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Parker Youth & Sports Foundation Funds Greenway Fitness Stations



Kellie Connaughton, second from left, accepted a ceremonial check from Parker representatives, left to right, Darlene Olmstead, Dan Williams and Nancy Leahy.

The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation has presented a check for \$12,000 to the Yakima Greenway to assist in the development of a new Greenway exercise trail.

"The goal of the Greenway in the coming year is to replace aging infrastructure and continue to provide the Yakima Community with free and con-

venient opportunities to participate in health and wellness activities, through replacement of 20 fitness stations throughout Sarg Hubbard Park," said Kellie Connaughton, the Greenway's executive director.

The target audience will be residents of North and Southeast Yakima plus Terrace Heights. It is hoped that the fitness stations also will benefit personnel from the Yakima Training Center and local law enforcement, schools and youth groups.

The 20-station "fit trail" is designed to replace the nearly 28-year-old exercise system on a walking path throughout Sarg Hubbard Park. Individual stations will have signage and a demonstration illustration for exercises such as calf stretches,

knee lifts, sit-ups, a quadriceps climb, and pull-ups. There also will be signage for periodic heart-beat checks.

The overall trail is expected to be between one and two miles long. Parker Youth & Sports will fund the majority of the cost of purchase and shipping of the fitness stations, with the Greenway covering site preparation.

"This project is a community-build volunteer endeavor," observed Connaughton, referring to installation of the stations. "Many organizations and agencies have expressed their commitment to get involved."

Plans include ordering the new fitness stations by the end of this year, with site preparation and installation of the stations slated for spring of 2021. Rich Kayla and Pat Leahy, Parker Youth & Sports Foundation board members, initiated and co-chair the planning of this Greenway project.

"We are excited to participate in this groundbreaking project to benefit our Yakima community," said Leahy. "It is a perfect fit for our 15-year tradition of supporting parks, sports facilities and athletic programs in our Valley."

For more Yakima Greenway photos, see page 3.

Attend the Parker Foundation Livestream 'Sports Galore!' Event in February

All are invited to attend the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation's 15th annual Sport Legends livestream event from 6 to 7 p.m., Friday, February 26. Just visit the Foundation's website or Facebook page! This is our annual fundraising event and we hope you will tune in and make a donation for 2021 youth athletics, sport programs and facilities.

Featured speakers will be 2020 Legends honorees Kay Aberle, Selah volleyball coach, and Sarah Silvernail, WSU and Eisenhower All-American volleyball player. The program is titled, "Sports Galore!," with a special program focus on volleyball in the Yakima Valley. Other coaches and players for additional sports will speak on why sports participation has been important to them. Our emcee for the program is to be a surprise. Please tune into "Sports Galore!"

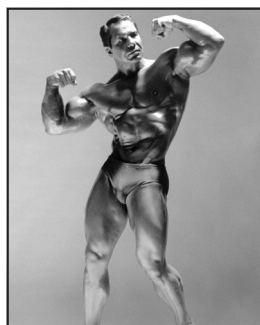
You are welcome to call the Parker Youth & Sports office for more information, at (509) 469-9336, or visit the website at www.parkeryouthfoundation.com.

Celebrating A Proud History of 15 Years of Parke

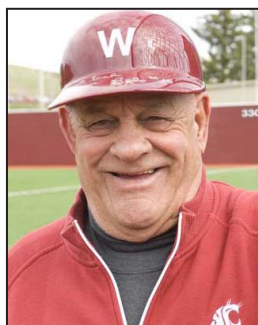
Since 2006, 33 individuals have been honored by Parker Youth & Sports Foundation as outstanding athletes and leaders in the sports and athletic traditions of the Yakima Valley. For these 15 years, our board of directors has selected annual honorees, hosted a Legends Banquet (except during this year's pandemic), and provided athletic activities to celebrate the contributions of those being honored. We are extremely proud to provide a full listing of all honorees in this edition of the *High Hopes News*. These individuals have received local, state, national and for some, international recognition in their sport as a player, coach or administrator of athletic programs. Take a walk down memory lane with us, to recall these remarkable individuals who brought recognition to their organization and to our Valley.



