

# NEWSLETTER



March / April 2019

**2018  
Business  
of the Year  
Sweet Pea  
Farm and  
Orchard**



The Parowan Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate Sweet Pea Farm and Orchard for receiving the Business of the Year for 2018!



**2018 Citizen  
of the Year  
Rex Burton**

*(For full write-up on  
Rex Burton, go to  
[parowan.org](http://parowan.org))*

**Congratulations and Thank You  
for all you do for our community!**

A giant THANK YOU to  
**JERRY BIXMAN** for 10  
years of service as  
Chairman of the  
Theater Board!



Parowan City would like to remind residents about possible fees associated with being called out after hours or on the weekend.

If there is an emergency such as a sewer backup, water leak, or power outage that needs immediate attention, please do not hesitate to call Dispatch at 477-3383; our workers will get there as soon as possible.

When Dispatch is called for a non-emergency such as turning on and off water and a City employee is called out, a fee may be charged to your Parowan City account.

The *Pressurized Irrigation* water will be turned into the system sometime in April. We will post the exact date and watering schedule on our website "[parowan.org](http://parowan.org)", our Facebook page "Parowan Utah" and the marquee by the library.

**Parowan City Public Works/  
Parks Department** will be hiring a part-time, seasonal worker in April. This opening will be posted on our website [parowan.org](http://parowan.org), DWS website [jobs.utah.gov](http://jobs.utah.gov), and at the library.

Parowan City is accepting applications for **Crossing Guards**. Applications are available in the Parowan City Office and on our website, [parowan.org](http://parowan.org).



## Chamber of Commerce

# 2018 the year in review

By Katti Lister

Chamber of Commerce President

The Parowan Chamber of Commerce looked forward to a great year in 2018, and they were not disappointed. Our membership continued to grow, allowing the Chamber to be more prosperous. Our meetings continued to be well attended, which allowed many different perspectives and ideas to be shared.

In February, we continued our Blood Drive for the Red Cross. We are always appreciative of the community's support with this project. The Red Cross continues to appreciate our support and help with this event.

The Chamber was also asked by the Iron County Commissioners to help with the ribbon cutting and grand opening of the newly remodeled Court House in Parowan. This was a great opportunity for the Chamber to show its support for Iron County and we were very excited to be asked to do this. The Iron County Courthouse is a great plus to our community and was missed while they were in Cedar City.

As a Chamber we continued the tradition of giving to our community. We were able to help the Parowan Little League, and we helped the PHS FCCLA girls go to Nationals. We donated to Parowan High School, the Iron County Fair, and a scholar-

ship program for Parowan High School. The Chamber is always willing to support and help out programs in our community.

The Chamber held its Annual Car Show in June and continued with the evening BBQ and Cruise down Main Street. This was a great, and was fun for all who attended.

The Chamber remained active members of the Southern Utah Chamber Coalition which includes Chambers from Richfield, St. George, Cedar City, Hurricane, Mesquite and the Uzona Chamber. This membership gives us an opportunity to know what is happening in other Chambers and to learn about their communities. We were able to bring back great ideas to the Parowan Chamber.

As in years past, we saw new businesses open. This year the Chamber was pleased to help with many Ribbon Cuttings to welcome these new businesses to our community.

The Chamber was asked to do a Meet the Candidates night for the Iron County Attorney Primary Elections. We appreciated holding this event and getting to know the candidates. We held an informative, interactive night where the public asked questions and heard the views of those running for office. The Candidates appreciated the Chamber for holding this event.

We continued our support of the Scarecrows on Main Street in October. The Fall Fest was held on Main Street again and was lots of fun for our businesses and community to enjoy a day on Main Street. The Chamber also held it's Annual Ladies

Night during the Christmas Season.

The Chamber is looking forward to 2019 and is excited for the many things to come and the opportunities to pursue new things. We are very appreciative of our members and supporters, because they are what makes the Parowan Chamber of Commerce a success.

## Dog License and Tags



Parowan City Office has their own dog tag machine! When you get your dog license, the tag will be good for a year

from the month you purchase it. You can also have either your name and phone number or your dog's name on the back of the tag for \$5. You can also purchase a tag with your information on it for \$10. This will be a big help in getting lost dogs home.

Remember, licensing your dog is a City Ordinance.

Check our Facebook page *Parowan Utah*, website *parowan.org*, and marquee by the Library for upcoming events.

## The Water Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

is available in the  
Parowan City Office  
35 East 100 North



With permission from The Music Theater International  
Parowan High School Music and Theater Departments  
Present

# LITTLE WOMEN

The Broadway Musical

February 28th, March 1st, March 2nd, March 4th, March 5th

Adults \$7.00 • Seniors, Students, Children \$5.00

Parowan High School Auditorium  
7:00 p.m.

## Winter Recreation

- **Monday Night Pickleball**  
7pm to 9 pm; \$10.00 per person for the month of March and April. Paddles and ball are included if needed.

*Pickleball* is a paddle sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Two or four players use a solid paddle and a perforated ball, similar to a whiffle ball. It's a sport great for all ages.

- **Tuesday Night Cornhole**  
7pm to 9pm; Tuesday Night play is \$10.00 per team (2) for the month of March and April.

*Cornhole* is a game in which players take turns throwing bags of corn at a raised platform with a hole in the far end. A fun game for all ages.

