

NEWSLETTER

September/October 2016



From the Mayor's Office...



The summer has wound down and the fall is rapidly approaching. We have seen the Parowan Half Marathon fade into the distance, although it was extremely successful, fielding 493 participants.

School has started and all of the fall sports will be here. The city marquee at the corner of Center and Main Streets represents the last of our grant money from the CIB (Community Impact Board). Hopefully it will make it easier for residents to be kept up to date on what is happening in Parowan, other than school activities because the high school has their own marquee.

We also said goodbye to Shayne Scott, our City Manager for the past 6 1/2 years, and said hello to Josh Jones, his replacement. We welcome Josh and his family to Parowan and wish Shayne and his family well in his new position as City Manager of Kaysville. We are sorry to see him go but are looking forward to working with Josh. Please take time to come by the city hall and get to know him.

Mayor Donald Landes

Greetings Parowan! I am so pleased to serve as your new City Manager. My family and I have received such a warm welcome and we are enjoying every aspect of this wonderful town. In meeting with the Mayor and City Council, staff, and various citizen committees I have been very impressed with the display of total commitment to the community. This is not always the case in local government, but in Parowan the community pride and unity is evident. I look forward to working with all of you to achieve our common goal of continuing to make Parowan a great place to live.

Joshua Jones



There's MAGIC in the AIR
at the IRON 2016
County Fair

Coming to the
fair this year!

Labor Day Weekend - September 1-5

Iron County Fairgrounds
www.ironcountyfair.net
435.477.8380
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Mud Bog Aug. 20
Demolition Derby Aug. 27

Parowan City Office—35 East 100 North—PO Box 576—435-477-3331 • www.parowan.org

Parowan Events Center—5 South Main—435-477-8190

Parowan Visitors Center—5 South Main—PO Box 1165—435-477-8190 • parowanvisitorscenter@gmail.com

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Summer Reading "*On Your Mark, Get Set...READ!*" was fun! We logged over 20,000 minutes of reading, handed out fun prizes, and had a whole lot of reading happen during the summer.

Our *Pre-School Story Time* will begin **Tuesday, October 4th at 10:30 am.**

The Library offers services such as news releases, inter-library loan, wireless, computers, faxing, and laminating. It is just a great place! See you soon!

Chamber of Commerce Sucker Sale

Purchase a Sucker and receive a chance to win great prizes! Suckers are sold for \$1; buy 1 and receive 1 ticket, buy 5 and receive 6 tickets for prizes. Prizes include a Remington 700.30-06 w/Leupold Scope, knife and more. These prizes can be viewed at the Parowan Café.

The give-away will take place at the Fall Fest on October 8th, 2016, you do not have to be present to win. All of the proceeds from this event go directly to the benefit of our Parowan Community.

Visitor Center Souvenirs

The Parowan Visitor Center has a lot more than just maps, information and brochures! A Lot More!

We have great souvenir items for sale that promote Parowan and our surrounding areas of interest. You may purchase T-shirts, sweatshirts, local honey products, jams, hats, books, toys....and the list continues!

Please stop in and shop for the next gift you may need, or a little something for yourself.

We are open Monday thru Saturday from 10:00 am to 5 :00 pm at 5 South Main. Please call 435-477-8190 for more information.

Fall Fest in the Park

Parowan City presents our Annual Fall Fest in the Park on Saturday, October 8, 2016. The festival will be held in the Main Street Park from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. Come out and enjoy a fun filled day with entertainment, craft vendors, food, games and a costume parade! There will be prizes for the Best Costume and the Biggest Pumpkin. The Parade starts at 10:00 am and the line-up will be in front of the swings.

There will also be a Car Show on Main Street as well. This show is open to all makes, models and types of vehicles. The entry fee is \$20.00, you may register at the Parowan Visitor Center at 5 South Main, open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Sign in will begin at 9:00 am on Saturday morning.

For more information please call 435-477-8190.

A Special Thank You



Dottie is Retiring! Dottie Stade will be retiring from the Parowan Visitor Center at the end of September, 2016. Please join us in wishing Dottie well on Tuesday, September 27th at 12:00 pm at the Visitor Center Recreation Room. Refreshments will be served.

Dottie has been working for Parowan City for 5 years. She has been the weekend hostess at the Visitor Center and has also helped with many local events.

Please join us in wishing her many happy days ahead.

