



THE HIGH HOPES NEWS

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Yakima's Volleyball Legends Will Be Honored At June 'Reunion' Banquet

All are welcome to attend the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation's 15th annual Sports Legends Banquet, Friday, June 12 at the Howard Johnson Plaza in Yakima. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., the 2020 Legends Reunion will be a "Volleyball Homecoming," paying tribute to two women's volleyball legends from our Valley and six state champion volleyball teams.

Our two Honorary Chairs, Coach Kay Aberle and All-American Washington State University volleyball player Sarah Silvernail, will be feted during the program which begins at 7 p.m. Legendary volleyball coach, Al Rogers, who had a successful 30-year career at Yakima Valley College (YVC), will be honored posthumously. The cost for the event is \$35, which includes a buffet dinner. There also will be a silent auction.

We regret to announce that the annual High Hopes Golf Tournament, that normally occurs on the Saturday following the Legends Banquet, has been suspended for this year. We appreciate and thank the sports enthusiasts and businesses that have supported the High Hopes Golf Tournament for 14 years! Your donations have greatly helped to improve youth athletics in the Ya-

kima Valley.

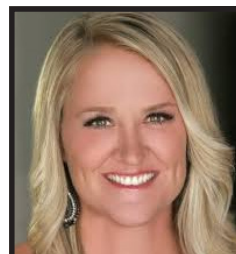
We are excited to be celebrating such outstanding individuals at our upcoming Sports Legends Banquet! Many of you already know these local sports celebrities:

High Hopes Legends Banquet Co-Chair, **Kay Aberle**, will be honored for her 32 years of excellence in coaching volleyball, including bringing home five state titles. She taught and coached volleyball at Colton, Wapato and Selah high schools from 1980 to 2012. Coach Aberle's 1993, 1994, 1997, 2005 and 2006 Selah State Champion volleyball teams also will be honored at the banquet.

High Hopes Legends Banquet Co-Chair, **Sarah Silvernail**, is a two-time All-American, 1997 Pac-Ten Volleyball Player of the year, and former member of the USA National and Switzerland international teams. She has coached college and high school volleyball for 20 years, producing 50 division players and one state championship team. Her 1990 Eisenhower State Champion Volleyball Team also will be honored!



Kay Aberle



Sarah Silvernail



Al Rogers

A High Hopes Posthumous Honor will be awarded to **Al Rogers**, former YVC volleyball coach, whose 1989 and 1990 teams finished second and third respectively in northwest Athletic Conference competitions. His teams were East Region Champions in 1989 and 1990 and he was named the Eastern Region's coach of the year multiple times. He was a line judge at the 1984 Summer Olympics, and received the Glen G. Davis Award of the USA Volleyball Association and Wilbur H. Peck Referee Emeritus Award from USA Volleyball, among other honors.

Read more about these talented volleyball legends on pages 2, 3 and 4! For more information about the Sports Legends Banquet, call the Foundation office at (509) 469-9336 or visit our website at www.parkeryouthfoundation.com.

Parker Youth & Sports Foundation Tops Half-Million Dollar Mark In Grants

The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation has surpassed the half-million dollar mark in grants to our greater Yakima area parks, sports facilities and athletic programs! Since its founding in 2004, the Foundation, through your generous support, has been able to donate some \$558,000 to programs in our communities.

Your donations have made it possible for us to provide scholarships to Yakima Valley College and to donate to its baseball, volleyball and fast pitch programs. We have assisted parks and recreation programs in Yakima, Sunnyside and Mabton. Grants have been provided to sports programs at Eisenhower, West Valley, East Valley, Wapato, Grandview, Mabton and Sunnyside high schools. And we have helped other programs including Grid Kids and First Tee.

Additional grants will be awarded this spring. Applications are available for the 2020 grant year and may be obtained by emailing the Foundation at www.parkeryouthfoundation.com.

Thank you for supporting our young athletes and tomorrow's leaders!

