

The **'High Hopes'** News

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Mission Statement

The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation is dedicated to the support and preservation of parks, sports facilities and athletic programs in the greater Yakima area.

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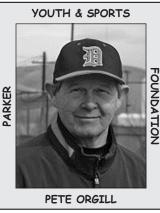
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Annual Foundation Fundraiser Begins its Second Decade

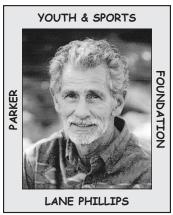


Beginning its second decade, this year's *11th Annual Sports Legends Reunion* will return to the Howard Johnson Friday, June 10. The doors open at 5:30 for a social, dinner is at 6:15 and the program begins at 7:00. *Pete Orgill*, longtime A.C. Davis High School head baseball coach, will be recognized as the Honored Guest. Pete was born in Idaho; his family would settle on the family farm in Grandview. By the time Pete graduated from Grandview High School he would achieve recognition as a multisport athlete. Athletics would be a central part of Pete's life, continuing to play baseball at both Yakima Valley College and Central Washington State College.

During this time, he would develop a great love for education and the game of baseball. He was a passionate educator, and as a coach he was driven to help kids learn to play the game and show them how dedication, commitment and being part of a team could help them in all aspects of their lives. Pete was honored in 2011 by being elected into the Washington State Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame.

Lane Phillips, a native of Lewiston, Idaho, will be the *2016 High Hopes Golf Tournament* Honorary Chairman. Lane was a member of the 1959-60 YVC Indians returning a number of years later to serve on the coaching staff. He was drafted as a pitcher by the New York Yankees and later joined the Philadelphia Phillies system (1962-65).

The tournament will feature the usual 8 a.m. shotgun scramble event Saturday, June 11. It all begins at the tournament tent with team check-in from 6:30-7:30 a.m., all the golf balls you can hit at the driving range, continental breakfast and our welcome at 7:45 a.m. We will have our popular putting strings and mulligans available, as well as contests on all par



3 holes and a \$100,000 hole-in-one opportunity. We will provide our annual "gift" for those playing and hope all will stay for the post-golf High Hopes BBQ luncheon and awards ceremony around 1:15 p.m. Extra luncheon tickets are available for your family and friends. Team pictures will be taken on the 9th and 18th tee blocks throughout the day and will be available for pick-up around 1:30.

If interested in playing, contact the office at 509-469-9336 for an entry form; or you will find one on the Foundation's website: parkeryouthandsportsfoundation.org.

A summary of the registration and financial documents of the PARKER YOUTH & SPORTS FOUNDATION is available by calling the Office of the Secretary of State (Washington State) at 1-800-332-4483 or by visiting their website: http://www.secstate.wa.gov/charities/.

President's Message



Hello;

Please give a warm welcome to our newest member of the Parker Youth and Sports Foundation family. Her name is Laura Taylor, and she is our new office manager. She will be available to help with any questions Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Keep in mind our two major fundraisers are coming up fast. The June 10 Sports Legends Reunion is at the Howard Johnson Plaza this year. We will be honoring the late Pete Orgill, longtime Davis High school baseball coach.

Then the following day -- June 11 at the Apple Tree Resort golf course -- will be the 11th Annual High Hopes Golf Scramble. Our honorary chairman will be Lane Phillips. So get your team registered.

Now just a few thank you notes. Thank you for all the Parker Partners who have sent in their contributions for membership. Thank you to all who have donated to our noble cause. A very special thank you to Virginia Hays for all her behind-the-scenes work and helping Laura acclimate to the office. Thank you to Jerry Ward, Jon Mulvenon and Chuck Hinckley for keeping the office going while we transition. Then, finally, thank you to all the volunteer board members who are helping to grow this dynamic organization.

