

CITY OF IONE NEWS



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Annual Ione Christmas Parade "Christmas is Coming to Town"

Sponsored by the IBCA, this year the annual Ione Christmas celebration will be held on Saturday, December 13th at 4:00 PM in downtown Ione. The parade will have more than 30 entries that include floats, three marching bands including Argonaut, Amador and Ione Jr. High School, Santa Claus and his helpers closing the parade. The downtown will be aglow with lights outlining the buildings, Christmas displays and garland.

After the parade, downtown businesses will host an open house with refreshments for parade attendees. A special professional group of carolers will be singing songs of the season downtown from 3:30 to 5:30 PM and will be at the newly opened Clark's Corner after the parade from 6:00 to 8:30 PM.

After the parade, Santa will be in the park located at the corner of Main and Preston for free pictures and listening to Christmas wish lists from the children. Candy Cane Lane in Ione will officially open the same evening. This is sure to be a wonderful family event for both young and old to enjoy and to usher in the holiday season. Plan to be a part of the festivities—you won't be disappointed.

New Market in Town

Ione Plaza Market (formerly Claypool's) will open for business in the same location but with a new approach and new owners. The transition is scheduled to take place in mid-December. The motto of the new store and its primary objective is to be "your community grocery store." New owner Doug Knutsen and partner are looking for input from the residents on what the market should be. To start with, they will fully stock the store with all the basics and other grocery items, along with the competitive pricing you find at other full service grocery stores. Doug summed it up this way, "We believe that the heart and soul of a community is the grocery store. To this end, we not only need your patronage, but also your participation in the process."

Art Classes Offered in Ione

Rita Rose Ruiz-Masterton has taught art to students at El Dorado County schools for over 35 years. Students from 1st to 8th grades have been exposed to the arts through drawing and painting classes by Rita. She has also taught adults in her home studio for many years. Her oldest student was 72 and youngest pre-school age. Rita is an inspiration and is happiest with a brush in her hand.

Sharing her gift with students begins with lessons in drawing and placement as well as landscape layout. Rita explained her philosophy to teaching. "I can teach skills of placement, techniques and mechanics. What's inside the student takes them beyond that place. So many students have talent, but do not think they can paint or draw."

Rita is teaching classes at the Ione Methodist Church on Wednesdays from 11 AM to 4 PM. Cost is \$25 for each lesson. Students may start at anytime. Classes offer painting with oil, acrylic, pastel, watercolor, drawing and more. Gift certificates are available for a unique gift. For additional information, call 209-245-3843.

City of Ione Election Results

The November 4 local election results for the City of Ione and Amador County District 2 are as follows:

City Council

Andrea Bonham – re-elected

David Plank – newly elected

City Clerk

Janice Traverso – re-elected

City Treasurer

Sharon Long – re-elected

Amador County Water Board – District 2

Gary Thomas – newly elected

Amador County Supervisor – District 2

Richard Forster – re-elected in June

Newly elected city officials will take the oath of office at the December 16th City Council meeting, 6:00 PM at City Hall. All those elected will serve a four year term.

Around Town

The Twisted Fork Restaurant located in the Lone Hotel is serving full and hearty breakfast from 7:30 to 10:30 AM Wednesday through Sunday.

I've Got Your Back is the new business name for massage work by certified massage therapist Teresa Sherman. The business location is 106 B, East Main Street in downtown lone. For an appointment, call 209-712-8008.

Clark's Corner in downtown lone plans to open it's doors to the public on Saturday, December 13th. Located on the corner of Main and Church, this new business will offer coffee, tea, pastries and more. It is intended to be a community gathering place where people can relax, sip their favorite drink, read the paper, visit with friends, enjoy artwork, meet new people and discover events and historical information about lone and the surrounding area. The facility has been completely renovated and presents a feeling of years past. Restored brick walls, plank floors, vintage inspired lighting provide a relaxed and comfortable setting. The business is located in the historic Scully building and should prove to be the cornerstone of activity in historic downtown lone.

Angels on the Tree will provide Christmas gifts for children in the lone/Camanche area that may not otherwise receive them. A tree at the Castle Oaks Golf Club and Bank of Amador will have angels with the name of a child, age, clothing size and gift request. Deadline for donations is December 19th. Pick an angel and bring the unwrapped gift to the club house or the bank.

Little League Sign Ups will be held at the VFW Hall, 207 Amador Street in lone at the following times:

January 15 – 6:00 – 8:00 PM
January 17 – 10:30 AM -1:30 PM
January 20 – 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Credit Card Payments will now be accepted for sewer service. Beginning December 15th, you will be able to pay your monthly sewer bill using a MasterCard or Visa credit card. The December bill will provide the form needed to utilize this service. You may also stop by City Hall and handle credit card transactions over the counter. Contact City of lone Utility Clerk Lori King at 274-2412, ext. 149 for additional information.

Red Ribbon Choir presents "Forty Winks 'til Christmas, December 19th at 7 PM and the 20th at 2 PM at lone Elementary School.

City Meetings – December

City Council

Dec 2 & 16 6:00 PM City Hall

Planning Commission

Dec 9 6:00 PM City Hall

Parks & Recreation - December meeting cancelled
City offices will be closed Dec 25

Organization Meetings

Castle Oaks Women's Club Luncheon

3rd Mon - 11:30 AM check-in

Reservations – 274-0827 or 274-6639

Grange & Jr. Grange Meetings & Potluck

2nd Thurs – 6:00 PM – VFW Hall

IBCA Board Meeting

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

lone Homecoming Picnic Association

1st Wed – 6:30 PM – VFW Hall

Eastern Star Meeting – 274-2340

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

Methodist Church Soup Supper – 274-2852

4th Wednesday each month – 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Preston Castle Foundation

1st Wed - 6:30 PM – Visitors' Center at the Castle

Rainbow Assembly – 274-0354

2nd and 4th Tuesday – 7:00 PM – lone Masonic Hall

Rotary Club Meeting

Thursdays – 12:00 Noon – Twisted Fork Restaurant

Veterans of Foreign War Meeting – VFW Hall

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

Upcoming Events

lone Christmas Parade - Sponsored by IBCA

Downtown lone – December 13 – 4:00 PM

Red Ribbon Choir - Forty Winks 'til Christmas

December 19th @ 7:00 PM & 20th @ 2:00 PM

lone Rotary Crab Feed

Saturday, February 7 – 6:00 PM – Evalynn Bishop Hall

E-Waste Collection (Note time change)

Sponsored by Preston Castle Foundation & lone Rotary

1st Saturday 10:00 – 12:00 PM - Preston Castle

Important Numbers

City Hall	209-274-2412
Emergency	911
Non-emergency	209-223-6513 (Sheriff's dispatch)
City Web Site	www.ione-ca.com

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

