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The benefit is that you can see parts of it in color and can check for information even if you already threw away your hard copy!

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www.myleonavalley.org.
The Facebook page can be found at:
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4-H Racketteers website is:
<https://sites.google.com/view/leonavalley4h/home>.
Facebook page is at: Leona Valley Racketteers.

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stars & Stripes



& Cherry Delights

LVIA 53rd Annual Cherry Parade

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Festival 8am - 3pm

Parade 10am - 12

90th St W & Eliz. Lk. Rd.

Leona Valley

More info: www.myleonavalley.org

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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.

CHERRY CHAPTERS SPONSORSHIP RATES

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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...

We welcome our five new Leona Valley Community Queens and hope they have a great year! And we thank Angie Hughes and Reina Clark for doing such a terrific job with the Pageant, from decorating to judges to the final performance!

And now we are busy getting ready for our **53rd Annual Cherry Parade on Saturday, June 6**. The winner of our Design Contest to create the logo for our event was Madeline Copeland, who grew up in Leona Valley on her parent's Cherry Ranch. She came up with a great design, as you can see on Page 1. She wins a year's free membership to both LVIA and the Lakes and Valleys Art Guild, as well as the \$50 prize from LVAG. Her design is on our t-shirts, which are available for sale in the Post Office in Rancher's Market. We are now using a local vendor to make them, so we were able to lower the price to \$20. Get yours now!

We have lots of Parade entries coming in already. We had such a great variety last year and hope to continue with more. It's still the same low price of \$25, so create a float or ride your horse or other animal or vehicle. All the information you need will be found on the red inserts in this newsletter. See the Entry Form on Red Pages 1 and 2. Or use our online registration at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/lvia-53rd-annual-cherry-parade>.

If you have something to sell, get a vendor space for only \$30, which includes a \$10 lunch. You can use the online registration at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/lvia-53rd-annual-cherry-festival>.

And we are happy to announce that our Grand Marshals are Chris and Terry Benjamin! They have lived here for 40 years, built their home and raised their family. Chris served on our Town Council and helped keep tract houses out. Terry was our school librarian and worked at Rancher's Market. Both of their daughters represented our community as Leona Valley Queens. Their son Chris owns Westroots Farms, which produces quality meats enjoyed by our residents. Congratulations!

Our Festival promises to include all the expected activities, such as vendors, a live band, a pie eating contest, and great food, especially LVIA's traditional Deep Fried Cherry Burritos! As always, the success of our Parade and Festival depends on volunteers. Please contact any Board member if you can help us out. Thanks.



2012 Gymkhana Queen Color Guard

West Antelope Valley Historical Society

The next meeting of WAVHS will be on Monday, June 1, at 5pm at the Community Building. This is our annual Ice Cream Social, with plenty of flavors and toppings, so come join us for something delicious! It's free and donations are always welcome and appreciated.



The Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes
Women's Club

Ladies, New to Our Community?

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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

To: _____

From: _____

Good for one Act of Kindness

(Please pick something from your heart to pass on)

2026 LEONA VALLEY COMMUNITY QUEENS CROWNED

The Leona Valley Community Queen Pageant welcomed five new girls this year to serve as representatives of our community. Our new Queens are: Miss, Emma Rogers; Teen Miss, Makynzie Weilbacher; Jr. Miss, Ava Bonham; Young Miss, Layla Schmitz; and Little Miss, Mila Gregorio. The girls all looked beautiful and exhibited many talents. The Pageant ran very smoothly thanks to our expert Directors, Angie Hughes and Reina Clark.

The Queens will be on a float in the Cherry Parade, running the Pie Eating Contest, and presenting ribbons for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the Parade.



Hi everyone, I'm your new Miss Leona Valley! My name is Emma Rogers and I'm honored to be your Miss this year! I have been your Jr. Miss along with your Teen Miss in prior years. This month we are getting everything ready for the cherry parade! Hope to see you there!

