

CITY OF IONE NEWS

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Crime Does Not Take a Break

Although the country is in a recession, crime in the City of Ione unfortunately is not. The community, much like many others across the nation, is feeling the burdens of hard times. Drug and theft related offenses continue to plague our community as the primary offenses. Ione police officers expend a great deal of their efforts investigating, arresting, and proactively enforcing such criminal activity.

Volunteer Patrol in Training

The Ione Police Volunteer Patrol (VP) training academy is one month strong. Twelve volunteers from the greater Ione community are participating in what will be a valuable benefit to public safety. Members in training for the first patrol group have a broad range of experience and are high quality personnel that have volunteered for this task. The training has covered basic patrol duties, ethics, policy, drug and sex offenders, traffic control operations, child seat safety, and much more. The training program will continue through the month of March with the volunteer patrol scheduled to be working in the community in April.

K9 Pras Joins the Force

The Ione community welcomes K9 Pras to the Ione Police Department roster. Pras and handler Officer Josh Long completed certification earlier this month and have begun patrolling the streets of Ione. The two are currently working the graveyard shift and direct their proactive enforcement efforts towards drug and suspicious person interdiction. Pras and his training were made possible through funds raised by the community last October. This K9 team will serve as a valuable crime fighting resource for the City.

Putting the "I" Back at Ione Jr. High

The Ione Jr. High School student council has taken on a project to replace the concrete "I" that once was on a hillside at the school. Like Argonaut and Amador High Schools, Ione Jr. High will have its letter to demonstrate student body strength and spirit. The original "I" goes back to when the location was Ione High School. The hillside that the symbol rested on was graded to allow equipment onto the site for construction of a new two story classroom building. When the "I" was moved, it broke apart, and efforts to repair it failed. The estimated cost of the project is \$400, along with donations of materials and labor.

Jim Spinetta of Spinetta Wines whose son attends Ione Jr. High is helping the students organize the project. When student body president T.J. Sweet called for a motion and second to proceed, it was passed unanimously by the student council. ACE Hardware in Ione has stepped up and is donating concrete mix, a trailer, fiberglass mix and Douglas fir 2x8 forms. Students Ethan Reynolds and Alex Sansing solicited donations from 20 local community members and businesses. For more information on the project, or to donate funds, labor or materials, contact Jim Spinetta at 209-418-8866, or email jspinetta4@yahoo.com.

A Call for Ione Veterans & Sponsors

Plans for the new Ione Veterans Memorial Park are well underway. Drawings are being reviewed by City planning and building departments. Once permits are issued, volunteers will begin grading of the park and construction of the monument base. The committee is looking for any veteran in the Ione/Camanche (95640) area who served honorably in the armed forces and who would like to be included on the Veterans Wall. If a veteran is a member of the American Legion, they are already accounted for. Application forms are available at the Ione City Hall. A list of American Legion members who live in the 95640 zip code will also be available if a veteran would like to ensure that they will be included on the wall. Family members of deceased veterans may complete an application form on their behalf.
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Prime Rib & Chicken Teriyaki Dinner

Sponsored by

Friends of Amador

March 12th - 6:00 PM - Evalynn Bishop Hall

\$25 pp - Open Bar - Silent Auction

For tickets & information - 209-274-9103

Proceeds support legal fees to stop the proposed Buena Vista Casino in Ione.

Around Town

Bingo at Clark's Corner will continue each month on the third Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in the banquet room. Cards are six for \$5 or \$1 each. All proceeds will go to the Lone Picnic Association, the sponsors of the annual Lone Homecoming weekend. For more information, contact Eva Teal at 209-304-3732.

Stockton Motorcycle Club is sponsoring races at the Ed Hughes Memorial Arena in Lone. The event is a cushion short track race to be held Saturday, March 19 and April 30. Gates will open at 11:00 AM, practice at 1:00 PM and race at 3:00 PM. Entry fees include Open "A" \$40 (100% payback), Sportsman \$40, Pee Wee and Mini \$20. Cost to spectators is \$10 adult and \$5 for kid 6 to 12 years. For information, call 209-518-0172 or log on to www.stocktonmc.org.

It's time to plant your pumpkins now to be ready for the 2nd Annual IBCA Harvest Faire. Yes, it's time to put those seeds in the ground to give your pumpkin time to grow and be ready to compete in October. The Faire will be held in downtown Lone and feature a contest for the largest pumpkin, chalk the walk artist, dog contest, trophies cash prizes and more. Jerry Cassesi and his grandson Isaac were the big pumpkin winners last year.

Annual Jigg's Dinner in celebration of St. Patrick's Day will once again be sponsored by the Lone Community United Methodist Church. For over 50 years, the church has been serving a corned beef and cabbage dinner to celebrate the "wearing of the green". This year the event will be held on Thursday, March 17th from 5 to 7 PM in the church fellowship Hall located at 150 W. Marlette. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 years and under. A silent auction will be held to benefit the Youth Scholarship Program.

Veterans Memorial Park (continued from pg 1)

Dedication ceremony is planned for Saturday, April 30th. Donations at all levels are needed, and are tax deductible. Every dollar donated will help to build the park to honor our service men and women. Checks are made payable to Lone Veterans Memorial Park. The mailing address is Lone Veterans Memorial Park, c/o Bank of Amador, P.O. Box 397, Lone, CA 95640. For information, call Sharon Long at 209-304-5118 or Jerry Cassesi at 209-601-4079.

Evalynn Bishop – A gift to our community...

It is important to note and recognize that Evalynn Bishop and the 4-H Club of Lone originally beautified the park that will soon be dedicated to the veterans of the Lone area. They spent many hours of work grading, planting and caring for the park located at the corner of Preston and Main Street. The park was gifted to the County by the Schmidt family and the County has now transferred ownership to the City of Lone. Evalynn Bishop was a woman dedicated to the beautification of Lone and Amador County. She spent many hours volunteering and giving back to the community she loved. We are thankful for her gift of giving.

City Meetings – March

Meetings are held at City Hall at 6:00 PM

City Council	March 1 & 15
Planning Commission	March 8
Parks & Recreation	March 22

Organization Meetings & Activities

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

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

Castle Oaks Women's Club Luncheon –

3rd Monday – 11:30 check-in.

Information: 209-274-6639

Castle Oaks Women's Bible Study Group

Wednesday beginning Sept 15 - 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 Clark's Corner

lone Community Program (City Revitalization)

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

lone Homecoming Picnic Association

1st Wednesday – 6:30 PM – VFW Hall

lone Masonic Lodge #80 – 274-0354

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

Eastern Star Meeting – 274-4289 or 274-0354

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

Methodist Church lone - Food Distribution & Meals

Interfaith Food Bank - 1st & 3rd Saturday – 10:30-12:30 AM

Senior food distribution – 1st Thursday – 11:00 AM

Senior meals every Thursday – 11:30 AM – Call 223-3015

Native Sons Parlor 33

1st & 3rd Wednesday – 7:00 PM – Native Sons' Bldg, lone

Preston Castle Foundation Meetings

1st Wednesday - 6:30 PM – Cornerstone Church

Rotary Club Meeting

Thursdays – 12:00 Noon – lone Hotel Restaurant

Veterans of Foreign War Meeting – lone 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.

Upcoming Activities

E-Waste Collection *

Sponsored by Preston Castle Foundation & lone Rotary

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

Document Shred Day

Sponsored by IBCA – Howard Park

Saturday April 30th – 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM