Parowan City
2019
Employee of the Year

Brad Remund

Brad has worked in the electric industry for the past 24 years as a Journeyman Lineman, with the past 11.5 years as a Lineman and Crew Foreman for Parowan City.

Brad came to Parowan with a great work ethic and a lot of knowledge and experience in many areas of the trade. He takes a lot of pride in his work, and works great under pressure.

Brad grew up working on dairies around Heber, Utah and has always had a love for farm animals and has acquired quite the variety of animals over the past few years. When not working or tending to animals Brad loves spending time fishing in Alaska with his wife and two daughters.

Congratulations Brad!

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”, our Facebook page “Parowan Utah” and the marquee by the library.

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Citizen of the Year

Rob Bernhardi

Congratulations Rob!
Parowan Chamber of Commerce

With the New Year we also have new officers! As new Officers, Mollie Halterman, Jessica Sires, Tricia Harris and Dayla Ulrich are excited to help find ways to encourage and celebrate our local businesses!

We would like to give a great big thank you to Katti Lister, Tyra Rice and Julie White for serving as officers on the Parowan Chamber of Commerce for over 8 years! We appreciate all your hard work, long hours and your desire to help support your community.

We would like to say thank you to all who helped support our Blood Drive. It was a great opportunity for our community to come together and support the Red Cross.

We are working on an event to bring our local businesses together called “Lucky to be a Member of the Parowan Chamber Commerce” to be held on St. Patrick’s Day, March 17. We will celebrate the 2019 Business of the Year at this event. This will be a great way to learn about what amazing businesses we have in our area, celebrate their success, and to help build new relationships.

We would like to encourage all local businesses that have a business license, including home-based businesses, to come and join the chamber.

As a business owner in our treasured little town, you help bring value and opportunities to our community. We want to help you succeed.

To contact the Parowan Chamber of Commerce please email us at: parowanchamber@gmail.com

Dog License and Tags

Parowan Police Department has their own tag machine! When you license your dog, the tag will be good for a year from the month you purchase it. In addition to the license fee, you can also have either your name and phone number or your dog’s name on the back of the tag for an extra $5. You can also purchase an additional 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.

A singular crime demands a singular detective, and the web of mystery surrounding Baskerville Hall is so strange that only the great Sherlock Holmes can take the case. A local legend of a phantom hound is easily dismissed over a cup of tea, but when Lord Baskerville is found dead beside footprints of just such a creature and his heir receives an ominous warning, Holmes and his loyal friend Watson must discover the truth about the danger lurking on the desolate moor.

When the game’s afoot and the fog rolls in, will the unflappable master of logic meet his match in the jaws of the supernatural?

Director Steve Decker, who has directed several shows (among which are Oliver, 1776, A Christmas Carol, The King and I, Wait Until Dark, Dracula, and Arsenic and Old Lace), says, “This is a show that I’ve wanted to do for a long time. The small cast and the Holmesian approach make it a fascinating romp.”

Don’t let the suggestion of a supernatural hound frighten you or your family. Holmes is on the case and his opponent is almost sure to be vanquished.

The show is expected to last 90 minutes or less. General admission tickets will be available at the box office on the evening of each performance.
The **Parowan City Library** is now on Facebook and Instagram @parowancitylibrary. Following the library will give you updates on all the new happenings going on. **Storytime** is Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Bring your little ones for a story and activity!

**Stuffed Animal Saturday** has just begun. Have your children bring their favorite stuffed animal to help them choose a book, or read them a story!

Cori Adams is the new Parowan Library Director. If you have any questions about the library and the services it provides, please let Cori know! The library email address is parowanlibrary@parowan.org.

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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 will be hiring 4-5 high school age lifeguards. You must be 15 before the end of May, be able to pass the American Red Cross Lifeguarding course, and be willing to work closely with a great team of currently certified lifeguards and instructors.

Applications will be accepted during the month of March; hiring will take place in April. Please call Alice Heidenreich at 435-691-0722 with any questions.

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**A Message from PAAL**

It is required by law that all dogs be licensed by the City of Parowan. You must show a current certificate of rabies vaccination to obtain a license. Having a city license is also very helpful in returning lost dogs to their owners. The fee for licensing is $5 for spayed/neutered dogs and $25 for dogs that have not been spayed/neutered.

It’s important to have your dog receive their other vaccinations also. These vaccines protect them from many serious infectious diseases. It is very important to get puppies their shots as many of these diseases can be fatal.

It is also required that all dogs be kept on the owner’s property. If a dog is found running loose the owner is liable for the violation. Dogs also need to be on a leash when walking. Even if your dog is friendly doesn’t mean that another dog is.