SUPPORT LVIA WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP

The Leona Valley Improvement Association (LVIA) was formed in 1949 for the promotion and betterment of Leona Valley residents. It is incorporated in the State of California as a non-profit organization. It has overseen many community activities and been a voice for the community for over 70 years. LVIA owns and maintains the four-acre community center at 8367 Elizabeth Lake Road. This includes the Community Building and the Lee Rackett Horse Arena. LVIA publishes the Cherry Chapters monthly newsletter for and about the people in Leona Valley. It is mailed to each household (600 in Leona Valley) and is paid for from funds raised by LVIA and sponsors of the newsletter. LVIA depends solely on membership dues, fundraisers and VOLUNTEERS for its support and operations.

The Building is used on a regular basis by many local groups for meetings, classes and events. These include Leona Valley Racketteers 4-H Club, Back Country Horsemen, Leona Valley Town Council, West Antelope Valley Historical Society, and others. It is in this Building and on the surrounding grounds that the Community Queens and Gymkhana Queens are chosen, that community governmental concerns are addressed, weddings, birthdays and memorials are held and the community enjoys social get-togethers and other events. Thousands of residents have devoted their time and energy to LVIA over many decades and, despite a few bumps along the way, kept our organization strong.

Members receive discounts on most LVIA fundraising events throughout the year. LVIA provides free recycling services to all residents with multiple Waste Management bins located on the Community Building property. LVIA sponsors monthly Gymkhanas for the benefit of young and old alike who enjoy competing on their horses. LVIA also sponsors both the Community and Gymkhana Queens programs. Join today!

Leona Valley Improvement Association Membership Form

* New Member • Renewal • Associate (Non-Leona Valley Resident) Membership Level: • Family—\$40 • Individual—\$25 • Senior/Senior Couple—\$20

I/We would like to make an additional donation of \$_____ to support our community activities

Please make your tax-deductible check out to: LVIA and mail to P O Box 783, Leona Valley, CA 93551 or put in the LVIA Box at Rancher's Market

Name: _____ Spouse/Partner: _____ Date: _____

Children: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Occupation: _____

May we include you in our Annual Roster? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please check: ☐ Address ☐ Phone ☐ E-mail

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES	EVENT SUPPORTER	COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS	ACTIVITIES
___ LVIA Board Position ___ Membership Committee ___ Newsletter ___ Telephone/E-Mail Tree ___ Building/Grounds Maintenance Crews ___ LVIA Boosters ___ Community Queens Committee ___ Gymkhana Queens Committee ___ Horse Arena Committee	___ 4-H Spaghetti Dinner ___ Valentine's Day Event ___ St. Patrick's Day Event ___ Membership Breakfast ___ 4-H Easter Egg Hunt ___ 4-H Memorial Day Event ___ Community Queens Pageant ___ Sertoma Events ___ Cherry Parade & Festival ___ Gymkhana Queens Pageant ___ Halloween Contest & Caravan ___ Holiday Home Tour & more	___ Town Council ___ Sertoma ___ 4-H Club ___ Fire Safe Council ___ Backcountry Horsemen ___ Leona Heritage Park and Pioneer Building ___ West Antelope Valley Historic Society	___ Horse Related ___ Youth Related ___ Social Events ___ Other _____ _____ _____

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Don't wait, or Hesitate

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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GYMKHANA!

Our May Gymkhana was blessed with fine weather and great riders! This was the second event of the year since April had to be cancelled due to bad weather.

The High Point winners for May were:

AAA - Gaby Curzi

AA - Taylor Neighbors

A - Amanda Graves

Novice under 18 - Rene Contreras

Novice over 18 - Christine Briones

The winners all got their beautiful purple ribbons and hope to collect more as the season progresses. There will be an Awards Banquet after the October Gymkhana.

Thanks to Scott Henley for keeping the arenas tractored so the horses and riders are safe!



Leona Valley Racketteers Clean Up at 4-H State Field Day!

Leona Valley represented well at the 4-H State Field Day in Davis, CA on May 23, 2026. All contestants had to place with a blue ribbon or gold medal at the county and regional competitions to qualify to also present at the state level. Those contests took place in February, March and April.

