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Don't forget that LVIA is still looking for people to help with photography and decorating. Any help is greatly appreciated!

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Dec. 25.....Merry Christmas!  
Dec. 31..Happy New Year's Eve!  
Jan. 1.....Happy New Year!  
Jan. 6....WAVHS meeting, 2 pm  
Jan. 13.....Town Council, 7 pm  
Jan. 16....LVIA meeting, 7:30 pm  
Jan. 20....4-H meeting, 6:30 pm



4-H Racketeers website is: <https://sites.google.com/view/leonavalley4h/home>.

Town Council website—  
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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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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 President's Desk...

As December comes to a close, the LVIA Board would like to recognize the very successful and well-attended Senior Dinner that was held early in the month. Huge thanks to Teresa Leon for organizing the event, as well as purchasing and preparing most of the food. We'd also like to thank the Hughes-Elizabeth Lake Woman's Club for making all of the delicious desserts, and for volunteering to work in the kitchen. A big thanks to all the rest of the volunteers, and of course, to this year's Santa Claus, Sal Rodriguez.

The Holiday Craft Fair was also a fun December event. There were lots of new vendors, an excellent buffet meal, and another good turnout by the community.

The LVIA Board conducted a strategy meeting in mid-December to discuss our top priorities for 2025. The three improvement targets for the coming year are;

- 1- Improve communication to, and engagement with the community,
- 2- Increase LVIA membership,
- 3- Improve existing and develop new revenue streams.

A lot of brainstorming has taken place with both Board members and with community individuals. Many ideas have been discussed and actions are already in progress.

A couple of months ago I put out the request to create an Event Decorating team. I'd like to thank Barbara, Liz, and Ann for answering the call and agreeing to share duties for some select events at the Community Building over the next year. We still need to fill out the Event Photography team. Raina Clark will lead that group. If anyone would like to be on the photo team, please get hold of myself or Raina to discuss the need. Only one person of the photo team would ever need to be at any one event, so the commitment level is light.

I personally would like to thank Leona Valley residents for contributing to a steady rise in LVIA membership. We have had a strong quarter of growth at the end of the year. We still have a long ways to go to get to pre-2020 membership numbers, but we're on our way.

If anyone has thoughts on how the LVIA can best achieve its goals in 2025, please contact any Board member. I'd like to wish everyone and their families a prosperous and healthy 2025. Thanks, Jeff Wright (Cresta5555@gmail.com).

### **LEONA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

Our December meeting was quick and small, but we learned several things. First, we heard about our new political representatives for Antelope Valley, George Whitesides and Suzette Valladares. Next, painted crosswalks will be installed at our intersection of 90<sup>th</sup> St. and Elizabeth Lake Rd. as soon as funding is available, which the Supervisor may help with. Public Works is still doing a study on speed limits along Leona Ave. The County has broken ground on an adult mental health facility in Lancaster.

### **WEST ANTELOPE VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Our December party and auction turned out great as a joint event with the Antelope Valley Genealogical Society. We had a good turnout and everyone went around the room to introduce themselves. We learned a lot, both from people we hadn't met before, as well as the ones we thought we already knew!

Our White Elephant auction is always a treat because you never know what interesting objects will be brought that you simply must have! Our Vice President, Jay Tremblay, is always a fun auctioneer! And we made some money!!!

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Remember that the Cherry Chapters is always available to be viewed 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 for information even if you threw away your hard copy!