Sam Karr President, Parker Youth and Sports Foundation

You can support the fundraiser by:

High Hopes Tournament

Player & Team Entries Volunteers Raffle Items Pick Up Products

Sports Legends Reunion

Volunteers Auction & Raffle Items Donate Desserts Gift Baskets -Variety of sizes

Contact:

High Hopes Tournament Sam Karr – 509-945-0027

Sports Legends Reunion Dan Williams – 509-833-6058

New Office Manager: Laura Taylor



Hello, my name is Laura Taylor. I was born in Arizona and I lived there until I was two years old. My family moved back to Yakima where I attended public schools graduating from A.C. Davis High School.

I previously worked for Southwest Airlines in Las Vegas, as a medical receptionist and in retail

for Macy's.

I have two beautiful daughters. We enjoy spending time together with our family, traveling, scrapbooking, swimming, camping, playing volleyball, and being outdoors.

Office In Transition - Donation Acknowledgment

The Foundation has a new secretary and is trying to catch up the acknowledgment letters since June 30, 2015. If you made a donation, including Parker Partner membership and don't receive a letter by May 30th, contact Laura Taylor in the office – 509-469-9336 or info@parkeryouthfoundation.com.

We appreciate your patience and support.

Grant Scoreboard

A look at where the Foundation's funds have been put to use.

Organization	Purpose	Amount
Friends of Tieton	Basketball court	\$4,000.00
La Salle High School	Field stripping machine	\$2,700.00
Parker Faller Field Improve. Group	Expenses incurred at the field	\$15,000.00
Wine Country Crush	Rotten Grapes, girls junior Roller Derby team equipment	\$2,500.00
West Valley Dance Team	Matching Funds request	\$1000.00
YVCC Athletics Diana Gil-Vargas	Joe Donahue Memorial Scholarship	\$2,400.00
YVCC Baseball Alec Chaney	Faller/Brayton Coaches Award Recipient	\$3,000.00

The Foundation received a \$25,000.00 check from the YVCC Foundation designated by the Daryl Parker Estate for Parker Faller Field Improvement Group of Yakima.

Acknowledgments

The foundation conducted its sixth annual Parker Partner Membership Drive during December. Funds generated from the drive support operation of the office. Your membership fee allows all other donations to support scholarships and grants. We couldn't operate without you. Bold = renewed since February.

Parker Partners

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Memorials

We are honored to remember those who have passed. Many have been Parker Partners and shared our mission throughout their lives.



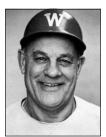
In memory of **Betty Baker**, who in 1950 started a softball team called the Apple Queens. They went on that year to win the state title. She played on the Webcats and the Yakima Applets as the pitcher. Betty played softball for many years to follow, with great success. She also was an accomplished bowler. Betty also

excelled in golf, playing at Riverside in Yakima, which was later purchased by the Elks Golf and Country Club. She was a lifetime member of the Elks.

Jon & Linda Mulvenon

In memory of **Don and Joyce Bedlington**, who both were involved in PeeWee baseball during the 1960's. Don coached and Joyce supported his passion.

Gary & Mary Bedlington



In memory of **Bobo Brayton**, legendary WSU Cougar baseball coach, remembered as a down-toearth man who taught young men the game of baseball and life.

Jon & Linda Mulvenon

In memory of **John Crimin**, exceptional career in law enforcement; he was an avid golfer; loved telling many jokes and the occasional pun that left everyone shaking their heads with laughter. John was also a very talented musician and played in several local bands over the years.



Spud & Gay Edmondson

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In memory of **Forest Latham**, was a member of the first Eisenhower High School class of 1958, where his tennis skills were quickly noticed, attended the UW but left to join the Peace Corps, where he served in Mexico for a short time. Returning to Yakima, he enrolled at Yakima Valley Community College



and later at Central Washington University, where he captained the Wildcat tennis squad to the national tournament in 1966. Forrest would teach and coach in New Zealand before returning to YVC in 1978.