Yankee Meadow Half Marathon

What a "Great Race" we had! Congratulations to everyone who took part in the 5th Annual Yankee Meadow 1/2 Marathon, 5K and Yankee Doodle Dash this year!

This event grows larger each year drawing runners from Illinois, Cali-

fornia, Texas and more, not to mention all of our Utah residents and great local runners. The weather threatened early, but our runners are tough, and loved our beautiful canyon scenery. It turned into a terrific and lovely race day with sunshine all around.

This event would not be possible without the participation and support of an army of volunteers manning our canyon aid stations, city streets and our finish line, providing support and safety for all of our runners.

Many thanks to everyone for giving of your time and for putting in the hard work to make this event such a great success for our community.

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We hope that everyone had a great summer, enjoying the great outdoors with your family, friends and pets!

We have had a steady stream of dogs come through the Parowan Animal Shelter over the summer months. Many have found new homes and many were able to be reunited with their families.

Unfortunately, Parowan has experienced a couple of serious dog bite incidents recently. We want to urge everyone to be aware and to be cautious. When walking with your beloved dog, be sure that your dog is on a leash. You know that your pet is loving and friendly, but having your pet within your control at all times is so very important to the safety of your pet, yourself and others.

Any dog that is not under your control, allowed to run loose, is considered to be "a dog at large" and does violate City Ordinance. Be a good citizen and neighbor and keep your dog safe!

We would like to thank all of our volunteers for all that they do every day at our Parowan Shelter. Providing the care, kindness, cleanliness, medical help, adoption services, and a path to a Forever Home for the dogs that come into our shelter.



**Labor Day Parade
Monday, Sept. 5th
10:00 a.m.**

Soccer Fields

AYSO games are in full swing and our fields are scheduled tight every Saturday through the end of October.

SUU Men's Soccer Club will be hosting some games at our soccer field! Plan on coming to watch them play:

- Friday, Sept. 16 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 24 @ 1:00 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 30 @ 6:00 p.m.

Parowan City Youth Soccer Camp—dates to be announced.



**Monster Truck
Insanity Tour**

Live a Little Productions will be back with their Monster Truck Insanity Tour **September 23rd & 24th!** Advance tickets can be purchased online at livealittleproductions.com or at the Parowan and Cedar City Visitor Centers. Watch for flyers! It's going to be HUGE!!

Ball Fields

The Annual Labor Day Softball Tournament will be held Saturday, September 3rd.

Team check-ins are tentatively scheduled for 8:00 am and games will start at 9:00 am, depending on the number of



teams registered. Grab your friends and get a team together!

We have a lot of improvement work to be done up there, so if you are interested in volunteering sometime or need a great Eagle Project, please contact Alice Heidenreich at 691-0722.

Fairgrounds/Arena

Come check out all the new things at the Fairgrounds during the Iron County Fair, Labor Day Weekend! We've added new sets of bleachers around the arena so you can have front row seats without trying to crowd in the Grandstand. Our crews and volunteers have put in countless hours making improvements to the grounds in order for us to upgrade to a PRCA Rodeo Circuit and we'll really see that pay off September 2-5!!! Pick up an Iron County Fair Tabloid for more information and details.

Please check our website
parowan.org
for upcoming events

Swimming Pool

The weather this summer has been wonderful and contributed to one of our best seasons ever! Thank you for your continued

support of our local swimming pool through swimming lessons, season passes, lap swim, aerobics, family night, private rentals, and very busy open swim days!



We will remain open through the middle of September, with the 17th being the last day of our 2016 season. All times remain the same, with the exception of aerobics which is now 7:30 to 8:30 am Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and 7:00 to 8:00 am Tuesday and Thursday.

Classes for both the elementary and high school will be coming during PE times and the Annual 3rd Grade Aqulympics is scheduled for 12:30 pm Thursday, September 8th. Free to the public to view!

Poe's Midnight Dreary
Just in time for Halloween

The Parowan Community Theater will present "Poe's Midnight Dreary" October 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14, and 15. "The likes of this show is something that our theater has rarely seen," said Director Steve Decker. "It's a little different, but it is still a show for all ages."

Many of Edgar Allan Poe's master works are retold and threaded together with events of Poe's life.

You may be more familiar with Poe than you know. Remember James Caan in the 1967 John Wayne classic "El Dorado"? Caan played Mississippi. He often quoted, "Ride boldly ride." That's Poe he was quoting.

Truly one of the great American writers, Poe died in Baltimore, in 1849 at the age of 40. The play takes place around Poe's deathbed.