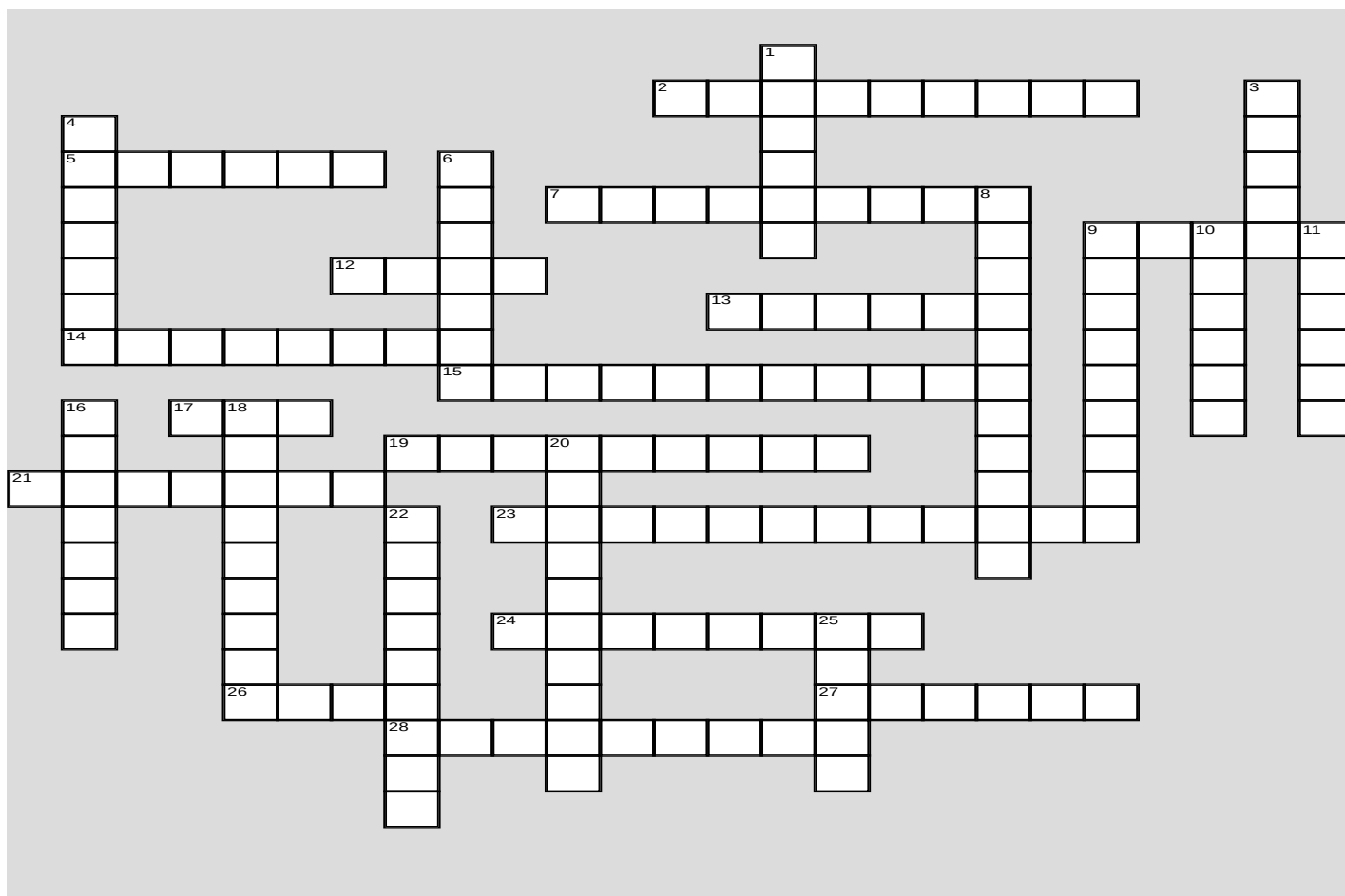
## LVIA'S FREE SENIOR DINNER AND CRAFT FAIR KEPT US BUSY!

LVIA successfully pulled off two events in December, only one week apart. First was the annual Free Senior Dinner, which has always been hosted by Sertoma in past years. With their unfortunate demise, LVIA agreed to take on the event in order to preserve a great tradition. With a lot of help from former Sertoma members and the Lakes Woman's Club, we served about 100 meals with everyone having a chance to catch up with their neighbors. And on the following Sunday, we hosted our annual Craft Fair.



