

CITY OF IONE NEWS



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Ione Wins Big at Amador Fair

Ione made a sweep at this year's Amador County Fair winning best City exhibit and taking two Amador Idol first place prizes in the adult and junior singing categories. With a theme of Barnyard Mardi Gras for the fair, each city designs and enters an exhibit to represent their city and the theme. Sponsored by the IBCA and the Ione Picnic Association, Ione was honored with a first place award.

At another venue, singers in both adult and junior categories sang and won first prize for the title of Amador Idol. Amy Hohn's rendition of "That's What I Like About You," and "At Last" won the adult title. Twelve year old Karly Workman of Ione became Junior Amador Idol, singing "Reflection" from a Disney movie and "I Love You I Do" from the movie Dreamgirls. County winners are invited to move on the State competition. Congratulations for all three winners. You make Ione proud.

Wine Tasting and Tour at Castle

Come taste the wines of Amador County and tour historic Preston Castle. Experience the history of the Castle and feel the sensation of the past. Sample fine wines from a commemorative Castle wine glass and enjoy a variety of hors d'oeuvres. Doors will open at 3:00 PM. Cost per ticket is \$25 and are on sale at prestoncastle.com. For information call 209-274-4112.

2nd Annual Firefighters Fundraiser

Mark your calendar for Friday, October 24th and plan to support the 2nd Annual Firefighters fundraiser sponsored by the Rancho Arroyo Seco. Once again, the community will be invited to participate in raising funds for this volunteer group that contributes so much to our safety.

A bar-b-que in the Big Red Barn is planned. The goal this year is to raise \$20,000 with Rancho Arroyo Seco matching up to \$10,000 in donations. Last year, the community contributed \$8,500 that was matched by Rancho Arroyo Seco for a total contribution to the department of \$17,000. Funds were used to replace all of the wildland fire protection gear. Look for more information in the September and October newsletters.

Businesses Move to Main Street

Two Ione business women are moving their businesses to downtown Ione at the corner of Main Street at Hwy 104. Certified Massage Therapist Teresa Sherman has moved to 106 B on East Main Street. With over 6 years of experience, Teresa specializes in full body Swedish as well as chair massage. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 209-712-8008.

Viola Rose Flower and Gifts has also moved from Preston Shopping Center to downtown Ione located at 102 West Main Street at Hwy 104 and will offer flowers, gifts and thrif-tiques from this new location. Owner Deana offers creative ideas in flowers and cottage style gifts from her shop. The store will be open Monday through Saturday. Grand opening is scheduled for August 15th.

From City Hall

Budget Adoption – The FY 2008-09 budget was adopted on July 15th at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting. A copy for review is available at City Hall.

Parks and Recreation Commission – The review of all parks in the City of Ione including Howard Park, Grover, Oakridge, Earl Perry, Schmidt and the Train Park is underway by the Commission. The Commission is reviewing everything from landscaping, signage, irrigation, equipment and general improvements. Recommendations have been made to include an outreach program to request input from the public on proposed improvements to the parks. Future public workshops and a survey are in the planning stages. The Parks and Recreation Commission meet the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM at City Hall.

General Plan Meeting – During the General Plan 101 meeting held in July, attendees expressed their concerns over traffic, schools, recreation programs and empty storefronts within downtown. The Ione General Plan Update is a blueprint of key elements designed to enhance and preserve the future of Ione.
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Benefits resulting from a General Plan Update are many. Ione has served as a corridor for big trucks transporting items such as brick, clay, timbers and farming supplies. The streets which they travel are both narrow and hazardous for the size and loads carried by these vehicles. Through a general plan process, a solution to this problem with both near and long term alternatives will be identified.

The General Plan will analyze measures to protect the historical elements of the city while implementing goals to create a thriving future. This effort is expected to include economic development and historic preservation to create programs and policies to protect and enhance downtown.

In addition, the General Plan will address revitalization, housing, circulation and land use. It is designed to protect Ione's foundation while creating a viable future. Public meetings will continue to be held for people to learn about the General Plan Update and to communicate their ideas and views on how to shape Ione in the years to come. For more information, you may contact City Planner Christopher Jordan at 209-274-2412, ext 104 or City Manager Kim Kerr at ext 111.

School Supplies Donated by the Castle Oaks Women's Group

The Castle Oaks Women's Group has donated school supplies—pens, pencils, paper and more-- in support of the Backpack-2-School program designed to give kids the start they need for the school year. The program is sponsored by the Camanche Lake and Upcountry Community Centers who received donations to purchase back packs. Other groups have purchased school supplies from a list provided. Children in Ione will benefit from this program. The Castle Oaks Women's Group was founded in 2003 and is dedicated to friendship and fun and supporting community efforts.

Ione Farmer's Market

Mondays

3:00 to 6:30

Ione Street at Main and Hwy 104

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City of Ione NEWS is published monthly. Input forms are available at City Hall or email Sharon Long, ionecitynews@ione-ca.com. The deadline for input is the 20th of each month.

City Meetings – August

City Council

August 5 & 19 6:00 PM City Hall

Planning Commission

August 12 6:00 PM City Hall

Parks & Recreation

August 26 6:00 PM City Hall

Organization Meetings

Amador County Historic Railroad Foundation

3rd Thursday – 6:00 PM – County Administration Bldg

Castle Oaks Women's Club Luncheon

3rd Mon - 11:30 AM check in - Castle Oaks Golf Club

Reservations – Call 274-2487 or 274-2142

Grange & Jr. Grange Meetings & Potluck

2nd Thurs – 6:00 PM – VFW Hall

IBCA Board Meeting

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

Ione Homecoming Picnic Association

1st Wed – 6:30 PM – VFW Hall

Eastern Star Meeting – 274-2340

3rd Thursday – 7:30 PM – Ione Masonic Hall

Methodist Church Soup Supper – 274-2852

4th Wednesday each month – 5-6:30 PM

Methodist Church - **Note time change**

Preston Castle Foundation

1st Wed - 6:30 PM – Visitors' Center at the Castle

Rainbow Assembly – 274-0354

2nd and 4th Tuesday – 7:00 PM – Ione Masonic Hall

Rotary Club Meeting

Thursdays – 12:00 Noon – Twisted Fork Restaurant

Veterans of Foreign War Meeting – VFW Hall

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

Weight Watchers Meeting - Ione

Mondays – 5:00 PM Weigh-in – Methodist Church

Upcoming Events

IBCA Golf Tournament

August 15 – Castle Oaks Golf Club

IBCA Mixer – Sponsored by Curves and City of Ione

August 21 – City Council Chamber – 5:30 PM

RSVP - 209-274-2412, ext 100

Farmer's Market

Monday – 3:00 to 6:30 PM

Ione Street @ Hwy 104

Preston Castle Tours

1st and 3rd Saturdays 12:00 – 2:00 PM

E-Waste Collection

Sponsored by Preston Castle Foundation and Ione Rotary

1st Saturday 10:00 – 2:00 PM - Preston Castle

Important Numbers

City Hall 209-274-2412

Emergency 911

Non-emergency 209-223-6513 (Sheriff's dispatch)

City Web Site www.ione-ca.com