Spud & Gay Edmondson Jon & Linda Mulvenon



In memory of **Pete Orgill**, where athletics would be a central part of Pete's life, as he was a great athlete and played baseball at both Yakima Valley College and Central Washington State College. During this time, he developed a great love for education and the game of baseball. He was a passionate educator, and as

a coach he was driven to help kids learn to play the game and show them how dedication, commitment and being part of a team could help them in all aspects of their lives.

Dave & Rebecca Hartwig Jon & Linda Mulvenon Erwina Peterson

In memory of **Archie Sutton**, played tackle on the University of Illinois football team and in 1964 was selected All American player, helping the fighting Illini win the Rose Bowl game. After graduation, he played three seasons, 1965 – 1967, in the National Football League with the Minnesota Vikings. Moving to



Yakima in 1987 as the Personnel Manager for the city of Yakima. He was an avid golfer and travel.

Bill Faller

In memory of **Lyle Woolf**, a threesport high school letterman before playing football at WSU. Eventually moving to Yakima in 1963, Lyle "Smiley" served the pharmacy needs of the community as the owner of Woolf's Drug. Always a WSU football



fan, Lyle would become an active member of the Yakima Elks Golf Club

Jon & Linda Mulvenon



Joe Donahue Memorial Scholarship

Thank you to Joe's faithful friends who continue to remember him.

Ellwood & Ella Crosier Bob & Maurine Winters

Faller/Brayton

Endowment A fund that supports YVCC athletics.

The Boeing Co. Denise Connor Steve & Winnie Evert



Aaron Faller Tom Parry

In Honor of Daryl Parker

Many friends of Parker Youth & Sports Foundation continue to take the opportunity to honor Daryl Parker for serving as a driving force in supporting the Foundation his father founded. We miss him and his wisdom each day.



Ron Hamamoto Virginia Norman Chris Turner

Parker Faller Field Improvement

Improvements have moved into Phase III, a Wall of Honor. For YVCC's baseball field. Donations from the following support this work.

Faller Brayton (PY&SF) Endowment Bill Faller Manny & Mary Jo Perez Dick Smith

Note:

Memorials have also been received for Sandra Butterfield, Ardis Metz, CJ Mitchell, Gene Ramos and Elaine Jeffers Edmondson Stephenson. They will be honored in the next newsletter.

Board of Directors New Faces and Talents

Mike Bastinelli grew up in Tacoma but moved to Oregon to attend high school in Lakeview and college in Ashland at Southern Oregon University to study communications. Michael's radio career took him to Texas, Oregon and Pennsylvania before moving to Yakima in 1988, working for several local radio stations. Michael has done play-by-play radio for high school sports in the Valley since 1988 and for 14 years was the radio voice of the Yakima Sun Kings minor league basketball team. Michael has been the public information officer for the Yakima Police Department since July 2014. He is married to his beautiful wife Kim and has three daughters: Brooke and Melissa, currently living in Southern California, and Brianne, a student at Washington State University. In addition to serving on the Parker Youth Board. Michael is also a board member of the Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce and Safe Yakima Valley.



Megan Bewlev grew up in Yakima and attended Eisenhower High School. She received her degree at Ohio State University in consumer and textile sciences in 2004. After living in San Diego for eight years - where she met her husband

J.D. Bewley, she and J.D. moved to Yakima three years ago to work for her parents, Jan and Greg Luring at McDonald's. She has been working her way through the business.

Megan was one of the 2014-15 United Way of Central Washington's 22 community executives who volunteered to lend their talents and skills to raise critical community-building funds by working with companies and organizations throughout Central Washington. She also participated in Leadership Yakima through the Chamber of Commerce in her first year back. She and her husband keep extremely busy with McDonald's and are just beginning their involvement in the community. (Information provided from United Way of Central Washington website.)

Thanks for Supporting the Foundation!

Ray Funk has over 20 years of experience working in a variety of administrative, coaching and instructional positions within the field of athletics for both higher and secondary education levels. Currently, he is the director of athletics and head men's basketball coach at Yakima Valley Community College.