The state competition hosts 4-Hers statewide that have made the trek to Davis to convene in a singular event. From Fashion to Presentations the kids make the best better and see all that California has to offer. Please see results below and give these 4-H Racketteers a big 'congrats' when you see them next time!

Fashion Revue, Purchased

Participants in this category will shop for an entire outfit with the total cost not to exceed \$50.00, not including sales tax. Receipts from the current 4-H year are required for any item that is visible.

Juniors (9-10)

Easton Kock, Blue; Adan Rodriguez, Gold

Intermediate (11-13)

Alina Rodriguez, Gold

Fashion Revue, Traditional

Participants in this category will construct a garment/s and assemble an outfit that showcases their sewing skills and ability to coordinate an outfit. The outfit must contain at least one constructed garment.

Juniors (9-10)

Easton Kock, White; Adan Rodriguez, Red

Intermediate (11-13)

Alina Rodriguez, Gold

Interview Contest

The Interview Contest is a popular event that gives 4-H members an opportunity to practice real-life skills needed to apply for a job. You can increase your interview and social skills, career readiness, and confidence when you prepare for and participate in the interview contest.

Intermediate (11-13)

Ava Bonham, Gold



Easton and Clayton Kock



Adan and Alina Rodriguez



Easton Kock

Joe	Mrs. T.	Jay
Deceased	Deceased	435-9837 (Not yet)

Lakes & Valleys Art Guild

Our current art show theme is "Planes, Trains & Automobiles" and has lots of pieces featuring transportation. Our featured artists are the Vannatter family. The Show opening will be on May 30, from 4 to 7pm. Come and enjoy food, drinks, and live music. You can meet the artists and vote for your People's Choice award. We also have raffles for great prizes.

There will be another Acrylic Paint Pour class on Sunday, June 7, from 11am to 1pm. Tami will be teaching how to create abstract designs. The cost is \$45 and includes all instruction and materials. Everyone has fun!

We have a yearlong series of Kid's Craft days. Crafts are geared toward upcoming holidays and the one on June 13 will focus on Father's Day. We have also added a Creator's Workshop for artists and crafters who want to share their work time with other like-minded people, on the first and third Fridays of each month, from 2 to 4pm.

Our next Art Show will be the Juried Show, where artworks are submitted to a well-known artist in Los Angeles for judging to determine the winners. The deadline for entry is June 5. Instructions and entry forms are available at the Gallery. The Show opening will be on July 11.

Check our website at www.lakesandvalleysartgallery.org for all of our upcoming classes and events. And be sure to follow us on Facebook.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For Future Planning!

June 1 - Monday - WAVHS meeting, 5 pm

June 6 - Saturday - LVIA Cherry Parade

June 8 - Monday - LV Town Council meeting, 7 pm

June 15 - Monday - 4-H General meeting, 6:30 pm

June 18 - Thursday - LVIA General meeting, 7:30 pm

June 27 - Saturday - Gymkhana, 8am

June 6 - Cherry Parade!

June 27 - Gymkhana

September 5 - Garage Sale

July 6 - Monday - WAVHS meeting, 5 pm

July 11 - Saturday - LVAG Art Show Opening, 4pm, Art Gallery

July 13 - Monday - LV Town Council meeting, 7 pm

July 16 - Thursday - LVIA General meeting, 7:30 pm

July 20 - Monday - 4-H General meeting, 6:30 pm

Use this Zelle QR code to pay for
your membership or any LVIA
events.

August 3 - Monday - WAVHS meeting, 5 pm

August 10 - Monday - LV Town Council meeting, 7 pm

August 17 - Monday - 4-H General meeting, 6:30 pm

August 20 - Thursday - LVIA General meeting, 7:30 pm

August 22 - Saturday - LVAG Art Show Opening, 4pm, Art Gallery

September 5 - Saturday - Community Garage Sale

September 7 - Monday - WAVHS meeting, 5 pm

September 14 - Monday - LV Town Council meeting, 7 pm

