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Ione Homecoming Program Ads Marks the 135th Annual Event

Ione homecoming for 2011 is planned for Friday and Saturday, May 13 & 14. Official program ads are available to businesses and individuals to include business or personal messages in support of the Ione Homecoming. This will be the 135th year for this annual event. WOW—what a record. The absolute firm deadline for submitting a program ad is March 7th. Ads are available in three sizes and will include layout if necessary. Digitally produced ads may be emailed as a pdf or jpeg file. Program advertising costs are:

- Full page - \$90
- Half page - \$50
- Quarter page - \$30

The Ione Picnic Association, the Homecoming sponsoring and planning organization, print 1000 copies of the program for distribution to local businesses. The program is free to the public and lists ads and activities throughout the two day event. For information or to place an ad in the program, call Patti Fisher-Misuraca 274-2571 or 916-996-1578, or email regstrikesback@hotmail.com. The mailing address is Ione Picnic Association, P.O. Box 494, Ione, CA 95640.

New Dance Studio in Town

All-Out All-Stars Dance Company has opened its doors in downtown Ione. Owner Ashley Altschuler and instructor Alyssa Staves offer classes for girls and boys 5 years and up in hip hop and competition cheer techniques, with tap and jazz to be taught by Jill Hall on Thursdays and Fridays in the near future. Children's introduction to dance is also offered for the 2-4 year olds. Adult fitness classes are available in Zumba and kick boxing, taught by Mary Wheat of Wheat fitness. The studio is open Mon-Fri for afternoon and evening classes. The location is 14 E. Main Street in Ione. Call 209-968-3306 for more information. An open house is planned for February 5th from 4-8 PM.

Ione Veterans Memorial Park Seeks Major Sponsors & Donations

Plans for an Ione Veterans Memorial Park to be built on the corner of Main Street and Preston Avenue are underway. The park will be dedicated to the residents of Ione who have served honorably in the armed services. A monument dedicated to those who have been killed in action from the Iraq war forward will be the center piece of the memorial. A three-sided wall behind the monument with a brick for each veteran will honor all service men and women. The opening of the park and dedication is planned for late April 2011. Major sponsors and donations at all levels are needed to help fund the park. The planning committee for the park is seeking major sponsors at four levels.

\$250 to \$400 – Bronze
\$500 to \$1499 – Silver
\$1500 to \$2999 – Gold
\$3000 or more – Platinum

Donations at any level, \$10 or more, are welcome and every dollar donated will help to build this park to honor our service men and women. Donations are tax deductible. Checks are made payable to Ione Veterans Memorial Park. The mailing address is Ione Veterans Memorial Park, c/o Bank of Amador, P.O. Box 397, Ione, CA 95640. If you have questions, call 304-5118 or 601-4079.

Free Tax Preparation at the Cornerstone Church & Senior Center

Once again, the AARP and IRS sponsored tax preparation program will be offered to residents living in Amador County. The program was developed more than 30 years ago with an emphasis on senior taxpayers even though it is available to tax payers of all ages. The program begins on February 1st and runs until April 18, (which is the last day for tax filing this year).

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Around Town

Bingo at Clark's Corner will begin on Wednesday, February 16th from 7 to 9 PM in the banquet room. Cards will be available, six for \$5 or \$1 each. The plan is to have this on the same Wednesday of each month. All proceeds will go to the Lone Picnic Association, the sponsors of the annual Lone Homecoming. For more information, contact Eva Teal at 209-304-3732.

The Friends of Amador are raising funds to support legal fees for a lawsuit that has been filed to stop the proposed Buena Vista Casino in Lone. A dinner will be held at Evalynn Bishop Hall in Lone on March 12th. Doors open at 6:00 PM with a no-host bar and dinner of prime rib & teriyaki chicken will be served at 7:00 PM. Tickets are on sale now for \$25 each. There will be a door prize drawing for a \$200 gift certificate to Taste Restaurant in Plymouth. All proceeds will be used to fund the legal fees for the lawsuit. For tickets or more information, call 209-274-9103. The Friends of Amador is a non-profit LLC formed to educate the public and elected officials regarding federal and state laws and regulations applicable to Indian gaming in California. For more information, log on to their website at www.friendsofamadador.com.

Valentines Day High Tea...Nourish the Children Valentine's High Tea will take place at Clark's Corner Sunday February 13th at noon. All proceeds go to Nourish the Children, a program that feeds hungry children around the world. For every guest that attends, a child will be nourished for one month. Hats are desired attire, but not required. A prize will be awarded for the fanciest hat. RSVP by Feb 10th to Tanya Barger-King at 209-304-1823 or Lois Ghan at 209-274-2199.

Free Tax Preparation (Continued)

A one hour appointment can be made by calling the Senior Center at 223-0442. Callers will be screened to be certain that their tax issues are within the scope of the program. The program targets low to moderate income taxpayers, but unless taxpayers have rental property income or run other than a sole-proprietor business, they will qualify.

Each year upwards of 25 volunteers train locally to update their skills and changes in the tax laws. Tax services are provided at two locations—the Cornerstone Church in Lone and the Senior Center in Jackson. The program is free and open to taxpayers of any age. For questions, or to make an appointment, call the Senior Center at 223-0442.

City Meetings – February

Meetings are held at City Hall at 6:00 PM

City Council February 1 & 15

Planning Commission February 8

Parks & Recreation February 22

City offices closed on February 21 – President's Day

Organization Meetings & Activities

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

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

Castle Oaks Women's Club Luncheon –

3rd Monday – 11:30 check-in.

Reservations 209-274-2668 or 408-219-0279

Castle Oaks Women's Bible Study Group

Wednesday beginning Sept 15 - 10-11:30 AM. Call 274-0600

Grange & Jr. Grange Meetings & Potluck

2nd Thursday – 6:00 PM – VFW Hall – Info 209-610-9415

IBCA Board Meeting

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

3rd Thursday – 5:30 Mixer Rendevous Primitive Arms

lone Community Program (City Revitalization)

4th Monday – 5:30 PM - City Hall - 274-2777

lone Homecoming Picnic Association

1st Wednesday – 6:30 PM – VFW Hall

lone Masonic Lodge #80 – 274-0354

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

Eastern Star Meeting – 274-4289 or 274-0354

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

Methodist Church lone - 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

Native Sons Parlor 33

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

Preston Castle Foundation Meetings

1st Wednesday - 6:30 PM – Cornerstone Church

Rotary Club Meeting

Thursdays – 12:00 Noon – lone Hotel Restaurant

Veterans of Foreign War Meeting – lone Memorial Hall

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

Upcoming Activities

E-Waste Collection *

Sponsored by Preston Castle Foundation & lone Rotary

1st Saturday - 10:00 to 12:00 - Preston Castle

Important Numbers

City Hall 209-274-2412

Emergency 911

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

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

Happy Valentines Day