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Preston Castle Foundation's Quest for the Deed is over – Celebrate With Us!

IONE, CA: Quest for the Deed? The Deed is Done! Come Celebrate!

On Saturday, March 21, 2015, The Preston Castle Foundation will hold an Open House at the beautiful, majestic, Preston Castle to celebrate the acquisition of the deed of ownership.

There will be a brief ceremony at 12 Noon, and the Castle will be open from Noon until 4:00 pm for people to wander the unrestricted areas and take in the history and grandeur of what was actually the administration building for the Preston School of Industry, the first major attempt in California at rehabilitating, instead of just imprisoning, young offenders. Opened in 1894, the Preston School of Industry became a leader in the juvenile prison reform movement by giving convicted boys a real chance at life by educating them not only in academics, but in all of the useful trades of the time. Closed in 1960, when the Preston Youth Authority moved into a new administration building down the hill, the Preston Castle was left to deteriorate due to weather, vandalism, and general neglect. It now serves as a vacant, but vitally important landmark for Ione, Amador County, and the Mother Lode. It is a California State Historic Landmark and is on the National Register of Historic Places. It is the mission of the Preston Castle Foundation to preserve, rehabilitate, and utilize the historic Preston Castle site.

Be a part of this historic event in the life of the Preston Castle. Food vendors will be on hand.

WHAT: Preston Castle Deed Celebration
PRICE: Free
WHO: Sponsored by Preston Castle Foundation
WHERE: Preston Castle, 900 Palm Drive, Ione, CA
35 miles southeast of Sacramento, CA off HWY 104 in Ione
WHEN: Saturday, March 21, 2015, Noon until 4:00 pm.

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