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132nd Homecoming – May 9-11

The 132nd Ione Homecoming is packed with activities for both young and old to enjoy. This old fashioned hometown gathering is planned by the Ione Picnic Association whose good works produce a fun filled weekend that celebrates family, friends and community. The following are some of the highlights for this year's event. **Soap Box Derby location is changed due to street repairs on Main Street. Watch for new location.**

Friday, May 9

Costume Contest – Ione Elementary – 9 AM
Carnival – Howard Park – 3 to 11 PM
Little League Games – Howard Park – 5:30 PM
Open Barrel Race – Covered Arena – 7 PM
Live Music – Beer Garden – 6-11 PM
Fireworks Display – Howard Park – 9 PM

Saturday, May 10

Pancake Breakfast – Evalynn Bishop Hall – 7-11 AM
Bedbug 5K Walk-10K Run Howard Park – 7:30 AM sign-up
Sheep Dog Trials – Soccer Fields – 8 AM
Pet Contest – Howard Park Stage – 9 AM sign-up
Petting Zoo – Howard Park – All Day
Jr. Frog Jump – Howard Park Stage – 10 AM
Bingo – Evalynn Bishop Hall – 11 AM – 4 PM
Jr. Little League Game – 11 AM
Horseshoe Doubles – Howard Park – 11:30 AM
Carnival – Howard Park – 12 noon - 11 PM
Youth Art Show – Methodist Church – 12-4 PM
Live Music – Howard Park Beer & Wine Garden-12-5 PM
Rodeo Extravaganza – Covered Arena – 12 noon
Bronc Riding, Roping, Steer Wrestling, Barrel Racing
Alumni Social Hour & Dinner–Evalynn Bishop – 5:30 PM
Homecoming Dance – City Hall & Twin Wolf – 9 PM

Sunday, May 11

Homecoming Parade – Main Street – 10 AM
Soap Box Derby – 12:30 PM - Location to be announced.
Cow & Calf Chip Bingo – Howard Park – Following Parade
Mounted Shooting Group – Covered Arena – 11 AM
Youth Art Show – Methodist Church – 11 AM – 2 PM
Rodeo Mounted Drill – Covered Arena – 12 PM
Bingo – Evalynn Bishop – 12 – 5 PM
Carnival – Howard Park – 12 – 7 PM
Calf & Pig Scramble – Covered Arena – 12:15 PM
Petting Zoo – Howard Park – All Day
Mounted Drill Team – Covered Arena – 12:45 PM
Live Music – Beer & Wine Garden – 1 – 5 PM
Pie Eating Contest – Howard Park – 1 PM
Raw Hide Race, Ranch Branding – Covered Arena – 1 PM
Kids Races – Howard Park – 1:15 PM
Parade Results – Howard Park – 2:00 PM

New Councilman Seated

Chester "Skip" Schaufel was appointed to the Ione City Council as replacement for Councilman Jeff Barnhart who resigned in March. A 22 year resident of Amador County, Skip brings strong business and community leadership experience to the council. He is secretary for both Ione Rotary and IBCA, a member of the Preston Castle Foundation and served on the Ione Visioning Committee. Before retiring, he was Director of Educational Services for Heald College for 10 years. He holds a BS in Business Administration from California State University, Sacramento. Skip and his wife Laura moved from Plymouth to Ione in 2003. Skip will serve the remainder of Barnhart's term.

Fire Prevention and Safety

This time of the year, weed control is a must to control and prevent fires. Fire fighters are already seeing wild land fires in the county. Cut your weeds down to ½ inch or disk/plow under and remove all combustible growth and cuttings from your property.

Burn permits are required year round in the city limits of Ione. You may obtain a permit at City Hall for \$5.00. You must call the County Burn Day information number at 209-223-6246 for specific dates designated for burning. Burn hours are 6:00 AM till 12:00 noon in the City, and never permitted on windy days. If you have any question please call the Fire Department at 209-274-4548. ***The first line of prevention and defending your homes and property begins with you.***

Strategic Planning Underway

A successful strategic planning session for the City of Ione has produced priorities for strengthening the City infrastructure, improved economic health, effective information systems between departments, update and development of effective processes and systems, community development, park improvements and staff development. These priorities will be reviewed at the May 6 City Council meeting.