1. 2006
PETE RADEMACHER
1956 Olympic Gold Medal In
heavyweight Boxing



2. 2007
BILL PEARL
1953, 1961, 1967, 1971 Mr.
Universe
1978 Hall of Fame



3. 2008
CHUCK "Bobo" BRAYTON
YVC-WSU Baseball Coach –
College Baseball Hall of
Fame



4. 2008
PHIL MAHRE
1984 Olympic Skier
Gold Medal



5. 2009
STEVE MAHRE
1984 Olympic Skier
Silver medal



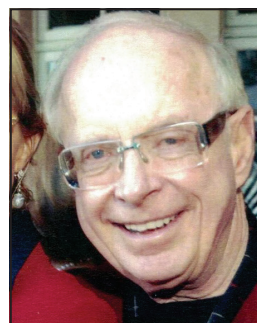
6. 2009
WILLIE TURNER
1967 World's Fastest Man
100-yard & meter
NCAA Track Title
All-American



7. 2010
MEL STOTTELMIRE
Baseball Pitcher, Coach
1964 New York Yankees
Six World Series Rings
MLB All Star; 1961-YVC



8. 2011
BILL FALLER
Baseball Coach
YVC Athletic Director
Coaches Hall of Fame
Founding Board PYSF



9. 2011
DARYL PARKER
Youth Sports Founder
Philanthropist
YVC



10. 2012
TOM PARRY
Football Coach
WSU All Star
Halls of Fame CWU & Coaches
Hall of Fame
Pacific Northwest Football



11. 2012
BETTY YADEN
Tennis Player, Coach
Coach Girls Sports
Chair Tournaments
20 yrs Parks and Rec.



12. 2013
KEITH FARNAM
Coach Eisenhower HS
Tennis, Baseball,
Basketball, Softball
Athletic Director



13. 2013
GENE ROSTVOLD
Coach Davis HS
Baseball, Basketball
Athletic Director



14. 2013
BETTY BAKER
Fast Pitch Softball
Women's Golf
Women's Leader



15. 2013
MARY SHERAR JOHNS
Women's Tennis
Women's Leader

Chair's Message

What a year this has been! Although there have been many changes to adjust to, including a severely limited sports schedule in the greater Yakima



Dan Williams

Valley, Parker Youth & Sports Foundation has continued to support youth athletics, raise money, and distribute financial resources to athletic groups.

Athlete organizations who need assistance in serving youth athletics in the Valley are encouraged to submit a grant application this coming year. We continue to serve our mission of supporting quality parks and facilities and youth involvement in quality athletics and fitness activities.

Volleyball Coach Kay Aberle and volleyball player Sarah Silvernail were named the 2020 Sport Legends of the year for Parker Youth & Sports Foundation. Challenged by restraints of the COVID-19 virus, we had to postpone the event until 2021. Our organization's respect and adulation for the accomplishments of these lady athletes will be recognized on February 26, 2021.

Parker Youth & Sports Foundation is looking ahead to the New Year with enthusiasm. We were proud to present a \$12,000 check to the Yakima Greenway for their new fitness trail equipment (see story, page 1). This project should provide a healthy outlet for exercise for all ages of members of our community. Thank you, board members, Rich Kayla and Pat Leahy, for effectively chairing this project. We thank all Parker Partners who contributed to the Foundation this past year, allowing this community grant to be awarded!

We invite all Parker Partners to tune in and contribute to the first Parker Youth & Sports livestream Foundation event, "Sports Galore!," planned for 6 to 7 p.m., Friday, February 26. An interesting program is being planned – along with a surprise or two – to brighten your evening. To contribute and for more information, please phone our office at (509) 469-9336, or visit the website at www.parkeryouthfoundation.com.

In closing, I'd like to wish you all a very Happy Holiday Season and a New Year that returns to a full schedule of Valley sports!

Sincerely,

Daniel Williams, Board Chair

News from the Foundation Office

By Darlene Olmstead

Since I have been self-quarantined during COVID-19, I have spent limited time in the office.

However, working from home, it's still been possible to get a lot done. Phone messages have been taken, mail is being picked up, bills are paid, letters are written and banking is done. Your Parker Youth and Sports Foundation is still alive and well!

We are grateful for the following contributions which have been received since June 30:



Darlene Olmstead

MEMORIALS

Jerry Ward in memory of Ray Olney, JoAnn Funk, Gene Scott, Cheryl Soult, Kimberly Sue Hiatt, Doug Peters and Melba Strand
Kathryn Crawford in memory of Pete Rademacher
Burl and Darlene Olmstead in memory of Larry Patrick and Melba Strand
Jim and Bonnie Scoggins in memory of Dave Thomas and Larry Patrick

Bill Faller in memory of Clara Girard, Ellie Lambert, Danny Allen, Virginia Zijlstra, JoAnn Funk, and George Kilseimer

MMQB in memory of Jim Kent
Evva Lange in memory of Melba Strand

MEMBERSHIPS

Mark Needham
Peter Monahan
Jim and Karin Avery
Bob McCulloch

HONORARIAMS

Peter & Charity Finch
in honor of Bill Faller
Richard Cuyle in
honor of Dick Smith

I hope all of you stay well and safe. Feel free to call me on my cell phone at (509) 945-4539 if you have a question.

