

CITY OF IONE NEWS

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143rd Ione Homecoming Weekend

This Ione annual celebration is coming to town on the May 10-12 weekend. With a theme of "Benny Tours the USA", attendees will experience the excitement and joy of a hometown parade, carnival for young and old alike, live music, rodeo and arena events, chili and rib cookoff, ball drop, vendors and more. The Ione Picnic Association (IPA) work throughout the year to bring this event to life in celebration of family, friends and community. So-- mark your calendar and plan to enjoy this fun-filled weekend. It is Mothers' Day weekend, so plan to bring your Mom to the Sunday Brunch at Evalynn Bishop Hall. Gaylon Hansen is this year's Grand Marshal and will lead the Homecoming Parade down Main Street. Gaylon and his family are long-time Ione residents. Congratulations Gayon! You represent the best that Ione is.

Miss Ione Scholarship Pageant

This event is the first of the Ione Homecoming celebration. Young women from Ione compete for college scholarships that includes, speeches, talent, and poise. The public is welcome to attend this event that will be held on Saturday, May 4th at 7 PM at the Ione Elementary School. Cost is \$5 pp with all proceeds going to fund scholarships.

Preston Castle Public Tours Open

Tour season is open at the Preston Castle on Saturdays, April 6 through August 31st. Public tour days will offer both self-guided tours, 10 AM to 12 PM (\$15 pay at the door), and three guided tours starting at 1 PM, leaving at 30-minute intervals (\$20, purchase online, limited to 16 people each tour). Self-guided tours give guests the opportunity to view the Castle at their own pace. Informed docents are placed on each floor to help guide guests through the three available floors. Guided tours add a more personal touch and usually take an hour to complete. We also offer a virtual tour for those with mobility restrictions. Visit the website, www.prestoncastle.com for details.

REMINDER--- Ione Michigan Bar Road Closure

Hwy 104 to Hwy 16 will be closed to through traffic for construction of bridge replacements over Buckeye and Willow Creeks. This closure will be from May to October. Alternate routes from Ione to access Hwy 16 will need to be used.

Rotary Annual Cow/Calf Pie Event Win Big and Help our Community

This annual event offers big bucks to winners, and \$1,250 scholarships to four high school students, and \$2,000 to the Rotary International PolioPlus campaign. Here's how it works...After marching in the Ione Homecoming Parade on May 11th, Rotarian Richard Forster brings a cow and a calf to Howard Park. A grid is marked off on the ground, the animals are placed in the area, and then we all wait for the big happening. The winner is determined by whatever square the cow and calf select to drop a "pie".

Tickets prices range from \$100 for a \$5,000 payout, \$50 for a \$2,500 payout, and \$20 for a \$1,000 payout. There are bonus squares that pay \$200/side on cow squares and \$100/side on calf squares. You certainly will not find this opportunity in many places, so take advantage today. For tickets, contact any Rotarian or call Richard Forster at 209-608-4748. Donations are tax deductible through the Amador Community Foundation.

Rotary meets weekly at Burke's Restaurant in the Ione Hotel at 12 noon. PolioPlus is a campaign to eradicate polio worldwide. Since 1985, Rotary and its partners have worked together on this effort. From 350,000 cases in more than 125 countries, to a reported 29 cases in 2018 we are very close to reaching our goal. You can help by participating in this fundraising event.

9th Annual Walk for the Troops



April 27th – 11 AM

**Honor our veterans and those currently serving
Military Memorial Ceremony – Fly-over
Memorial Park – Downtown Ione**

**Lunch tickets - \$15 pp – Evalynn Bishop Hall
Following the ceremony**

**Door Prizes - \$100 Gift Certificates
Tickets available from Robyn's Nest – Main Street**

Around Town

SING a young artists' concert, will be presented on Friday, April 26th at 7:30 PM at the Lone Methodist Church, 149 W. Marlette. Vocal and piano pieces from a variety of genres, including classical, Broadway, and popular music, will be performed by local young people, and guest artists The Stelling Sisters. There is no admission charge, but donations of non-perishable food items for the Interfaith Food Bank will be gratefully accepted.

Ione Blood Drive April 8th will be held at Evalynn Bishop Hall. The importance of these drives is amplified when a disaster strikes such as major fires, floods, and accidents.

"Country Living Around Fiddletown," is the theme of the 47th AAUW Home Tour to be held on April 13th from 11 AM to 4 PM. You will enjoy five featured homes representing various architectural styles including a contemporary farmhouse, a custom pine log home, an energy-efficient prefab home, and more. Enjoy tea and homemade cookies at the Fiddletown Community Center, the art show, and participate in a raffle for special baskets. Tickets are \$25/\$28 and are available at the lone Pharmacy. Logon to amador-ca.aauw.net/home-tour/ for more information. This event supports scholarships for local women and girls. Car pooling is suggested as parking is limited.

IBCA Shred Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th from 9 to 1 at Howard Park. Cost is \$8 per banker's box or bag.

Amador Choraliers will present their spring concert, "From the Sublime to the Ridiculous--A Musical Journey," on May 2 at the lone Community Methodist Church. Tickets for the 7:30 PM concert are \$10 each at the door. Two more presentations will be given at the Margaret Dalton Children's Center in Jackson at 3 PM, May 4th and 5th. Doors open ½ hour before the concerts.

The Scourge of Mistletoe... This parasite is capable of killing a mature tree in about five years, and it is most apparent when the trees have shed their natural leaves. The green leafy clusters can double in size and number each year, and drain the tree of its life-support nutrients, eventually killing the tree. The parasite is spread by the birds that feed while the white, sticky berries produce between October and December. There is no effective spray, the only treatment is removal. Even after pruning, the tree should be checked for at least two years. So why is this important in Ione---The Bradford Pear is particularly susceptible, and that tree is planted in nearly every yard on Ashworth and beyond. Homeowners should be aware that the problem will not solve itself, and that it costs much more to remove a dead tree than to treat mistletoe early.

Community Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 21st – 6:55 AM

5555 Hwy 104 - At the Cross

Everone is invited to attend this inspirational service in a beautiful outdoor setting.

City Meetings – April 2019

Meetings are held at 6:00 PM – Council Chambers

City Council April 2 & 16

Planning Commission April 9

Parks & Recreation April 23

Agendas are posted at www.ione-ca.com – City Council Link

Organization Meetings & Activities

Amador Co Historical Rail Foundation- 209-332-0449-256-6693

2nd Monday – 6 PM - 810 Court St, Jackson, Rm C

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

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

Castle Oaks Women's Bible Study Group

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

Disabled American Veterans - Chapter 118 Meeting

Veterans Hall--2nd Thursday 7:00 PM – 209-274-4956

Fit After 50 Fitness Class - Lone Methodist Church

Mon & Thurs 9-10 and Wed 9:00 AM

Grange & Jr Grange Meetings

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

IBCA Board Meeting– www.myione.com

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

Mixer – 5:30 – Gold Country Pet Resort

Ione Homecoming Picnic Association

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

Ione Ladies Association Luncheon

Information: Teresa Odom - 916-479-2657

Ione Masonic Lodge #80 –Contact: Bill Wells 209-304-4853

2nd Wednesday – 7:00 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 Distribution - 3rd Saturday, 10:30 -noon

and EFAP open 10:30-12:00 noon

Senior food distribution – 1st Thursday – 10:30 – 11:30 AM

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

Nar-Anon - Healing Arts Family Group

Kings View Assembly of God - 432 W. Marlette St. Ione

Tuesdays – 6:00 – 7:00 PM – Information: 209-781-5475

Preston Castle Foundation Meetings

1st Wednesday - 6:30 PM – Fire Station #2 Preston Ave.

Preston Castle Tours - Closed until Spring

Rotary of Ione Club Meeting – www.ionerotary.org

Thursday 12 noon - 4th Thursday 6:00 PM

Burke's Family Restaurant in the lone Hotel

Veterans of Foreign War Meeting – Veterans 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.