



# Thank You, Alan!

32 years of Yakima Valley Sports Broadcasting



## THE HIGH HOPES NEWS

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Sportscaster Alan Sillence did such an outstanding job in his 32 years of broadcasting, that December 23, 2024, was declared “Alan Sillence Day” in the City of Yakima. Alan started his career at KOMO-TV in Seattle in 1978, while a student at the University of Washington. He then moved to Yakima’s KNDO-TV before heading to KGGM-TV in Albuquerque, New Mexico. While in New Mexico, Sillence won the Associated Press award for best newscast in New Mexico. Alan returned to the Yakima Valley in 1994 and joined KIMA-TV-CBS, as its sports director. He won numerous awards including the Associated Press first-place Award for Best Sportscaster in Washington State. As a sports broadcaster, Alan Sillences has shined the light on others. It was great that a community celebration was held for his retirement to shine the light on him! As a 20-year Yakima Monday Morning Quarterback Club member and former board member of Parker Youth & Sports Foundation, he helped promote our athletes, enhance the statewide reputation of the City of Yakima, and provide outstanding telecommunication for our community.

*Salute to Sillence!*



### SPORTS GALORE WEEKEND COMES ALIVE IN 2025!

**LEGENDS DINNER - FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2025**

**HIGH HOPES GOLF TOURNAMENT - SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025**

The Sports Galore weekend Save the Date card is in the mail and we are looking forward to two days of fundraising and friend-raising! Please, support youth sports by attending the 2025 Sports Galore Weekend events! Reservations have arrived already for the Legends Dinner and High Hopes Golf Tournament!

- The Legends Dinner is Friday, August 22nd from 5:00 to 9:00 pm and takes place in the SunDome’s State Fair Room. It features a delicious dinner and presentations from the 2025 Yakima Valley Sports Legends. The cost is \$60 per guest. For fun there will be an exciting live and silent auction.
- The High Hopes Golf Tournament is Saturday, August 23rd, with a 1:00 pm shotgun tee time at the picturesque Apple Tree Golf Resort. The tournament cost is \$150 per player and \$600 per four-player team. Sponsorships are available from \$200 to \$7,500. Lunch at 11:00 am and trophy reception at 6:00 pm are included. Proceeds from these events are used to fund our grant program. 3-2-1-TIP OFF!



**PRESIDENT’S LETTER:**

Dear Parker Youth Sport Fans,



**PAT LEAHY**

On November 13, 2024, the Parker Youth & Sports Board of Directors held its twentieth annual meeting to elect new board members, officers and to discuss the Foundation’s needs and goals for the 2024 fiscal year. We welcomed new board member and treasurer, Jeff Parker CPA. In addition to finance skills, Jeff is an athlete and played on a state of Washington champion basketball team. Darlene Olmstead is welcomed back to the board as a new board member with several years of experience as our business services manager.

I sincerely thank the community for the terrific response to the Holiday letter offering a “High Hope’s Print” with donations of \$100 or more. It was great to see so many Parker partners reply, and your support is needed for sport awards. We hope you enjoy the unique Don Crook print!

We have experienced a season of significant loss during the past six months with the passing of four incredible men, all of whom made a gigantic impact in youth sports in the Yakima Valley. We pay tribute to the lives of these irreplaceable men - each of whom were all-star athletes in their playing days, who became coaches, administrators and leaders of successful youth organizations as adults. These men will be greatly missed.

- Dr. Bob Alexander was a youthful baseball all-star, who became the principal of Davis and Eisenhower High School, an Assistant Superintendent of Yakima Public Schools. He was the second president of Parker Youth & Sports.
- George “Spud” Edmondson – all-state football player, and three sport athlete at Eisenhower High School. He played football for the Oregon Ducks and was president of Yakima Monday Morning Quarterbacks for 10 years.
- Keith Farnam was a University of Oregon basketball player who coached multiple sports and was athletic director at Eisenhower for over 30 years. He was a 30-year member of Yakima Monday Morning Quarterbacks.
- Coach Dan Eyman played football at West Valley High, YVC and EWU before becoming head football coach at Highland, Eisenhower and West Valley High. Dan was the Washington State Football Coach of the Year in 2009.

Our board is focused on achievement every year. At this time we have 28 needs listed for Yakima Valley youth athletics. Kids must be recruited into sports participation. Athletic gear needs to be replaced. In some sports, equipment standards are tougher and new

equipment is required. With budget restraints, the upkeep of many fields was postponed or neglected, and restoration is needed. The list of 28 needs have been narrowed to Five Goals for 2025 and we are at work to be 100% better in every area next year.