## Jan 2025 CROSSWORD

Winter Has Arrived!

**Across**

- 2 People from northern states and Canada that winter vacation in southern states
- 5 Spice powder that can be found in eggnog
- 7 Shaking from being cold
- 9 Clothing that keeps your neck warm
- 12 Frozen oval used for ice skating
- 13 Winter sport on snowy slopes
- 14 Strapped to feet to help walk through snow
- 15 Measuring device for cold and hot temperatures
- 17 Covers bird baths and horse troughs in below-freezing days
- 19 Injury to soft body tissue due to extreme cold
- 21 Keeps your hands warm
- 23 Warm, tasty drink on wintry days and nights
- 24 Severe snowstorm with high winds
- 26 Transport often pulled by dogs across snow
- 27 Uncomfortably cool or cold
- 28 Long sleep through wintry months

**Down**

- 1 Popular winter team sport
- 3 Kind of bear found in snow and ice-covered latitudes
- 4 Elk shed these during late winter months
- 6 Used to keep a horse warm in winter
- 8 A cake or cookie made with molasses and a distinctive spice
- 9 Glass ball filled with liquid, depicting a wintry scene
- 10 Regions around the North Pole
- 11 A small swirling mass of snowflakes
- 16 Hanging piece of ice, caused by frozen dripping water
- 18 Song lyric: Roasting \_\_\_\_\_ on an open fire
- 20 Featherly ice crystals
- 22 Animal used to predict the end of winter
- 25 Kitchen utensil used to press boiled potatoes into small particles for making mashed potatoes or lefse flatbread





### 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

To: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Good for one Act of Kindness

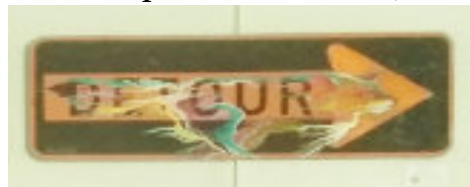
(Please pick something from your heart to pass on)

## Lakes & Valleys Art Guild

Thanks for joining us for all our holiday happenings! Our Santa Coloring Contest was a big hit, with both kids and adults. The entries are all posted on the front outside wall of the Gallery, so stop by and admire them anytime you want. Les Duffey was the adult winner and Journey Hunter won the kid's contest. Each received a beautiful handmade gift and gift certificate to the Gallery. Santa and the Missus presented the awards and had photo ops with the children that stopped by.

And bring your kids by the Gallery where our artists will help them make some fun Christmas gifts for family and friends. This free event will take place on December 21, from 2 to 5pm. They will be making gifts with their own hand prints on them.

Our current Art Exhibit has a theme of "Signs that Lead Us", and is running from December 7 to January 3. We also have two walls with art priced at \$100 or less by some of our most popular artists. It's a great opportunity to buy nice art at a lower price and is particularly good for gift giving. The People's Choice Award for this show went to perennial favorite, Donna Weil, for her "Detour" sign.



We will be open for Christmas shopping for the 10 days before Christmas, every day from December 12 to 24, 10am to 6 pm. We have several new craft merchants, with new and different unique items for sale, so come check them out. Holiday items keep getting restocked, so you can find your favorites right up until the last minute.

Our next show begins January 4, with a theme of "New Beginnings with a Look into the Past". It should be interesting to see how the artists interpret this one! The show opening will be on Saturday, January 11, from 3 to 6pm. Come meet the artists while enjoying potluck food, live music, and a raffle. Vote for your favorite to win the People's Choice award. January will also feature a drawing class by Jamie Johnson and another paint pour class by Tami Arrieta. Keep up to date on all our events by visiting our website at [www.lakesandvalleysartgallery.org](http://www.lakesandvalleysartgallery.org), or join us on Facebook and Instagram.



