Trunk or Treat Halloween Event
The American Legion Post 108 is hosting a COVID-compliant “Trunk or Treat” on Saturday, October 31st from 5 to 9 PM. This is a drive by event so kids do not need to get out of their car. You can even get into the “spirit” of the evening by decorating your car, truck, or motorcycle. Prizes will be awarded to the best of the group. Volunteers are needed to help with set up at 4 PM. The location of the event is the corner of Hwy 49 and Airport Road at the American Legion parking area. For more information, call 530-306-4524 or email dana.m.calhoun@outlook.com. This is a safe and fun way to celebrate Halloween.

Preston Castle Update
The Castle has cancelled all events and tours through the end of 2020, so---no Haunt and no Christmas event. Updated information about the Castle can be found on the website at presontcastle.org. During the time that the Castle is closed, the Preston Castle Foundation is moving forward with projects to stabilize the structure and improve safety at the Castle.

City Manager Interview Panel
The City is looking for residents who would like to be part of the citizen interview panel for the new City Manager. Submit your letter of interest, including contact information, by 4 PM, Friday, October 9, 2020 to City Clerk Janice Traverso, P.O. Box 398, Ione, CA 95640; drop off at City Hall, #1 Main St.; or jtraverso@ione-ca.com

Vote in 2020 – Oct - Nov 3rd
By the time you receive this newsletter registered voters throughout Amador County will have received their general election ballots in the mail. Completed ballots can be mailed, dropped off at one of the three secure drop boxes in the county (Ione Plaza Market). Drop boxes will be available starting October 5th, or drop your ballot off at the Ione Vote Center located at The Ione Memorial Hall, 3 days before election day. This is a correction to the information on the Voter Information Pamphlet voters received. A postcard will be mailed to all registered voters with this correction. Tracking your ballot when it is mailed has never been easier. Sign up at: WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov. For more information, logon to: www.amador.vote.

Passing the Baton...After 15 years of producing this newsletter, each month, I am passing the baton to my friend, Laurie Lord who will serve as the new editor. Laurie Lord is a great community advocate and has served as IBCA secretary for over 10 years, and is an active leader on various IBCA projects, served out a term as city council member, served 8 years on the Parks and Recreation Commission, and was a member on the committee that produced the BIG RED BARN. Laurie can be reached at laurie.lord53@outlook.com. I am off on another adventure, and will be moving to Walnut Creek at the end of October. It has been my pleasure to live, work, and volunteer in this community. Together we have accomplished a great deal, and I thank you for being such an inspiration. As I say goodbye, I truly wish you all the very best today and in the future.

Warmest regards, Sharon Long

VOTE EARLY
A “Curb Side” Spaghetti Dinner will be held by the Sacred Heart Ladies Club on Saturday, October 17th with pick up between 5 PM and 6 PM at the Church Hall. The menu will include spaghetti with red sauce, salad, rolls, and dessert. Cost is $12 per person. Deadline for reservations is October 10th. No tickets will be sold at the door. Reservations and payments should be mailed to: P.O. Box 342, Ione, CA 95640. Questions...call Karen at 209-274-6461. Proceeds from this event will go to support community non-profits, scholarships, and other church related needs.

Stephanie’s Art Studio is offering a “Fall Break-out of COVID” art class from October 12th to 16th. Class size is limited to 6 spots in each level. Cost is $75 per child for five days of colorful lessons to celebrate the fall season. For registration, location and more information, contact Stephanie Strong at 209-518-2822 or pulelehua@yahoo.com. Class levels: TK-1st 9-9:45 AM; 2nd-3rd 10:30-11 AM; 4th-5th 12-1 PM; 6th-8th 1:30-2:30 PM.

