc@leonavalleytc.org](mailto:lvtc@leonavalleytc.org)

The Leona Valley Improvement Association (LVIA) website is [www.myleonavalley.org](http://www.myleonavalley.org)



## LVIA's 51st Annual Cherry Parade & Festival

**Saturday, June 8, 2024**

**Start Planning Now for This Year's Great Community Event!!!**

It's never too early to start getting ready for Leona Valley's biggest event—the annual Cherry Parade and Festival.

We are looking for volunteers to help out with the Parade and Contests  
And make it bigger and better than ever!

Vendor Applications and more are available at [myleonavalley.org](http://myleonavalley.org).

This month we have the entry form for the contest.  
Any Leona Valley child -- 13 or younger -- can submit their suggestion for this Year's Cherry Parade theme. The winner will ride in the parade as Junior Grand Marshal.  
Entries are due by February 13.

Watch for all the Cherry Parade and Festival Information in this newsletter.



## 2024 Cherry Parade Theme Entry Form

Come up with the winning theme and ride in the Cherry Parade on June 8 as the 2024 Junior Grand Marshal

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| ° Theme must have the words:<br>"Cherry" or "Cherries" | ° Must live in Leona Valley               |
| ° Theme must have 8 words or less                      | ° Family must be LVIA members             |
| ° Deadline is February 13, 2024                        | ° Must be a child 13 years or younger     |
|  | ° Additional forms available at Rancher's |

Name:.....

Age.....Contact Info.....

My theme for the Cherry Parade is:

.....

Please put your form in the LVIA Box at Rancher's Market

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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.**

*HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!*

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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.

## From the LVIA Board

Preparations are beginning for our 51<sup>st</sup> Cherry Parade. This year's event will be on Saturday, June 8. Our theme each year is suggested by a Leona Valley resident 13 years old or younger. The entry form is on Page 1 and can be turned in to the LVIA box at Rancher's Market by February 13<sup>th</sup>. The LVIA Board chooses the winner and that kid gets to ride in the Parade as the Junior Grand Marshal.

We have some of our regulars already signed up for parade duties and appreciate their willingness to volunteer, since they do such a great job!

Vendor applications for the Craft Fair are available on our website at [www.myleonavalley.org](http://www.myleonavalley.org). Vendors will get a free lunch this year!

We are seeking young ladies to compete for the titles of Leona Valley Community Queens. The Informational Tea is February 25 at 1 pm at the Community Building. Meet last year's Queens and hear about the great benefits and fun of representing your community. All Leona Valley girls of certain ages may qualify to be in the Pageant which takes place at the end of April.

## Leona Valley Town Council

The most recent hearing in the Ritter Ranch litigation was held on December 6. After hearing arguments from both sides, the judge said he would issue a written opinion. We are still waiting for that and will post it on our website and FB page when we get it.

Please continue your donations to help cover the attorney fees. Even small donations add up and help us pay our debt. The Rock Snake continues to grow and we appreciate everyone's support.

## WEST ANTELOPE VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm at the Community Building. Our speaker is Chris Mallicoat, owner of the Pitchfork Ranch at the west end of Leona Valley. Chris will be discussing the early history of the Lakes and Valleys areas and his father Bob's extensive involvement in the community.

## Lakes & Valleys Art Guild

Our current art show is called 'Scapes and features a variety of art featuring different types of 'scapes, including landscapes, seascapes, moonscapes, etc. The featured artist is Lori Antoinette. Come in and admire all the art!

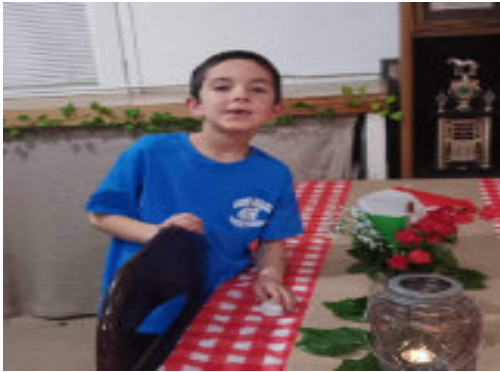
Our next show has a theme of "Abstractions" and entries will be accepted on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from noon to 4 pm. The opening for this exhibit will be on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 pm. We will have live music and a raffle, along with good potluck food and drinks.

Our classes have started up again and include stained glass, mosaic, acrylic paint pouring and watercolor. There will be three watercolor classes on consecutive Saturdays taught by our Vice President, Antoinette De Paiva, who runs an art studio in Quartz Hill. She will be teaching the basics of watercolor art for adults and kids.

We are adding more new vendors with different types of crafts, so be sure to come in and shop. There are lots of great gifts for Valentine's Day. Membership in the Art Guild is only \$40 annually and helps to support the arts in Antelope Valley. Check our website or Facebook page for more details.