Chair's Message

The Board of Parker Youth & Sports Foundation has the pleasure of inviting you to attend our annual Sport Legends Reunion Banquet on Friday, June 12. It will be another unforgettable event



Dan Williams

that puts the spotlight on volleyball in the Yakima Valley (see page 1 for details). Guests will pay tribute and hear stories from two Valley volleyball legends, Selah's Coach Kay Aberle and Eisenhower and Washington State University player Sarah Silvernail. We will applaud six state champion volleyball teams, and posthumously honor legendary volleyball coach and officiator, Yakima Valley College Coach Al Rogers.

This year, Parker Youth and Sports board members and partners also will celebrate the incredible milestone of contributing more than \$550,000 in the past 15 years (see item, page 1). Come to the 2020 Legends Reunion this year and enjoy a piece of the "Half-Million Dollar" cake for dessert!

Although we regret that the annual High Hopes Golf Tournament, that normally occurs on the Saturday following the Legends Night Banquet, has been suspended for this year, we still look forward to a wonderful Legends Banquet!

Please know that we are attuned to the status of the coronavirus in the Valley and we are following the state mandates. We are keeping an open mind and if we need to move the Legends Banquet to a later date, we will make an announcement. We are concerned and will be protective of the health of the people in our Valley. No matter what course is taken, we can still achieve our goals and move this Foundation forward to what we all believe it can be. I hope everyone remains healthy and enjoys the Spring sunshine!

Sincerely,

Dan Williams, Board Chair

HEALTH ALERT

We Are Committed to Respecting Coronavirus Regulations

The Parker Youth and Sports Foundation is attentive to the concerns surrounding COVID-19 (coronavirus) and is following the recommendations made by local, state and national health officials. When requested by officials, the office will close to the public. However, staff will be available at the normal posted hours via email or phone call. We continue to prepare for the High Hopes Legends Banquet, June 12, and we look forward to welcoming all Parker Partners and families to our event.

Al Rogers Is Remembered For A Tradition of Excellence in Volleyball Coaching

With excerpts from an article by Ray Funk

Al Rogers, longtime volleyball coach at Yakima Valley College, will be honored posthumously at our 2020 High Hopes Sports Legends Banquet.

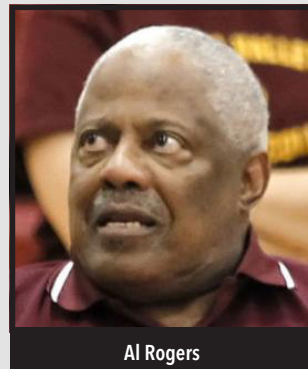
Rogers began his Yakima Valley College volleyball coaching career in 1978, as an assistant coach for Betty Yaden and then his wife, Lorelee. He was named head volleyball coach in 1988, a position that he held until his passing in 2016. During his tenure, he received many awards including being named 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. He led YVC to 15 NWAC Championship Tournament appearances.

Rogers devoted his life to volleyball, winning honors such as the 2001 Wilbur H. Peck Referee Emeritus Award and the 1988 Glen G. Davis Award from 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 U.S. Olympic Festival in Colorado Springs.

In late 2018, YVC unveiled a memorial paver in the clock tower courtyard to honor this outstanding volleyball coach. So many donations came in to pay for this paver, that it was possible to set aside additional funds for YVC volleyball scholarships through the YVC Foundation. Attendees at the ceremony included Rogers' widow, Lorelee; his son, Derrick; plus former assistant coaches and YVC athletic directors.

Al Rogers was very dedicated to building the sport of volleyball in the Yakima Valley. Team members knew they could always turn to him for advice, skill development and support.

We are pleased to recognize Coach Rogers at our 2020 High Hopes Sports Legends Banquet as a shining example of dedication to the young athletes of our area.



Al Rogers



Bill Faller was honored on his 95th birthday, April 14, with a parade of some 30 cars and other "walk-by" visitors passing his home. Faller, a long-time baseball coach at Yakima Valley College, is a charter member and current board member of the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation.

