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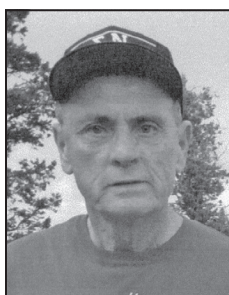
Annual Meeting Sees a Strengthening of the Board



Nancy Leahy grew up in Lake Oswego, Oregon and graduated from Purdue University in Speech and Hearing Pathology. For seven years she was a speech and hearing pathologist in Walla Walla and Richland, Washington moving to Yakima in 1980. Nancy taught in the Yakima School District, in health at Central Washington University and became Station Manager of KYVE TV (PBS). Other experience includes Executive Director of Make-A-Wish Foundation International; coordinator of the Early Care & Education Council of Boulder County, Colorado;

Director of Circle of Success and the Yakima Valley Hearing & Speech Center. She is currently director of Astria Sunnyside Foundation.

Nancy is a member of the Rotary Club of Yakima and Yakima Rotary Trust Board. She has served on the boards of Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce, Yakima Youth Baseball, Colorado American Legion Baseball Association, PY&SF (treasurer), KCTS-KYVE TV (PBS) and has been on the Yakima Superintendent's Advisory Committee for ten years. Nancy managed educational and fund raising banquets, auctions, tournaments, and numerous community events over the past forty years. Nancy was married to the late Jim Leahy and has three adult children and six grandchildren. Her personal motto: **"Where there is a will, there is a way!"**



Jon Mulvenon: I moved to Yakima in 1963 to work for Natural Gas Utility (later named Cascade Natural Gas) and retired in 2008 with over 45 years of service.

Looking for a volunteer opportunity it was natural to match a passion for sports and believing youth sports to be a character builder, Spud Edmondson suggested joining Parker Youth and Sports Foundation. After serving several terms as president we planned to move to the west side but those plans changed, so here I am again. I plan to rejoin the Grant, Sports Legends and High Hopes Tournament Committees.

We are very glad to be involved with PY&SF and look forward to supporting the mission of the Foundation of being "dedicated to the support and preservation of parks, sports facilities and athletic programs in the greater Yakima area".

With lots of energy for a seventy-five year young man, my wife Linda and I are the proud parents of six children and grandparents to 16 grandkids.

See FAMILIAR, continued on page 2

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/>.



Bob Spain graduated from Davis High School, Yakima Valley College and Central Washington State College. He played football, wrestled and ran track at Davis and wrestled in college.

Bob was a teacher in the Yakima School District, coaching wrestling at Lewis and Clark Jr. High School and Davis. In 1988,

Bob re-instated wrestling at YVCC and served as coach until 1998.

After retiring from education, Bob started a career in real estate. While the owner of Lakemont Real Estate, he was appointed to the State Real Estate Board by Governor Gary Locke and served as president of the Yakima Multiple Listing Service.

After retiring a second time, he started a wrestling program at Riverside Christian School in 2014 and is the middle school and high school coach.

Bob and his wife Bernice have been Parker Partners for many years.



Jerry Ward, a charter PY&SF Board member (2005) and who served as President of the Foundation for two years, returns to the Board after a five-year hiatus. Jerry maintained a connection with the Foundation since retiring from the board: Parker Partner membership;

contributed to memorials; volunteered at the High Hopes Tournament; sponsored a table at the Sports Legends Reunion; served as the 'unofficial' PY&SF historian writing articles for the High Hopes newsletter and coordinating the historical collections of the organization; and maintained the display cases in the lobby of the A. E. Larson Building.

The first 10-year stint at YVCC Jerry served as the Intramural Coordinator, Instructor for Health PE and Recreation, and assistant football coach. Returning in 1979 as Director of Student Programs and he was also men's head basketball coach from 1982-1984. From 1983 until his retirement in 2004, Jerry was the Director of Physical Education, Athletics, and Recreation. Jerry oversaw an athletic program that won a total of six NWAACC championships and six runner-up titles.

As the athletic director, YVCC saw the growth in women's athletics and the creation of two NWAACC traveling trophies named in honor of YVCC coaches

(Glen Sherar for men's tennis and Bill Faller for baseball). Jerry's leadership contributions at YVCC: hosted the NWAACC Baseball tournament for many years; served the NWAACC as Committee Chair for Men's and Women's Tennis and Men's and Women's Basketball; and served on the NWAACC Executive Board for four years. In 1996, Jerry won the Dutch Triebwasser Award, signifying the NWAACC's outstanding athletic administrator.

