

# NEWSLETTER



January/February 2017

The good Lord has been mindful of the people of Parowan and this country that we all love. It is my fondest wish that we may all remember why we celebrate this time of year and that we all stay safe.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year each and everyone.

Mayor Donald Landes

## ***From the Mayor's Office...***



We are rapidly approaching the end of the year 2016 and what a great year it has been. We have been the witness of continual growth with new stores and shops opening in Parowan. Sadly we lost one restaurant but also saw the opening of Calvario's Family

Restaurant on Main Street. Needless to say, when speaking of restaurants, Sam Lo's Mountain Bistro Chinese Restaurant has been a success and people throughout the country keep coming back to enjoy their food. With the Parowan Café, LaVilla, Hamburger Patties, Dairy Freeze, KB Express, the TA and Champs Chicken we have plenty of eating places to choose from.

2016 has been an interesting year for many reasons, the least not to mention the presidential election which was one of the most divisive of all time. I do hope we can get over all the vitriol and see positive changes for this great country of ours. May we all join to work together for the betterment of the country. It is so frustrating to me to see so many people locked into their beliefs that they refuse to try to even see the other side. As I look back on history and see how many things in the past were supposedly rock solid beliefs only to change with time, it gives me hope for the future. This great land of ours was blessed in the beginning over 240 years ago and our forefathers, while not agreeing on everything, were inspired to set up a government that has been the envy of all. We are the stewards of their efforts and I am confident that we can, by working for a common goal, keep it strong for our children and their children as well.

This is the holiday season when families spend time together and count our blessings.

## ***166th Parowan Birthday Celebration Old Rock Church 150th Anniversary***

This year Parowan City's 166<sup>th</sup> Birthday will be celebrating "150 years with the Old Rock Church".

The celebration starts on Friday, January 13th, 2017 with songs and dances by PHS and PES Students at the PHS Gymnasium at 9:30 am.

- A luncheon will follow the celebration in the PHS Auxiliary Gym at 11:00 am.
- The Town Meeting will be at the PHS Auditorium at 12:00 pm. Sandra Benson will be giving us a history of the Old Rock Church. Elder Steven E. Snow of the LDS Church will be the guest speaker.
- 150th Anniversary Celebration of the Old Rock Church. Celebrate with us at the Annual Parowan Ball to be held on Saturday, January 14, 2017 from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm. The Ball will feature a floor show at 8:00 pm and music from "Muddy Boots". Refreshments will be served. This event will be held at the Iron County Fair Building and is FREE for everyone. Bring your family, friends and neighbors and come celebrate with your community.

For more information please call 435-477-8190 or 435-559-4504.



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### Parowan City Employee of the Year



Cleve Matheson, Zoning Officer, had the honor of receiving the Employee of the Year Award at the City's annual appreciation dinner. Cleve has been with the City for 10 years and during this time he has proven to be a dedicated, hard worker. He always has an eye to the future and saves taxpayer dollars by thinking ahead to avoid future problems. With a background in construction, Cleve provides an invaluable resource to the City as he fulfills his duties. He is well known for being an expert in the City Code and land use issues.

*Congratulations Cleve!*

### Winter Recreation Activities at the Fair Building

*Register at the Visitor's Center*

- **Open Walk** is available to anyone who loves to walk but doesn't like to freeze! The Fair Building is open Monday—Friday, 6-9am
- **Crock Pot** classes have been a huge hit! Come if you'd like to spend time with friends, learn some quick and affordable crock pot recipes, and go home with dinner for your family.  
Jan. 18, 8pm-Corn Chowder  
Feb. 15, 8pm-BBQ Pork Sandwiches
- **Line Dancing** is back in January just in time for the Birthday Ball! January 10, 11, & 12 from 7pm-8pm. Cost is \$5 per person/per class.
- **Pickle Ball** is still all the rage! If you haven't found time to come play yet, make that your New Year's Goal! Mondays 7pm-9pm; Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 9am-12pm
- **New Year/New You** taught by Sandy White is back in January! Come to this workshop if you are ready to quickly and easily create lasting results with your New Year's goals. Learn how to apply the skill of positive thinking to help you be what you want to be, do the things you need to in order to reach your goals, and have the fuller life you want to live! Each Thursday in January at 6:30pm.
- **Ballroom Dance** is such a fun and affordable date night for all ages, or just a great activity for anyone who wants to come! January 3, 4, & 5 from 6pm-8pm. \$15/couple for all 3 nights.
- **Math Tutoring** is available for any make-up work, or questions on current assignments. If you need just a little help, or even a lot, - Brenna Horton is your solution! Wednesdays & Thursdays from 3pm-5pm. Cost is \$5 per time.
- **Volleyball Youth Camp** starts February 28<sup>th</sup>! Cost is \$30/person, or \$15 if you already have a Parowan City jersey. Come learn about the game and have some competitive play, all among friends in a fun and learning environment. You won't want to miss this!
- **Roller Skating** on Fri., February 10<sup>th</sup> from 7-9:00 pm. Remember we do have a few skates to choose from, but please plan on bringing your own skates, roller blades, or hee-lies. No skateboards allowed inside the Fair Building, so please leave them home. Team 2020 will provide concessions so bring some extra cash! Cost is \$2/person or \$10/family. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Parowan Studio Center's **Paint Mixer** will be held monthly, starting in January! This social art event will provide a location for local artists to get together for an evening full of painting, refreshment, and fun. No experience is necessary. All materials and instruction on all levels will be provided. Cost is \$25/person/per class.
- **Ice Skating Field Trip** will be on Fri., February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm. We will meet at the Visitors' Center and all ride to the Aquatic Center together! Cost is \$10/person and will include your entry fee. Maximum of 12 people, so grab your friends and get registered early!