## Let the New Year Begin.....

Looking back to the last couple of months we were very busy closing out 2024. We delivered 12 blankets to Care Net in Lancaster to help supply them for the babies to come. The Senior Dinner served in Leona Valley was a wonderful event and our ladies brought many desserts made at their homes. We also donated \$350.00 to BBMS Children's Fund.

Some of our members went shopping for candy, small toys, and craft items for the Lakes Community Center Christmas Party. We baked lots of cookies and were there at the event to give out hot cocoa, the cookies, and filled stockings with Santa. He arrived with the help of our local Fire Department riding on the big truck. The children also took part in the craft project our ladies helped them with. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Our next holiday project was to go visit the Veterans at Vets 4 Veterans and give them \$500.00 worth of \$25.00 gift cards for their use. They were very happy to receive them.

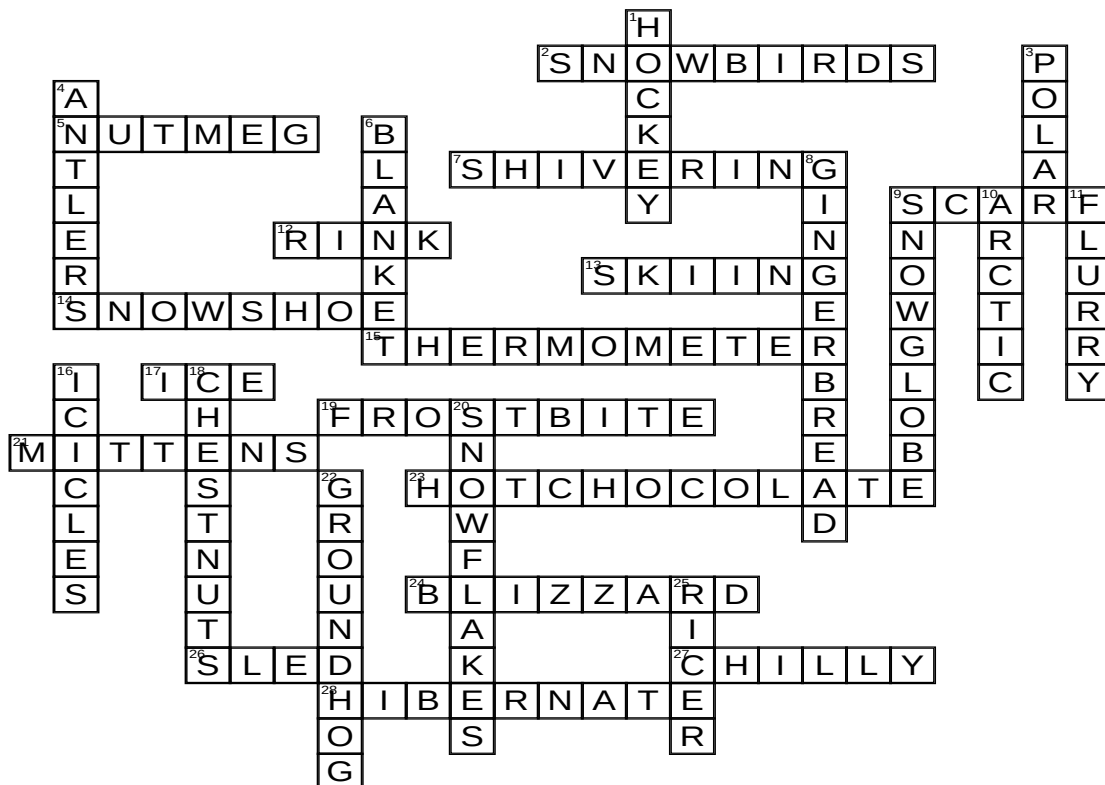
And we will begin the New Year with the Annual Christmas Tree Bonfire at the Lakes Community Center on New Years Eve. We will be giving out hot dogs, chips, candy, and lots of hot cocoa. The fire is always amazing and once there are only hot coals left, the children will use long forks with marshmallows to roast to make smores. We will have a table out by the flagpole with all the fixins' and a member there to help sandwich everything. Yummy!