- **Thursday Night Body Grove**  
7pm to 9pm; \$10.00 per person for the month of March and April.

*Body Grove* is an amazing dance inspired series that's low impact, low stress, yet loads of fun. With

*Body groove you make each movement your own by adding the exact style you want, whatever feels right.*

- **Pickleball** is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9 am to 12 pm at the Fair Building. You must register before play at the Parowan Visitors Center. \$5.00 per play time or \$20.00 per month.

## A Message from PAAL

 PAAL is now with AMAZON SMILE. When you shop with Amazon use the address [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and pick *Parowan Animal Assistance League* as the charity you want to contribute to. Amazon will give PAAL .5% of your total order. It doesn't cost you a penny.

This doesn't sound like much but if everyone that uses Amazon does this, it will help PAAL with the money they need to care for the dogs that come into the shelter.

If you have any questions you

may call Mary Hanley at 435-704-4112.

Remember, if you lost a dog or found a dog, please call the Parowan Police Department at 477-3383. You can also call PAAL at 435-704-4112 and Mary Hanley can get it posted on Facebook .

It is almost time to apply for the best summer job ever! If you are a great swimmer, love kids, and love the sunshine, *Parowan City Swimming Pool* is looking for you!



This year we are needing to hire at least one adult part-time lifeguard, and 2-3 high school age lifeguards. You must be able to pass the American Red Cross Lifeguarding class, and be willing to work closely with a great team of currently certified lifeguards and instructors.

If interested, please keep an eye on the Parowan City website for further details later this month. Please call Alice Heidenreich at 435-691-0722 with any questions.

## EASTER EGG HUNT



Saturday, April 20th  
10 am  
Valentine Peak  
Ball Fields

Sponsored by  
The Little Salt Lake Club

## **From the Canyon to the Stars/From Utah to the Universe**

*By: Sandra Benson*

Both of the above titles are connected to a remarkable event; an event with an inspired origin in the canyons surrounding Parowan and brought to fruition through the worldwide renowned talents of symphonic composer, Frenchman, Olivier Messiaen.

Olivier Messiaen was approached by a persistent Alice Tully, patroness of the Chamber Music Society of New York to create a work to mark the bicentennial of the United States (1976), and a somewhat reluctant Messiaen agreed to the commission and with that “he did what he had done on other occasions: he consulted an encyclopedia”. There he found his subject in the canyons of Utah. He made a trip in the spring of 1972 and noted what he saw: ‘Red-violet, a red-orange, rose, dark red carmine, scarlet red, all possible varieties of red, an extraordinary beauty.’ He saw this coloring was the color of time, for the layered rock of Utah slices into the history of the earth, bringing deep past into the present – as the stars do, shining from far away and long ago. Messiaen’s combination of themes – the red rock strata and the constellations in the still-blue desert sky – provided him with favorite imagery, and at the same time enabled him to answer the commission, with music of stars and stripes.” (Paul Griffiths *From Utah to the Universe*)

The culmination of this artistic vision is music ‘from a very large chamber ensemble, with woodwind, brass and percussion ensembles of orchestral size but with 13 strings plus a solo piano.’ There are 12 movements. The opening situates the work in the western desert. The Orioles, America’s jubilant bird sings; what is written in the stars presents a message from heaven, there are bird solos, interstellar calls and Bryce Canyon, Cedar Breaks, and Zion Canyon with their great amphitheatres and rock formations are portrayed in the symphony. And there is the Celestial City as Messiaen follows the early settler in finding a vision of Paradise, his vision portrayed through color and sound. (Griffiths).

Thus, the Symphony was created and embraced. Newspaper clippings sparked interest. And Parowan residents stood in wonderment of what had been inspired among our environs. It was August 5, 1978 when Parowan residents, Edison T. and LaMar Lyman-Whitaker and their daughters Julie and Linda and son Lyman spearheaded a “Utah Salutes Messiaen Day” declared such by Governor Scott M. Matheson. (material information provided by Dr. Ron Roth and Lola Ann Jones).

About a mile above the Dry Lakes turn-off up Parowan’s Main Canyon there are white cliffs that were connected to Messiaen’s inspiration. There was held a ribbon-cutting event and the placement of a bronze plaque placed at the base of the

majestic cliff with the cliff being named “Mount Messiaen” in his honor. There was a dedicatory prayer given by Kendall Gurr, with city councilwoman Frankie Lou Bentley giving remarks. Then the attendees moved to the Parowan High auditorium where a program was presented with musical numbers featuring Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Farr, faculty members at the University of Utah and others. Mayor Jim Robinson presided over the events and Ed and LaMar Whitaker held an evening reception in their home with some 150 individuals attending. (Dr. Ron Roth and Lola Ann Jones shared materials).

But as time passed we mostly forgot. A symphony is a big deal and ought to be remembered. Occasionally, people stopped by the site of Mt. Messiaen and viewed the plaque but it was mostly forgotten. Then, with the burn scar from the 2017 fires most prominent in this area, some wondered what had become of the plaque. Dr. Roth, a history buff who has made great effort to help restore and recall local history, searched for the plaque. And he found it under debris of fire and subsequent flash floods. It is somewhat battered and bruised but still at the base of the white cliffs. He shared his search and materials with me (Sandra Benson) and I think it appropriate to once again recall the artistic magnificence our area inspired and know that the majesty of the mountain remains ..... come hell or high water.