1. **Increase participation for kids in sports. Support less fortunate kids so they can play.**
2. **Improve fields & repair equipment.**
3. **Increase fundraising.**
4. **Strengthen our organizational development.**
5. **Publicly promote health, fitness and wellness.**



Meet us at the goal line in 2026! Best regards for spring sports!

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WELCOMES**

**JEFF PARKER CPA**

Jeff Parker joined the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation board in November 2024 and became the organization’s treasurer 15 minutes later. Jeff was born and raised in Hoquiam, WA, where he stayed active in sports throughout his childhood and high school years. A proud member of the 2004 2A state championship basketball team, Jeff has always had a special connection to Yakima—especially during state athletic competitions. He went on to graduate from Gonzaga University with a degree in economics and a minor in Analytical Finance. He sharpened his accounting skills through the University of Washington Foster School of Business Accounting Certification Program, which led to his CPA licensure.



**JEFF PARKER**

Jeff has a strong background in nonprofit and financial institution accounting, with experience in both the credit union industry and nonprofit organizations. He moved to Yakima in 2018 and quickly fell in love with the area and its sense of community.

Jeff and his wife, Kristine, stay busy keeping up with their two young daughters, Paige and Penelope. Outside of his dedication to work and his family, you’ll find him enjoying the outdoors playing basketball, hitting the golf course, swimming, or skiing.



**WELL DONE RAY FUNK  
20-year Athletic Director YVC**

Ray Funk is celebrating 20 years as the Athletic Director of Yakima Valley College. His job has been administration, budgets, coaching, satisfying health and athletic codes, negotiation, scheduling, hiring coaches, staff meetings, board meetings, hiring referees and recruiting, recruiting, recruiting, recruiting! A native of the Yakima Valley, Ray not only does all these things – he is very good at them! Ray received his Associate’s degree from YVC in 1990, and his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1992, from Washington State University. He earned a Master’s of Science degree in sports at St. Thomas University in Miami FL while doing marketing work with NBA’s Miami Heat. Funk was the athletic director, head boys’ basketball coach and a teacher for White Swan High School. Ray was hired as head men’s basketball coach at YVC and as the YVC Athletic Director in May, 2005. He is just the fourth Athletic Director in YVC’s 75-year athletic history as he follows in the legacy of Glen Sherar, Bill Faller, and Jerry Ward. Funk’s record of success 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. His athletic programs have also been named “Programs of Year” several times by the Associated Students of YVC. Funk has served on and chaired the NWAC Executive board, and he chaired many of their committees over the years. We are fortunate that he has also served on the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation board for almost 10 years.

**In Ray’s own words....**

**What was Ray’s favorite part of the Athletic Directors job?**

“My favorite part of the job is the people! From having an impact on the lives of student athletes to working daily with high-quality coaches, athletic staff, fellow YVC employees and NWAC personnel, this job is definitely heavy in the people business.”

**What has been the biggest challenge you dealt with on the job?** “The biggest challenge was our department’s response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Working with a host of YVC stakeholders, public health officials, and local, conference and state regulations – we were able to have an abbreviated sports season in spring of 2021 for the student-athletics. We became a model for the safe resumption of face-to-face programs at the college. An ongoing challenge has been the rising costs across the entire department. “

During his 20-year tenure at Yakima Valley, Ray had seven championship teams with four Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC) titles and three National Collegiate Wrestling Association (NCWA) titles. Ray initiated the YVC study table program for student athletes resulting in over 750 student-athlete’s being named to the YVC President’s or Dean’s list of the past 10 years. Ray has had 81 of his former players go on to play at four-year universities, and six went on to play professionally. 8 of his former assistant coaches went on to become head basketball coaches. Since Ray started, the YVC athletic department budget has increased by 99 percent. His ambition to improve fundraising and department revenues has led to amazing improvements for every YVC field and facility. Ray and Lonni, his wife of 24 years – have one adult son, Trey, who is a recent graduate of Washington State University. Job well done AD Ray Funk!



**COOPER KUPP**

**Welcome Home Cooper Kupp!**

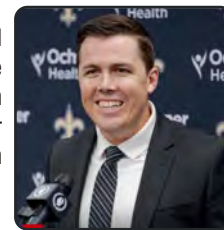
After eight successful season with the L.A. Rams, All-Pro wide receiver Cooper Kupp has signed with the Seattle Seahawks. The 2021 Super Bowl LVI MVP, grew up in Yakima and played at A.C. Davis High School. He played college ball at Eastern Washington University where he won the Walter Payton Award. We celebrate the homecoming of this "Legacy Player"!