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Remember that the Cherry Chapters is always available to be viewed online at our website: [www.myleonavalley.org](http://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!



## 4-H Racketteers Serve Great Dinner!

Happy February Leona Valley!

That was a really quick January but we want to thank you for a successful Spaghetti Dinner. We really enjoyed serving you yummy pasta and seeing your smiling faces. In the photo at left, Easton Kock helps with cleaning up after the dinner.

Stay tuned for Mexican Dinner information in May.

Ava Bonham, Club Reporter

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### 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](mailto: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.

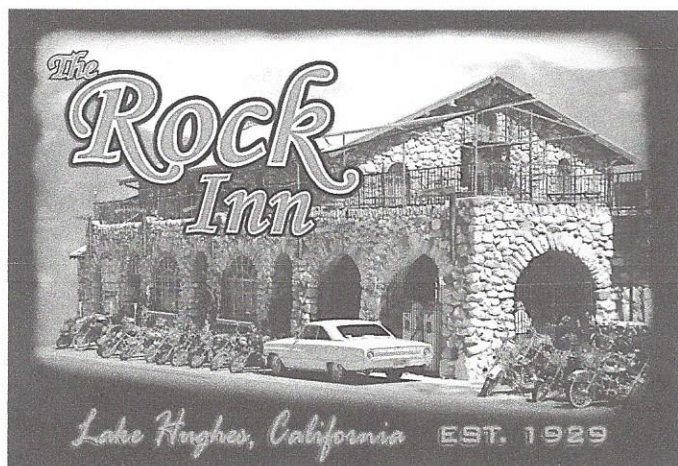
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To: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

**Good for one Act of Kindness**

(Please pick something from your heart to pass on)



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## A New Year, a new beginning...

And what a beginning! New Years Day was cold and yet beautiful. Those with dead dry Christmas trees brought them to the Lakes Community Center for the Annual Bonfire. A space had been cleared on the parking lot and the required barrier was installed. As trees arrived, they were piled up with the overflow placed aside for additions as the fire began to reduce in volume.

Our members were inside supplying 100 hot dogs, chips, and plenty of hot cocoa to all who wanted it. This was a donation to our community for all their support throughout the previous year. Another member had a table set up with graham crackers, marshmallows, and chocolate for making s'more's when the fire reduced to coals. The children and adults really enjoyed this and kept up a steady stream of marshmallow forks heading to the coals. All went well and the fire was spectacular as usual.

We were asked if our club could supply the food needs for the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). This program was developed by FEMA to provide basic training in safety and lifesaving skills for the general public. One of our ladies baked lots of breads for brunch, including banana, carrot, and more. For lunch we served ham and cheese, chicken salad sandwiches, chips, veggies, and tomato soup. This was followed by freshly baked cakes. One chocolate and one white. Everyone enjoyed the food and spent a busy day learning what to do in case of an emergency. We served between 50 and 60 people.

In February it seemed a good time for an outing, so plans have been made to attend a matinee play at the Canyon Theatre in Newhall. With the return to our Monday gathering to sew and more, a fun time was in order. At our monthly meeting we started our list of projects, beginning with our Annual Yard Sale on the first Saturday in May. So, keep it in mind.

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 next year!

LVIA's Leona Valley

## Community Queens' Pageant Informational Tea

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Leona Valley Community Building

1:00 p.m.

Everyone Welcome! Come Join Us!

