Well, we have survived the Mayan end of the world, Christmas, a couple of good snow storms and, I hope, the fiscal cliff. This has been a great year for our community.

Now we look forward to an uncertain year with optimism.

My goals for 2013:
♦ 2 more grandchildren
♦ More vacation time with Judy
♦ More snow in the mountains
♦ A community that is close and supportive
♦ Enjoy the many outdoor events and activities in this great town; ice skating for now and more as it warms up.

As Mayor, I wish to express my appreciation for what each of you do to make this a wonderful place to live.

May you enjoy time with your families and prepare for another great year.

Sincerely,
Dave Parrish

Dash in the dark, a Halloween 5K run sponsored by Roxanne Squire and Beckie Hermansen, donated 2012 proceeds of $550 to the City for the new Splash Pad.

Co-ed Adult Volleyball will be organized if enough interest is shown. If you would like to add your support, please call the Ephraim City Rec Director, Phil Murray, at 435-851-3954.
Ephraim City is now offering paperless billing! If you have trouble setting up your account and need assistance, or have questions about paperless billing, please call the Ephraim City Offices and we will be happy to help you.

With paperless billing, you don't have to miss out on the City Newsletter; it will be available to you at ephraimcity.org.

Follow the instructions below to set up your account today:

- Visit our website at ephraimcity.org and select the Online Bill Pay icon in the upper left hand corner. This will direct you to another screen where you will select the Pay Now icon at the bottom of the page. If you prefer, you can type in this URL that will take you directly there: https://secure3.visualwebtools.com/caselle/?id=99693.

- If you have already set your account up for Online Bill Pay you will log in using your username and password. If you need to create an account, you will input the account information required. This information is found on your utility statement.

- If this is your first time setting up your Online Bill Pay, you will need to go through all the steps required. You will be required to enter your credit card information for payment. Payments will not go through if you do not set them up to.

- After you have set up your account, log off and log back in.

- To select paperless billing you need to select UPDATE MY SETTINGS after login.

- You will then select the box that says Check this box if you no longer want to receive paper statements.

- You will also want to check the box that says Send e-mail of bill details when available.

- Emails will be sent to the email address that you provided.

- Make sure to click the UPDATE button at the bottom of the screen to save your changes.

You are now set up for paperless statements. To view your bill details, you will select the month you wish to view in the drop box located on the upper right hand corner. Then click on the link above that and it will show your bill details. Bill details are available by the 1st of each month.

Central Utah Food Sharing is a non-profit, non-discriminatory, non-denominational organization. The purpose of the food bank is to address the problems of hunger in Sanpete County and is designed to meet the needs of low-income individuals and/or households and make referrals where necessary.

Those working at the food bank make every effort to uphold and respect each person ensuring dignity and anonymity.

They serve 400 to 475 families a month. The work load is like that of any other business with cleaning, ordering and stocking shelves, filling food boxes for pickup and delivery. The truck must be maintained along with the forklift and freezers.

Food is picked up from Walmart each Tuesday and Thursday, Terrell’s on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Three trucks a month must be unloaded and items stacked in the warehouse. Home deliveries are made three times a month. Record is kept of families served as well as the number of hours volunteers work, the number of pounds of goods received, and all is compiled into monthly reports and submitted to the Utah Food Bank.

In the past month, 124 households, 133 individuals under the age of 18, 172 between 18 and 54, and 33 people 55 and over have been served in Ephraim alone.

Many hours and many hands go into running this food bank each and every month. It is a lot of work with not enough volunteers. If you would like to volunteer some time, please call 435-462-3006. It is also an excellent service project for church groups and scouts. In fact, 8 hours of donated time to the food bank would fulfill a requirement for the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. Please call and volunteer today.