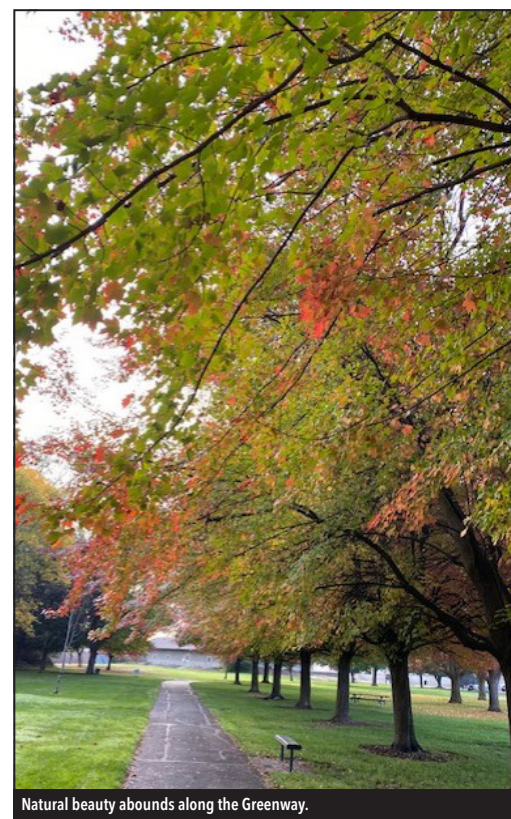
YAKIMA GREENWAY - SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



The Yakima Greenway is a popular destination for the community.

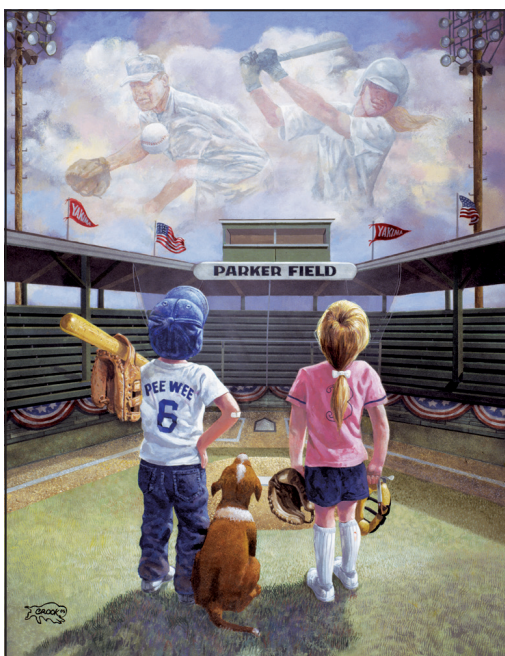


The new fitness stations will have use for all ages.



Natural beauty abounds along the Greenway.

Parker Youth & Sports Foundation: 15 Years of Making Dreams Come True



Meet Our Grant Committee Chair

We'd like to officially introduce Sam Karr, who rejoined the Parker Youth & Sports board last year. Karr was previously a board member for eight years, including two years as president. With a special interest in grant applications, he serves as chair of our Grant Committee.

Karr is semi-retired from real estate, as owner/broker for 1st American Realty in Yakima.

We are pleased to have his participation on the board!

The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation has awarded \$570,620 over the past 15 years to young athletes, sports programs, and for athletic facilities! Help us continue to make a difference in our communities.

Join Us for Foundation Events:

All Parker Partners and their family members are invited to attend the following events:

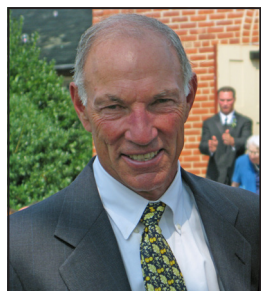
- **Friday, February 26, 2021** - 6 to 7 p.m. The board of Parker Youth & Sports Foundation will present the postponed 2020 High Hopes Legends Event. It will be a livestream presentation on our website and Facebook page, featuring the sport of volleyball and sports Legends, Kay Aberle and Sarah Silvernail.
- **Saturday, August 29** - 5:30 to 9 p.m. We also are preparing for the return of the 2021 High Hopes Legends' dinner event.
- On the **second Wednesday of each month** at 4:30 p.m., the PYSF board meets. Currently, meetings are held via Zoom.

Call the Foundation office or visit our website for more details on these events!

Our COVID-19 Commitment...

The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation is attentive to the concerns surrounding COVID-19 (coronavirus) and continues to follow the recommendations made by local, state and national health officials. When requested by officials, the office will close to the public. Staff is available at the normal posted hours via email or phone call.

