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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Sept. 28.....Gymkhana, 8:00 am Oct. 5.....Oktoberfest, 3pm Oct. 14......Town Council, 7 pm Oct. 17....LVIA meeting, 7:30 pm Oct. 21.....4-H meeting, 6:30 pm Oct. 26.....Gymkhana, 8 am Oct. 27...Halloween Carnival, 3pm Oct. 28....WAVHS meeting, 5 pm Oct. 31.......Halloween Caravan

4-H Racketteers website is: https://sites. google.com/view/leonavalley4h/home.

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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 President's Desk...

Hello to all the Leona Valley residents and to friends in adjoining communities. I'd like to thank the LVIA members that voted in the current slate of Board members on September 19. I look forward to taking on the position of President, and as I mentioned in last month's Cherry Chapter, I am very fortunate to have a great bunch of returning Board members to help guide our activities over the next year.

LVIA is responsible for putting on a number of community events throughout the year. This includes the Cherry Festival and Parade, the Halloween Carnival and Caravan, the LV Queens Pageant, the Christmas Craft Faire, Movie Night, the Lasagna Bake-off, the Chili Cook-off, and the twice-a-year community garage sales. In 2024, LVIA picked up responsibilities for the St Patrick's Day dinner, the Octoberfest celebration (coming up on Oct 5) and the Senior Dinner in December. LVIA also makes its 5-acre property and Community Building available for 4-H Racketeer meetings, LV Queen events, the very popular Gymkhana play-days in our arenas, and miscellaneous rentals for member activities.

I'm quickly learning how much it costs to keep LVIA and the Community Building property alive and well. Just like the challenges faced by the residents of Leona Valley, insurance costs have sky-rocketed and are making it difficult to keep the lights on (see article below). Besides proceeds from some events, LVIA relies on membership fees to help meet the annual costs related to running the Building and property. Memberships dropped considerably during Covid. We've made up a little ground this year, but would greatly appreciate our friends and neighbors considering rejoining, or joining for the first time. Remember that the fee is only \$40 for a family, and only \$20 for seniors. Payments through Zelle, PayPal, or by regular check can be made at any time of the year, (see page 4). Being a member does not obligate you to have to volunteer for any of the noted events. I'll talk about how residents can volunteer, if interested, in a future newsletter.

The Board greatly appreciates the opportunity to serve you, our terrific and unique community. I'll always be looking for feedback and ideas on how we can improve anything that we do. You can contact me personally at; <u>Cresta5555@gmail.com</u>. Thanks, Jeff Wright

### Facts & Figures Paint a Scary Story!

As Jeff mentioned above, insurance costs for LVIA have skyrocketed over the past couple of years. It has always been one of our largest expenses, but it was manageable when we had more members. Just to give an idea, in 2020 our property and fire insurance cost us \$1,400. The next year, we were non-renewed and had to switch to the FAIR plan. Our premium increased to over \$4,000. We have managed to pay that for the past 3 years. Our insurance broker has advised us that it will be increasing substantially this year, but the FAIR plan is so backed up that they won't be able to give us a price until next month. We have some savings built up, but hate to see it keep going towards insurance premiums when it could be used for improvements like a new roof or new flooring.

We have started discussing the possibility of not carrying insurance at all in order to save the money. But that puts our Community Building, which some have described as the soul of our community, at risk of being lost in a wildfire, with no possibility of replacing it. We are reaching out to our residents for your input to help us make this difficult decision. Please let us know your opinion, or if you have questions, by posting on Facebook, calling us or putting your written message in the LVIA box by the Post Office at Rancher's Market. LVIA Treasurer, Peggy Fuller

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!

## Lakes & Valleys Art Guild

Our current art show, running from September 21 to November 2 features "Fall Folklore", ranging from fall colors to Halloween and Day of the Dead. The opening party will be on Saturday, September 28 from 5 to 8 pm. It is open to the public, so come and enjoy live music and a raffle of handcrafted items, along with good potluck food and drinks. It's a great opportunity to meet our local artists and find out more about their work. The People's Choice Award will be announced at 5:30pm, so be sure to vote for your favorite piece of art. Our featured artist this month is John Eakin, who experiments with various methods of photography.

Our classes are continuing with an acrylic paint pouring on Sunday, October 26, from 11am to 1pm. Cost is only \$40 for all supplies and instruction. There will be a Paint & Sip class on Sunday, October 20, from 4 to 7 pm, where you can learn to paint a cute Halloween picture. We will be part of the LVIA Halloween caravan on Thursday, October 31, with costumes and decorations and plenty of candy!

We have several new craft merchants, with new and different unique items for sale, so come check them out. Holiday items are starting to come in so you can start your shopping early! Keep up to date on all our events by visiting our website at www.lakesandvalleysartgallery.org, or join us on Facebook and Instagram.

## **BMMS Fundraiser at Casa Gutierrez**

Come join us at Casa Guiterrez on October 6, 2024, from 10am - 3pm for a delicious brunch, or regular menu if you prefer. Enjoy entertainment by David Priest and friends. We are also hosting a car show with a \$25.00 donation to enter. All proceeds help families in recovery from addiction and victims of domestic violence. Since 2018, we have been providing clothes, toys, diapers, food, holiday meals, and occasionally help with rent and utilities.

