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PY&SF Undertakes History Projects "Parker Families of Yakima and YVCC"

The historical committee has taken on two ambitious projects involving the namesake of the PY&SF and the history of Yakima Valley Community College. Jerry Ward, chair of the committee is taking a good deal of ribbing as to his deadline of 2028 when the college will celebrate its 100th Anniversary and counters with the comment that "we aren't getting any younger" and now is the time to check those memory banks, files, yearbooks, and picture albums for material that can be used in the story. However, the Parker family project, though on going, has a more reasonable deadline for stories about the roots of our Foundation. We continue to find new information about the Parker ancestors that probably has not been discussed or known for many years and even then probably shared only with the immediate Parker family. We hope to start a High Hopes series of columns about the Parkers in the next edition. The YVCC project will be in the "collection" stage with a possible preview story for the college's 90th anniversary in two years. The committee is always looking for new contacts, information and pictures that link to the Parker family as well as YVCC.

After the passing of Daryl Parker in March of 2015, Sherrie Parker loaned the Foundation several files about the family, not the least of which was a family bible from the late 1800's with recorded marriages, births, and death dates. Also, a priceless copy of a diary by Armeda Lesh Parker. Armeda was Daryl Parkers great grandmother and the diary covers the two month wagon train trip of the Parker family when they migrated to the Yakima Valley from Pawnee City, Nebraska, in 1878. These Parker files are further defining how involved this family was in the "pioneer" days of early Yakima, ranging from planting the "first" orchard to the first Superintendent of schools in 1883. The files cover the marriage of Rose Parker to A. E. Larson and further substantiate their involvement with the development of Yakima Valley College. The Parker-Larson family provided Yakima with the land for Parker-Faller Field, Larson Park and Gallery and, of course, the land the college occupies.

The current and new benefit for our historical committee is working with Niki Hopkins, Coordinator of Community Relations at YVCC. Her office has every Commencement Program on file since the first ceremony in 1930. We are entering information from these programs that will give us a year by year record of commencement speakers, Board members, student and award recipients and more. Once this data entry is completed, our committee will meet with a range of students, faculty, staff, and alumni as to what type of narrative could be written for each year. Thanks to former Parker Partner Connie Little, a true valley historian,

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Letter from the President



What an exciting challenge we have ahead of us. Raising the bar for Parker Youth Foundation's generosity for the youth of our community. We have been hugely successful due to the dedicated board we have been blessed to have.

I would like to just give a few words of well deserved gratitude to Spud Edmundson, Eric Carlson and Virginia Hays. We will miss your immense contributions to this organization. I also hope I can fill the generous shoes of Jon Mulvenon who has tirelessly led this organization for two years as our president. He inspired me to be a better board member and step up to the presidency. I hope I can fill his shoes.

I am proud to share this term with some new dynamic board members. We have expanded to 15 board members. Please welcome them to our organization.

I hope to have a great year. I will be open to any suggestions to better our cause. Some of the goals I hope to expand are, increased presence in the community, a better web presence for our historical athletic heritage with the help of Jerry Ward. We would also like to expand Parker Partners membership to increase our office hours. Some day it would be a goal to give Yakima a sports museum to honor all of Yakima's athletic achievements.

I hope we can convince further involvement from the generous Yakima community for our Legends Banquet and High hopes golf tournament on June 10 and 11th.

The city of Yakima has blessed me with lots of opportunities and I hope in some small way I can repay all the folks who have helped me along the way. So please help to enhance the opportunities for our youth to stay involved with sports and all the great gifts it can bring.
Sam Karr, President

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we have a copy of "Our Yesterdays". This 300 page manuscript includes a 30 page section about Yakima Junior College from 1928 to 1956 and was written by R. R. Glenn and Harold Hoeglund. The committee is not sitting around drawing straws as to who "will" be assigned to cover the 100th anniversary of the college, but we are confident that a record will be in place as to a starting point to produce a history of "old" Yakima Junior College, a history that obviously includes the Parker and Larson family support and involvement.

Thanks Virginia - Welcome Pam

The Foundation has been going through a major change in office operations as Virginia Hays has passed the keys on to Pam Thierolf who took over in October as our office manager. The new office hours are 2:30 pm to 5 pm on Tuesday through Thursday.

It's difficult to find the words to express the Foundations gratitude to Virginia. She has been "running" the office operation since 2008, taking care of correspondence, accounting, deposits, record keeping, and editor of the High Hopes newsletter. In addition to these duties, Virginia has been the major coordinator of the annual Legends Reunion and High Hopes Golf Tournament. Very little has taken place in the past eight years that does not have Virginia's finger prints on it. Not only has Virginia fulfilled her duties in the office, but the Foundation has benefitted from Virginia's volunteer time far beyond the 10 hours a week the office staffing budget is limited to. Thankfully, Virginia is still in the wings of our operation providing advice and direction as needed. Here's a loud Parker Partner "shout out", thanks a ton Virginia.

WIAA Hall of Fame, 2011 Virginia Hays, Official

Virginia Hays has been involved with officiating in the state of Washington for 39 years as a member of the board of officials, a clinician, and as an officials coordinator for state tournaments. Her love for sports carried with her throughout college where she graduated from Western Washington State College. She graduated in 1971 with a Bachelor of Education in K-12 Physical and Health Education. While at Western she lettered in volleyball, field hockey, basketball and softball. After college she went on to Washington State University where she received her graduate degree.