Volunteers Continue Tradition of The 'Rose Lady'

The rose beds in Yakima's Franklin Park have not been forgotten, thanks to dedicated volunteers representing the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation. Jerry Ward, longtime Parker board member, and his wife, Lynn, started caring for the rose beds in February when the "Rose Lady," Edna Mae Carley was incapacitated.

Carley, who lived adjacent to the park, had tended the roses for more than three decades prior to her death, at the age of 89, in March of this year. The Wards, along with volunteers including Parker board member Megan Bewley, have already weeded, pruned and mulched in two rose beds along the walking/jogging trail near Stanley Avenue with two additional beds along Chestnut Avenue on their "to do" list.

As the roses once again come into bloom, it will be a lasting tribute to the "Rose Lady" who cared about beautifying our community. Thank you to the Wards and other volunteers for their wonderful service!

Volleyball Coach Kay Aberle Has 32-Year Championship Career

By Nancy Leahy, Foundation V.P./Secretary

High Hopes Legends Co-Chair Kay Aberle, Selah High School's legendary volleyball coach, has five state championships to her credit and is being honored for 32 years of excellence in high school volleyball coaching. Coach Aberle graduated from Eastern Washington University and taught and coached volleyball at Colton, Wapato and Selah high schools from 1980-2012. The winning percentage for Coach Aberle's state title teams was an incredible 91 percent during those five championship seasons. Her 1993, 1994, 1997, 2005 and 2006 Selah state championship teams also are being honored at the banquet.

The *Seattle Times* saluted Aberle's 2005 team after its 3A state-title win with the headline: "Selah Dominates!" After a reclassification the next year, Selah added its fifth championship in similar fashion, as a media release from NBC Right Now reported: "The Vikings stormed through the 2A field, winning all four of their matches by a decisive score of 3-0. Selah's championship makes it two titles in a row in two different state classifications."

In 2010, the Selah Vikings played the Ellensburg High School (EHS) Bulldogs in what amounted to the Central Washington Athlete Conference regular season championship game. After falling in the first game to EHS, Selah went on to win in four: 22-25, 25-21, 25-18, 25-10. Coach Aberle's team was cool under pressure and finished the 2010 regular season with a perfect 17-0 record, which marked the third straight year Selah won the league crown.

Aberle was born and raised in Missoula, Montana. She attended the University of Montana for two years before transferring to Eastern Washington University, where she met her husband, Tim Aberle, who was also an education major. Kay graduated in physical education, and she and Tim married in 1978. She began a 33-year teaching career in Pilot Rock, Oregon; and then moved to Colton, where she began her volleyball coaching career; to Wapato, as a teacher and coach; and then to Selah, taking the position of fitness instructor and head volleyball coach.

The Aberles have two daughters, Melissa and Mikal, who grew up in Selah supporting their parents' coaching careers. Tim was Selah High School's football coach, so the couple both held coaching responsibilities for 30 years. Kay joined her husband in retirement in 2014, giving them more time for their four grandchildren.

Through these years of teaching and coaching, Aberle honed coaching skills of instruction, motivation, youth leadership development and compassion. She focused on school-based volleyball and chose to coach track in the spring.

Aberle fondly remembers one of the players she was honored to coach – Selah player, Emily Harris. Harris was a talented Selah player who went on to play and coach for YVC. Harris' life ended tragically

this year in an incident of domestic violence. Aberle asks for everyone's compassion and generous spirit in remembering this positive young woman. Let us do all we can to bring comfort to the family and to prevent harmful occurrences in anyone else's life.

Join us at the June 12 banquet to recognize this admirable Valley legend!

