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#### COMMUNITY CALENDAR All events take place at the Leona Valley Community Building,

## 8367 Elizabeth Lake Road, unless otherwise indicated.

June 3WAVHS meeting, 5 pm				
June 8	Cherry Parade!			
June 17	4-H meeting, 6:30 pm			
June 18	Town Council, 7 pm			
June 20	LVIA meeting, 7:30 pm			
June 22	Gymkhana, 8:00 am			
June 29	Red Cross event			
July 1	.WAVHS meeting, 5 pm			
July 4	Independence Day!			

4-H Racketteers 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

#### Last Chance for Parade Entries!!!

With only days to go before the parade, we need those last-minute entry forms to help coordinate the pre-parade staging at 90<sup>th</sup> and Leona Avenue. We're expecting double the normal amount of entries, which will give staging coordinator Marie Davis a lot more to handle in the two to three hours prior to parade kick-off. Different categories of entries are fed into the parade line-up from different directions at the intersection. Once the staging "dance" is arranged, a notebook with the sequenced entries is rushed to the main intersection for announcing purposes. An earlier heads up on who is participating is greatly appreciated.

We have a number of solid and/or likely commitments from a variety of clubs and businesses. New vintage cars are expected, coming from LV locals and nearby AV car clubs. Thanks to Tire Express in Quartz Hill for sponsoring prizes for the car entries! How about a mountain bike club to spice up the action? LV has an unofficial jeep brigade that is finalizing their showing. Perhaps a group of offroad and other side-by-side vehicles? How does a bunch of karate students and their sensei walking and performing demonstrations sound? Watch for the Trainer Fit gym and their creative spectacle rolling down the route. We've heard a strong rumor of some horse riders/students signing up. Looking forward to seeing usual and new entries alike!

Once again we are fortunate to have the National Anthem singer from the LA Kings home hockey games (at the Crypto arena), Miss Hannah Davey, to start the parade.

Don't forget that the Community Building is ground zero for burgers, cherry burritos, craft booths, the pie-eating contest, and live music. Ribbons for the Parade winners will be presented by our new Community Queens. If you're not IN the parade, we hope to see you along the parade route and at the Community Building afterwards to cap off the 51<sup>st</sup> annual Leona Valley Cherry Festival and Parade.

We still have some spaces available for craft vendors at the Festival. Only \$30, which includes lunch!

For general parade questions, contact Jeff Wright (<u>cresta5555@gmail.</u> <u>com</u> or 818-519-9350).

For car, truck, motorcycle or other vehicle entries for the parade, contact Mike McKnight (<u>MPMCK0605@aol.com</u> or 661-816-3349).

For general Festival questions, contact Péggy Fuller at treasurer@myleonavalley.org or 805-382-9914.

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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

Ready, set, go! Hope everyone is looking forward to our big event. The cherries are almost ripe and ready to pick and it's finally time for our 51<sup>st</sup> Cherry Parade on Saturday, June 8th. Our theme this year is Cherry Pies 'n Blue Skies! The Entry Form is on the red pages included with this newsletter, along with the timeline of events for that day. Forms are also available at Rancher's and on our website, along with Vendor applications.

We still have spots open for vendors. The price is reduced this year to just \$30, which includes lunch! And we need more volunteers to help out that day. We only need an hour or two of your time. Did you know there are over 8,000 hours in a year? Can you spare us a couple? See the article on page 5 for a list of suggestions. You don't have to devote the entire day to us - every little bit helps!

And you can help support the Parade by buying a t-shirt with this year's theme. They are for sale now at the P.O. at Ranchers and will be available at the Festival.

The May Gymkhana went well with a good number of riders and we are looking forward to the next one on June 22. Riders get beautiful ribbons and there is usually a raffle for horse care products. Consider entering to get some good experience and enjoy the camaraderie of other riders. Or just come and watch as the riders move their horses through various barrel racing type patterns.

On June 29, representatives of Red Cross will be here to help install free smoke alarms for anyone who needs them. See page 3 for contact information so you can schedule an appointment. You also get some free gifts!

#### Leona Valley Town Council

Two members of the Town Council board will be out of town for the next meeting, so it has been rescheduled to Tuesday, June 18, at 7pm.

#### WEST ANTELOPE VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

George Lane was the speaker at our May meeting and gave a very interesting presentation on the early days of Antelope Valley when his family moved here. They were involved in farming, freight hauling and road work, so they contributed much of the early infrastructure.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm at the Community Building. It is our annual Ice Cream Social and everyone is invited to come enjoy some FREE ice cream. We also have a fun White Elephant auction where the bidding sometimes gets fierce!