Welcome to all the incoming Board of Directors.

Office Report

– *By Darlene Olmstead*



It is a quiet time in the office right now but I am looking forward to more activity as we go into winter with "Parker Partner" renewals and newsletter responses.

Don Erickson has taken hold of the "High Hopes" golf tournament planning. He and his committee are in full swing. I am looking

forward to working with them.

Our monthly meeting continues to be the first Wednesday noon at Shaw and Sons.

Please stop by the office and say "hello". My hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (I sometimes stay later if needed).

Farewell

After 39 issues as editor of the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation's High Hopes newsletter it is time for a fresh approach providing news to you.

My goal has always been to remain impartial in presenting articles I wrote and the manner in how I edited other's stories.

My appreciation to Kathy Noble, Abbott's Printing, for allowing us more proofing opportunities than were reasonable and adding the graphics that enhanced a story. Kathy will be a big help to the next editor. Thank you to Liggett Taylor and Trudy Bray for proof reading issues as I can make a sentence go on and on and on.

I appreciated the opportunity to challenge my writing skill and creative layout of each issue.

Virginia Hays, Editor

Grant Scoreboard

The board has not had an opportunity to approve any grants as of December 1st.

Organization	Purpose	Amount
Davis High School Cheerleaders	Matching funds – state competition travel	\$1,000
YVC Fast-pitch	Matching Funds – Equipment & supplement uniform sizes	\$1,000
	TOTAL	\$2,000

Roll Call of Donors

Parker Partners

The 2019 Parker Partner Membership Drive got underway November 20th. If you didn't receive a brochure and would like one, contact the office: info@parkeryouthfoundation.com or 509-469-9336.

The list below is complete as of November 30. Help it grow.

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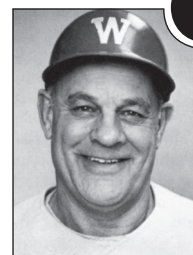
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Faller Brayton Endowment

Thank you to faithful donors who regularly support the Faller Brayton Endowment. The endowment continues to thrive as it supports YVC athletics and other programs.

Gene & Denise Connor
Tom Hinman

Jon & Linda Mulvenon



General Donations

General donations are crucial as the funds help cover office expenses. Thank you for your support.

Tom & Karen Garrison
Michael Havnaer
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Gary & Mary Marsh
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James Pelander



Honorarium

In appreciation for his years of support to the youth in our valley. His legacy continues today ... **Daryl Parker**.

Virginia Norman
(former secretary to Daryl)



In appreciation for his years of service to the youth in our valley... **Mel Moore**

Spud & Gay Edmondson

Sports Legends Reunion & High Hopes Tournament Update

The 14th Annual Sports Legends Reunion & High Hopes Tournament initial planning has begun.

The Sports Legends Reunion will return to the Howard Johnson Plaza in Yakima June 7, 2019. Irma Williams is returning as the chair. No word yet as to the selection of the Honored Guest.

Don Erickson is the first-time chairman but has organization experience hosting golf tournaments for LaSalle High School. Don and his committee are off to a fast start having met several times. Discussion for the 2019 High Hopes Honorary Chair include well-known valley sports legends: former MLB pitchers Mel Jr, or Todd Stottlemyre, Ted Stone (Eisenhower High School wrestling coach), Phil Hinrich (pitcher on the 1976 YVCC Baseball Championship team), and Kay Aberle (Selah Volleyball Coach who had 16 teams win trophies at state, including 5 championship teams).

The PY&SF 2019 Spring Issue will have more details. If you are interested in additional information, golf entry form (available February), wish to donate an auction item for the Reunion or would like to volunteer, contact the office at 509-469-9336.



See you at our fundraising weekend

In Memory

Thank you for keeping cherished ones in our thoughts with your donations. **We are honored to remember...**



In memory of **George Beetchenow**, who was an educator and coach in the Yakima Valley for 30 years among his farming pursuits during his 100 years.

He started his teaching career at Moxee High in 1950, moved to Eisenhower, and finished at Davis in 1979. George was inducted into the Washington State Track Coaches Hall of Fame in 2012.

The athletes that he coached will tell you that although improving their performances in the shot put, discus, and javelin through his guidance, nurturing them beyond their area of performance, made them better men and better people.