**Youth Basketball** starts in January. Registration is now open. Please stop by the Visitor's Center to fill out the forms. **Cost is \$20/child.** If you would be interested in volunteering as either a coach or referee, please contact the Visitor's Center at 435-477-8190 or Alice Heidenreich at 435-691-0722.

*Thank You!*

Thank you to everyone who helped to make a very Merry Christmas for so many of our local families in need. Thank you to our PHS students for their change drive, the scouts for all their help, our local businesses and to every individual for supporting, volunteering and contributing to this cause. Each family was able to have gifts for the children, food to supplement the pantry and a turkey for Christmas Dinner. It is really uplifting to see how our community comes together to bring Joy to those in need. Thank You!



Gerald Lund at pulpit of Parowan Old Rock Church Museum, narrating Hole in the Rock documentary film.

### Hole in the Rock Documentary

October 10, 2016 brought lights, camera and action inside the Parowan Old Rock Church!

Before the BYU broadcasting crew began filming, the church podium was made ready as it would have been on Sunday, December 9, 1878.

With a massive camera ready to roll, microphone attached to a 10 foot extension pole, teleprompter on cue, special light “boxes” and background screen in place “take-one” was ready to go. Author Gerald Lund spoke as the host of this KBYU Eleven television documentary. Known for his carefully researched historical fiction, *The Undaunted*, Lund spoke with a depth of understanding about the Hole in the Rock pioneers chronicled in his novel.

From Director Rob Sibley's script comes the narrative of calls issued from that very pulpit during the December Parowan Stake Conference. Much to the surprise of those Saints from Parowan, Paragonah and Cedar, many were called to settle the rugged San Juan area.

After about eight rolls of the camera for this first scene, Sibley declared, “That’s good.”

In a subsequent scene, Lund related how those pioneers must have wondered what they would find at their destination - would there be sufficient water and feed for the animals? How would the land be for farming; what about the situation with Natives in this parched, unforgiving and barren part of America?

And so, the crew continued on, filming inside and out around

Parowan's crown jewel for three more hours before packing up their equipment for the next adventure. Sibley reported with a wry smile that they were going to camp out at the desolate Hole in the Rock area that night. They need to set up all this equipment for shooting there early tomorrow morning.

Before leaving this 149-year-old museum, Brother Lund accepted our appreciation for his written words portraying significant events from the lives of early members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. With a sweep of his hand across the array of artifacts, he responded with words of admiration and gratitude to the Daughters of Utah Pioneers for preserving this kind of legacy.

Then he added his signature to the museum registry and ended his day in Parowan by ringing the Old Rock Church bell. Certainly a day to be remembered!

### Blood Drive

The Parowan Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. This will be held at the Iron County Fair Building from 1:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Come prepared, have a light meal and plenty of fluids to hydrate your body. Bring your donor card or driver's license. The actual donor process takes only about 10 minutes. You will receive a mini physical consisting of pulse check, blood pressure, body temperature and hemoglobin as an immediate health benefit to you. After your donation there will be refreshments and observation

for approximately 10-15 minutes. To schedule an appointment time or for more information please call 435-477-8190.

### Parowan Public Works Department

wants to remind residents to not park on the streets during winter months and particularly during snow storms. When vehicles are on the streets, especially Main Street, state highways and subdivisions, it is very difficult for the snow plows to remove the snow. In the smaller subdivisions, the plows cannot make it through some of the streets that are lined with vehicles.

### Tips for your Home Sewer Plumbing

- Never put cooking oil or grease down your drain.
- Never flush non-soluble objects down your toilet. This includes food, tampons, sanitary napkins, cleaning rags, diaper wipes, etc.
- The best way to avoid root blockages is not to plant trees and shrubs close to your home's cleanouts or sewer service line.

