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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.**

## From the LVIA Board...

We had a great turnout for our Chili Cook-off as people came back to defend their titles. Congratulations to our new winners, Hannah Faith Clark for her Chicken Chili, Pete Weilbacher for his Slow Burn Chili and Colin Dranow for Coco’s Chili, which was the People’s Choice winner! And thanks to our judges for their discriminating palates!



And come on back for the traditional St. Patrick’s Dinner and another good meal. Just \$15 (\$12 for members) gets you a big serving of corned beef, potatoes, cabbage, carrots and dessert! Put Tuesday, March 17, 4 to 7pm, on your calendar.

We start April off on the first Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> with our annual LVIA Membership Breakfast. Our waffle bar has become very popular so we will be continuing with it this year, along with all the regular toppings and sides. This is a great chance to support LVIA by joining and getting a FREE breakfast! Help us celebrate our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Raise the Roof!

## BLAST FROM THE PAST!

Here is another installation from the vaults of LVIA history. Also check out Page 4 to see a copy of the minutes of the first meeting on October 12, 1949.

At the second meeting, on October 26, 1949, they got down to business and prepared bylaws and discussed a Board of Directors and dues for members. They decided that a project at the top of the list was to install street signs.

They really got LVIA underway at the January 4<sup>th</sup>, 1950 meeting. The name of Leona Valley Improvement Association was official, they had ten members and they decided to put up ten street signs. They also wanted to put in a stop sign at the store intersection (90<sup>th</sup> and Elizabeth Lake Rd.) That didn’t happen until 20 years later!

They had already completed a census of Leona Valley residents and found that there were 266 adults and children living in our community. They talked about finding some property to use as a picnic ground and planned to talk to the Godde family about a location with cottonwoods near the store.

They planned a potluck for January 14<sup>th</sup> at the Leona Valley School, which was then located at the corner of Bouquet Canyon Road and Elizabeth Lake Road. Everyone was to bring their own card table, bread and “service” (plates, cutlery, etc.) and assignments would be made for the main dishes. After dinner, they would hold a meeting to vote on bylaws and elect officers.

Kerry Woods was elected as President and served until 1952, when Dave Owen took over the position. Early meetings were held at the Woods home.

Stay tuned for another installment next month!

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### Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Women's Club Quilts & Pillows "Oh My"...

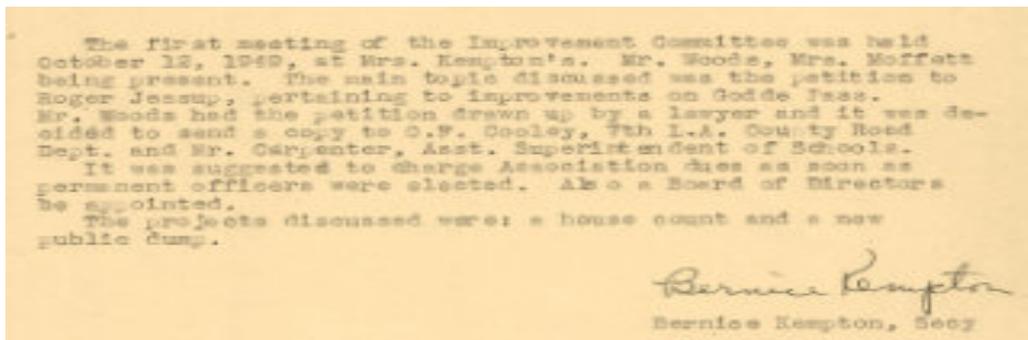
We ladies have been busy working on turtle pillows and quilts for the Painted Turtle Camp on most Mondays from 10-2 pm. We just delivered 7 quilts for the beds and 56 turtle pillows for the children to keep. If you want to help, you are welcome to stop by.

Our next event will be the upcoming Easter Party for all the local children. This will take place at the Lakes Community Center on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am. There will be lots of eggs to hunt for, with 6 special golden eggs that will award the finder a special prize. Also, lots of cookies, and some craft projects to do while waiting for the Easter Bunny to arrive. So put this on your calendar and bring the family for a fun day.

And another event, coming up on May 2, will be our Annual Yard Sale. Keep an eye out for our requests for items to donate in the coming months. And as a reminder we cannot accept furniture, electronics, or clothes.

Information on our club is available on our Facebook page at Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Woman's Club or call our President Judy Miller at 661-609-4822.

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Lake Hughes

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**4-H Racketteers Win Big at Fashion Revue**

The Racketteers hosted the annual Fashion Revue last weekend at the Leona Valley Community Building and had a great turn-out. There were multiple contestants with outfits that they have been working on all year. They were judged on their design and workmanship and they all won blue ribbons. This makes them eligible to compete at the County level. Congratulations and good luck to our talented kids!



*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](mailto: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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Our current art show's theme is "Mythical Beasts" with Helen Henry as the featured artist. We received a wide variety of entries with all kinds of beasts to match the theme. The People's Choice award went to Christina Nunez for her colored pencil koi fish.

Our next show is for Young Artists under the age of 25. There will be cash prizes for the winners. Entries must be brought to the Gallery on March 7, between noon and 4pm. Three entries are allowed at a cost of \$5 each and must be wired for hanging. The Art Opening will be on March 15 from 4 to 7pm and will include pizza and snacks. Awards will be announced at 5:30pm.