## Lakes & Valleys Art Guild

Our current art show theme is Machines that Move Us and includes works with planes, cars and wagons. There will be a People's Choice award given, so be sure to drop by and vote before the opening, which is on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 5 to 8pm. Come to the opening and enjoy live music and a raffle of handcrafted items, along with good potluck food and drinks. The People's Choice Award will be announced at 6pm.

Our classes are continuing with an acrylic paint pouring on Sunday, June 30, from 11am to 1pm. Cost is only \$35 for all supplies and instruction.

Keep up to date by visiting our website at www.lakesandvalleysartgallery. org, or join us on Facebook and Instagram.

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!



## Are You Prepared for a Wildfire in Leona Valley?

Your home is in a high-risk area. The American Red Cross wants to help prepare you and your community.

We will be in Leona Valley on June 29, 2024 to provide FREE smoke alarms & wildfire preparedness and safety education personalized to help protect your home and family. Once the visit is completed, you will receive a Free Red Cross backpack and a safety tube to get your evacuation kit started.

Appointment Link: www.redcross.org/LAHomeFire or call (310) 445-9914.





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				
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Good for one Act of Kindness				

#### 4-H RACKETTEERS ARE BUSY!



Hi Leona Valley- I hope you are eating some yummy local cherries and are headed to our Cherry Parade on Saturday June 8th to see the celebration of this delicious fruit!

Our Mexican Dinner hosted by Casa Gutierrez was a big hit! We want to thank Luis and his crew for letting us take over for the evening. It was a yummy fundraiser.

One of our 'mini' members showed at the Open Llama Show at the LA County Fair and won Grand Champion! Great job Easton Kock- we are so proud.

We have our elections coming up for the 2024-2025 4H year coming up. We will have our Open House meeting informational meeting in August this year. New members are welcome at all meetings that happen the third Monday of every month at the Leona Valley Community Building, 6:30pm.

Thank you for all your support Leona Valley-Ava Bonham, Club Reporter 2023-2024



#### MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

4-H members honored our veterans and members of our 4-H community with a moving ceremony for Memorial Day. The event started with raising and then lowering the American flag to half mast. The flag ceremony was handed off by the Green brothers, who are aging out of 4-H, to the younger generation, Luke Jordan and Greyson Lamoureux. The Pledge of Allegiance was

The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a prayer given by long time resident Tania Williams. Sarah Bonham, 4-H club leader, inspired everyone with her description of the history and meaning of Memorial Day and the story of the long military service of her family.



Three new names were added this year to the Memorial Boards to honor past 4-H leaders. Tink Freeman was Lee Rackett's "second in command" in running the 4-H club from it's start in the 1950's and for the next 40 years. Pat Nichols dedicated countless hours to our 4-H club as a project leader and all-around volunteer, along with being involved with almost every other Leona Valley group. Helen Mendler also served as a 4-H project leader and tireless volunteer.

These three women all exemplified the selfless spirit of volunteering for their community that made Leona Valley, and the Racketteers 4-H Club successful, and recognized as one of the best in the state under their watch.



#### And We Would Like to Thank...

Our grateful thanks to all those who donated all the wonderful items for our Annual Yard Sale. And for all those hearty souls who came out on that cold drizzly day to look through all the things and to buy to help our fundraiser. Without your support we couldn't do the charity work to help our neighbors and those in need. This year the funds raised are going to Vets 4 Veterans. This group assists veterans who are homeless, just out of the military to get adjusted and with schooling or career aid and other needs. They are local in Lancaster and do great work for our veterans.

This month we gathered for a luncheon to install our new board of officers. Our President will continue to be Judy Miller, our Vice President will continue to be Terri Moss, our Treasurer will be Jeanette Lundberg, and our Recording Secretary will continue to be Candy Maldonado. We had a lovely lunch hosted by another member at her home, Joan Tyler, in Leona Valley. We look forward to another two years of successful projects with this great group of ladies.

This year at the California Federation of Women's Clubs Convention our club was awarded two awards. One was for Communication and Public Relations. This is for our Facebook Page, articles in the Cherry Chapters, other website uses, and other means of communication to our communities. The other was for Fundraising and Development. This is for our fundraising and the ways the money is used or donated. This was a great honor for our little club against clubs all over the state of California.

We recently dropped off 71 Turtle pillows and a bed quilt to the Painted Turtle Camp, 2 lap quilts to the Palmdale Sheriff's Department for children that are removed from bad circumstances, 4 lap quilts to Care Net in Lancaster, 16 lap quilts to the Children's Center in Palmdale, and 5 lap quilts for the Senior Center. Our Mondays are very productive. So, if you have some free time and want to fill it with productive activities that give you a warm feeling come join us and have some fun and a delicious lunch in the bargain.