He has a proven record of success that includes earning "A.D. of the Year" and "Coach of the Year" honors and winning the 2008 Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges men's basketball championship. During his 11-year tenure at Yakima Valley, his teams have gualified for the championship tournament eight times with six placing seventh or higher. Also, his athletic programs have been named "Program of the Year" several times by the Associated Students of YVCC.

Funk has also served on and chaired the NWAC Executive Board and has served on and chaired numerous sport committees, including NWAC men's basketball, NWAC softball and the South Central Athletic Conference.

Prior to serving YVCC, Funk was the athletic director, head boys' basketball coach and a classroom teacher for White Swan High School. In addition, Funk's experience includes a stint working in the front office of the NBA's Miami Heat while he was earning his master of science degree in sports Administration from St. Thomas University in Miami, FL. He received his bachelor of arts degree in social studies and secondary education in 1992, graduating *summa cum laude* from Washington State University. Ray and his wife Lonni have one son, Trey, 14.



Ron King, has been involved in Yakima Valley radio broadcasting for most of the past 58 years. He has served the business community as a professional broadcast sales consultant since 1967.

His involvement in community has extended far beyond his broadcast career. Ron is a past director

of the Jaycees and has served on boards for Montessori School, Central Washington MS Society, Yakima County Development Association, Yakima Rotary, Yakima Visitors and Convention Bureau, Yakima Ad-

• vertising Federation, Yakima Radio Broadcasters, Fort Simcoe Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Yakima Specialties (13 years) and the Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce.

He has been an organizational, advisory, and/or fundraising volunteer for the March of Dimes, United Way, Little League Baseball, Salvation Army and Yakima Specialties Foundation (past president). He was the sitting chair of the Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce in 1985-86, the year "Leadership Yakima" was founded, and became a graduate of the very first class. He has also served on almost every chamber committee as a volunteer or chair over the past 30 years. He returned to the chamber board of directors in 2009 and continues to organize the "Past Board Chairs" of the chamber, who will honor him this year with their secret ballot to name him a Ted Robertson Community Service Award recipient. (Information provided from Washington State University online class notes website.)

Pat Leahy joined benefits broker and human resources consulting firm EmSpring Corporation June 24, 2013, as its regional vice president of business development. EmSpring is now a division of HUB International, the world's largest privately held insurance brokerage. Pat is a familiar face around Yakima, where he graduated



from Eisenhower High School. After graduating from Notre Dame with a degree in economics, he obtained his MBA from the University of Washington. His business experience includes 15 years with an insurance wholesaler, where he led a 13-state regional sales team and helped design proprietary long term care insurance products. Pat is still involved in sports, coaching in the Grid Kids program. He has a daughter and son.



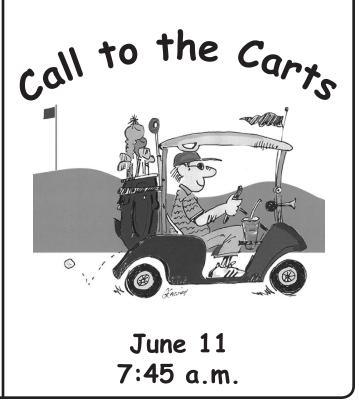
Alan Sillence joined KIMA as its sports director in 1994 and has spent 25 years in broadcasting. He started his career at KOMO-TV in Seattle in 1978 as a film editor and news production assistant while studying at the University of Washington. He then moved to KNDO-TV, before heading south to KGGM-TV in Albuquerque, New Mexico. While in New Mexico, Sillence won the Associated Press award for best newscast in New Mexico and took the Associated Press award for second-best sportscast in New Mexico.

Sillence returned to the Yakima Valley nearly 15 years ago, where he's won numerous awards, including the Associated Press first place for best sportscast in Washington. Sillence is also a member of the Yakima Valley Sports Commission.

Dan Williams was born and raised in Yakima and graduated from Davis High School. He worked in the automotive finance and sales industry previously and has owned and operated his own insurance agency for several years. In 2012 Dan joined Shaw & Sons' staff as a licensed intern; he serves as intern funeral director/intern embalmer.



