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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Feb. 6	.WAVHS meeting, 5 pm
Feb. 13	TC meeting, 7 pm
Feb. 16	LVIA meeting, 7:30 pm
Feb 25	Gymkhana, 8 am

For information about events and things of concern in Leona Valley go to the Town Council website leonavalleytc.org or LVTC@LEONAVALLEYTC.ORG

The Leona Valley Improvement Association (LVIA) website is <u>WWW.MYLEONAVALLEY.ORG</u>



LVIA's 20th Annual Chili Cookoff 1st Ever Fire Station Competition

March 4, 2023, 5-7 p.m.

Set-Up and Judging, 4-5 p.m. Public Tasting and Voting, 5-7 p.m. Winners, Prizes Announced, 6 p.m.

Entry Fee \$10

Contestant Requirements * Enough to serve 100 people * Bring your chili warm, ready to serve, with a

way to keep it warm

Entry Deadline, Monday, Feb. 27

Name
Address
Telephone Number
Email Address

Name of Chili

Entry Categories:

More Information — Treasurer@myleonavalley.org

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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 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome and invited to participate.

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From the President's Desk

Happy February Everyone! We wish you all a Happy Valentine's Day with your special someone! We are looking forward to a beautiful green spring season in Leona Valley thanks to all the winter rain, and an amazing poppy season is sure to be in store. We hope that you can find time to participate and/or attend our Annual Chili Cook-off on March 4th. This year we have an exciting addition to the Cook-off, we are inviting Local Fire Stations in the area to participate, so the Chili should be extra delicious and spicy hot! You can use the form on Page One to enter. There will be prizes! We need YOU to make this event a success and help raise the necessary funds to keep the LVIA a vital part of our community. We are looking for to the return of Gymkhana events this month as well as the upcoming Cherry Parade in early June. Please be thinking about your parade entries and volunteering to help make this annual event a big success!

Leona Valley Town Council

The Leona Valley Town Council was forced to cancel their January meeting due to bad weather. The latest status on the Ritter Ranch lawsuit is that we have a court hearing scheduled for Wednesday, March 1, which may change. The public can watch this hearing online by signing up in advance at https://my.lacourt.org/laccwelcome. You can only sign up two weeks in advance, not earlier. It is a Civil case and the case number is 22STCP01932. Do not wait until the day of the hearing to sign up. We will also post the results on our website at www.leonavalleytc.org and report them at our next meeting on February 13.

WAVHS Update

The West Antelope Valley Historical Society cancelled their January meeting because it was on the same day as the Rose Parade and Game. We also had some bad weather. Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 6, at 5:00 pm. Our speaker will be Bill Johnson, talking about Buffalo Bill Cody and the firearms he used.



Mark Your Calendar for Sertoma Fundraiser

Sertoma Hosts and Serves a Traditional Corned Beef Dinner Friday - March 17 ~ 4pm - 7pm

Leona Valley Community Bldg~8367 Elizabeth Lake Rd.

Adults \$12 / Senior's \$10 (55 & older) / Youth \$6 (5 & under) Price includes meal, roll & butter, coffee, tea & dessert EXTRA COST: Wine, Beer, Soda, Bottled Water, Jameson Whiskey & Irish Coffee

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Lakes Woman's Club Plans for this year

And the new year begins with a busy calendar....

We just had our first meeting of the year and began putting a calendar together so that we can start the process of planning. We will begin with our Annual Yard Sale. This will be held the first Saturday in May on the day before Mother's Day. We have already been gathering some nice items and will be looking for more in the near future. So put it on your calendar. We would love to see you there.

Of course we will be entering the Cherry Festival parade in Leona Valley on June 3rd, the 4th of July Parade in Green Valley in July, and the 49rs Day in July. So, let us hear you give us a shout out from the roadside. This year we are mulling over a new idea of a dance instead of a casino night. We will be letting you know what we decide very soon. Just a change of pace.

There will be other things we will be doing that haven't yet come up. But you will be appraised here and online. So, keep a lookout for our upcoming projects. And don't forget that we meet every Monday at the Lakes Community Center to work on sewing and many other projects too.

Feel free to come and join us. For information you can look up our Facebook Page at Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Woman's Club or call our President Judy Miller at 1 (661) 609-4822. Come and see what we are about and meet some really great women.

