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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

Sept. 4.....	Labor Day
Sept. 11.....	Town Council, 7 pm
Sept. 15.....	Tacos & IC, 5 pm
Sept. 16.....	Garage Sale, 8 am
Sept. 18.....	4-H meeting, 6:30 pm
Sept. 21.....	LVIA meeting, 7:30 pm
Sept. 23.....	Gymkhana, 8 am
Sept. 23.....	Red Cross event, 10 am
Oct. 2.....	WAVHS meeting, 6 pm

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)

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 LVIA Board

Join us on Friday, September 15, from 5 to 8 pm to say Good-bye to Summer. It will probably still be warm, so you can enjoy tacos or quesadillas with rice and beans on the patio for only \$5 and then eat your fill of ice cream for only another \$5. Where can you get a deal like that? And then you can go home and get ready to either buy or sell at the Garage Sale on Saturday. There should be plenty of bargains!

LVIA has an election for Board members coming up at our September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Please consider being a volunteer for the next year to help us continue operating our Community Building which is used frequently by all our local organizations for their meetings and events.

## Leona Valley Town Council is Busy

At our August meeting, we had a speaker from TreePeople give a talk on the pest that is killing oak trees. It started in Green Valley but has spread to Bouquet Canyon. Please use only local firewood, not from infested areas, to keep it out of Leona Valley. They are currently doing restoration work in San Francisquito Canyon and can use volunteers.

There was a hearing on the Ritter Ranch case in July to add more records to what the judge can consider. We won some points and lost some, but overall, were pleased with the results. The trial date is still set for October 20 and our brief has been filed.

A GoFundMe account has been set up to benefit the Leona Valley Town Council in raising money for litigation expenses. It can be found at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/leona-valley-legal-fund-david-vs-goliath>. Please share the link with your friends and family so that we can reach a wider audience. Donations can also be made through Zelle using the email address [lvtc@leonavalleytc.org](mailto:lvtc@leonavalleytc.org). Even small donations add up and help us pay our debt to the attorneys.

Hopefully we will have something to celebrate at Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 22. We are starting festivities earlier this year, opening at 4 pm, with food service and the polka band starting at 5 pm. The auction will be at 6 pm. It should be a great party once again!

Please consider becoming a candidate for the LVTC Board. Forms are available on our website and at Rancher's Market by the Post Office. Deadline is September 20.

## Lakes & Valleys Art Guild

The new Art Show exhibit at the Gallery has a theme of Cartoons and Animation. It opened on August 26 with a very fun and well attended party. We had great food, along with live music by Michael Verneti. The exhibit will continue to September 30, so come in and enjoy the beautiful works, including the winners. The People's Choice award went to Ramon Rodriguez for his wonderful caricature. Our featured artist is Gus Beeler, who grew up in Leona Valley and has a background in animation and film. His cartoon art is wonderful!

The next show theme is Fantasy, with our featured artist being Frank Dixon, a long time Leona Valley resident who has taught art at Quartz Hill High School for many years. Drop off date is September 30 from noon to 4 pm. Frank will be teaching a class that morning at the Gallery and the results will be exhibited with his own work. The Opening will take place on October 14 from 4 to 7 pm and is a great opportunity to meet Frank and the other artists and learn more about their work. We will have great food and entertainment as always, along with beer and wine for sale, so come enjoy our garden setting and all the artwork!

The Cherry Chapters is always available 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 out dates even if you threw away your hard copy!

## A Rock Star is Born!

Happy birthday to Leona Valley's Painted Rock Snake!

Many LV residents turned out for the August 5<sup>th</sup> rock-painting fundraising event at the Lakes and Valleys Art Guild. Kids and adults alike brought their own rocks, or selected from rocks that were donated to the cause by the Guild and other individuals. Armed with paint brushes and a wide variety of paint supplied by the Guild, crafters adorned their rocks with a large swath of colors, patterns and images.

The snake's head was a larger, triangular shaped rock, and was auctioned off to the highest bidder. With Jeff Wright acting as the event auctioneer, a spirited back-and-forth bidding between David Clayton, Mill Winfrey, and Marian Wright energized the crowd. Finally, David got the last bid in, donating a generous \$200 for the honor to paint the "business end" of our LV Serpent. Not to be outdone, Mill won the highest bid honors for the tail/rattle, donating another generous sum of \$100 from the Winfrey family.

Painting participants donated \$10 per rock to the "Save Leona Valley" Town Council fund. In total, 44 rocks were painted on Day 1. Including the auctioned-off head and tail, the event brought in almost \$1000.00. A percentage of proceeds from the Kona Ice truck sales was also realized.

The LV Rock Snake is now in growth mode on the west side of the Arts and Guild building. Stop by and see the beautiful and creatively painted rocks. The snake can now continue to grow as additional rocks are painted and donated in the weeks and months to come. For those that couldn't make the August 5<sup>th</sup> event, or just want to have a nice craft to do at home, please bring in your painted rock and help us move the head forward. The rocks and painting supplies will continue to be available on the front porch of the Art Guild Thursday through Sunday. Just pay your \$10 donation inside and add your painted rock to the snake to keep it growing. (continued on Page 9).