When not working, Dan enjoys spending time with his family, traveling to his son's baseball tournaments and RV'ing on vacations throughout the Northwest. He also loves to coach baseball and basketball. He enjoys working with people and sharing all the extraordinary stories of life. (Information provided from Shaw & Sons' website.)



A Glimpse of Pete & Lane, Supporters of the Fundraiser

More than statistics, a look at who Pete and Lane are or were as people as written by two people who knew them.

Meet Lane Phillips High Hopes Honorary Chairman Story by Bill Faller

Lane Phillips has been an extraordinary lifelong athlete and coach, an avid supporter of sports programs and an active supporter of the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation. He was a star athlete at Clarkston High School and continued playing basketball and baseball at Yakima Junior College in 1959-60. He signed a pro baseball contract with the New York Yankees and was in spring training with the Philadelphia Phillies when a serious shoulder injury abruptly ended his promising pitching career.

Lane returned to Yakima, and in the early 70's he started 11 years on the YVCC athletic staff. He assisted athletic director and baseball coach Bill Faller as well as basketball coach Ellwood Crosier. Lane became the men's head basketball coach when Ellwood moved to women's basketball.

Lane left Yakima and YVCC to work 20-plus years in the jet boat industry in Idaho and California In 2007 he retired and returned to his roots in the Lewis-Clark Valley. Since then he has regularly recruited a foursome in our High Hopes Tournament, and his teams are always contenders for the championship.

In September 2014, Lane had a medically unexplained blackout, falling and incurring a spinal cord injury, which left him wheelchair-bound. Since then Lane has worked diligently to make a comeback from being mostly paralyzed from the neck down. He continues extensive physical therapy with amazing perseverance and determination. The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation is honored and proud to have Lane as our Honorary Tournament Chairman.

Meet Pete Orgill Sports Legends Reunion Honored Guest Story by Katie (Orgill) Hinckley

Pete Orgill, a great man who touched so many lives in a positive way, passed away quietly with his family and friends at his side on May 14, 2015, after a short, courageous fight with cancer.

Talk to anyone from the old Mid-Valley League in

Yakima and hear stories about the tough, knobbykneed kid from Grandview. Being the fourth child in a loving family of eight helped make him a fierce competitor in all sports, but baseball was his first love. He excelled in baseball at Yakima Valley College and continued his baseball career at Central Washington State College. During this time, he developed a great love for education along with his love of baseball. Pete married the love of his life, Glenda.

Pete started his career at Lewis & Clark Junior High, then became a health teacher and head baseball coach at Davis High School in Yakima and loved this job for over a quarter-century. Pete always said he was a health teacher first and a baseball coach second.

He began a campaign to teach the world about heart health, specifically CPR, and how to save a life. He spent countless hours training people, organizations and the public in general. For many years, Pete led the annual CPR Blitz, at the Yakima Convention Center, where thousands of people were trained in life-saving procedures. Pete was more proud of the fact that he taught tens of thousands of people to save a life than of any of his accomplishments as a baseball coach. That is a powerful comment, as he is known as one of the finest baseball coaches in the state and was inducted into Washington State Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2011.

He was a passionate educator, and as a coach he was driven to help kids learn to play the game and show them how dedication, commitment and being part of a team could help in all aspects of their lives. Pete's students and players loved him with a passion. At Pete's passing, in an impromptu show of love, the third base coaching box at Davis's baseball field was overflowing with flowers brought by many former students and players. Pete's positive mentoring will live on as he and Glenda have three children who will carry on his legacy. His son Pete is a teacher and baseball coach, and his daughter Katie Orgill Hinckley, is the very successful head volleyball coach at West Valley High School of Yakima. Pete and Glenda were very fortunate to meet a young man that touched their hearts, and Saby Martinez became their third child and part of the family.

The Washington State Coaches Association was fortunate and honored to have Pete as a member, not only as the baseball representative, but representing all sports and showing students and fellow coaches how to live the right way.

Have a good spring!

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