Yakima Youth & Sports Foundation 'Legends' Honorees



16. 2014
BILL DOUGLAS
Football All-State
Univ. of Wash.
1964 Rose Bowl
Quarterback



17. 2014
OLLIE NELSON
YMCA Exec Director
Cross Country cyclist
50 Yrs Athlete
Youth Sports Director



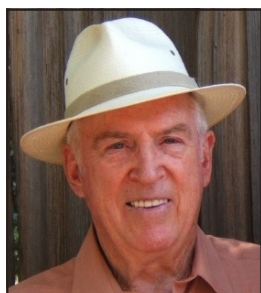
18. 2015
STEVE DALE
1965 Ftbl Capt.
Ike State Champ.
USC Football
1968 Rose Bowl



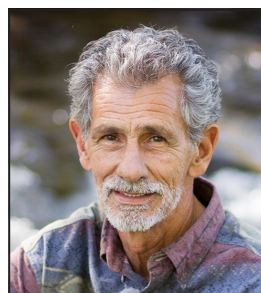
19. 2015
TED WIERMAN
1965 Davis Football
Basketball Capt.
Davis State Champ
Basketball



20. 2015
SCOTT MCDONALD
1965 Marquette HS
Basketball Captain
1965-70 Orioles
Yakima Beetles



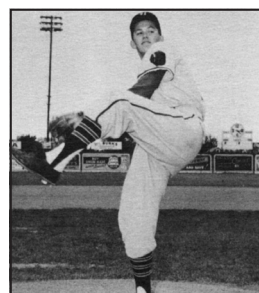
21. 2015
ERIC BEARDSLEY
Star Track Runner
CWU Hall of Fame
NAIA Coach of Year
Coach Moses Lk
and CWU



22. 2016
LANE PHILLIPS
New York Yankee
Pitcher
YVC Player
YVC Coach



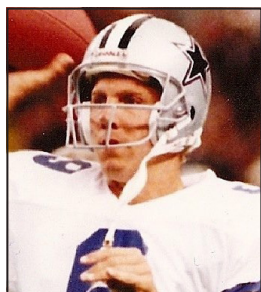
23. 2016
PETE ORGIL
Baseball Coach
Davis HS
YVC Baseball Player
Washington State
Baseball Hall of Fame



24. 2017
MIKE CARLON
Selah Baseball Player
YVC Pitcher
WSU Pitcher
Top Player MVP Award
Coach Youth Sports



25. 2017
JAKE KUPP
Football Player
NFL - 12 Years
University of Wash
Sunnyside HS
1964 Rose Bowl



26. 2017
CRAIG KUPP
NFL – 1990
Pacific Lutheran Univ.
Selah HS
PLU Hall of Fame



27. 2018
STAN RENECKER
Philanthropist for
youth sports
Founder Faller-Brayton
Endowment
YVC & IKE Baseball



28. 2018
MEL MOORE
26 yr WIAA
Tournament Dir
Baseball, Volleyball
Basketball Tournaments
Rotary Unsung Hero



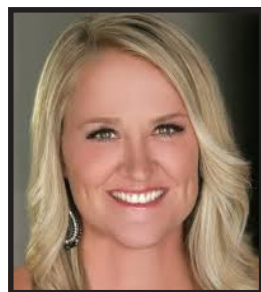
29. 2019
PHIL HINRICHS
Baseball Pitcher
YVC 1976, 1977
WSU baseball
Team Co-Captain
Team Champs



30. 2019
PHIL ENGLISH
Coach Track-Cross Country
Natl HS Coach of the Year
IKE, Carroll HS
Runner at WSU
22 boy & 22 girl league titles



31. 2020
KAY ABERLE
32 yr Volleyball Coach
5 State Championships
at Selah High School
91% win percentage
for Champion seasons.



32. 2020
SARAH SILVERNAIL
Volleyball player
Two-Time All-American
1997 Pac-10 Player of year
1998 National Team
WSU-FIFE & Ike HS player



33. 2020
AL ROGERS
Volleyball Coach
38 years coaching YVC
NWAC Coach of Year – 3 times
1984 Officiated at Olympics
Many honors & awards

YVC = Yakima Valley College
WSU = Washington State University
CWU = Central Washington University
HS= High School

Gold Medal Business Champion Announced

The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation has named
the **Noel Corporation, Inc.**
and **Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Yakima**
a 2020 Gold Medal Business Champion of Youth Sports.

Thank you, Noel Corporation and Pepsi-Cola Bottling
Company, for your years of financial support and
participation in the High Hopes Golf Tournament and
Legends Night. For decades, you have energetically and
generously supported youth athletics and competition in the
Yakima Valley. We honor your commitment!



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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Mark Your Calendar!
Join us from 6 to 7 p.m., Friday,
February 26, 2021
to livestream
Parker Youth & Sports' event
"Sports Galore!"
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