Virginia started officiating volleyball in 1972. In 1974, she became involved with the Central Washington Board of Officials where she served as an assigner for five years and was the chair of the By-Laws and Constitution Committee for two years. She has served as a trainer on two different occasions. Not only has Virginia been a part of officials committees at the local level, but she has also served at the state level as WOA Clinician along with her current role as the WIAA State 1A Volleyball Tournament Officials Coordinator.

Virginia is a tremendous asset as an official, but has

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Roll Call

Parker Partners New and Renewing Members

New Members

Sandra Butterfield
Ling Dong Huan
Andy Lowe
Marty Meister
Ryan Mumma
Justin Park
Trevor Quincey
Pam Thierolf

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George & Gay
Edmondson
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Virginia Faller
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Ray Funk
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Dan Marples
Gerald Marsh
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Bob Mccutcheon
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Sherrie Parker
Pug & Sharon Pineyerd
Melba Rademacher
Del Rankin
Don Rasmussen
Glenn Rasmussen
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also helped in other positions at various WIAA State Championships including basketball, cheer, dance and drill and softball. Virginia exemplifies someone who loves high school sports and wants to make a difference in young people's lives. She is proud of her involvement in the United State Volleyball program and continues to maintain her skill set as a top college and high school official.

Memorials

Faller Brayton Endowment

Steve & Winnie Evert

Parker Field Improvements

Bill Faller
Denise Faller/Boeing
Aaron Faller/Boeing
Dick Smith

Swede Linqvist

Tom & Mary Herche

In Memory of

Pete Orgill	Forrest Latham
Elaine Jeffer Stevens	Sutton
Artis Metz	Ramos
John Crimin	Forrest Latham
Forrest Latham	CJ Mitchell

**Mark
Your
Calendar!**

Save the Date!

Parker Youth & Sports
Foundation's

Sports Legends Reunion

Date:

Friday
June 10, 2016

High Hopes Golf Tournament

Date:

Saturday
June 11, 2016

Improvements Continue at Parker-Faller Field

When Daryl Parker proposed the re-naming of Parker Field in June, 2014, he stirred up new interest in the conditions and appearance of the ball park. It became a topic of discussion at Dick Smith's Baseballers lunches. Dick took action and a Parker Faller Field improvement Group was founded in September, 2014, with Rick Linneweh joining Dick as co-chair. The mission was to work with Yakima Valley Community College, Yakima Youth Baseball and Parker Youth & Sports Foundation to update and upgrade the Parker Faller baseball park to bring it up to the high standard of the surrounding campus, and for anticipated multiple uses by the college and community.

With PY&SF President Jon Mulvenon and directors Bob Alexander, Eric Carlson, and Bill Faller serving as members of the Field Improvement Group, the PY&SF Board approved the Group as an arm of the Foundation. Foundation director and treasurer Chuck Hinckley works directly with the Group as its treasurer. The Group has over twenty members with key participants in addition to those named above including Bob DiPietro, Bill Douglas, Bob Garretson, Kirk Gilday, Mel Moore, Keith Riffe, Morrie Shore, Bruce Staley, and Scott Wilson.

The field enhancement project is planned in three phases. This started with a badly needed redo of the playing field in the fall of 2014 and a renovation of the dugouts, donated by VK Powell. It included another field redo in the spring, partial painting of the stands and entrance ways, and a new Parker Faller Field sign on the back of the stands. Phase 1 was completed in July.

Phase II focused on a new main entry at the northwest corner. New wrought iron fencing and a main gate are completed and the area between the new fencing and gate has been covered with pavers. Also, the press box roof has been replaced by Yakima Youth Baseball with the work and materials donated by Leslie & Campbell and MG Wagner.

Phase III includes smaller parts of Phase II, including a Wall of Honor, and several major projects already given the go-ahead by the college. Work will be started on these this spring as the necessary funding is raised.

The cost of completed work is in the \$150,000 ballpark and the planned projects cost will approach another \$100,000. YVCC is directly involved in upgrading the facility, moving ahead with plans to replace and upgrade the entire seating system at an estimated \$800,000. This is expected to be completed this spring.

The Field Improvement Group is proud of the field enhancements accomplished to date and greatly appreciate the many supporters and contributors who have made it possible. A special thank you to Bob Elkey, Scott Wagner, and Roger Campbell for donated labor and materials, to Scott Wilson for the design and construction of the new Parker Faller Field sign, and to major financial contributors Daryl and Sherrie Parker, Yakima Youth Baseball, the Fall-Brayton Endowment, Stan Renecker, Tom and Mary Herche, Denise and Gene Connor, and Phil and Pam Hinrichs. Many additional donations received are a significant part of the Group's total income and each one is much needed and appreciated.

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tournament!

Welcome to the Parker Youth Sports Foundation

Please help me welcome our new board members who have graciously given their time to further our cause. They are Allen Sillience from Kima TV, Ray Funk from YVCC, Daniel Williams of Shaw and Sons, Mike Bastinelli from the Yakima Police Department, Ron King of Radio Yakima, Pat Leahy of Hub Plan Management, and Megan Bewly of McDonalds of Yakima. Joining with our current holdover board members who are Jon Mulvenon, Trudy Bray, Carol Finney, Bill Faller, Chuck Hinkley of Gear Jammer, Bob Alexander, Nancy Kendrick and Sam Karr of 1st American Realty, we hope this dynamic group can exceed 2015 expectations.

Thank you in advance for all your hard work for the youth of Yakima.



Bill Faller



Carol Finney



Dan Williams



Jon Mulvenon



Megan Bewley



Ray Funk



Sam Karr



Trudy Bray