Bill Faller



In memory of **Brian Davison**, an avid baseball player since childhood, graduated from Davis High School in 1976, where he pitched a no-hitter his senior year. He also played on the American Legion World Series 1975 championship Yakima Beetles team.

Brian coached for the Beetles, Eisenhower, Franklin and Lewis and Clark Junior Highs. He also coached baseball, basketball, football, soccer, volleyball, and track.

He was a person to turn to for scholarly advice, a friend to his students, athletes, co-workers, and neighbors. "Sometimes the most important step a person can take is the next one."

Bill Faller



In memory of **Don Gregson**, who entered the Air Force at the early age of 17 and was medically discharged following a head injury. He worked over 30 dedicated years at Pacific Fruit.

His main interest was watching baseball. In the days of fast pitch at Larsen Park you would find him watching men's and women's fast pitch and baseball games at Parker Field.

Bill Faller



In memory of **Paul George**, who in 1947, as quarterback, led the Bellarmine football team to their first Tacoma City League Football championship. Attending St. Martin's College on a

football scholarship, Paul graduated with a degree in journalism and English in the spring of 1952.

He proudly completed two years of Korean War theatre military service, including 14 months in Okinawa.

He and Janet moved to Yakima in 1957 where he joined the staff of the Yakima Herald, working there for fourteen years, the last eight as the sports editor. His bi-weekly column, "George's Journal" was enjoyed by many sports fans.

Beginning in 1971, Paul spent 13 years as general manager of Yakima Meadows. Following a stint as Marketing Director for Portland Meadows until 1985.

Elected to the Yakima City Council in 2001, Paul served as deputy mayor from 2002-03, as mayor in 2004-05, where he led the effort to fund and staff the Sports Commission, seeing it launch the first Hot Shots basketball tournament. He played a pivotal role in securing state funding to rebuild Yakima's downtown and restore the Historic Front Street District

Paul was appointed to the Washington State Horse Racing Commission by Governor Gregoire in 2006, and was reappointed for additional term by Governor Jay Inslee. He retired from the Commission in 2016.

Bill Faller

Jon Mulvenon



In memory of **Jack Lovell**, who graduated from Creston High School (Grand Rapids, MI), where he played basketball and sang in a barbershop quartet.

He joined the U.S. Navy in 1965 and proudly served with VP-22 during the Vietnam War.

Moving to Yakima in 1970, Jack worked for 30 years as a building inspector for the City of Yakima.

Jack enjoyed various sports, and made many close friends on the Engravings Unlimited softball team, where he was proud to be described as a "really good shortstop" and a "great friend and teammate." He also bowled, played tennis and golf.

Bob McCulloch



In memory of **Jane Schwab**, who had a beautiful and fun loving spirit that led her to travel around the world. Her love of music and singing also led her to participate in different singing groups, most recently the Market Street Singers in Ballard, Washington.

Jane taught at Davis High School and YVCC. She believed deeply in social justice and a healthy world environment, and gave many hours of her time volunteering to ensure that the planet was a safe and sane place to live and that all people were treated with respect and dignity.

Judge Michael Schwab

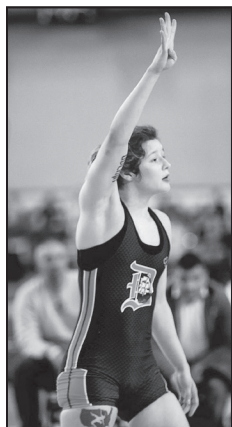


Spotlight on Local Athletes

A new addition to the newsletter is to feature the next generation of sports legends. Some may continue on with the course established many years ago and others may have their course altered.

*The spotlight in this issue is on **Cameron Guerin** (information sourced from an article by Yakima Herald sports writer Scott Spruill).*

Cameron Guerin



Cameron at the end of her 4th State Championship.

Cameron Guerin, of Davis High School of Yakima, completed her high school career winning four state titles and is undefeated in her career at 126-0. Her state titles and weight classification were at 115 (2015 & 2017), 110 (2016) and 125 (2018). She becomes the third female to earn four (4) state titles (Chris Castillo of Zillah, 2008-11, and Desiree Zavala of Grandview, 2013-16).

Cameron represented the USA at the Junior World Championships in Finland last summer where she split four matches — all in one day — to share fifth place in the 112-pound freestyle bracket. Her opponents represented Korea, Canada, Mongolia and Russia. She also competed in South Africa at the Pan American Cadet Championships last summer.