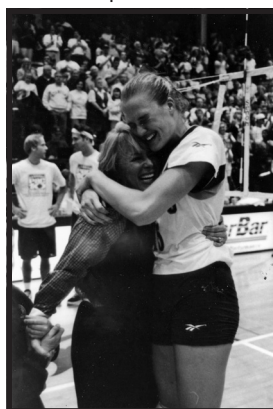




Sarah Silvernail: Outstanding Volleyball Player and Coach 'Passes' Forward Her Experience

By Nancy Leader, Foundation V.P./Secretary

High Hopes Legends Co-Chair Sarah Silvernail was an international volleyball player from Washington State University who was a two-time All-American, 1997 Pac-10 Volleyball Player of the year, and member of the 1998 USA National Team in Colorado Springs. Silvernail played on two state championship high school volleyball teams - first at Eisenhower in 1990 and then for Fife High School in 1992. She is honored by the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation for her excellence in athleticism and in volleyball competition in Yakima, Tacoma, at WSU, on the USA and international professional teams. The 1990 Ike state-champion volleyball team also will be honored at the Legends Banquet.



Silvernail is a WSU Hall of Fame inductee who played for the Cougars from 1993-1997 and holds WSU records for kills in a match (29), season (649), and career (1,848). For 20 years, she has coached college and high school volleyball, resulting in over 50 players going to Division One college programs and one state-championship team. When reading the headlines of Silvernail's 30-year career in volleyball, the impact of her talent, achievement and humanness is apparent. *Seattle Times*, Aug. 31, 1992: "She's Redefining Adversity - Fife's Silvernail Enjoying Life after Overcoming Mysterious Illness." *Spokesman Review*, Dec. 19, 1996: "Cougar Star Beefs Up Resume: Silvernail First-Team All-American." *Spokesman Review*, Nov. 20, 1996: "She's A Cut Above!"

Silvernail was born in Spokane, the third of four children. Her mother, Sandy Kahle, was a faithfully supportive manager for these four talented athletes.

Silvernail's early years were spent in Spokane. Moving to Yakima, she attended Eisenhower High School, playing on the 1990 Ike volleyball team that won the State AAAA championship. In 1991, Silvernail became very ill and transferred to Fife High School in Tacoma, where her father, Chuck Silvernail, was principal. She received medical care for chronic fatigue syndrome and

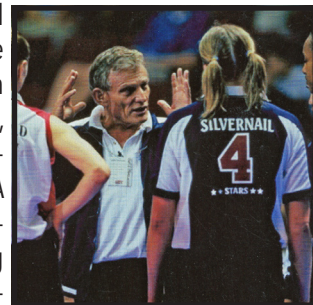
returned to school full-time in the spring of 1992. In November 1992, Fife won the Washington State AAA volleyball championship. In spring 1993, Silvernail accepted a volleyball scholarship to WSU.

At WSU, Silvernail's dedication and explosive talent on the court created an incredible impact. She set numerous records and was honored as the Player of the Year for the Pac-10 in 1997. She left WSU to live at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs to play with the USA National Team and compete around the world.

In 1998, Silvernail and her former husband had a daughter, Kahle, who became part of an inseparable mother-daughter team. Kahle traveled with her mother on tour.

In 2004, Silvernail became a volunteer assistant coach with the University of Texas team. She founded the Youth National Volleyball Association and served as a high school athletic director. She also directed facility management. Silvernail, with her two sons still at home, has transitioned into a new career with New York Life/Long-Term Care Insurance.

Silvernail continues as a high school volleyball coach and says that her primary motivation is no longer winning. She believes her challenges, successes, tragedies and compassion have made her an effective voice for girls facing adversity. She benefited from having special coaches who saw her as a person, not just an athlete, and guided her development into adulthood. Silvernail feels passionate about caring for girls as people, and she wants to pass this forward. The Foundation is proud to honor her!



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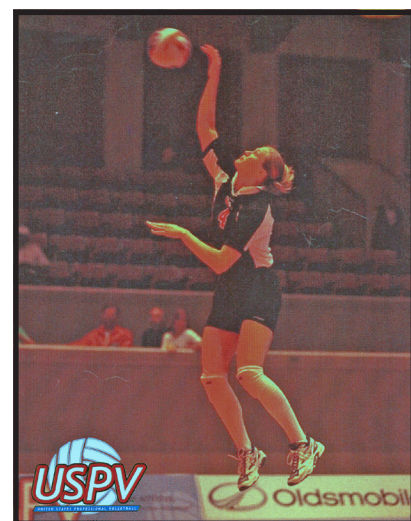
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News from the Foundation Office — By Darlene Olmstead

We are preparing for our spring banquet on June 12. We are so fortunate to be able to honor the sport of volleyball and those who have excelled and participated in it.

