168th Parowan Birthday Celebration

This year Parowan City’s 168th Birthday theme will be “Together We Learn”

- Please join us as we kick off the Birthday Celebration for our beautiful Parowan Valley at the annual Parowan “Winter Boots N Bonnets” Birthday Ball on Saturday, January 12, 2019. We are honoring all educators, past and present. We invite all, young and old, to join us for a family fun evening.

  Time: 7:00-10:00 pm
  Floor Show: 8:30 pm
  Featuring Muddy Boots Country Band

  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.

- The celebration continues on Monday, January 14, 2019 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. The guest speakers will be Jennifer Wood and Claire Morris.

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

Blood Drive

The Parowan Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a Blood Drive in February at the Iron County Fair Building from 1:00 pm until 7:00 pm (date to be announced). 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 435-477-8205.
2019 Parowan City Events

- January—Junior Basketball
- January 12—Parowan Birthday Ball
- January 14—Parowan Birthday Celebration
- May 27—Memorial Day Program
- June 1—Parowan Car Show
- June—Summer Recreation
- June-July—Glider Competition TBA
- July 4—Parade, Games at Park, Fireworks
- July—Friday Nights Concerts in the Park
- August 3—Yankee Meadow Half Marathon
- August 10—Fly-In Breakfast
- August 17-Sept. 2—Iron County Fair
- October 12—Fall Festival
- November 1—Sub for Santa
- November 29-30—Christmas in the Country
- December-January—Winter Recreation Programs

Parowan Public Works Department wants to re-mind 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.

Attention all Pickle Ball Fans

The fair building will be available for open Pickle Ball on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am—12pm. Also available on Monday evening from 7—9pm. Sign up at the Parowan Visitor’s Center for $20 per month.

You must register at the Parowan Visitor’s Center before playing. For more information, please call 477-8190.

Remember....utility bills not paid by the last business day of the month will be assessed a penalty. Parowan City Office hours are Monday-Thursday 9am-4:30 pm, Friday 9am-12pm.

Parowan High School has Ram apparel for sale in the high school office. We know the town loves to support our RAMS. They have t-shirts, sweatpants, sweatshirts, & 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 other activities.

Youth Basketball starts in January and runs through February. Registration is now open. Please stop by the Visitor’s Center to fill out the forms.

Cost is only $20 per child. If you would be interested in volunteering as either a coach or referee, please contact the Visitor’s Center at 477-8190.

We want to thank everyone who worked, donated food, gifts, money, time and the spirit of giving to insure a Merry Christmas for so many families in our community. Thank you to our Parowan School students for their change drive, the scouts for all their help, our civic, faith and business organizations for supporting, volunteering and contributing to this worthy cause. Each family was able to have gifts for their children, food to supplement the pantry and a turkey for Christmas dinner. It is wonderful to see so much generosity and caring that comes from our small community, helping those less fortunate at this special time of year. Thank you again to each and everyone from the Sub-4-Santa Program.
Parowan City
Employee of the Year

Judy Schiers, Parowan City Treasurer and Police Secretary, was selected as Employee of the Year 2018 and was recognized for her achievement at the December 13, 2018 City Council meeting.

Judy Schiers grew up in Tooele, Utah with loving parents along with two sisters and a brother. After graduating high school, she attended Southern Utah State College. She met her husband, David, on a blind date in 1982. They moved to Parowan in 1991 for Dave’s work for the Utah Highway Patrol. Judy soon began working for Parowan City as a crossing guard and has enjoyed working for the city ever since. Judy and Dave have 5 children and 5 beautiful grandchildren, who are the loves of their lives.

Judy has held several leadership responsibilities state wide in conjunction with her duties as Parowan City Treasurer, and has won several state and national recognition awards because of her outstanding dedication and commitment.

On top of being Parowan City Treasurer, she is also the secretary for the Parowan Police Department. She has also worked for the Iron County Ambulance, donated her time in various callings in her church and organizations throughout the community, and is an avid supporter of the Parowan Fire Department. She loves Parowan and is a true example of service and citizenship.

Congratulations Judy!
Weather Tales of 1949

Perhaps every community has old timer weather tales about when in our youth we walked to and from school in the snow, feet deep, struggling up-hill both ways. And we recall passing newspapers on either foot or bike but seldom if ever were paper boys driven around. In those days children/youth had chores gathering morning eggs, milking the cow(s) and being grateful for the warm heat emanating from the docile cow, well, docile until she kicked over the bucket full of much needed milk.

For this edition, the following are still remembered tales of by-gone events in 1949 and recorded in the Parowan Stake histories submitted by ward units on an annual basis. These are weather tales considered by the individual ward historians to be “highlights” of the year 1949 some 70 years ago and a memorable time indeed.

Feb. 12-13, 1949: “Because of heavy snow that fell over the entire state Elder Albert E. Bowen of the Council of the Twelve was unable to attend Parowan Stake Conference. He (Elder Bowen) deemed it inadvisable to attempt to get here. The snow was so deep and drifted that it was difficult for the people from the Paragonah, Summit, and Enoch wards to get to conference. To show the extent and proportions of this storm, I (no name given) will relate some of the conditions. There was considerable wind with the snow so that if a road was opened up with a cat-tractor it was soon filled up again and after a road was opened up a few times the snow was piled up so high on either side of the road that many of the fence posts were entirely covered up. Men who had livestock in the fields and ranches in the valley had to go on foot to take care of their livestock. I saw Harrel A. Dalton, son of Harley W. Dalton, attempting to carry four 10-gallon milk cans on his back to their dairy farm about 4 miles from town because the roads were drifted so full it was impossible to get anywhere with a car or truck or horse drawn conveyance.” (It is doubtful this trek was to save the milk; more likely, it was to save the cows.)

But this was hardly the end of that winter’s weather tales. April 1949: “April was ushered in with a heavy snowstorm on April Fools’ Day. The local weather man reported 2.43 inches of moisture in 48 hours. This added to the already plenteous precipitation of the last 3 months made prospects rather bright of needed moisture for the season.”

And recorded weather events continue with: May 13, 1949 (Friday): “Parowan acted as Host to around 200 stranded travelers. The highway between Parowan and Summit had been blocked with deep snow drifts and all traffic was stopped. Main street in Parowan was lined on both sides from one end to the other with trucks, buses, and cars.

The people of the town opened their homes to accommodate the stranded people after all motels were filled to capacity. The American Legion served hot chocolate. An orchestra was assembled and an old-time dance was staged in the high school gym to help entertain the visitors until the road was re-opened. The visitors were high in their praise of the community for their hospitality in making things more pleasant for them while they were stranded.

And one can surmise that all this brought the following: “Under the leadership of Edgar J. King, a ski run was constructed on the Red Hill southeast of Parowan. Mr. King had the support and help of a large number of local citizens.”

And the weather is still not done. Aug. 30, 1949: A freak hailstorm which came on August 30, 1949 did much damage to grain and other field crops in certain sections of the Parowan Valley. Some damage was done to grain that was ready to harvest in quite a wide area.”

Note: The Ed King Ski run is still visible and occasionally used as a sled hill. It is located just east of the cemetery accessed from the north end. Also, although authorship of these entries is unknown, they are signed as approved by D. Watson Adams, Stake Clerk and W. Clair Rowley, Parowan Stake President.