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City of Ione NEWS

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City of Ione Wins 1st Place at Amador County Fair

A big THANK YOU to the volunteers
who worked so hard on the "Ione" booth.
Patti Fisher-Miscuraca, Peter Misuraca,
Reginald Misuraca, Nigel Misuraca,
Dolores Larrigan, Annie Dutschke,
Dianne Bennett and IBCA



City of Ione NEWS: The deadline for input is the 20th of each month. Input forms are available at City Hall or at www.ione-ca.com, or email Andrea at abonham@ione-ca.com.

Getting to Know Your City Staff Fire Engineer, James Bennett

This month, we would like to highlight one of Ione's dedicated Fire Engineer's.

James Bennett was born and raised in Amador County and has served this community in several different aspects working hard to keep our community safe.

He has been a volunteer firefighter for 25 years and a Fire Engineer with the City of Ione for the last 12 years.

James has been a part of the Preston Castle Foundation for the last 4 years. He currently serves as Vice President of the foundation and Committee Chair for the annual "Preston Castle Haunt" which draws thousands of people to Preston Castle each year. He also provides much needed security and repairs for the castle.

Residing in Ione with Yolanda, his wife of 9 years they recently became the owners of a salon in Jackson. Needless to say, he wears a lot of hats and is a jack of all trades

He has 2 adult sons, the oldest serves as a volunteer firefighter with the City of Ione and is a veteran of the US Army. The youngest has recently married and Jim and his wife are hopeful they will become grandparents in the near future.

EMERGENCY SMALL BUSINESS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

On August 3, 2021 the City Council approved the application for the Emergency Small Business Financial Assistance Grant Program. This grant can be applied for by any small business in Ione that suffered economic losses due to Covid-19. Each business can apply for this grant to cover operating expenses and working capital, furniture, fixtures and equipment, capital improvements or to pay off high interest credit card debt. A business may apply up to an amount not to exceed \$5,000. See full application for all eligibility requirements. Applications are due as soon as possible and will be reviewed immediately upon receipt. The filing period will end on March 31, 2022.

Around Town

RETURN OF THE FOOTHILL FITNESS/FIT AFTER 50 EXERCISE PROGRAM, IONE SITE.

We are pleased to announce that the Foothill Fitness/Fit After 50 Exercise Program is re-starting July 19th at the Methodist Church Hall in Ione. Classes will be held on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in a safe and stable environment. Trained leaders will again be leading the exercise routines. There is a \$2 donation requested to help pay for the rent and the insurance. We are required to sanitize the chairs after each class for the safety of the participants. We are excited about coming together again to experience the health benefits of physical, mental, emotional, and social activities. This exercise program is under the authority of the Amador Senior Center Foothill Fitness Program and is overseen by a licensed therapist.

ART IN AMADOR

Art in Amador is a free event sponsored by the Amador County Artists Association to showcase local artists. Local artists will have booths displaying and selling their art in the Sutter Creek Auditorium at 18 Main Street. Many will also demonstrate their craft. This two-day event is scheduled for **Saturday, September 11, from 10 to 6, and Sunday, September 12, from 10 to 4.** The Art Show will feature a raffle of fine art donated by participating artist and others. Proceeds from the raffle directly benefit the ACAA Scholarship Fund. Information will be updated on the ACAA website, www.amadorartists.org, or contact Sandra Campbell at skcampbell@volcano.net or 209-296-1779.

GOLD'S BAKERY

10 E Main St – 2nd story above the Pizza Factory
Open Wednesdays, and Fridays beginning at 11am until sold out. Pre orders can be placed 24 hours in advance for pick up on Thursday's only from 12-4pm. Please call 790-9551 to place your order – leave you name, number and message with an email for invoicing. If you receive an invoice your order has been placed. If you do not hear back, we have reached our pre order threshold and are not able to process your order. Thanks for understanding and being patient while we navigate our new business
– The Gold's

MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF KEN MACKEY:

- Please practice fire safety, especially during the high fire danger summer months.
- Check your PG&E overhead wire that serves your home and assure there are no tree branches near them, with the Fall winds removing the hazards now will help prevent fires, Contact PG&E to report any concerns
- Check any electrical appliances that run continuously and assure they have proper air intake clearance and are clean to prevent overheating.
- If you have a home Generator – to prevent a fire or Carbon monoxide poisoning, make sure the surrounding area has proper clearance and no combustibles are near the exhaust pipe, or near any opening into your home. This is poisoning

**Ione Police Foundation Fundraising
Dinner - Saturday September 18th
See enclosed flyer for details**

City Meetings – July 2021

Meetings are held at 6:00 PM – Remote or In Person

City Council	August 3 rd and 17 th
Planning Commission	August 10 th
Creek Committee	August 12 th
Parks & Rec	August 24 th

Agendas are posted at www.ione-ca.com—City Gov't Link (see agenda heading for information on how to participate via Zoom or use the clickable link on the Agenda posted at ione-ca.com).

Organization Meetings & Activities

Castle Oaks Women's Bible Study Group

Wednesdays – 10-11:30am - Call 209-304-3864

Castle Oaks Women's 18-Hole Golf Group

Tuesday mornings – Call 209-274-4376

Disabled American Veterans – Chapter 118 Meeting
Veterans Hall – 3rd Thursday 6pm – 925-212-6962

Grange & Jr Grange Meetings

4th Tues. – 6:00pm Sacred Heart Parrish Hall
209-610-9415

IBCA Board Meeting – www.myione.com

3rd Tuesday 8:30am – RAS Ranch Office-209-274-2777
Mixers cancelled until further notice

Ione Public Cemetery Board Mtg 2nd Thurs @ 3pm
500 S Church St Ione – Info 209-274-0274

Ione Homecoming Picnic Association

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

Ione Ladies Association

Information: Judy – 209-712-8785

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

2nd Wednesday – 7:00pm – 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

All distribution of food has been suspended until further notice due to COVID19 restrictions

Assembly of God Church - Celebrate Recovery

**Monday Nights - Meal at 6pm Program at 7pm. Also,
Women's Bible Study on Thursday's at 6:00 pm**

Native Sons Parlor 33

1st & 3rd Wednesday – 7:00pm – Native Sons' Bldg., Ione

Preston Castle Foundation Meetings

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

Rotary of Ione Club Meeting – www.ionerotary.org

1st & 3rd Thursdays – For information call 209-608-4748

Veterans of Foreign War Meeting – Veterans Hall

2nd Wednesday – Information – 209-274-4956

Amador COVID-19 Update:

Amador County Public Health reports 80 more cases of COVID-19 reported since the July 13th update, bringing the total laboratory confirmed case count to 1,958. 7 Amador County residents are currently hospitalized due to COVID-19. Amador Public Health will be offering COVID-19 vaccine at pop-up outreach clinics. Check the [Amador Vaccine Information](#) website for future clinics. To find a COVID-19 vaccine appointment at nearby pharmacies, visit the [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) website.