If you lose your dog, call the Parowan Police at 435-586-9445 and give dispatch the information. This helps you get your dog back. If you find a lost dog call the same number. They may know where the dog lives. If not, the police can pick it up and PAAL will get the information on the dog out to the public. We take very good care of the dogs we get in the shelter and try to get them home as soon as possible.

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**Just a reminder**… 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 586-9445; 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.

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**EASTER EGG HUNT**

**Saturday, April 11th**

10 am

**Valentine Peak Ball Fields**

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First Responders: Heroes Among Us

By: Sandra Benson

“To the rescue” is the job of first responders. Today, local First Responders are available 24-7 to assist those in need. And oft-times they involve rescuers from surrounding communities to “meet up at the scene.” This is not new. Since the first arrival in our valleys “to the rescue” has been an answering response to cries for help.

The event concerns a family tragedy and local, brave responders. In this recorded incident, the primitive means of communication and transportation of a century ago is a huge factor. The participation and cooperation between inhabitants of isolated towns (Parowan and Panguitch) makes evident tremendous courage and determination. Although heroic efforts of rescue are here, it is doubtful that heroism was ever the intent. But there is an element of the complete helplessness of man against the potential dangers found on the mountain.

It was January 27, 1916; the place - - Panguitch Lake in Garfield County. John Morrell, a friendly, “vigorous ex-school teacher,” had taken over the operation of the government fish hatchery at Blue Springs about 3 miles south of the lake. With his wife, Emma Carson Morrell, and their five children, ages 2 to 10, they spent 12 months of the year at this place. Completely isolated in winter, they taught the children in their mountain home. With snow drifts almost to the eves of their porch, it was said the family spent a happy Christmas.

Their only communication with the outside world was a crude telephone line connected with both Panguitch and Parowan. Occasionally, someone brought mail by horseback or snow shoes from the Sevy ranch a few miles to the north. But the family had received no communication for some time. So, on the morning of January 27, Mr. Morrell saddled his horse and set out for mail. He road to the lake and tied his horse to a fence to go the rest of the way on snow shoes. He reached the neighbor’s ranch safely but before he started back a fierce storm was on the doorstep. Against the advice of his friends, he phoned his wife that he was leaving and should be home by 9:00 p.m. He was concerned about his tethered horse and his snow-bound family.

The strength of the storm was unforeseen. It was said that a large plate-glass window was blown from one home in Parowan. Four feet of new snow fell in the mountains with 10 to 12-foot snow drifts. Temperatures dropped below a minus 20 degrees.

The telephone lines between Panguitch and the Hatchery were down. But, in Parowan, where Simon Matheson’s girls took turns operating the tiny switchboard, one of the girls noticed the little disc that fell when someone rang in; it kept quivering. Wondering at this odd behavior, she plugged in and heard the voice of Mrs. Morrell. After an all-night vigil, Mrs. Morrell was calling for help to search for her husband who had never reached home. Her own attempts to search had been futile. The young girl told Mrs. Morrell to leave her receiver off the hook to keep the circuit open and they would get help.

Then, the Matheson girls and their father tried to telegraph Panguitch. The message went from Parowan to Cedar City; then through various stations to San Francisco, and from there to Salt Lake City and back to Panguitch. In the meantime, a public meeting was called in the Parowan Old Rock Church. Four young men, three of whom were married, convinced the citizens that it was possible to make a rescue attempt. Phil Benson, John Dalton, Fred Bruhn, and J.C. Gould volunteered. They improvised skis from lumber being used to build Mr. Benson’s home. The Forest Service gave them snow shoes. They each took a 50 lb. backpack of supplies - a telephone tapping apparatus, first-aid equipment, and food.

They started up the “Old Fish Lake Mountain” (a road, now abandoned, that cuts off eastward just below the grade leading to the Yankee Reservoir; it has a steep climb and then goes down to Panguitch Lake). They went seven miles into the canyon on horseback and then started their climb on foot.

By late afternoon, they were at Panguitch Lake. There they met three Panguitch rescuers, J.F. Worthan, Ruby Syrett, and one unnamed. They had just come upon the frozen body of John Morrell. The tragic details of the night were clearly written in the tracks in the snow. Mr. Morrell had lost his way in the blizzard but then had found his bearings. However, his body, overcome by exposure to the freezing weather resulted in his death on the south side of the lake some 3 miles from home.

Was all a failure? Six souls, in a mountain cabin, although heartbroken, would not say so; neither would the First Responders.

*Thank you, Helen Orton, for sharing your mother’s, (Huldah Hulet) Parowan Times report written March 18, 1959. I have used the tale, sometimes quoted and often paraphrased.