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Lakes Town Council - 661-262-3130  
LCC "Friends of the Fire Truck" James - 480-751-8902  
Lakes Women's Club contact Judy - 661-609-4822  
LCC History Museum contact Dennis - 661-917-7256  
(Leave message if no answer)

### September:

Women's Club sewing & crafts; Mondays 10am-2pm  
Line Dancing; 5th & 19th @ 6:30pm  
LCC meeting; 7th @ 7pm  
Town Council meeting; 2nd @ 10am  
Women's Club meeting; 13th @ 11am  
Cammie Harris "Celebration of Life"; 17th

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### More LVIA Events

The Red Cross will be at the Leona Valley Community Building on Saturday, September 23, from 10 am to noon to give a Wildfire Preparedness presentation. It will include information on smoke alarms, preparedness kits, evacuation and communication plans and CPR training. It is FREE!

On the same day our Gymkhanas will start up again after their summer break. It's a great way to spend a Saturday morning - watching kids perfect their skills as they race against the clock for points towards a beautiful silver buckle.

## 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.

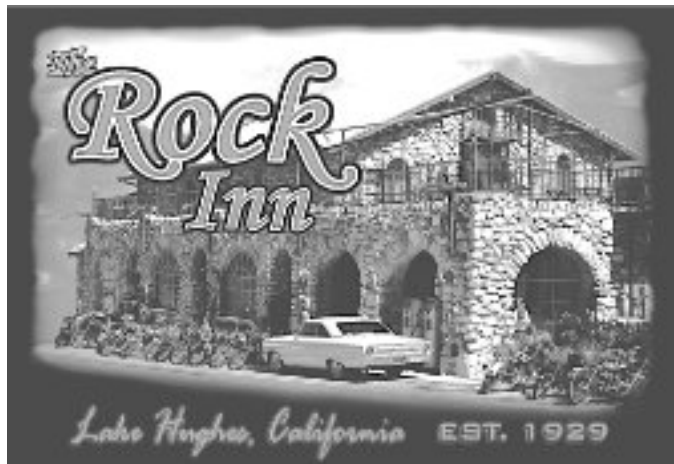
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## Notes from Miss Cellaneous

I just heard a great tip for keeping avocados from ripening too fast. I like to buy bags of them but then they get ripe before I can use them. Submerge them in water and place them in the refrigerator. It will keep them from ripening and when you are ready to use them, get them out a couple of days in advance so they will be at the right stage when wanted.

Of course another option is to make a big batch of guacamole which you can use not only with chips, but as a spread on toast, burgers and sandwiches.

Try to relax as much as you can and enjoy our beautiful sunsets. Here's to the good life out there in the country. Stay cool.

*Ruth Perkins*

## LV 4-H Kids are Winners!

Congratulations to our local kids! The Racketteers won the following awards:

Jordi Williams - Champion Market Swine, 2nd place in Senior Lamb Showmanship, and 2nd in Senior Master Showmanship.

Emma Rogers - 1st place in Junior Swine Showmanship and 2nd place in Junior Lamb Showmanship.

Makynzie Weilbacher - 2nd place in Novice Lamb Showmanship.

Audrey Vander Hyde - Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb, Junior Lamb Showmanship, and Reserve Champion Swine.

Josh Weilbacher - 2nd place in Senior Swine Showmanship.

Levi Green - 1st in Bred & Fed, 3rd in Junior Master Showmanship.

Annabel Leaf - 1st in Junior Beef Showmanship.

And Leona Valley winners from the Canyon Coyotes 4-H Club:

Joseph Miller - 2nd in Market Swine and 1st in Novice Swine Showmanship.

Blake Miller - 2nd in Market Swine and 3rd in Novice Swine Showmanship.

Emily Miller - 5th in Beef Sr. Showmanship.

And thanks go out to all our Leona Valley families that supported the kids by bidding at the auction!



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## Where Did That Come From?

### Well-Known Phrase Origins

#### **“Bury the Hatchet”**

**Today’s use:** To forgive one another and make amends. To make peace. To end a feud between people, groups, or companies and put differences behind them.

**Origin:** Beginning in the 1700s, indigenous people of North America, particularly America’s northeast and Canada, would bury their weapons/hatchets outside of a village they were entering, prior to a peace meeting with a neighboring tribe. Later in the century, the Iroquois Confederacy made it customary to bury weapons (eg. hatchets) once peace was declared with other tribes, or the English.

#### **“Paint the Town Red”**

**Today’s use:** To go out with friends for a night of partying (drinking alcohol, dancing, laughing, etc).

**Origin:** The most repeated origin comes from the 1830s in England. A notorious nobleman, the Marquis of Waterford (The Mad Marquis), would often times get drunk and unruly with friends in the town of Mowbray, and in addition to vandalizing the town, was documented as painting the town’s toll-bar and several buildings red.

#### **Giving someone “The Third Degree”**

**Today’s use:** Verbally interrogating or significantly questioning someone for something done or perceived to have been done

**Origin:** The third degree is the highest level (degree) in Freemasonry—a master mason. Masons are subject to intensive testing (questioning) to qualify for the third degree. This led to the phrase’s use in the late 1800s.