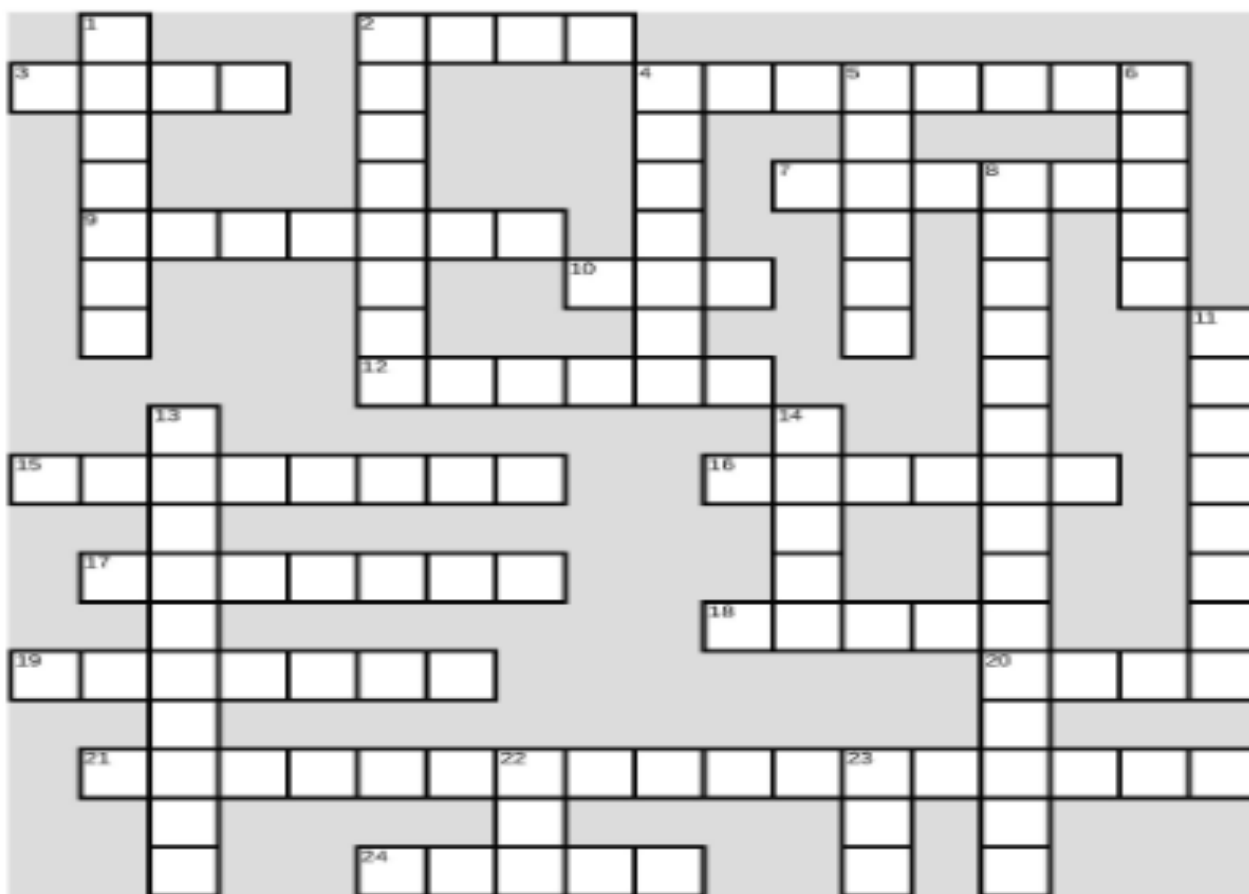
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## Crossword Puzzle

Crossword answers are on Page 7



## ACROSS

- 2 The pace of a horse moving faster than a walk.
- 3 A manner and pace of walking or moving on foot by horse or human.
- 4 A travel document that allows you to travel abroad.
- 7 A structure that carries a path, road, or railroad tracks over an obstacle.
- 9 Horse behavior when it lowers it's head and kicks it's hind legs up in the air.
- 10 Thick, soft hair that grows on bodies of mammals.
- 12 Large, squared lengths of wood used to build structures.
- 15 Slang for animals run over by vehicles.
- 16 When weather is extremely cold.
- 17 A group of people or animals, traveling together over long distances, especially across a desert.
- 18 A horse's facial marking; white stripe down the front of the face.
- 19 An audio file, similar to a radio broadcast, that can be listened to on a website or on an app on your phone.
- 20 A horse's white leg marking; hoof to knee or hock.
- 21 A community-based group of residents; organized to look out for each other and to keep each other informed.
- 24 A female horse, typically under 4 years old.

## DOWN

- 1 The container Juan sticks our mail in.
- 2 The diffused sky light between sunset and full night.
- 4 Plot of land used for grazing.
- 5 Smaller than a river; bigger than a creek.
- 6 When something shows a general tendency toward a certain direction, or data is tending to show change or movement.
- 8 A buffer of cleared ground between dwellings and flammable surroundings.
- 11 The "white, frozen accumulation of precipitation" in the mountains (providing California with 30% of it's water).
- 13 Largest California fault line, passing right through the north side of LV.
- 14 To cook food over fire or hot coals, on a metal frame.
- 22 Greatest predator of LV's night skies.
- 23 Barrier constructed to hold back water and raise it's level.


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



## Lakes Community Center      February events and community contacts

Lakes Town Council meeting - Saturday, February 3rd at 10 am  
 Women's Club sewing & crafts - Mondays from 10 am - 2 pm  
 Women's Club meeting - Thursday, February 15th at 11 am  
 LCCA meeting - Thursday, February 1st at 7 pm  
 Yoga with Britney - Tuesday evenings at 6 pm  
 Line Dancing with Anais - 1st & 3rd Monday evenings at 6 pm

Lakes Community Center Association~Rhonda@661-400-8730  
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Children: \_\_\_\_\_

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