**KELLEN MOORE NAMED HEAD COACH OF THE NEW ORLEANS SAINTS!**

**Salute Coach Kellen Moore!**

Kellen Moore set passing records at Prosser High School and starred as the quarterback for Boise State before he became a back-up quarterback with the Cowboys. He then became a quarterback coach. As Coach Moore left the Super Bowl Champion Eagles to be Head Coach of the Saints, an Eagle player he coached said, "Kellen's been the best."



**CONGRATULATIONS DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL!**

**2025 Girls Basketball State 4A Champs**

- First time for State Title for Davis Girls Basketball!
- Five girls scored three pointers in the first half of the title game! Three Davis girls made First-Team State.
- Salute Davis Girls Coach Akil White and Davis Boys Coach Eli Juarez - Conference Coaches of the year!

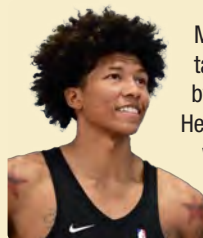
**Congratulations Cheyenne Hull**

Cheyenne Hull of Davis named MVP of the Girls 4A State Tournament, averaging 21.4 pts per game. Hull was also voted Conference Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year.



**MARJON BAUCHAMP ON THE MOVE!**

**MarJon Signed Contract with the New York Knicks on March 5th.**



MarJon was a first-round pick – the 24th player drafted-by the Milwaukee Bucks in the 2022 NBA draft. He is 6-feet-6 inches tall, weighs 175 lbs, and was rated a consensus four-star recruit by major recruiting services at the end of his high school career. He played high school basketball in Seattle, helping his schools win two class 4A state championships. He graduated from Eisenhower High and played basketball with Yakima Valley College before being drafted by the Milwaukee Bucks.

**HOME WITH A TROPHY!**

**CONGRATULATIONS WEST VALLEY HIGH!**

2025 BOYS BASKETBALL  
WINS 4A, 5TH-PLACE TROPHY  
Best boys basketball finish in the school's 21-year history!



**CONGRATULATIONS SELAH HIGH!**

2025 BOYS BASKETBALL WINS 2A, 5TH-PLACE TROPHY

**CONGRATULATIONS ZILLAH HIGH!**

2025 BOYS BASKETBALL WINS 1A, 3RD-PLACE



**ATTENTION BASEBALL FANS!**



The Yakima Pepsi Beetles' 2025 Banquet celebrates the 50-year anniversary of the 1975 Yakima Beetles American Legion National Championship team on April 19!

Also being celebrated is the 100-year anniversary of American Legion Baseball!

- When:** Sat. April 19, 2025 - 5:00pm-9:00pm
- Where:** YVC Kaminski Conference Center
- Cost:** \$50 for delicious chicken or beef dinner, live auction and speakers program
- Wow!** At least two-thirds of the 1975 team will be attending
- Now!** Sponsorship available – Donations Accepted!






**PARKER YOUTH & SPORT INITIATES RON PEARSON AWARD**

The Ron Pearson Awards were initiated by the board of directors of Parker Youth & Sports. The award combines four \$500 grant awards each year. This year \$500 will go to Yakima Pepsi Beetles, Pepsi Pak, Yakima Girls Fastpitch, and Selah Girls Fastpitch organizations. Ron coached youth baseball in Yakima and Seattle, was president of Yakima Youth Baseball in 1973 and he led the \$40,000 fundraising campaign to install lights at Parker Field. The award gives money to the youth baseball programs and credits Ron Pearson for supporting youth sports in the Yakima Valley.



**RON PEARSON**

**OUTSTANDING 2025 STATE WRESTLING FOR GIRL & BOY WRESTLERS**

		Shawnnastasia Jackson	A.C. Davis	4A State Champ
		Adalyne Montiel	Toppenish	Three-Time 2A State Champ
<b>Girls Wrestlers</b>		Makayla Torres	Toppenish	Three-Time State Champ
		Sophia Torrez	Toppenish	Three-Time State Champ
		Aiden Ford	Zillah	Back to back State Champ
<b>Boys Wrestlers</b>		Justyce Zuniga	Toppenish	Three-Time State Champ
		Klyanno Zuniga	Toppenish	Four-Time State Champ with 136 career wins!

**ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH OUR REGION?**

**Facts To Lead To Solutions**

There is a vital need for affordable athletic programs and equipment for youth in Yakima County.