PORTRAITS

February 11 to March 4, 2023



"Portrait of George Thompson" by Todd Cooper

3:00 - 6:00 pm

ART OPENING

February 11

Complimentary snacks with drinks for purchase

Raffle to be held for artwork and handcrafted items

Awards presented to artists at 5:00 pm Juror: Ramon Ramirez, artist and portraiturist

> Featured Artist this month: Todd Cooper, artist, portraiturist, and mountain man reenactor



The Lakes and Valleys Art Guild 8854 Elizabeth Lake Road, Leona Valley



Look for us on Instagram and Facebook

Art Guild Events

The Lakes and Valleys Art Gallery hosted another art opening in January with a theme of Community. There were a lot of great entries and the art entered in the show will continue to be on display until Saturday, February 4. On that day, the drop-off for the next show will be from noon to 4 pm.

The theme of the next show is Portraits, so bring your best creation to enter. All types of art are accepted and it can be a portrait of anything, including animails, flowers, people, etc.

We will also have some extra pop-up vendors who will be selling their wares on Saturday, February 11, when the show opens. Vendors will be there all day and the show runs from 3 to 6 pm.

We have classes teaching various crafts and arts on a regular basis as well. Keep up to date on all our activities at our website:

lakesandvalleysartgallery.org and on Facebook and Instagram.

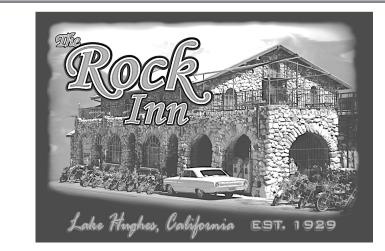
Good Advice from a Resident

There was some great advice on our local Residents Facebook page recently from Kyle Herriott, who grew up in Leona Valley and occassionally contributes articles for us.

A lot of the erosion caused by our recent rains could have been prevented. One acre of grass can allow an Olympic size swimming pool's worth of water to infiltrate the ground per 1" of rain fall. Roots from brush and grass will stabilize soil and prevent mud flows. If you grade your property to dirt that dirt will be transported to your neighbors yard or into your home via wind or rain. Weed whacking or mowing is a better approach. Protecting our soil with some plant matter will make a world of difference when we get rain.

Uncovered ground is extremely vulnerable to erosion by wind and rain especially where we live, in a very dry, windy environment where the new norm is heavy and infrequent rain and drought. These weather patterns coupled with bare ground leads to erosion of our topsoil. Our lives depend on this topsoil, it grows all the plants and animals we eat.

Leaving stubble and roots intact will protect your ground from erosion and keep moisture in your soil for a much longer duration. Intact soil is the best buffer we can create from inclement weather such as drought and flooding.



Live Music Tuesday 7-9 p.m. Acoustic Saturday 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Full Bands

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Welcome to the "Kindness Corner"

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

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

Ruth has had a lot going on in her life since the holidays and has not had an opportunity to write one of her wonderful columns that we all enjoy so much. She plans to be back with us next month so we have something to look forward to in the next newsletter.

In the meantime, she wants to let us know that she had very nice holidays. She is now 91 and ½ years old. She says we only keep track of the 1/2 years when we are young and again when we are old. She had a little touch of the stomach flu but is on the mend and feeling pretty well.

> Here's to a Healthy, Happy, and Prosperous New Year out there in the country. Ruth Perkins





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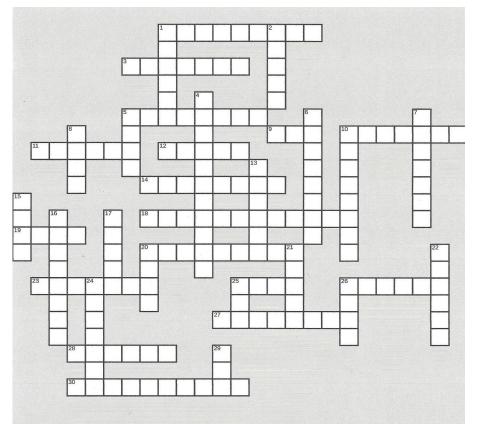
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Knowing Leona Valley Crossword Puzzle February 2023

If you have ideas for clues you'd like to see in future puzzles, please send them to Jeff Wright at Cresta5555@gmail.com.



