

CITY OF IONE NEWS

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Speeder Rides Offered in Ione

The Amador Central Railroad is an integral part of the history of Ione and Amador County and the public can now experience that history the 2nd Saturday of each month. If you have ever wondered what it is like running by rail through the open rangeland of Amador County, wonder no more. Here is your opportunity to see the beauty of the county not unlike a train crew from 1908.

Riders will load at the Lane Station on Hwy 104 at the railroad crossing about 2 miles south of Ione, and travel east across the Ione trestle at Hwy 88, through "The Cut" and out via Bovine Meadows where cattle have the right-of-way. The trip will continue to the Sunnybrook turning pad where passengers can watch the spectacle of the speeders being turned for the return trip. Tickets for this adventure are \$10 each, with departure scheduled for 10 AM. Additional excursions will be scheduled depending on passenger participation. The next scheduled excursion is Saturday, April 8th. For more information, contact Tom Correa at 925-980-7069.

Walk for the Troops – April 29th

Plan to join your friends and neighbors in honoring our men and women veterans and those serving at the Annual Walk for the Troops on Saturday, April 29th. The event will begin at the Ione Veterans Memorial Park at 11 AM, followed by a lunch at 1 PM at Evalynn Bishop Hall. There will be five \$100 door prize gift certificates and many raffle prizes. Lunch tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at American River Bank, Robyn's Nest Hair Salon, Clark's Corner, Foothill-Firearms in Jackson, and Ione Ace Hardware.

141st Ione Homecoming–May 12-14 Howard Park & Downtown Ione

*Fireworks – Parade – Rodeo - Carnival
Pancake Breakfast - Live Music –Vendors
Sheep Dog Trials – Mutton Bustin'
Pig Scramble – Jr. Frog Jump
Kids Candy & Ball Drop and more...*

Two New Ione Businesses Open Their Doors in April

Ione Feed & Ranch Supply will open its doors on April 14th in downtown Ione. Located at 117 W. Jackson Street, they will offer feed and supplies for all livestock, to include hay, grooming supplies, fences, gates, panels, troughs, and more. Brands such as Nutrena and Bar Ale will be available. Feed and grooming supplies for small pets will also be for sale. A grand opening is planned for April 14th with BBQ hot dogs, and a storewide sale for livestock and animal products. Ione Feed & Ranch Supply will also offer men's and women's clothing and boots.

The store is co-owned and operated by Michelle Lundy and Randy Costa. Michelle is somewhat new to Amador County, but many know Randy who is a 4th generation Ionian. Store hours will be Tues-Sat 6 AM to 6 PM, and Sun 8 AM to 4 PM.

Ione Public House also known as the Ione Pub, is scheduled to open in mid-April. Featuring over 40 bottled and 14 tap craft beers, this casual and open establishment will offer a relaxed environment for its patrons. Some brew labels will include Amador Brewery, Sudwerk from Davis, Belching Beaver, and Modern Times from San Diego to name just a few. In addition to craft beer, the Ione Public House will offer cider and light snacks such as sausage and pretzels, as well as classic pub games.

Brothers Jeff and Mike Bligh have partnered on this venture and are the owners and operators. Jeff has many years of retail management experience and Mike is a consultant in the medical field. The Ione Public House will be open seven days a week, Mon – Wed 5-11 PM, Thurs-Sun 11 AM to 11 PM. The April 20th Ione Business & Community Association mixer is being held at the "Pub" starting at 5:30 PM. All are welcome.

New Business to open in Ione

➤ Rich Hoffman Gallery 28 E. Main Street

This business is scheduled to open in downtown Ione, and will be featured in a future edition of the City of Ione Newsletter.

Around Town

A Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, April 8th at the Castle Park clubhouse located at 1400 W Marlette Street in Ione. The hours are 11 AM to 3PM. All items for display and on sale are handmade.

The Sacred Heart Ladies Club invites the public to their Spring Fashion Show on Saturday, April 22nd at the Sacred Heart Church Hall located at 21 Relihan Drive in Ione. Lunch will be served at 11:30 and the fashion show will begin at 12:30. Cost is \$15 for adults, and \$8 for children 7 to 12 years. Fashions will be provided by Chico's located in the Palladio Center in Folsom. RSVP no later than April 15th to Maryanne at 209-274-2810. Checks are made payable to Sacred Heart Ladies Club and mailed to P.O. Box 342, Ione CA 95640. Reservations Only.

Preston Castle is open for public tours on Saturdays, beginning April 1st through August 19th. Hours are 10 AM to 1 PM. Trained docents are ready to lead visitors on a guided tour of the Castle. If a person has mobility limitations, there is a virtual tour option available, eliminating the need to use stairs. Self-guided tours are also an option allowing a visitor to wander through the Castle at their own pace. Historic information is posted throughout the tour. Self-guided tours are scheduled for Saturday, May 13, and the second Tuesday's in June, July, and August.