1. 69% of the Yakima County children enrolled in schools live in economically subsidized homes.
2. 73.4% of the children in Yakima County schools are enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program.
3. In fact, 50 of the Yakima County's 104 schools have 100% of the children in the schools enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program.
4. A language other than English is spoken in 42% of the homes compared to a state average of 21% of the homes.
5. 51% of our population is of Hispanic or Latino origin in Yakima County.
6. 49% of the children live in high poverty neighborhoods.
7. 78% of the births in Yakima County are paid for by Medicaid compared to 35% of births in Washington State – and 41% of births in the U.S.
8. We are a young county with 29% of the population age 18 or younger compared to the Washington State and U.S. average of 21% being 18 or under.
9. 24% of our population is without a high school degree, compared to 8% in Washington State.
10. Approximately 4000 children are born each year in Yakima County.

We are a county with hard-working, dedicated, and generous citizens. Statistical data tells us that Yakima County is challenged by poverty, language barriers, adult educational levels, crime, and inadequate availability of literacy experiences for the population. Particularly at-risk youth are children from low-income families whose dominant language spoken in the home is other than English. For coaches, parents and volunteers it can be overwhelming to build a team, fill the needs, and still play the game. However, by working together – relying on each other – showing up for others when they need help, we can build the field of many dreams!

*Editors note: The 2020 US Census demographics for Yakima County were referenced to describe the challenges.*



**10 VITAL STEPS IN BUILDING A STRONG ATHLETIC PROGRAM**

**10-YEAR TIMELINE TO EXCELLENCE!**

**“Do what is best for the program, the players, and participants in the long run.”**

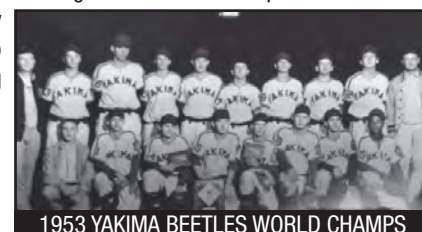
Are you or a family member involved with an athletic program? You may be just beginning, in the middle of program planning, or working hard to maintain a productive status. Whatever the level of your participation, it is always the right time to build or rebuild an athletic program, to keep it financially healthy and become the best it can be. It is essential for all involved to understand that real change will take time and an honest commitment to the athletic program. This article is about building a program for a long run plan. Coach Fran O'Brien from M.I.T. concluded: **“Building a solid program takes 10 years.”**

Coaches and managers need to know that athletes and the public aspire to know two things:

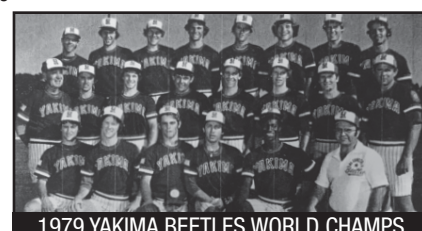
- ✓ Their coaches and leaders are committed to the program through thick and thin for years to come.
- ✓ They want to be part of something great!

A program with a strong foundation takes time to build, but once in place it will pay dividends. Here are 10 recommended and practical steps to building a strong athletic program for youth or adults.

1. **CHANGE:** Change the practice and meeting routines. Have athletes do what they like to do and change whatever needs to change. Instruction and practice should be technically sound, stimulating, and designed to keep everyone busy.
2. **ATTITUDE:** Check the participant's attitude. Bad-attitude athletes or participants must leave. Build a program and tradition focused on respect, trust and focused team success. No one is allowed to spoil the activity for anyone.
3. **RELATIONSHIPS:** Establish a positive relationship with the athletic directors, schedulers and your organization's sponsors. Keep the games and activity schedule challenging with opportunities for growth and success.
4. **DISCIPLINE:** Reinforce discipline as a goal for players and participants. Discipline, like physical fitness, can lead to victories. Athletes get to have fun and still have a meaningful time if they make a pledge to teamwork, sportsmanship, pride and honor.
5. **CHALK TALK & MONEY TALK:** Talk to athletes and participants about your sport or program. Know your budget and financial limits, supervise and discuss the budget and cash flow. Be timely with payments. Share the history, techniques, strategies and traditions of your program. These talks increase their confidence, knowledge and enthusiasm.
6. **GOALS:** Set realistic and positive goals. Most athletes have goals, and everyone has a mindset of achievement. Whether it's a bad day or week, adjust the goals. Put a time limit on disappointments and then find the sunrise in the situation. Every day is the start of a new week.
7. **ALWAYS COACH:** Never Stop coaching. In good times or tough times – never stop coaching, calling plays, giving direction and guidance. Be Available. Stay positive. Be a rolemodel.
8. **INGENUITY:** Add new things each year as proof the program has agility, is improving, and is staying current. A new batting machine, seminar with a professional player, or a new tournament scheduled. Innovation creates energy and can make everyone feel more hopeful.
9. **ASSISTANTS:** Carefully select assistants that are positive, well-liked by the players and other participants, and who follow the coaches' and organization's philosophies. As stated earlier, bad or self-centered attitudes must leave to protect programs that exist for kids.
10. **TEAM TIME:** Plan an event or special occasion to end the preseason. End the preseason and begin the real season with an activity that all can afford and look forward to. Choose an activity, trip, overnight that can build comradery. Teammates sharing a good memory together will rally together during the season.



