169th Parowan Birthday Celebration

This year Parowan City’s 169th Birthday theme is “Celebrating 1920 in 2020”

● The Birthday Ball will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020
  Time: 7:00-10:00 pm
  Floor Show: 8:30 pm

  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 13, 2020 with songs and dances by PHS and PES Students at the PHS Gymnasium at 9:30 am.

● A luncheon will follow in the PHS Auxiliary Gym at 11:00 am.

● The Town Meeting will be at the PHS Auditorium at 12:00 pm.

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

Blood Drive

The Parowan Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a Blood Drive February 19th at the Iron County Fair Building from 1:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Come prepared, have a light meal and drink 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.

Parowan Chamber of Commerce

The January 8th and February 5th Parowan Chamber of Commerce Meetings will be held at 9:00 am and are open to the community.

The meetings are held at the Visitor’s Center Meeting Room located at 5 South Main.
2020 Parowan City Events

• January—Junior Basketball Begins
• January 11—Parowan Birthday Ball
• January 13—Parowan Birthday Celebration
• May 25—Memorial Day Program
• June 5—Classic Car Main Street Cruise
• June 6—Chamber Car Show
• June-July—Glider Competition TBA
• July 4—Parade, Games at Park, Fireworks
• July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31—Free Friday Nights Concerts in the Park
• August 1—Yankee Meadow Half Marathon
• August 22-Sept. 2—Iron County Fair
• October 5-28—Scarecrows on Main Street
• October 10—Fall Fest and Car Show on Main Street
• November 1—Sub for Santa
• November 27-28—Christmas in the Country

One-Time Night or Day Play - $5 per time
This fee must be paid and a waiver signed before play

Monday Night
6-9pm

Tuesday, Wed., Thursday
9am-12pm

Parowan City will post days that the building can’t be used. Any maintenance issues, please call 559-4504.
Participants must be registered and release waiver signed before participating.
You can pay the fee at the Visitor’s Center, 5 South Main, from 10am – 5pm.
Parowan City is not responsible for any property left at the building, and will not provide any materials for play with the exception of Pickleball nets.

Parowan Public Works Department wants to remind residents not to 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.

2020 Pickleball Program

10-Month Program
Oct. 1, 2019- July 23, 2020

10-Month Program - $140
This fee covers day and night play, Monday-Thursday (savings of $60)

10-Month Night Play - $65
This fee covers Monday and Tuesday Night only

Month-to-Month - $20
This fee covers day and night play, Monday-Thursday (Due 1st of Month)

Parowan City Meeting Schedule

City Council
2nd and 4th Thursday @ 6:00 pm

Power Board
3rd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

Airport Board
1st Monday @ 4:00 pm

Theater Board
2nd Tuesday @ 5:30 pm (Meets @ the Theater)

Planning & Zoning
1st and 3rd Wednesday @ 6:00 pm

Economic Development
1st Tuesday @ 5:30 pm

Historical Preservation
As Needed

Water Board
2nd Wednesday @ 6:00 pm

Check the bulletin boards at the City Office the day prior to the meeting for the agenda

All meetings (except Theater Board) are held in the City Office Building at 35 East 100 North
We want to thank everyone who worked, donated food, gifts, money, and time all in 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.

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 9:00 am-4:30 pm, Friday 9:00 am-12:00 pm.

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.

Congratulations Kristen Robinson

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.” (Winnie the Pooh)

There it is! This quote and pictures of her favorite books are posted on the bulletin board as you walk into the Public Library announcing Kristen Robinson's retirement. This very unassuming, heartwarming, personal announcement that tells her patrons and friends, "It's time; I'm retiring."

Asking around Parowan City Office, how to describe Kristen as a city employee, the first words that come to everyone's minds are: "fun, committed, happy, and dedicated! Everyone loves her." Most notable, "Kristen can jump the office counter like no other." Then they add that she's "creative, imaginative, and makes the library a welcoming-comfortable place. She goes way above and beyond and is always willing to help."