My "office hours" continue to be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Due to coronavirus restrictions, I am often working from home but may be reached at the Foundation number, (509) 469-9336.

Thank you to the following individuals for their generous donations over the past weeks:



Darlene Olmstead

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A Brief History of Volleyball...

The game of volleyball, originally called "mintonette," was invented in 1895 by William G. Morgan after the invention of basketball only four years before. Morgan, a graduate of the Springfield College of the YMCA, designed the game to be a combination of basketball, baseball, tennis, and handball.

The offensive style of setting and spiking was first demonstrated in the Philippines in 1916. Over the years that followed, it became clear that standard rules were needed for tournament play, and thus the USVBA (United States Volleyball Association) was formed in 1928. In 1934, national volleyball referees were approved and recognized. In 1937, at the AAU convention in Boston, action was taken to recognize the U.S. Volleyball Association as the official national governing body in the U.S. In 1947, the Federation Internationale De Volley-Ball (FIVB) was founded.

In 1984, the U.S. won its first medals at the Olympics in Los Angeles. The men won the gold, and the women the silver. In 1986, the Women's Professional Volleyball Association (WPVA) was formed.

Information was compiled from "Next Collegiate Student Athlete" from the NCAA National College Athletic Association and NCIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics).



Here Is How You Have Helped Our Communities

Following is a summary of the grants which the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation has made to individuals, organizations and facilities throughout the Greater Yakima Valley, since we began in 2004. Again, thank you to all of you who have made these generous grants possible!

GRANTS AWARDED 2004 TO 2020

Yakima Valley College

Sports \$71,464.00
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Scholastic Awards..... \$5,700.00
Total: \$558,620.75

How The Parker Foundation Board Functions For You

The board of directors of the nonprofit Parker Foundation takes its responsibilities very seriously. We focus on raising money, developing area contacts and serving as community ambassadors. We also make sure to protect public interests, ensure our compliance with legal requirements and do periodic evaluations of our performance, all in keeping with guidelines outlined in bridge-span.org.

Our 10 basic responsibilities, as listed by bridge-span.org include: determining our mission and purpose; selecting a chief executive; supporting and evaluating the chief executive; ensuring effective planning; monitoring and strengthening our programs and services; ensuring that we have adequate financial resources; protecting our assets and providing proper financial oversight; building a competent board; ensuring legal and ethical integrity; and enhancing the organization's public standing.

Fall Grant to Riverside Wrestling Program Has Positive Impact for Tournaments, Travel

Based on a Letter from Bob Spain, Foundation Board Member

The Fall 2019 grant of \$1,100 from the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation to Riverside Christian School has positively impacted the school's wrestling program.

Prior to coronavirus restrictions, the program was able to replace two local junior varsity tournaments with two varsity tournaments with other small schools, reports Bob Spain, a Foundation board member and wrestling and track coach at Riverside. In junior varsity tournaments, the boys are just matched up with other wrestlers and are not wrestling for any awards. In a varsity tournament, they are wrestling for a medal and status.

The school was also able to add overnight trips to Bellevue (Bellevue Christian) and Spokane (Northwest Christian).

Why is all of this important? It helps with motivation, self-esteem, and traveling with teammates helps build esprit de corps, Spain explained. On behalf of the Riverside coaching staff and wrestlers, he expressed sincere thanks to the Foundation for the grant.

Gold Medal Business Champion Announced

The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation has named
Engravings Unlimited
a 2020 Gold Medal Business Champion of Youth Sports.

Thank you, Engravings Unlimited, for your years of
financial support and participation in the High Hopes Golf
Tournament and Legends Night. For decades, you have
skillfully memorialized Yakima Valley sports legends and
teams with trophies and plaques.
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The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation is
dedicated to the support and preservation of
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in the greater Yakima area.

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