ACROSS

- 1. Strong, well-formed, relatively short-lived whirlwind
- 5. Tofu is made from these legumes
- 9. Approximate percentage of water in world that is drinkable
- 10. The travel between one's home and place of work
- 11. Skilled horseman from South American countries in 18th/19th centuries, equated to American cowboy
- 12. Upright support, used for displaying or working on paintings/drawings
- 14. The science of naming, describing, and classifying animals and plants
- 18. American equine breed that excels at sprinting short distances
- 19. A structure where chickens are kept safe and secure
- 20. That "enjoyable" 3pm to 7pm stretch at Casa Gutierrez where prices are discounted
- 23. A deep-dish fruit pie with rich biscuit crust
- 25. Term for a group of frogs
- 26. A desert succulent, often with spines
- 27. Slow-cooked or fried intestines of swine. but also from calf or veal
- 28. Leather seat on the back of a horse
- 30. Large structures draped across each end of LV to transmit and distribute electricity

DOWN

- 1. Hoofed mammal; same family as a horse, domesticated in Africa
- 2. Only planet in our solar system that spins "backwards"
- 4. Device used to measure earthquakes
 - 5. Name of February's full moon
 - 6. One of the bones that makes up the human spine
 - 7. Common name for several birds of prey, especially vultures
 - 8. Male name for a rabbit, a goat, or a rat 10. A "Bone Orchard" is cowboy slang for a
 - 13. A fertilized chicken egg
 - 15. Parasitic arachnid that feeds on blood of mammals
 - 16. Jack's Place Thursday night special
 - 17. A stray cat that avoids human contact is considered
 - 20. A large group of hoofed mammals that live, feed, or migrate together
 - 21. A deer with 12 points (6 points per antler) is known as a ______stag
 - 22. Green Japanese horseradish
 - 24. All-black regiments after the Civil War that protected National Parks and the western expansion of settlers (Soldiers)
 - 25. Clean burning hard wood for homeheating stoves
 - 26. Large barrel-like container used to store wine or whiskey
 - 29. Sharp-bladed tool for splitting wood

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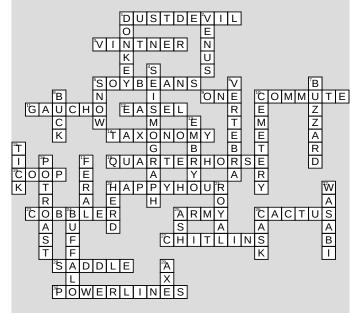
Leona Valley Loses Long Time Resident Kathy Londergan

We were all shocked to hear of the passing of Kathy Londergan at the early age of 60 years. Kathy and her husband Chris contributed so much to our community through their participation in LVIA and the Gymkhanas over the years. There will be a memorial service on March 25 at noon at the Londergan residence. LVIA extends our deepest sympathy to the family. We will miss her.



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Leona Valley Racketteers 4-H Spaghetti Dinner

The Leona Valley 4-H club will be having their annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Monday, February 11th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the LVIA Community Building. This is one of our two annual fundraisers which are vital for supporting our club's many projects. Please come and support our local club. The tickets will be sold at Ranchers Market prior to it and outside of the building on the day of. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Spaghetti, salad and breadsticks and desserts will be available for purchase.

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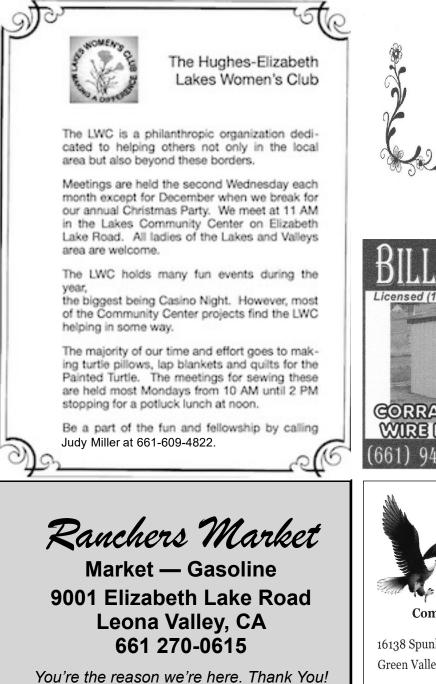
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LVIA Community Queens report and Informational Tea

On Sunday, January 29th our Junior Miss Leona Valley, Audrey VanderHyde, competed in the Junior Miss Antelope Valley Pageant. The event was held at Eastside High School and the pageant theme was "Safari of the AV". Audrey was dressed as a giraffe and highlighted the AV Fair Jr. Livestock Program/Auction. the Joshua Trees, and of course, our sweet Leona Valley cherries! There were 14 contestants and although Audrey did not win the crown, she represented Leona Valley with poise and grace. Great job Audrey!







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