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Local Scout Completes Eagle Project

Local Scout Orion Adair, a member of Ione Boy Scout Troop 477 completed his Eagle Scout project over the Memorial Day weekend. The challenge that the project addressed was access to the Argonaut football stadium from the tennis courts. A sloped hill that was not easily navigated and used for foot traffic, presented a potential hazard. Orion's project was the construction of concrete stairs and railings for safe access to the field, and was completed prior to this year's Argonaut High School graduation.

A scout earning the Eagle Scout designation is responsible for complete oversight and planning of the project. This includes design, budget, and documentation of the process, fundraising, recruiting and overseeing all volunteers. At the completion of a project, the Scout has become familiar and experienced the many phases of project management. A special thank you goes to Leo, Nick and Rhonda Chronis who assisted in design of the structure as well as donated time, labor and expertise. Scott Love of Ready Mix donated concrete and cash donations were received from the Rotary of Ione, IBCA and the Ione Pharmacy to cover the cost of the materials needed for the project. Many volunteers offered assistance and support throughout the project. Congratulations Orion on earning one of the highest honors in scouting.

Interim City Manager Selection Process

With the departure of City Manager Kim Kerr at the end of June, the City Council is in the process of contracting with an interim City Manager. The League of Cities has a municipal staffing pool that is available for cities in need of personnel. The Council has reviewed and received resumes for the position and narrowed the selection process to five candidates that were interviewed. The selection criteria are to contract with an individual experienced in small rural community city management. Experience is key to enable the selected candidate to "hit the ground running", and to give the Council time to determine the qualifications for hiring a new city manager. A selection and contract for an interim manager is expected to be in place within the next two weeks.

Fire Safety Top Priority & Concern

With the hot dry weather and winds, weed abatement is an ongoing concern and cause of wildfires. All property owners and occupants must ensure the safety of our city from fires and other health problems such as snakes, rats and ticks etc. Please control weeds and do your part to prevent fires.

BBQ Safety Tips

It is BBQ weather and safety is a must. Please make sure you follow these simple guidelines for a safe summer.

- Keep all open flame 15-25 feet from any structures or combustible materials.
- If you use propane BBQ make sure the hose is connected tight and is in good condition, and kept it clean of greases.
- NEVER apply lighter fluid on open flame.
- NEVER dump the used ashes in the trash, always wet down, and allow the ashes to soak overnight. Test them the next day. Ashes stay hot for days and cause may fires every year.
- Keep a fire extinguisher close at hand.
- To prevent burn injuries, NEVER allow children to play around or use the BBQ.

Contact the Ione Fire Department for a free safety inspection. Call 209-274-4548.

School is Out – Be Alert

School is out, summer is here and many children are around town. Please drive carefully and be watchful and alert to prevent injury or accidents to our young people. Enjoy your family and the warm summer months.

Around Town

Eric Schmidt's Saddlery Shop photo needed. The lone Veterans Memorial Park committee is looking for a black and white photo of the original building that was Schmidt's Saddlery at the corner of Preston and Main Streets. A plaque with the picture of the building and a historic description will be placed at the current site. Please contact Jerry Cassesi at 209-601-4079 for information.

Connecting with your Teen is a free parenting workshop that will be presented by Family Therapist Daniel Simpson, M.A., MFTI and Psycho-therapist and former school counselor, Rennie' Simpson, M.S. MFTI on Thursday, July 28th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Clark's Corner in the banquet room. The program will include how to connect with your teen in five practical ways. The workshop will provide current information and practical feedback with easy to implement ideas. For more information and to guarantee a spot, call 209-304-0855. Limited seating is available.

DVD movie rentals are now available for \$1.00 a night through a rental machine located at the Pizza Factory in downtown Ione.

FreeZeout the energetic local classic rock and blues band is back by popular demand and will be performing at the Preston Castle on Saturday, July 23rd. This will be the group's second appearance at the Castle and like last years, is sure to be a sell out. Bring your lawn chairs and dancing shoes and rock the Castle with FreeZeout. Gates open at 6:00 PM with a tour of the outdoor Farm Museum available before the performance. Good food and a no host bar offering a wide selection of drinks will be available for purchase. No outside alcohol allowed. Tickets are \$10 and available at Curves, Clark's Corner or online at www.prestoncastle.com, or call 209-256-3623.

Ione Veterans Memorial Park is still accepting names for the Veterans Memorial Wall. Applications are available at City Hall, Bank of Amador or on the City website www.ione-ca.com. Beautiful black granite tiles will be sandblasted with each veteran's name, branch of service and dates served. At this time there are 300 names that have been submitted for inclusion on the wall. Throughout the years, Ione Veterans names will continue to be added to the wall. The tiles are currently in production and the committee is estimating the installation of the tiles will begin within the next 30-60 days. There is no charge for Ione veterans who lived in Ione when entering the service, or who live in Ione at this time. However, the project is funded by individual contributions and all donations are greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Sharon Long at 209-304-5118 or Jerry Cassesi at 209-601-4079.

City Meetings – July 2011

Meetings are held at City Hall at 6:00 PM

City Council July 5 & 19

Planning Commission July 12

Parks & Recreation July 26

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

City Offices will be closed on July 4th

Organization Meetings & Activities

Bingo at Clark's Corner – 209-304-3732

3rd Wednesday, 6:30 to 8:30 PM

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

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

Castle Oaks Women's Club Luncheon

3rd Monday – Caddy's Restaurant - 11:30 check-in.

Information: 209-274-6639

Castle Oaks Women's Bible Study Group

Wednesdays, 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 – Mixer – 5:30 PM – Ione Steakhouse

Ione Community Program (City Revitalization)

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

Ione Homecoming Picnic Association

1st Wednesday – 6:30 PM – VFW Hall

Ione Masonic Lodge #80 – 274-0354

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

Eastern Star Meeting – 274-4289 or 274-0354

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

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

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

Thursdays – 12:00 Noon – Clark's Corner

Veterans of Foreign War Meeting – Ione Memorial Hall

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

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.

E-Waste Collection

Sponsored by Preston Castle Foundation & Ione Rotary

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