She grew up on the mats where her dad, a former professional Mixed Martial Arts fighter, owns a gym in Yakima and has trained several elite athletes, including UFC bantamweight champion Miesha Tate.

Cameron learned and competed in many of the MMA disciplines — Judo, Jujutsu, boxing, wrestling and kickboxing — while she was in grade school. Cameron wasn't even competing against girls because, with the sport still in its female infancy there weren't many. In fact, after seven years of wrestling boys, Cameron didn't compete against a girl until she was 12.

Cameron draws a huge following, there are girls who want to spend time with her in practice and watch what she does. She's such a single-minded, driven person, and yet she's so humble. She's modest, well-grounded and genuine, traits that come from her spirituality and devoted family life.

Life after high school may include college where mom Julie explains "she's trying to build a life parallel to wrestling and sees herself in the medical field."

Cameron would like to make the World Junior team again this summer with an eye on the Senior team for the Olympic years in 2020 or 2024. She is currently in training at Colorado Springs.

Basketball Players of the Year

Elijah Pepper



Congratulations to Selah High School's **Elijah Pepper**, who has been named the Associated Press 2A Player of the Year for the 2017-2018

basketball season, an honor voted on by sports writers and editors from around the state.

Pepper, who was closing in on the 2,000-point milestone his junior year, helped lead the 24-2 Viking Basketball Team to the CWAC Title this past season and a second straight state appearance where the squad placed fourth. As part of this year's campaign, Pepper averaged 8.1 assists and 24.2 points per game, over 26 contests, and in three seasons has amassed 1,892 career points. Pepper is a two-time CWAC MVP, who also earned Associated Press First Team All-State honors last year.

Elijah is recovering from a knee injury but should see action his senior year. He recently signed to play at UC Davis next fall.

— **Bio from Selah School District**

Brock Ravet



Brock Ravet lead Kittitas to the 2018 State 2B championship at the Spokane Arena, the second in consecutive years. He averaged 31 points, 8.8 rebounds, 3.3 steals, and 9 assists per game during the season. Ravet carries a 3.58 grade-point average.

Ravet is a two-time Eastern Washington Athletic Conference MVP and was named the 2017 2B player of the year by the Associated Press and named the Gatorade Player of the Year for Washington.

Kittitas High School guard Brock Ravet verbally committed to Gonzaga for 2019.

Congratulations to all the valley athletes who are signing college letters of commitment!

6 Historical Section

Jerry Ward has been researching and compiling information for YVC's upcoming centennial celebration.

YVC Begins 9th Decade of Service to the Valley

In September of 1928, Yakima Valley Junior College opened its door to 105 entering freshmen. As we have noted in this column many times, YVC and the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation are 'linked at the hip' so to speak via the Larson and Parker families from the 1930's to the present day. The college campus, Parker Faller Field, and Larson Park all stand on the property donated to the school district and city by these families.

Congratulations to the current YVC staff, faculty, and students as the 'Jewel of the Valley' heads toward 100 years in 2028 with the beginning of classes this coming September.

From "Out Yesterdays, 1885-1956", "the August 15, 1928 report by Superintendent A. C. Davis to the effect that a home for the new college in Yakima had been obtained by the renovation of the Columbia School. With a plant, a budget, and a staff, things were in readiness for the charter year of Yakima Valley Junior College. Previous to this, Miss Elizabeth Prior of the Yakima Senior High School faculty had been elected to head the college as its dean, and a Board of Trustees consisting of five members had been selected. With the coming of September 1928, 105 students were enrolled and a faculty of eight was on hand for the beginning days"

First Yakima Valley Junior College Faculty – September 1928

Dean Elizabeth Prior, Miss Margaret Smith, Ralph K. Allen, Miss Anna Whitney, Miss Ada Anderson, James T. Ruby, Roy Schactler, and Mrs. Lorene Middlekauff.

First YVJC athletic team ...



1928-29 YVJC first basketball team, left to right: Alex Maxwell, Richard Whitmore, Allen Morrison, Arthur Michelsen, Raymond Eakin, James Epperson, Coach Adolph Roth.

Yakima Valley College News Section

Memorial Paver Honors Rogers

-- By Ray Funk



Yakima Valley College unveiled a memorial paver at the clock tower courtyard to honor long-time volleyball coach Al Rogers prior to the Yaks' match against North

Idaho on October 5, 2018. The cost of the memorial paver was covered from various donations amongst the YVC and Yakima Volleyball community. The response was so great that additional funds received will be awarded in the form of volleyball scholarships through the YVC Foundation.