If you don't know Poe, here's your introduction. If you do know Poe, come and see your favorite works of this American master.

TAKE OUR SURVEY!

Parowan and Brian Head are conducting a survey to assess our future growth, and how to best support visitors to our area. Please take a moment to share your thoughts and please share and tag this link with your friends.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/parowan>



Main Street Memories 5th Edition

Beginning at 160 N. Main

160 North Main: In the late '40's the *Sage Motel* was built, owned, and operated by Saunders "Bid" Clark. The establishment consisted of cabins for overnight travelers. The Clark family sold out in the late '60's. Since then ownership has changed several times. Today, the cabins are apartment rentals rather than motel rentals.

190 North. Main: In the late '40's Dave and Lizzie Matheson, assisted by Skinner Matheson (and maybe Bid Clark), drug an old barn from the back of their property around to the front, just south of their home, and it was there that they created a café. A huge outside clock hung over the door proclaiming, "DA Says Eat Here." Dave and Lizzie ran the café for a time after which there were a good many other proprietors providing various eateries. In 1999 Methodist Ministers, Doug and Jeri Lee Harrell, acquired the property and the Methodist Church opened its doors in July, 2000. This energetic couple graced Parowan with warmhearted service and good Christian thought. In recent years, Doug Harrell passed away; however, his wife continues the ministry and has married another minister, Earl Leeper. They serve Parowan with undaunted devotion. Not long ago they added a bell tower to brighten spirits and make us smile.

204 North Main: Here is located the first drive-through fast food establishment in Parowan. Built by Jay Moore, it was opened in the mid-1950's. The *Dairy Freeze* provided Parowan households an alternative to nightly cooking without having to go out. It was an instant success. In the early years it was owned and operated by Cedar residents, Elu Whatcott and Leo Larsen. However,

it wasn't long before the business was turned over to Ruby Orton and it was Ruby who provided the "Happy Days" place in Parowan. The *Dairy Freeze* was a natural destination for kids as it became the social stop before, during, and after school activities. Dragging main and checking out who was hanging out at the *Dairy Freeze* was (still is) "cool" in Parowan. Muscle cars and old beater cars or trucks were (still are) welcome. Foot traffic was (still is) impressive as well. Eventually, Ruby turned the business over to Wayne and Mary Hermansen. The Hermansens' added self-service gas pumps to the north which invited a gas war between the *Dairy Freeze* and George Loosley's *Beeline Service Station*, located a block to the north. Pump prices got down to .23 cents a gallon. But all good things come to an end and after weeks of making a whole community smile both businesses pretty much set gas prices at the same rate. Gordon and Brenda Adams later acquired the business after which it was sold to Ron Brown, then Jack Hammond, and in 1997 it was purchased by Doug Carter. Eventually, he razed the building, removed the gas pumps, and built a more convenient establishment with more inside seating and an expanded menu. Through all the years and changes the property name has remained the *Dairy Freeze*.

236 North Main: In '68/'69 Frank Decker built *The Wash House*, a much needed laundromat. Garna Mortensen had a beauty shop in the north side of the building. Later, the building was sold to Tom Gummo and Will Hillis, and still later to Joan Mortensen. For a while, Jerry Munford had an architecture business on the north side and then it was returned to a beauty shop. Today, the beauty shop is closed but the laundromat continues to flourish.

258-298 North Main: Here in the '40's and '50's was located the *Sam Whitney Blacksmith Shop*. As times changed, Sam changed with them. He owned all the property north to the corner so he opened a *Texaco Gas Station* at 298 N. Main. In the early '60's that location became George Loosley's *Beeline Service Station*. In the 1980's this business was taken over by Frank and Arlene Adams and called *FADS* (aka Frank Adams Department Store). Eventually, the gas pumps were taken out and a full-fledged mechanics shop took over. The business is still owned and operated by Arlene and her extended family.

Note: We'll finish up the listing of business establishments on the east side of Main Street in the next edition. Thank you all who provide additions and corrections to past editions. These have been fixed in the original script and will be mentioned in an addendum so you know they're not forgotten.

Patriots Day in remembrance of 9/11 and also in appreciation of many who dedicate themselves to the citizenry and the freedoms of this great country.

We invite all to attend as we honor and share our appreciation for those who do so much.

Parowan Interchurch
Patriots Day
September 11, 2016
6:00 pm
Methodist Church
on Main Street