And speaking of fun, we are planning to take a day and go to the Santa Monica Pier. We went last year and had a wonderful time. There is a bus that leaves from Antelope Valley taking us there and bringing us back. We shop and just enjoy a lovely day with good friends and have a great lunch at the pier. This year we will be having the ladies of the Quart Hill Women's Club coming along. So, it should be quite a day at the beach.

We are always looking for new ladies to come and join us. So, for those who are interested please stop by the Lakes Community Center any Monday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm while we are sewing or for our monthly meeting held the second Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am and they are 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!

#### Cherry Festival Volunteers Needed!!!

We're less than 2 weeks away from the largest Leona Valley Cherry Festival and Parade we have had in 5 years. It takes a lot of time and planning to pull off our annual festival. It also takes community volunteers. The LVIA Board members, along with LV friends and family, are already providing much manpower in the preparation of, and the execution of the Festival.

However, on the day of the Festival/Parade, we still need;

Two more judges to judge parade entries. You'll be judging first, second, and third places for; best Queen entry, best Club/Org entry, best Business entry, best Non-Profit entry, and, best Equestrian entry. The time needed is between 8:30 and 9:45.

Three shuttle drivers/vehicles (golf carts or off-road vehicles that carry a driver and three passengers). Two of the shuttles will base out of the Community Building, shuttling people between that property and the main intersection. Shuttles are needed from 8am to 10am.

Two or more volunteers to help at the Community Building (ticket sales, t-shirt sales, and food service). The time slot needed is from 9am to 1pm. (Noon to 1pm is crunch time).

A parade photographer, preferably using an SLR camera. Would also take photos of activities around the main intersection. A photographer for the Community Building activities (especially between noon and 1pm). Selected photos to be provided to LVIA for Facebook and Cherry Chapter newsletter postings.

One more ask - We need volunteers to help set up at the Community Building on Friday, June 07, from 3 to 5pm. If you would like to volunteer, contact Jeff at 818-519-9350 or Peggy at 805-382-9914.

#### **LEONA VALLEY WELCOMES 2024 COMMUNITY QUEENS**

Leona Valley held its Community Queen Pageant in May. Our 2023 Miss, Jordi Williams, closed out her year with a great speech! We are both sorry and happy to see her move on to other things - she did such a great job of representing Leona Valley for the past year and we wish her the best for her future. Each of the other girls on the court moved up to the next age group and will continue to represent us even better than last year now that they have a year under their belts. They all did well during the Pageant and have clearly learned a lot.

Their new titles are Sophia Gorrindo, Miss Leona Valley, Emma Rogers, Teen Miss, Makynzie Weilbacher, Junior Miss, and Alina Rodriguez, Young Miss. Congratulations to them all. LVIA especially thanks Angie Hughes, who has served as Queen director for several years and does an incredible job of recruiting, putting on the Pageant, and working with the girls and their parents. Look for the Queens at all our local events.



#### **LVIA IMPROVEMENTS**

Just in time for the Cherry Parade, LVIA received a recent donation of an aluminum ramp for the entrance to the Community Building. The wooden one that was built a few years ago was deteriorating, so we are thrilled. Thanks to Nancy Stevens, a long time resident, who donated it after recently attending a meeting and seeing our need. And thanks also to Don Blumenshein and his friend Bill Jarmin, who installed it.





#### **CHERRY PARADE T-SHIRTS**



Get them while they're hot!!! T-shirts available at the P.O. at Ranchers. Only \$25 for a commemorative souvenir of this year's 51st annual LVIA Cherry Parade & Festival.

#### LAKES COMMUNITY CENTER ASSOCIATION

June 2024 — Events By Ben Cook

#### **EVENTS IN JUNE**

Yoga with Britney Tuesdays at 6pm

Thursdays at 9am Chair yoga at 10:30 am

Line Dancing with Anais Monday, June 3rd and 17th at 6:30pm

Lakes Town Council Meeting Saturday, June 1st at I0am

Women's Club Sewing & Crafts Mondays, 10am-2pm

Women's Club Meeting Wednesday, June 12th at 11am

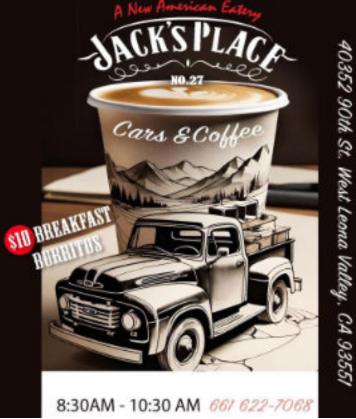
LCCA Meeting Thursday, June 6th at 7pm

#### **CONTACTS**

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They have been great so far and a lot of fun so don't miss the next one!

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