



NEWSLETTER

March/April 2022

Message from the Mayor



Hello Parowan residents and visitors, thank you for your interest in our community. Several issues are discussed daily and one as you might guess is water. The state legislature voted in favor of H.B. 242 which mandates metering secondary irrigation water, however considerations were made for rural communities like ours. I invite you to familiarize yourself with annual legislative sessions by going to www.le.utah.gov. It is important that we are aware of impactful bills and in communication with our Representatives and Senators when necessary. I am at your service and will always represent Parowan in issues that are of importance to our community.

To address interests and concerns of our residents, the first of four scheduled Town Hall Meetings was held February 15th. The community pool and fairgrounds update were the topics of this planned series of Town Hall Meetings. It was well attended. The next Town Hall Meeting will be held May 17th and has a tentative agenda that will focus on knowing your Parowan City services including power, water, library, public safety and more. We welcome input on additional items you would like to discuss at each meeting.

You will begin noticing changes at the Iron County Fairgrounds as improvements have begun. It is a great time for Parowan and Iron County as plans are in the works

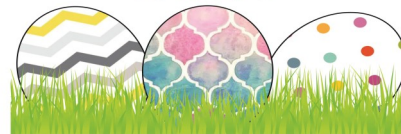
for improvements to this timeless, scenic venue for all who live in and visit Iron County. Excitement is high for the changes we will see over the year building toward the 2022 Iron County Fair. There will be many volunteers needed to help with the fair again this year, so please reach out if you are interested in volunteering.

Other opportunities exist to get involved in Parowan! The Parowan Fire Department is in need of volunteers, Little Salt Lake Service Club (flags on Main), PAAL (Parowan Animal Assistance League), Meeks Pond/Shade Tree Committee park restoration, Parowan Chamber of Commerce, TARP (Trails, Arts, and Recreation & Parks) and the Old Rock Church/Daughters of the Utah Pioneers to name just a few. Email or contact Parowan City for the organizational contact personnel if you have interest in getting involved in any of these worthwhile activities. You have opportunities!

Please feel free at any time to let me know how I can best serve you by contacting me through email, phone or text.

Sincerely,
Mollie Halterman
435-238-0993 cell/text
mayor@parowan.org

EASTER EGG HUNT



April 16th • 10 am
At the Valentine Peak Soccer Fields

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The Little Salt Lake Service Club*



Congratulations to Parowan City's newest Justice Court Judge, Matthew Carling, sworn in by Justice Court Judge Dennis Cox, from Milford, at the February 24th City Council meeting.

From the Library

Parowan Page Turners book title picks are:

March

Hope Was Here
by Joan Bauer

April

99 Fire Hoops
by Allison Hong Merrill



The Book Club meets the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Large Conference Room at the Parowan Library. Times will

be announced on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Storytime is every Tuesday at 10:30 am! Come hear a story, do an activity and have a snack!



If you need tax forms printed out, we can help!

Spring cleaning? Getting rid of books? Think of the Little Library on Center and Main street. We are always taking book donations.

Make sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram
@ParowanCityLibrary

Lighting the "P"

Dear Community Members:

We are excited to announce that PHS has raised enough to fund the purchase of lighting materials for the P-Hill. We wanted to thank everyone who has financially contributed to make this project possible. Parowan Market and owner Mike Crockett has covered the bulk of the cost through his Round-Up fundraiser.

PHS has also partnered with Parowan City to help get power to this project. Last week, two of our community members, Ben Johnson and Mike Adams, proposed this idea at City Council meeting, and it was approved. We wanted to thank Mayor Halterman for her help as well as the City Council for their support.

Finally, Greg Evans from Marshall Evans Electric has helped determine all the electrical materials needed to get the P illuminated. He has gone out of his way to make this project possible, and he deserves a shout-out.

It is awesome to know that many of the citizens of Parowan are willing to donate or help make this project possible. A project of this size would not be possible without your support. Thank you.

The genesis of this project was to get our students involved in giving back to the community. It was also hoped that we could get this project completed by graduation for our Senior Class of 2022. It is with those two goals in mind that we are outlining more that needs to be completed.

Here is where we currently stand:

- As a school, we will be ordering and purchasing all of the lighting materials.
- The city is going to help us get power to the site.
- When the snow melts, we will need to organize some time to get

the lighting set-up and run power to the site.