Volunteers are needed from tour guides to cashiers. If this sounds interesting, check out the Preston Castle website at prestoncastle.com for more information, or email Sybill Griffith at sg4pcf@yahoo.com.

Clark's Corner is now open 7 days a week. New spring/summer hours are: Sun-Wed 6 AM-3 PM, Thurs-Sat 6 AM – 8 PM (dinner served). Check out the Friday night Prime Rib Dinner. For reservations call 209-274-2242.

Rotary Cow/Calf Bingo Tickets are now on sale from any Ione Rotarian. This event is part of the Ione Homecoming celebration and is sure to delight and please the winners. Here's how it works—each year Ethel the Wonder Cow and Horny the Wonder Calf are part of the Saturday Homecoming Parade. After the parade, they are escorted to an area at Howard Park that is marked with bingo squares. They are left to do what cows and calves do, and where ever the cow or calf pie lands—we have a winner. Tickets cost and prizes are:

- \$100 per square = \$5,000 winner (Cow)
- \$50 per square = \$2,500 winner (Calf)
- \$20 per square = \$1,000 winner (Cow or Calf)

Proceeds from this event support four \$1,250 scholarships to Argonaut HS Seniors. In addition, \$2,000 is donated to the Rotary Foundation in support of Polio-Plus. Help to support both efforts, and get your tickets today. For information, contact Richard Forster at 209-608-4748.

City Meetings – April 2017

Meetings are held at 6:00 PM – Council Chambers

City Council	April 4 & 18
Planning Commission	April 11
Parks & Recreation	April 25

Agendas are posted at www.ione-ca.com – City Council Link
City Hall's Friday closing time to the public is 1:00 PM

Organization Meetings & Activities

Amador Co Historical Rail Foundation – 209-332-0449
2nd Thursday – 6 PM - 810 Court St, Jackson, Rm C

Bingo at Clarks – 209-610-9415

1st Thursday, 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Bingo, Raffle, Food & Drinks – 209-274-6075

1st Saturday, 7:00 PM - Camanche Community Center

Castle Oaks Women's Club Luncheon

Information: 209-274-2625

Castle Oaks Women's Bible Study Group

Wednesday - 10-11:30 AM - Call 274-0600

Disabled American Veterans - Chapter 118 Meeting

Ione Memorial Hall—2nd Wednesday 3:30 PM – 209-274-4956

Fit After 50 Fitness Class - Ione Methodist Church

Mon & Thurs 9-10 and Wed 9:30 – 10:30

Grange & Jr Grange Meetings

2nd Thursday – 6:00 PM – Ione Memorial Hall – 209-610-9415

4th Tuesday – 6:00 PM – Sacred Heart Parrish Hall – 274-2048

IBC Board Meeting— www.myione.com

3rd Thursday – 8:30 AM – Board Mtg -Castle Oaks Golf Club

Mixer – 3rd Thursday – 5:30 PM – Ione Public House

Ione Homecoming Picnic Association

General Information: 209-304-7970 or 209-663-1342

Ione Masonic Lodge #80 – 274-0354

2nd Wednesday – 8:00 PM – Ione Masonic Hall

Ione Public Library – 25 E. Main St, Ione

Mon & Wed 10-1, Tues 2-7, Thurs 1-5, Fri 1-4

Methodist Church Ione - Food Distribution & Meals

Interfaith Food Bank and EFAP - 3rd Saturday, 10:30 -12:30

Senior food distribution – 1st Thursday – 11:00-12:00 noon

Senior meals every Thursday – 11:30 AM – Call 223-3015

Free Coffee, Pastries & Conversation 4th Saturday – 9:30-11:30

Native Sons Parlor 33

1st & 3rd Wednesday – 7:00 PM – Native Sons' Bldg, Ione

Preston Castle Foundation Meetings

1st Wednesday - 6:30 PM – Cornerstone Church

Rotary of Ione Club Meeting – www.ionerotary.org

1st Thursday 6:00 PM – All others 12 noon –Clark's Corner

Veterans of Foreign War Meeting – VFW Hall

2nd Wednesday – Family dinner 6:00 PM – Meeting 7:00 PM

Information – 209-274-4956

Important Numbers

City Hall 209-274-2412

Emergency 911

Non-emergency 209-223-6513 or 209-223-6500

Ione City Website www.ione-ca.com

City of Ione NEWS The deadline for input is the 20th of each month. Input forms are available at City Hall, on the City website www.ione-ca.com, or email Sharon Long, smlong55@hotmail.com.