Boy Scout Troop 477 will hold its Christmas tree, wreath, and garland fundraiser with sales beginning from October to November 14th. Proceeds of sales go toward supporting the Boy Scout program, purchase of camping equipment, outdoor activities and youth development. Pick up will in the Evalynn Bishop Hall parking area on Friday, December 4th 8 AM to 3 PM; Saturday December 5th 8 AM to 1 PM. You may also donate a fresh cut Douglas fir or a wreath with a patriotic bow to be directly shipped to a military base in the U.S. New this year is an online ordering portal at http://fundraiser4us.com/zz/troop-477, or check out the enclosed flyer for more details. Contact for additional information is Jen Rollins, 916-847-8295.

BIG Deal Garage Sale sponsored by Soroptimist of Amador County will be held on October 23 and 24 at 707 Shakeley Lane at the corner of Pleasant Valley Dr in Ione. Sale will open at 8:00 AM each day. Funds raised will be used to support the Soroptimist Scholarship Fund. Soroptimist of Amador County is part of an international organization of women working to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and around the world.

Shane Williams Property Detail is a business to help with the upkeep of your property. In this time of high fire danger, they will clear property of hazardous materials, trim trees, chainsaw work, and general property upkeep. Shane has worked in Amador County since 1992 offering reasonable rates, reliable service, and has a reputation for high quality of work. For more information, contact Shane Williams at 209-304-0693, or email asnappletruck@hotmail.com.

City of Ione NEWS The deadline for input is the 20th of each month. Input forms are available at City Hall, on the City website www.ione-ca.com, or email Laurie Lord, laurie.lord53@outlook.com.

City Meetings – October 2020
Meetings are held at 6:00 PM – Remote

| City Council | October 6 & 20 |
| Creek Committee | October 8 |
| Planning Commission | October 13 |
| Parks & Recreation | October 27 |

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

Organization Meetings & Activities

Amador Co Historical Rail Foundation- 209-332-0449
2nd Monday – 6 PM - 810 Court St, Jackson, Rm C
Bingo, Raffle, Food & Drinks – 209-274-6075
1st Saturday, 7:00 PM - Camanche Community Center
Castle Oaks Women’s Bible Study Group
Wednesday - 10-11:30 AM - Call 274-0600
Castle Oaks Women’s 18 Hole Golf Group
Tuesday – AM - Call 209-274-4376

Disabled American Veterans - Chapter 118 Meeting
Veterans Hall–3rd Thursday 6:00 PM – 925-212-6962

Fit After 50 Fitness Class - Ione Methodist Church
Mon & Thurs 9-10 and Wed 9:00 AM

Grange & Jr Grange Meetings
Tuesday – 6:00 PM–Sacred Heart Parrish Hall –610-9415
IBCA Board Meeting – www.myione.com
3rd Thursday 8:30 AM – Board Mtg - 274-2777-info
Mixer groups have been cancelled until further notice.

Ione Public Cemetery Board Mtg 2nd Thurs @ 3 PM
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 Luncheon
Information: Terresa Odom - 916-479-2657

Ione Masonic Lodge #80 –Bill Wells 209-304-4853
2nd Wednesday – 7:00 PM – 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
Interfaith Food Bank Distribution - 3rd Saturday, 10:30 -noon
and EFAP open 10:30-12:00 noon
Senior food distribution – 1st Thursday – 10:30 – 11:30 AM
Senior meals every Thursday – 11:30 AM – Call 223-3015
Free Coffee, Pastries&Conversation 4th Saturday 9:30-11:30

Native Sons Parlor 33
1st & 3rd Wednesday – 7:00 PM – Native Sons’ Bldg., Ione

Healing Arts Family Group
Kings View Assembly of God - 432 W. Marlette St. Ione
Tuesdays – 5:30 – 6:30 PM – Information: 209-781-5475

Preston Castle Foundation Meetings
1st Wednesday – Teleconference.
Preston Castle Tours – Cancelled until further notice.

Preston Castle Museum – www.soroptimist.org
1st & 3rd Thursdays – For information call 209-608-4748

Veterans of Foreign War Meeting – Veterans Hall
2nd Wednesday – Information – 209-274-4956

Important Numbers
City Hall 209-274-2412
Emergency 911
Non-emergency 209-223-6513 or 209-223-6500
Ione City Website www.ione-ca.com