Beginning in 2025, we will be working with Valencia High School, where our daughter Brianna was among the first 4-year graduating class in 1987. We will be helping teens in families recovering from addiction and teens of domestic violence with tuxes, gowns and prom tickets. Be part of our community on Oct. 6, 2024.





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.
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#### WEST ANTELOPE VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We had a very interesting meeting in September with our Vice President, Jay Tremblay, speaking about the history of the Lazy T Ranch. He had lots of photos from the early days along with great stories. As usual, the audience chimed in with their own memories!

Our October meeting will be held at the end of the month rather than the beginning. Instead of October 7, it has been moved to Monday October 28, still at 5pm at the Leona Valley Community Building. Our speaker will be George Mouchet, Vice President of the Antelope Valley Genealogical Society. His topic will be the use of "family" history to enhance our knowledge and understanding of "local" history. Learn the basics of genealogical research and just how easy it is to discover your ancestors.

## More LVIA News, including Halloween!

We appreciate everyone's support as we work to improve LVIA's services to our residents and we want to make it even easier for you to continue your support. We are including our QR codes for Zelle and Paypal here on this page so that you can easily make payments for membership fees, arena fees, event fees, and donations. When you hold your phone over the codes, it will take you to a payment page if you already have an account with Zelle or Paypal. If you don't have an account, you will be directed to a page that prompts you to create one. Checks or cash can be left in the locked LVIA box by the Post Office at Rancher's Market or mailed to PO Box 783, LV, 93551.

In other LVIA news, we are pleased to announce that we will be able to offer the Community Building as a polling place for the November election. Elections have been held here for over 50 years and we are happy to continue that tradition. You can vote on Sunday, November 5, from noon to 5pm. You can either vote in person or drop off your completed ballots at that time.

Another tradition is our Halloween Carnival and Caravan which LVIA has provided to keep our kids safe for decades. Based on community input, we will have the usual Caravan of houses on Thursday, October 31. If you want your house included on the map, call Leeann at 661-270-9205 and give her your address. Maps will be available at Ranchers and the Art Gallery at noon that day. We will have our Carnival and Costume Contest on Sunday, October 27, at 3pm. It will include a Trunk or Treat by 4-H, vendors, food, games, prizes and the costume contest.





#### LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

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October 5 - LVIA Oktoberfest, 3pm	
October 19 - Green Valley Trunk or Treat, 5 - 7pm	
October 26 - LVIA Gymkhana, 8am	
October 27 - LVIA Halloween Carnival & Costume Contest, 3pm	
October 31 - LVIA Halloween Caravan, maps available at noon	Construction of Party

#### November 2024

November 3 - Daylight savings	time ends	
November 11 - Veteran's Day		
November 16 - Firearms Safety	class, 9am	

#### December 2024

December 1 - LVIA Senior Dinner, 4pm	
December 7 - BMMS Collection event at LV intersection, 9am - 2pm	
December 8 - LVIA Craft Faire	
December 25 - Merry Christmas!	

#### January 2025

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## January 1 - Happy New Year!

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April 26 - LVIA Garage Sale, 8am	

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May 3 - 4-H Mexican Dinner	
May 24 - LVIA Gymkhana, 8am	
May 28 - 4-H Memorial Day Service	

#### June 2025

June 7 - LVIA Cherry Parade and Festival

June 28 - LVIA Gymkhana, 8am

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Summer Comes to an End and the Holidays Begin...

We have had a very busy summer, and it is ending this month after our club hosted a meeting at the Painted Turtle for our club's District (Sierra-Cahuenga). Our club is one in a district that covers the San Fernando Valley, the Antelope Valley, Mammoth, and Westlake. There were 56 women who attended, and everything went well. The food we served (made by our ladies) was a success and, for those who wished, a tour of the camp was provided. All in all, a great day.

We began the month collecting food items in containers placed around the area and have been very pleased with the generosity of our community. All the food is going to a food pantry that will be serving mostly children.

The Football Book sales have ended, and all the books sold. The games have begun, and the checks are going out. We wish all who supported this fundraiser good luck. And we also have another fundraiser going on right now. We are offering chances to win a beautiful quilt with a classic car theme at \$5.00 a ticket. The drawing is on November 1<sup>st</sup>. So if you are interested in having a chance, check online for places that our members will be selling or just give our President or any member a call and we will get you your ticket to fill out for a chance to win. And thank you all for your support.

We also wanted to support our veterans and so we supplied lunch twice this month at the Vets 4 Veterans organization. And we also donated a quilt for them to raffle off at a fundraiser they are having. They are doing wonderful work for our local veterans, and we want to help them keep up that good work.

Always keep in mind that if you are interested in being a part of what we do just stop by on Mondays to visit and ask questions or spend some time joining in. We welcome any woman looking to help with the community and have a good time doing it. Women from the entire lakes area are invited, including Leona Valley, Green Valley, Three Points, or from as far as you away as you are.

For information about our club look us up on Facebook at Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Woman's Club. Or call our President Judy Miller at 661-609-4822.

## JOIN LVIA TODAY!

We will help you stretch your dollars! Our normal LVIA membership year runs from April 1 to March 30 every year. But if you join now, you will receive an extra six months. Your membership will continue to March 30 of 2026! Take advantage of this special deal while you can. Our membership fees have not increased in at least 15 years, so it could happen soon. Benefits of membership include discounts at some LVIA events and on rentals of the Community Building for your special events, including weddings, showers, memorials, and more.



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