Walking into the library: first of all, it always smells good, like books and stuff. And looking at all of the pictures of the Presidents and then the cute rug, table, and chairs for the little people, there's a subtle-smart blend of respect for tradition and a love for fun that goes on there. Life is happening in the library; lots and lots of kids in a safe good place; strangers passing through who recognize it as the hub; adults with many varying questions and needs that are met. Most likely there will still be kids passing her saying, "there's the library lady," and she may be found at Meeks Pond running the weed eater or Heritage Park polishing the brass or the cemetery posting the flags and putting poppies on the crosses. But maybe now there'll be time to chase a few rainbows or to take a moment to sit: maybe.
Mr. Kevin Porter: He left a Legacy

Mr. Kevin Porter walked the halls of Parowan Elementary, primarily as a principal, for nigh-on four decades. He loved children, and demonstrated that love with a booming voice, welcoming smile, and a commitment to taking a child where you found him/her and moving that young learner forward academically, socially, and physically. He believed in surrounding youngsters with as many positive experiences as possible. You see, he treated every child in his building as one of his own.

Mr. Porter was always interested in “How do we teach?” as well as “What do we teach?” He believed a child must be inspired to learn and he pursued varieties of teaching/learning approaches to this end. His teaching philosophy is evident in his 85-page Master's Thesis entitled “A Teacher's Resource Handbook for Hidden Haven.” This thesis/project has enriched the learning of countless students, adults, and unknown individuals far beyond our Parowan boundaries. Hidden Haven exploration moves teachers and students beyond desk and paper to real world experiences.

Mr. Porter was not the first to use Hidden Haven as an outstanding outdoor classroom. Located up Parowan Canyon between mile posts 8 and 9, it was, for decades, known as “Braffitts” and, for years, was a learning center for Mr. Chester Benson’s students. It is safe to assume Mr. Benson may very well have inspired Mr. Porter’s choice for a Master’s project. But the area is much more developed as an outdoor classroom as a direct result of Mr. Porter’s determination to broaden the use of the area. Under Mr. Porter’s enthusiastic push, a fun, user-friendly, academically interesting hiking trail, a nature trail containing all the ingredients of an outdoor classroom appeared. Today it’s a favorite for thousands, young and old, from near and far. Mr. Porter’s goals/objectives, listed below, have left a powerful legacy, a successful outcome.

- Each student attending Hidden Haven will grow in the understanding of nature, as well as social graces, and depart at the end of the day with a genuine concern for the natural environment.
- The Outdoor Classroom curriculum will compliment and enrich the subject areas of Science, Social Sciences, Health, Art, Environmental Education, Language Arts, and Physical Education taught at Parowan Elementary.
- Students will increase their appreciation for the value of our wilderness areas through learning about the interdependency of living things and their environment, the dynamics of energy, conservation of resources, cycles and systems of change in nature and multiple use of the forest.
- The Outdoor Classroom can provide first hand experiences with the interrelationships and adaptations found in the natural environment and ways to demonstrate respect for nature through positive action.
- AWARENESS activities presented here are designed to encourage teachers and their students to use their ears, nose, hands, eyes, and sense of taste to DISCOVER!

With such a finely written guide to discovery, and much more in Mr. Porter’s thesis work, it is no wonder that every student, not only in Parowan Elementary but in Iron Co. School District and beyond, has had an amazing learning experience on this pathway into nature. Former students now return, bringing their children, sharing their memories and experiences “on the trail to Hidden Haven.”

With the ever-increased use of the area, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (formerly the Utah Fish and Game Department) and the Utah State Highway Department have become involved, making the area safely accessible and more user friendly. Now, along the 1 ½ mile trail are markers, a “Council Circle,” a fire circle, study points, reseeded areas, tree planting projects, and a written history of the area to mention only a few.

So, belatedly, “Thank you Mr. Porter.” You are so missed but your presence is still felt. And “Thank you” to Dr. Ron Roth for his appreciative awareness of Mr. Porter’s contributions and Mr. Rex Burton who shared Mr. Porter’s Master Thesis that goes along with Mr. Burton’s passion for Hidden Haven.