**Parowan High School** has Ram apparel for sale in the office. We know the town loves to support our RAMS. They have t-shirts, sweatpants, sweat-shirts, & running shorts with the RAMS logo. They also have RAMS plush blankets! Great to wrap up in when you are watching your favorite RAM play soccer, football, or whatever.



### HARRY POTTER MOVIE MARATHON

Two Saturdays from Noon to Midnight to catch up on all eight movies. Cost is \$2/movie at the door OR you can purchase a pre-pass for \$10 for all 8 movies

#### January 21

#1 at 12pm, #2 at 3pm, #3 at 6pm, #4 at 9pm

#### January 28

#5 at 12pm, #6 at 3pm, #7 Part 1 at 6pm, #7 Part 2 at 9pm

*Popcorn, candy, and drinks will be available for purchase*

## Remembering Our Own “Greatest Generation” Residents

On Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> the traditional Veterans’ Day Assembly was presented to PHS students and our community at large. Organized by Student Government, with all juniors and seniors participating, students honored those WWII veterans who live within the school boundary area on this 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of Pearl Harbor Day. It seems appropriate that part of each of those biographies be shared and remembered herein.

- **Glen Halterman** served in the United States Navy from 1944-1946. Drafted during his senior year, he indicates that after the draft swept through his high school there were only six boys left. Trained in San Diego, he was then put aboard the USS General M.B. Stewart and on his way to the Philippines. Upon his return in ’46 he spent a lifetime being, as he says, “Just an old shepherd,” sharing his time and talents with community and church.
- **Chief Master Sgt. Robert J. Jensen, USAF RET.** and 4 friends ditched school and went to downtown SLC to enlist. The others joined the Marines but he joined the Air Force 3 months before his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. After training, he was assigned to a B-24 crew as an armor gunner – in the nose turret with two 50 caliber machine guns and no ear protection. Just as he finished training, war in Europe ended and he went to the Mariana Islands from which the atomic bombs were launched. He took a photo of the Enola Gae as it sat on the runway. He served at Clark Field in the Philippines. After he was discharged he joined the Air Force Reserve and

served an additional 40 years.

- **Alma Lawrence** was in the Navy in the 107<sup>th</sup> Construction Battalion, stationed in the Mariana Islands. He enlisted as part of the engineering program set-up by the Navy. He also spent time in Saipan, Tinian, and Guam. He was part of first ar-rivers on islands and set-up roads and plumbing for military personnel. He served abroad for 18 months.. His two brothers were also serving in the Navy. He, like others of his generation, has continued to serve his community and church as diligently as he served his nation.

- **William Murchland**, age 18, served in the U.S Air Force from 1944-1946. His brother was a prisoner of war so he was motivated to serve. He said Basic Training was overwhelming for many, so young and away from home for the first time. It was a growing-up period for all. Bill was stationed in the Philippines and remembers the carnage not yet removed. He said, “I just wanted to help the people.”

- **Kent Pendleton** served in the United States Navy during WWII. He was a signalman, using signal lamps and signal flags, serving on several ships, guiding others safely home. He recalls serving on a signal tower in Hollandia Bay, a port on the north coast of New Guinea. He respects his country and recalls that at one point in his life he wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount of “up to and including his life.”

- **Glade Smith** ran away from home with a friend at age 17, joined the Navy and served as a 1<sup>st</sup> Class Petty Officer from 1942 -1946. He was stationed on the Aleutian Islands and then transferred to the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga, serving for 3 years in

sick bay, helping others stationed in and around the Philippine Islands. As a member of the VFW, for decades he has stood proudly at gravesites, providing military rites to fellow soldiers.

- **John Murray** enlisted in the Navy in Nov., 1942 and began active duty in Feb., ’43. Trained as a radioman he was assigned to Cape Meredith, a C-1 cargo ship. In April, ’45 he was re-assigned to a 10,000 ton liberty cargo ship, a merchant freighter, captained by a Swede, chartered to the U.S. Army, guarded by the U.S. Navy Gunners, with cargo controlled by the Army. In five months he was only off the ship for one hour. He still recalls sailing under the Golden Gate, destination unknown.

- **Daryl Halterman** joined the U.S. Army Air Corp Cadet Program, received the commission of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. U.S. Army Air Corp in ’44 and completed 13 combat missions in the European Theater. He then served in Korea and Vietnam, being involved in the latest war technology of his time. He retired in ’68 and has lived a very generous life since, contributing the bronze Ram in front of PHS, creating the Parowan Teacher’s Endowment and Teacher of the Year Award, providing a Science Scholarship and computers to the educational system. He has truly served this community even though he has spent much of his life outside of this hometown. Welcome back!