Numerous individuals attended the ceremony including Al's widow Lorelee, his son Derrick, former assistant coaches Emily Escamilla and Tayler Hill, the 2018 YVC volleyball team and coaches and former and current athletic directors, Jerry Ward and Ray Funk. Derrick and I both spoke sharing memories of Al.



Son Derrick, and Al's wife Lorelee.



Al was always willing to share his knowledge about volleyball.

Rogers began his YVC coaching career in 1978 as an assistant coach for Betty Yaden and then Lorelee. He was named head volleyball coach in 1988, a position that he served until his passing in 2016. During his tenure, he received many awards including being named NWAC East Region Coach of the Year in 1995, 2010, and 2013. His teams won NWAC East Region Championships in the 1989-90 and 1990-91 academic years and he led YVC to 15 NWAC Championship Tournament appearances.

Al devoted his life to volleyball earning awards in USA Volleyball: was the 2001 recipient of the *Wilber H Peck Referee Emeritus Award*; and the 1988 recipient of the *Glen G Davis Award* by USVBA for referee service to the game of volleyball. In addition, he participated in the 1984 Olympics as a line judge and served as the head official of the 1983 US Olympic Festival.

*Photos courtesy of Jay Frank, YVC Community Relations Department.

Foundation Donates Commemorative Plaques to Parker Faller Field

On October 20, Yakima Valley College unveiled the new Parker Faller Field plaques in a ceremony prior to the YVC and Central Washington University baseball scrimmage. The plaques include a picture of the field namesakes, Shirley Parker and Bill Faller, as well as a biography of each. Coach Faller attended along with family, friends, and representatives from the college and PY&SF.

The plaque mounting completed a final stage of field improvements that began in 2014 because of Daryl Parker's leadership and philanthropy. In 2014, Daryl initiated the field name change with the college from Parker Field to Parker Faller Field and included a donation to cover the cost of the name change signage. Daryl Parker died in 2015, and his will included a \$250,000 donation to the Faller/Brayton Endowment Fund that is administered by the foundation.

In the past three years the PY&SF has made several improvements to the field that include new dugouts, infield turf, fencing, new entrance, painting and signage.

The unveiling ceremony turned into a special day for YVC athletics from a historical standpoint. YVC started the baseball program in 1947, playing on the original Parker Field built in 1937 by Shirley Parker. The college has had 11 head coaches in that time and 5 of the coaches were in attendance. Joining Coach Faller (1960-1986) were Bob Garretson (1987-2004), Ken Mortensen (2004-2009), Marcus McKimmy (2012-2015), and current head coach Kyle Krustangel, (2015 to present). The college has had 4 Athletic Directors in its history that include Glen Sherar, Bill Faller, Jerry Ward, and current AD, Ray Funk. Faller, Ward, and Funk gathered for an enjoyable photo op around a picture of Coach Sherar.

As part of the ceremony, PY&SF historian Jerry



YVC Baseball Coaches: 5 of 11 since first team in 1947. Bob Garretson (1987-2004), Bill Faller (1960-1987), Ken Mortensen, (2004-2009), Marcus McKimmy (2012-2015), Kyle Krustangel, (2015 to present).

Ward shared a few comments about the connection between the college and the Parker and Larson families. All the land on which the college, Parker Faller Field, Dunbar softball field, the YVC soccer field and Larson Park were direct gifts to the city of Yakima and the Yakima School District. (When community colleges were created in the state of Washington, they were governed by the local school districts.)

The Foundation is creating a commemorative plaque for the Carol Finney Eisenhower Fast Pitch Field similar to the Faller and Parker plaques, located at the YVC Parker Faller Field.

The Eisenhower field was dedicated to Carol last May.





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Parker Youth & Sports Foundation
are listed below.**

Parker Partner Membership:

- ☐ \$30 Individual
- ☐ \$50 Joint
- ☐ \$100 Corporate

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- ☐ General Foundation
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- ☐ Faller/Brayton Endowment
- ☐ In Memory of _____ Amount \$ _____
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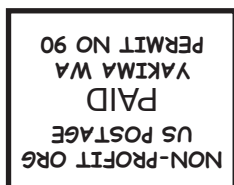
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