- We will be working with our Student Body Officers to plan how we can help prepare the site and construct the lighting and will be setting dates to work on the site. We will need help from community members to complete the power and lighting set up. We will have more information to come about this later.

As a school, we are concerned about protecting this project from vandals. We have discussed fencing the area around the P or putting up cameras. If it is determined that these items will be necessary, we will need to raise the funds for these items, and we will need additional help setting them up. Thanks again.

If you would like to donate, please contact the office at 435-477-3366.

Kim Bailey, Principal
Parowan High School

Calling All Players! Soccer Time is Here!

Sign up now!

Parowan City Soccer registration starts

March 14th and runs through April 9th.

Standard fees per child:
\$30 with your own jersey
\$35 to include a jersey

Late registration will be from **April 11th through April 16th.**

Late Fees per child:
\$50 with your own jersey
\$55 to include a jersey

If you are able to coach, volunteer, or be a team parent please let us know. Your participation is appreciated.

Sign up forms are available at the Visitor's Center, 5 South Main, open Monday-Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm.

Not Your Average Swap Meet

Friday, March 25th
Saturday, March 26th
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

At the Iron County Fair Building

There will be something for everyone! Join us and come have a look around!

Antiques, metal art, clothing, homemade candy, Tupperware, yard sale items, handmade stuffed animals, Easter décor, Allison's Pantry, jewelry, art works, Scentsy products, frozen fruit blends, tools, hand-crafted soaps, bath bombs, scrubs, guns, scopes, and more!

"Alicia" will be in the kitchen with her ever popular tamales and fruit dishes!

Parowan Animal Assistance League (PAAL)

Very often PAAL is asked to help find a dog or cat. We will ask for a good recent picture of the pet and many times the owner doesn't have one. Please make sure you have a picture of your furry friend, preferably just of the pet. This makes it better to post on our Facebook page. Also, if possible, an identification tag on the collar. The best way to get you pet home is a chip. We scan all dogs brought into the shelter for chips. You can get your dog chipped at your vet. And remember to register the chip with the company that makes them.

From the Parowan Chamber of Commerce

The Parowan Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce some exciting new changes and programs for this year! First, we welcome our newly elected Chamber President Danny Abbott. He and his wife Heather own the Southern Country Chevron & Bakery. We look forward to his leadership.

Our local businesses appreciate

you! When you shop locally, your dollars stay longer in our local economy and benefit our entire community. Parowan offers more than you might think. Shopping locally saves time and fuel.

The Parowan Chamber of Commerce would like to introduce you to our local businesses with a new free tool. We will be distributing a souvenir Parowan fridge magnet (about the size of a postcard). The magnet has a scannable QR code on it. Simply snap a photo of the QR code with your smartphone and you'll be instantly linked to a new Parowan Business Directory.

The magnets will be delivered to each home in Parowan. If we happen to miss you, or you'd like an extra, stop by any Parowan Main Street Business and grab one. Next time, before you head out of town take 30 seconds and see if what you need might be available right here from one of your neighbors.

Did you know small businesses generate \$68 of local economic return for every \$100 spent with them. Over \$9.3 billion would be directly returned to our economy if every US family spent just \$10 a month at a local business. Businesses with fewer than 500 employees account for 99.7% of all US employers.

We'd like to welcome some new members:

- Southern Utah Chimney Sweep
Alex Thurston
- Color Country Tree Service
Bryce Mineer
- Brian Head Ski Resort

Meeks Park, Farmstead, Urban Fishery

On Wed., January 26, 2022 there was an outdoor meeting at the Meek's Park organized by Ron Roth representing the Shade Tree Commission. The purpose of the meeting was to

review the history of the park, outline a plan of restoration and encourage community suggestions.

The pioneer developer provided history and suggestions, and included Nancy Dalton, Jim Shurtleff, Kristen Robinson, Jim Guymon, and Vern Fridley. They reviewed the park beginnings in 1988 and outlined the development over the ensuing decades.

Plans for restoration included revitalization of the four cooperative managing entities: Parowan Heritage Foundation, Parowan City, Parowan High School Agriculture Department, and State of Utah DWR Urban Fisheries.