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you this coming year. Come and join us on Monday January 6<sup>th</sup> at our sewing session and for information about us look at our Facebook page at Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Woman's Club or call our President Judy Miller at 661-609-4822.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS

Jan 2025

Winter Has Arrived!





### 4-H RACKETTEERS CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS!

Thank you everyone who supported our homemade pie fundraiser in November, it was a hit! We had even more orders than last year. People seem to really enjoy using the pies for their holiday desserts. And everyone had fun with the Gingerbread House decorating after our regular December meeting.




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## THANKS FROM BBMS

BBMS Happy Children Memorial Fund would like to thank everyone for supporting our non-profit. Because of you, 47 children and 17 families were blessed by your contributions this Christmas. We were able to provide toys, clothes, and Christmas dinner for their families.

BBMS Happy Children Memorial Fund has been supporting families in recovery from addiction and survivors of domestic violence since 2018. Thank you for smiling and waving as we stood on the corner in Leona Valley on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Joe Garcia for donating toys collected on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the Lakes Woman's Club for their support, and the Painted Turtle.

We host 2 major fundraisers each year, one in April and one in October. This year, we are working with Valencia High School, where our daughter Brianna Brandy Millard Smith (BBMS) graduated. We provide 3 couples of teens who cannot afford to go to prom, with a tux or a gown, flowers and prom tickets. If you would like to volunteer or donate, contact us at 661-904-5956, or our website, [www.BBMSHappyChildren.com](http://www.BBMSHappyChildren.com).

God bless you all and Happy New Year.  
BBMS Happy Children Memorial Fund



## WHY IS MY PROPANE REGULATOR AFFECTED BY COLD WEATHER?

AC Dave Heating & Air wants to bring awareness to potential issues with your propane regulator which could affect your heating, cooking (if you have a propane stove), and hot water. However, unless you own your propane tank, you will need to contact your propane company rather than your HVAC company to resolve these issues.

While the propane does not freeze, the drop in tank temperature can affect pressure levels, potentially causing regulator malfunctions. Propane regulators can be affected by cold weather due to the following reasons: freezing moisture, temperature-related pressure drop, freezing condensation on the regulator, or improper regulator ventilation.

A propane regulator may be experiencing issues if you notice any of the following signs:

**Gas leak:** A gas leak is the most critical issue with a bad regulator. If you notice an odor around your propane tank, call your propane company!

**Low gas pressure:** The regulator may not be working properly if you have low gas pressure. The flame on your stove may be low or orange in color.

**Unusual sounds:** A bad regulator may make a whistling or hissing sound.

**Weak flame:** The flame on a gas stove may be weak

**Visible damage:** The regulator may be visibly damaged. Also, look for signs of frost on the regulator.

**Slow heat output:** The heat output from a gas furnace may be slow

**Frost or ice:** There may be frost or ice on the regulator. When this occurs, allow a couple of hours for the regulator to thaw, and your regulator will work again.

### Tips to Prevent Issues

Keep the regulator dry by installing a cover or shield to protect it from direct exposure to moisture.

You can insulate the tank and regulator by purchasing specifically designed covers for your propane tank. Check with your propane company first.

Check for leaks or moisture.

If possible keep the tank full. A fuller tank maintains higher pressure in cold weather.

If available, use cold-weather propane.

In cold weather, your propane regulator might take several hours to fully warm up or thaw, depending on the severity of the temperature, so just wait for it to heat up.

If you notice any of the above issues, Do Not Call Your HVAC Technician unless you own your tank. Instead, contact your propane company. If you do not own your propane tank, HVAC technicians are not permitted to work on your regulator. For all other heating issues, please call AC Dave Heating & Air: 661-270-1961.



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