



NEWSLETTER

January/February 2021

170th Parowan Birthday Celebration

*Parowan's Virtual Birthday
Celebration will be on
January 13, 2021*

This year's Birthday Celebration will be held virtually. There will be dances provided by the High School and Elementary Students.

There will also be a celebration of the **Citizen of the Year**, Joyce Evans. Congratulations Joyce!

The link to the Celebration will be on our website *parowan.org*, Facebook page *Parowan Utah*, and on Parowan High School's YouTube page. It will be available to view on January 13th beginning at 8 am.



Officer Aaron Dunlap and Joyce Evans,
Citizen of the Year

This year's Birthday Ball will not be held due to COVID concerns but we will be celebrating with **"Parowan Sings"**. Please join us for online virtual performances by our community members highlighting the many musicals performed at the Aladdin Theater over the years. The performances will be available on both Parowan City and Parowan High School websites beginning Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Happy 170th Birthday Parowan!



Blood Drive

The annual Parowan Chamber of Commerce Blood Drive is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10th at the Iron County Fair Exhibit Building (475 Clinic Way) from 12:00 pm until 6:00 pm.

COVID antibody screening included. Spaces limited. Reserve yours early! Go to: <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html>.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help, please call Mollie Halterman at 435-238-0993.



Thank you!

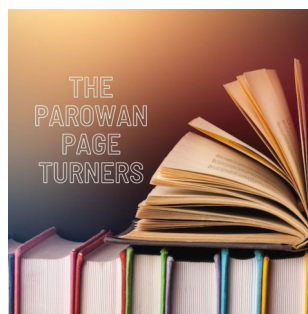
We want to thank everyone who worked, donated food, gifts, money, and time all in the spirit of giving to insure a Merry Christmas for so many families in our community. Thank you to our Parowan High School students for their change drive, our civic, faith and business organizations for supporting, volunteering and contributing to this worthy cause. Each family was able to have gifts for their children, food to supplement the pantry and 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.



As a reminder... 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.

From the Library

A great big thank you for the food donations and for emptying our Library Angel Tree! All donations went to our local Sub for Santa program.



The Parowan Page Turners book choices are: January- *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. February-

The Best of Me by Nicholas Sparks. We will announce each month where the Book Club Meeting will be held, or if it will be on Zoom.

Our book catalog is on the website, parowan.org. If we do not have the book you need, we will be happy to get it for you! Email the Library at parowanlibrary@parowan.org.

Make sure you follow the Library on Instagram and Facebook for updates and upcoming events at Parowan City Library.

Wishing all of you a very Happy New Year!

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

1st Tuesday @ 4:30 pm
(meetings are held online)

Planning & Zoning

1st and 3rd Thursday
@ 6:00 pm

Water Board

2nd Wednesday @ 6:00 pm

Economic Development

1st Tuesday @ 5:30 pm

Historical Preservation

As Needed

Check our website, parowan.org, the day prior to the meeting for the Agenda and for Theater Board meeting information

All meetings (except Theater Board) are held in the Parowan City Office Building
35 East 100 North



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.

From the Power Department

Parowan City understands that tree pruning is a concern to homeowners. Wind-blown tree limbs are a frequent cause of power outages, which are inconvenient and costly to repair.

Parowan City Power Department will begin pruning trees in the power line right of ways after the new year.

Parowan City Power crews remove limbs to provide a minimum of three years clearance for regrowth. Trees are trimmed back to the next available limb fork so that no branch stubs are left. Overhanging limbs that can be reached are pruned to eliminate the danger of them falling on the lines.

The wires going from a utility pole directly to your home is called a service drop and is the customer's responsibility to keep clear of trees. For your safety Parowan Power crews ask that you hire a professional tree pruner to clear your service drop if trees are in need of pruning, or you may call Parowan City Office at 435-477-3331 to have your service drop removed temporarily so that you can safely prune your trees. When completed, the service drop will be reat-

tached free of charge.

Parowan City Power does not trim trees around telephone or cable television lines.

If your tree causes a power interruption to your service drop, Parowan Power Crews will remove the power line until your tree is pruned or removed and you will be billed for the cost of any repairs.

Please call the Parowan City Office at 477-3331 with any questions you may have regarding your trees and power lines.

Parowan Chamber of Commerce

The Parowan Chamber of Commerce Meetings will be held the 1st Wednesday of the month (January 6th, February 3rd) at 10:00 am at the Parowan Public Library and are open to the community.

Officers for 2021

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The Bell Tolls for Parowan

*Submitted by
Sandra Decker Benson*

My brother, Steve, and I have this relationship. If I have a question, Steve finds the answer. Well, we were talking a while back about the history of the Old Rock Church bell. Surely, nearly everyone in town has heard it toll, ringing in the New Year, the 4th of July, Christmas, and again and again on the days school children are brought from all over to learn of our historic roots dating back to January 13, 1851.

Many of us have enjoyed a tour of the Old Rock Church, where a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers unlocks the door and explains displayed museum items. Then comes the thrill for youngsters and adults alike as they climb the steep stairs to stand under the belfry. It is here that the docent allows members of the group to pull the rope that makes our Parowan bell toll.

But what is the history of the bell? Some information is found in the biography of Jenkin Abram Evans, an individual whose posterity has deep roots in our community as there are still, quite literally, hundreds of his descendants who call Parowan home.

Jenkin Abram Evans was born in South Wales on September 30, 1833. His family is said to have had special musical talents and Jenkin was no exception, with his ability to play various instru-

ments and share his beautiful bass voice.

In 1856, Jenkin and his family immigrated to Zion along with 350 of his fellow countrymen. He and his family musically entertained on the ship and then on the trail. Crossing the western plains, tragedy struck and they buried Jenkin's father in Green River, Wyoming. The remaining family arrived in Salt Lake City on Oct. 2, 1856. Then, Brigham Young sent the family some 250 miles south to Parowan, a community that "needed strengthening." Here Jenkin married Sarah Ann Norris. The Jenkin Evans family moved to Panguitch in 1864 but returned to Parowan in 1866. In Parowan, they ran the Evans Hotel which was, in reality, a rented room in their home. They catered primarily to "drummers" (traveling salesmen). Jenkin was a farmer and freighter, often providing supplies to mining camps in Nevada and elsewhere. He drove a span of gray horses as well as a big four yoke of oxen used for trips to San Bernardino, CA. And he made the occasional trip back east. Though Jenkin traveled a great deal, he was always welcomed home, not just by family but by the choir led by Bro. Thomas Durham. Jenkin's fine voice greatly strengthened all musical events. Also, Jenkin was a member of the Parowan Harmonica

Band. He took great pride in providing things of beauty through music and hard work, planting flowers as well as food stuffs to brighten the environment and share with the locals.

In 1870, the Old Rock Church was in use and nearly completed. However, it had a belfry; it needed a bell! Jenkin's history states, "*A bell was ordered for the belfry. It arrived at the railroad terminal in Milford, Utah and Jenkin went for it. He took his daughter, Deborah, and his niece, Sadie. The girls thought it was a treat to go along and cook over the campfire. As they jolted along rough roads every once in a while the bell would toll. The bell, once installed, could be heard all over town to call members to Sunday School, Sacrament, to a dance or May Day. Every night it rang as a curfew for youngsters. That same bell tolled a final knell for Jenkin Abram Evans on June 6, 1910. He died at his home and is laid to rest in the Parowan cemetery.*"

*This is an account found on WikiTree: Where genealogists collaborate. Herein are pieces that are (1) edited, (2) paraphrased, and (3) directly quoted.