Additional restorative plans included removal of invasive trees (already completed), additional removal of invasive shrubs, weeds, grasses which are also fire hazards, application for forestry and other grants to assist with planting native trees, shrubs, and grasses, clearing of the trail systems to encourage walking, establishing a picnic area (tables and refuse containers already present), installing educational signage, restoring the water irrigation system for the new trees, shrubs, and grasses, dredging of the pond with subsequent restocking of gamefish to bring back community fishing.

Mike Adams discussed water sources for the pond focusing on mountain water from the Center Creek Power Station to Meek's Park creek, and the North Pipeline farmers responsibilities to continue output into the pond to maintain its health.

Candace Shaible discussed the possibility of a "Pollinator Grant" to bring in native flowers that will attract bees, butterflies and other pollinators and add color to the park.

Utah State Fisheries is considering a grant to install a pond aerator and foundation to add to pond water health and aesthetics.

All attendees agreed that an aggressive, ongoing community wide volunteer program is essential to restoring and maintaining Meeks functionality and attractiveness.

Restoration and maintenance has been potential in establishing Meek's Park, Farmstead, and urban Fishery as Parowan's star outdoor attraction.



A 20th Century Story

By: Sandra Benson

I am still enjoying the Amos C. Hatch family history. It reflects pieces of all of us. The accounts remind me of the importance of past connections. Born in the last decade of the 19th century, the Hatch story begins about when the zipper was invented and a couple of years before Utah became a state. Amos Hatch recalls his family moving from Idaho to Utah in a covered wagon; he lived to experience travel on a jet plane. Theirs is a record of 20th century trials and joys: The Roaring 20's, Great Depression, wars that came and came again; the pandemic (Spanish Flu that claimed a family member); father and sons went to war in WWII.

It is my hope that as you read this tiny segment of personal history, you will want to discover and write your history. We all have worthy histories. I have picked a Hatch family WWI segment that made me smile.

Amos and Sarah Edna were engaged to be married in June of 1918 but WWI drug Amos into military service in April 1918. The wedding festivities were off, but he asked Sarah Edna to come to Fort Lewis, Washington. It was there they were married on June 1st by the military Chaplain. Amos recalls, "We had a very short honeymoon of one weekend and we were sent overseas and Sarah came back home." Amos was shipped to Le-Havre, France, part of the Expeditionary Force. He recalls welcoming celebrations of the French people as they "marched around France." However, the soldiers quickly found themselves in the "trenches." In WWI, shrapnel and gas were daily challenges. Amos recalls on one occasion his group of troops were "pretty decently

comfortable in a rock quarry when his friend said, 'I don't feel good about this. Even if you don't leave, I'm going to.' And Amos thought, 'Well, my friend has pretty good intuition or something . . maybe I'd better follow him. We moved some thirty yards and had no more than reached there when a shell came over and lit directly on the bunk we'd prepared at first.'"

And here is "It's a Small World" tale: "On the 29th of September 1918 we were being shelled unmercifully near an old rock quarry where we found a little soldier terribly wounded. There were two of us and I never found out who he was but it didn't matter. We put him on a slab we found near the old rock quarry and started down the trail toward a dressing station where we left the wounded man and moved on. I thought he wouldn't live through the night and forgot all about him. Nine years later, in the fall of 1927, we moved to Parowan to take charge of the schools there. Ray Garner, my newly hired Ag teacher, visited me in my kitchen while our ladies did their stuff in the living room. We soon found that we both had been members of the 91st Division in WWI. I had a book. There was a sketch map outlining the area where the 91st operated, naming towns, streams, elevations, etc. I had marked, numbered and cataloged what had happened to me at each place of interest. Garner looked the map over and pointed to a spot on the map and said, 'That's where I was wounded the night of Sept. 29th.' We looked at the number on the map. The number read, 'picked up wounded soldier.' We looked at each other - I wondered, 'Could it be that that little wounded guy was Ray Garner?' And my new friend said, 'So you were one of the guys who hauled me down to the dressing station and dropped me, slab and

yourselves to the ground every time a shell came over sending shrapnel and that cussed mustard gas sailing around. It nearly killed me every time you dropped!'"

Later, Amos commented, "The circumstantial evidence is so strong to my mind that the wounded soldier was indeed my now great and good friend, Ray Garner. In 1933 we both ran for mayor of Parowan. I didn't care who won. We went deer hunting together that fall during the heat of the campaign. The townsfolk said we went out to do away with one or the other. I think maybe this particular political campaign should go down in the books as the most kindly political campaign in history - - neither of us did anything.'