Red Ribbon Choir Presents "Radio Station K.I.D.S."

Friday, May 30th at 7:00 PM
Saturday, May 31st at 2:00 PM
Ione Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room
Donations accepted at the door

Bulletin Board

Dogs, Cats and Livestock Rabies Clinic will be at Howard Park on Thursday, June 12, 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Dog and cat vaccinations are \$6.00, livestock \$17.00. Dogs must be on a leash, cats in a carrier. Livestock need to be confined in a trailer. For information contact Animal Control at 223-6378.

Castle Oaks Jr. Girls Golf Program new session will begin June 7th through September 13. All girls between the ages of 7 to 17 are welcome. Lessons are given by the professional golf staff the first and second Saturday of the month. Cost is \$30 for the first girl in a family and \$10 for the second. No experience necessary. Golf clubs are available to participants. For more information, call 209-274-0167.

Preston Castle Foundation is looking for donations of plants and planting materials for landscaping the Castle grounds. They will take any type of plant, flower or tree that is disease free. As you divide perennials, bulbs or remove shrubs or trees, drop them off at the Castle gate. For more information call 209-274-6357.

6th Grade Science Camp needs your help with its fundraising efforts. They are looking for any unused stamps from Claypool's Market who donates money to the Science Camp with each sheet of stamps. Worth 10 cents each, Box Tops for Education are found on rolls of biscuits, baby diapers, tissue boxes, cold cereals, Ziploc bags etc. Clip and mail your coupons to Gaylene Adair, P.O. Box 1627, Lone, CA 95640, or call 304-2242 to arrange for pick up. Help send kids to camp.

Viola Rose has expanded its offerings to include consigned merchandise of furniture, collectibles and more. Located in the Preston Shopping Center, the shop has been open for one year and offers fresh flowers and gift items. If you need flowers, gifts or want to buy or sell consigned items, stop by or call Deanna at 209-274-4700.

Ione Railfair and Vintage Motorfest will be held Memorial Day weekend, May 24th and 25th at the Union Pacific rail yard near the Ione Jr. High School. The event will feature many vintage railroad motorcars and speeders and will also include a stagecoach, Model-T fire truck, classic maintenance equipment and other agricultural machinery. Rides to the public will be available on a miniature scale train. The Railfair opens at 8:00 AM on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free. For details go to www.handcar.net/RRC or email Ionerailfair@yahoo.com.

Listen to Jazz & Blues music and enjoy dinner on the outdoor patio at the historic Preston Castle in Ione. This event will be held on Saturday, June 14. Cost is \$35 and includes concert admission and dinner. Tickets can be purchased at www.prestoncastle.com or by calling 209-274-4112.

Pets 'n Stuff has opened in Ione. Located at 217 W. Jackson Street, they are open Tues-Fri from 8:30 to 6:00 and Saturday 9:00 to 5:00. Satisfy all your pet's needs from food to grooming at this local Ione business. For information call 274-4324.

**Vote June 3rd
County & State Elections**

City Meetings – May

City Offices will be closed May 26 – Memorial Day

City Council

May 6 & 20 6:00 PM City Hall

Planning Commission – Note time change

May 13 6:00 PM City Hall

Parks & Recreation – Note time change

May 27 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 274-6357 or 274-2290

Grange & Jr. Grange Meetings & Potluck

2nd Thurs – 6:00 PM – VFW Hall

IBCA Board Meeting

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

IBCA Mixer

3rd Thursday – 5:30 PM – Preston Castle

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 – 5-7 PM – Methodist Church

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

Ione 132nd Homecoming Weekend

May 9-11 – Howard Park & Downtown Ione

Poker Run & Car Show – Landgraf Cancer Research

May 31st – Plymouth, CA Start

Preston Castle Tours

1st and 3rd Saturdays 12:00 – 2:00 PM

E-Waste Collection

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*)

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