#### **“Don’t beat around the Bush, get to the Point”**

**Today’s use:** Evade an issue, approach it indirectly.

**Origin:** Beating around the bush goes back many centuries and comes from the language of the huntsman. It was once the custom to hire beaters to beat bushes in order to arouse game birds for the hunter to shoot at. So the beater stirred up the action and then the hunter got to the point.

*If you know a phrase with an interesting origin, or have always wondered where one comes from, send an email to Jeff Wright ([Cresta5555@gmail.com](mailto:Cresta5555@gmail.com)). It may come up in the next “Phrase Origin” edition.*

# And the busy keeps going, going, going...



As usual we have been very active with many projects. One that is very special to our members is the veterans. And especially the active-duty soldiers. Our club belongs to the Sierra-Cahuenga District, and we were asked to participate in a district wide project called "Operation Gratitude" to write notes of thank you that were then put into care packages and sent out to our military. It was a great honor.

We were contacted by a group called the "Oasis Ministry Ventures". Their representative is Virginia Shemanski from Leona Valley. They run a camp for urban youth who otherwise would not be able to have such a wonderful experience. We donated a quilt for them to auction off to raise money for more children to go. And we also paid to sponsor a child. If you would like to help with this project, contact Virginia at [virginia@oasisministryventures.org](mailto:virginia@oasisministryventures.org).

At our August meeting we voted to send money to "Mercury One". This charitable organization was the first one to aid with helping rescue children from the sex trafficking trade. For those who saw the movie "The Sound of Freedom" they were the ones funding it. The name of this project on the Mercury One site is "Operation Underground Railroad." Children are also a big priority for our club. And as to children, we also donated to the Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Union School teachers. They put a wish list up on Amazon and we funded their list of supplies. It is of the utmost importance to support our schools.

At our last Monday session, we worked on decorating boxes. These boxes will be distributed throughout the area to collect cans and dry goods for our local food pantries. This is in league with the "National Day of Service" which will last for the month of September. The food collected will be going to the Code 7 Ministries and other local food distributors. So, look for the boxes and please donate generously.

We will be hosting our September District Meeting at the Painted Turtle Camp. They have kindly offered their facility and a tour of the camp. Our ladies will supply the decorations, and lunch. This will be very special as we have not been able to gather there since Covid began.

Finally, we want to remind those who haven't gotten their Football Books yet to contact Judy Miller at 609-4822. Better hurry - they are going fast. Also, we want everyone to be aware that on November 11 we will be holding our Bi-Annual Christmas Boutique. And this year we will have some beautiful things to decorate your home for the holiday. We look forward to seeing many of you there. Most of the items were donated by Karen Frank of Boulevard Estate Sales. We thank her for her generosity. And if you are interested in seeing what Karen has to offer go to [Estatesales.com](http://Estatesales.com) on Thursday afternoons and have a look.

Now if any of this stirs an interest in any of you ladies out there check out our Facebook page at Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Woman's Club. Or you can call Judy at the number above, stop by on any Monday between 10 and 2, or come to a meeting on the second Wednesday of each month except December.

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## Labor Day History

Labor Day was created as a federal holiday in 1894, after most states had already adopted laws celebrating it for several years. The purpose was to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being.

The first celebration occurred in New York City in 1882 with a large parade that started with just a few marchers. Then they were joined by 200 marchers from the Jewelers Union and their band. That got the parade going and eventually they ended up with 10,000 to 20,000 participants.

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## A Rock Star is Born! (cont.)

As usual, any donation that you would like to contribute toward the Save Leona Valley fund would be greatly appreciated. Checks can be dropped off at Rancher's Market in the LVTC box by the Post Office, or you can use Zelle with the email address, [lvtc@leonavalleytc.org](mailto:lvtc@leonavalleytc.org). You can also pay by visiting the Town Council website at [www.leonavalleytc.org](http://www.leonavalleytc.org) to use the Paypal button. No Paypal account is necessary, you can use any credit or debit card.


Many thanks to all who came out on the warm August day. Special thanks to the Comeaux family, the Winfrey family, the Carney family, the Marian Wright family, the Jeff Wright family, the Rock family, and the Farkas family. Also thanks to John and Linda Grimm, Donna Weil, Colleen Harkins and Dana Bite, Robin Silva, and Kelly Kirkman.

We thank the Art Guild (President Ann Salinas) and her volunteers for all of the prep work that was done so we could hold this event at their business. They provided all of the paints, brushes, palettes, supplies, tables, and the all-important restroom!

Also thanks to LVIA members Sarah Pesses and Kathy Owen, for their work on graphics, postings, and overall coordination.

Our special rural community has been fighting off developers for decades. This time around, the Ritter Ranch developers seemed determined to run our litigation fund dry. The Town Council and the LVIA appreciate all donations to the effort.

Don't think you've heard the last of the Leona Valley Painted Rock Snake. It will continue to grow with your help and there's a rumor that it might be having babies next year!!



**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 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.

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