Note: Mr. Hatch won and served two terms as Parowan Mayor.

There is more to this Parowan story. In the next edition I hope you'll enjoy reading of his WWII experiences. He tells of a very important dinner he had with an American icon and lists a good number of boys from home he met while in France. What an emotional lift that must have been for all involved.



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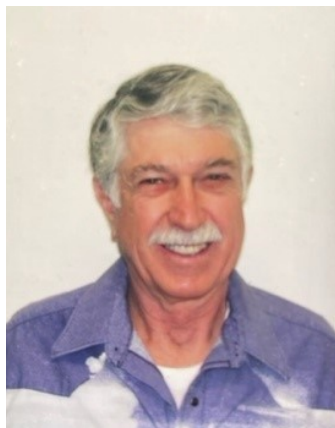
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**2021
Citizen of the Year
John Wilson**



Parowan is imbued with patriotism. That love and awareness of country and community that makes us want to serve, to help, to enrich our communities in whatever way we can. This patriotism and commitment to the history and values of Parowan is also part of the essence of John Wilson.

John was born on April 28th 1933. His heroes lived in the stories of his childhood, stories of the many family members, starting with a grandfather (some number of greats back) that fought in the revolutionary war, and continuing through every conflict thereafter. Heroes who fought to establish and maintain this country and its ideals. They also lived in family stories of frontier times and building railroads communities and families.

During WWII John was growing up in Long Beach CA. He had a brother in India in the Army and another in the Navy on a submarine. He remembers shrapnel from the anti-aircraft guns coming down on his roof, and he could not wait to join up and do his part. Although being a little younger he had to wait for the Korean War to join the Air Force. He joined at 17 and was flying combat missions by 18. He continued his service until 1955.

John is also a cowboy, and has that love of wide-open spaces. He believes in those small-town western values of individualism, independence, self-reliance and responsibility. He spent 10 years on the open range of Owyhee County in Idaho and when he returned from the service bought a small ranch there.

However, he then met a Parowan girl, Maylo McNicholl Miller, and she had a saying “you can take the girl out of Parowan but you can never take Parowan out of the girl”. So not too long after they got married in 1961, they moved to Parowan, and although they didn't always live here it was their home. During the 60's John taught and was the assistant coach at Parowan High School. This was an active time in the growth and the establishment of what would be essential parts of Parowan for years to come. He was an active member of the Red Hills Wranglers and involved in building and maintaining the race track and fairgrounds. He also helped build the swimming pool. Among other things, spending “days” in that quintessential Parowan past time of picking rocks from the field where the pool was built. In 1965 he graduated with a masters in psychology from Utah State University.

During the 70's and early 80's they were back in California where he obtained further education in psychology at USC and UCLA. During this time, he was teaching at the elementary, high school and college level, and also worked as an accountant in the semi-conductor industry.

John and Maylo returned to Parowan in 1989 when they bought the Parowan Cafe. As a business owner he was involved in the Chamber of Commerce and was the second chairperson of the Parowan Main Street Committee.

The focus of this committee was to keep downtown main street vital, and help the city grow while celebrating it's past.

He returned to Parowan High School as the councilor where his commitment to the individual and the community merged in helping so many kids through their high school years including numerous years of providing scholarships post-graduation.

John was also a member and president of the Lions Club and elemental to establishing the Little Salt Lake Club. He was its first president, and responsible for obtaining the flags and establishing the tradition of all the flags on Main Street and up at the cemetery on Memorial Day.

As Adjuvant and then Assistant Adjuvant of the local American Legion he has consistently been involved in the Memorial Day program in acquiring the guns and bugles providing honors for those veterans who have passed.

Besides this overt service through the military, schools, clubs and civil committees there are the more private acts – the simple daily acts of helping to corral loose animals, visiting with the sick, taking those who could no longer drive to visit the eagles, donations given to help individuals and to the city for flags, and shade trees and new buildings, to help acquire land or resources that benefited the whole city.

John has never been one to stand back and has given freely of his knowledge and ability. He feels service is a privilege, allowing him to pay back a small part of the debt he feels he owes this country and the people who came before him.

Congratulations John!