We have a series of Kid's Craft days (see flyer). We have 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. We also have a new drawing class by Frank Dixon on March 21 from 1 to 3pm. Check our website at [www.lakesandvalleysartgallery.org](http://www.lakesandvalleysartgallery.org) for all of our upcoming events. And be sure to follow us on Facebook.

Lakes and Valleys Art Guild

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6/13, 7/5, 8/2, 9/19, 10/4,  
11/21, 12/11, 12/15, 12/19,  
12/21, 12/22, and 12/23  
2 to 4pm

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## BBMS 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Poppies are Blooming BBQ

On April 18<sup>th</sup> BBMS Happy Children Memorial Fund and AC Dave Heating & Air are hosting a Car Show BBQ Fundraiser. This will be our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Poppies are Blooming Fundraiser. We will feature vendors, and live entertainment. We are looking for a donation to be used as a raffle prize to raise funds for families in recovery from addiction and survivors of domestic violence. Brianna Brandy Millard Smith's Happy Children Memorial Scholarship Fund is a California Nonprofit Corporation with IRS 501(c)3. Tax ID# 83-0187385.

Starting over is complex, and we want to support those in recovery from addiction and support victims of domestic violence.

If you know someone who could use our assistance, please get in touch with us at 661-904-5956 or email [bbmshappychildren.com](http://bbmshappychildren.com). If you would like to help, go to our website: [www.bbmshappychildren.com](http://www.bbmshappychildren.com).

### Purpose of Program

The goal of Brianna Brandy Millard Smith's Happy Children Memorial Scholarship Fund, or BBMS is to support recovering victims of domestic violence and families living in sobriety. We want them to live the life stolen from them by domestic violence or addiction. It stole our beautiful daughter, Brianna. It stole our grandsons mother and destroyed many others in its wake.

### How We Help

BBMS provides turkeys and fixings for Thanksgiving dinner and/or Christmas dinner. We provide toys for the children, clothes and food for the family, diapers, and daily needs items. Children are the innocent victims of addiction and domestic violence. We work with local elementary schools and churches. We are also working with a local high school which our daughter graduated from. We try to make their Prom better by providing tuxedo rentals, gowns, and prom tickets for victims of domestic violence and seniors whose families are committed to recovery from addiction.

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# LVIA's 53rd Annual Cherry Parade & Festival Saturday, June 6, 2026

Start Planning Now for This Year's Great Community Event!!!

It's never too early to start getting ready for Leona Valley's biggest event—the annual Cherry Parade and Festival.

We are looking for volunteers to help out with the Parade and Festival.  
And make it bigger and better than ever!

Vendor Applications and more will be available soon at [www.myleonavalley.org](http://www.myleonavalley.org).

This month we have the entry form for the contest.

Any Leona Valley resident can submit their suggestion for this year's Cherry Parade theme. The winner will ride in the parade.  
Entries are due by March 18 and can be submitted by email.

Watch for all the Cherry Parade and Festival Information in upcoming newsletters.



## 2026 Cherry Parade Theme Entry Form

Come up with the winning theme and ride in the Cherry Parade!

- Theme must have the words: "Cherry" or "Cherries"
- Theme must have 8 words or less
- Deadline is March 18, 2026
- Must live in Leona Valley
- Must be LVIA members
- Additional forms available at Rancher's

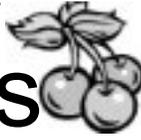
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My theme for the Cherry Parade is:

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 2 - Monday - WAVHS meeting, 5 pm  
March 9 - Monday - LV Town Council meeting, 7 pm  
March 15 - Sunday - Community Queen Tea, 1pm  
March 16 - Monday - 4-H General meeting, 6:30 pm  
**March 17 - Tuesday - St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 4 to 7pm**  
March 19 - Thursday - LVIA General meeting, 7:30 pm  
March 28 - Saturday - Gymkhana, 8am

### **April 4 - Saturday - LVIA Membership Breakfast, 8 to 10am**

April 6 - Monday - WAVHS meeting, 5 pm  
April 11 - Saturday - Firearm Safety Class, 8:00 am  
April 13 - Monday - LV Town Council meeting, 7 pm  
April 16 - Thursday - LVIA General meeting, 7:30 pm  
April 20 - Monday - 4-H General meeting, 6:30 pm  
**April 25 - LVIA Community Garage Sale, 8am**  
April 25 - Saturday - Gymkhana, 8am

### **May 3 - LVIA Community Queen Pageant**

May 4 - Monday - WAVHS meeting, 5 pm  
May 11 - Monday - LV Town Council meeting, 7 pm  
May 16 - Saturday - Gymkhana, 8am  
May 18 - Monday - 4-H General meeting, 6:30 pm  
May 21 - Thursday - LVIA General meeting, 7:30 pm  
May 30 - Saturday - Election

## For Future Planning!

March 15 - Com. Queen Tea  
March 17 - St. Patrick's Day Dinner  
April 4 - LVIA Membership Breakfast  
April 25 - Garage Sale  
May 3 - Community Queen Pageant  
June 6 - Cherry Parade!

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