1953 YAKIMA BEETLES WORLD CHAMPS



1979 YAKIMA BEETLES WORLD CHAMPS



1975 AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

In Summary – “A coach or leader of an athletic organization never goes wrong if they base their decisions on what is best for the program and the players or participants in the long run.”

Coach George Ross

*Editors note: Credit to the article, “Building a Baseball Program for the Long Run” by George Ross, Coach Belfast Maine in the December 1996 issue of Coach & the Athletic Director.*



# GOLF GALORE!

## LEGENDS WEEKEND



### HONORING YAKIMA VALLEY SPORT LEGENDS

#### SPORTS LEGENDS DINNER SILENT & LIVE AUCTION

Friday, August 22, 2025 | 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Yakima SunDome - State Fair Room | Ticket Cost: \$60



#### HIGH HOPES ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, August 23, 2025 | 1:00 pm Tee Off  
Apple Tree Resort

PREMIER SPONSOR: Sherrie Parker

Sponsorship from \$200 to \$7,500  
Registration \$150 per player • \$600 per team  
[www.parkeryouthfoundation.com](http://www.parkeryouthfoundation.com) or call 509-469-9336

*Yakima Valley's Premier Charity for Youth Sports!*

Proceeds generated from these events fund the PYSF athletic programs and grants.  
Parker Youth & Sports Foundation is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization.





**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**21<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**



# SPORTS LEGENDS DINNER & AUCTION

Friday, August 22, 2025 | 5 - 9 p.m. | Yakima SunDome - State Fair Room | 1301 S. Fair Ave | Yakima, WA

\$60 Per Guest                      Number of guests \_\_\_\_\_                      Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**WAYS TO SUPPORT THE PARKER YOUTH & SPORTS FOUNDATION ARE LISTED BELOW:**

<b>Parker Partner Membership:</b>	<b>I wish to contribute to:</b>
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	Amount \$ _____

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# HIGH HOPES GOLF SCRAMBLE

*Premier Sponsor Sherrie Parker*

Saturday, August 23, 2025 | 1 p.m. Tee Off | Apple Tree Resort | 8806 Occidental Rd. | Yakima, WA

**Sponsorship Opportunities:**

- ◆ **Diamond Sponsor: \$5,000**  
*Includes 8 Golfers, 1 hole sign, 2 Banquet Tickets*
- ◆ **Gold Sponsor: \$2,500**  
*Includes 4 Golfers, 1 hole sign, 2 Banquet Tickets*
- ◆ **Silver Sponsor: \$1,000**  
*Includes 4 Golfers, 1/2 hole sign, 2 Banquet Tickets*
- ◆ **Bronze Sponsor: \$600**  
*Includes 1/2 hole sign*
- ◆ **Team Sponsor: \$600**  
*Includes 4 Golfers*
- ◆ **Hole Sponsor: \$250**
- ◆ **Green, Tee or Golf Contest Sponsor: \$200**
- ◆ **Individual Golf Entry: \$150**
- ◆ **Banquet Ticket: \$60**

  
 Scan to learn more!

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**REGISTRATION DUE BY AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

Golfer's Names

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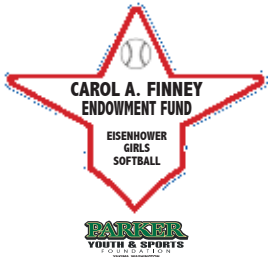
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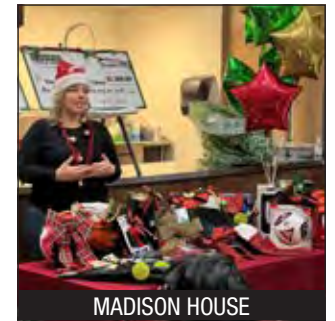
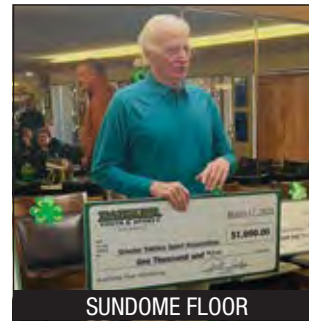
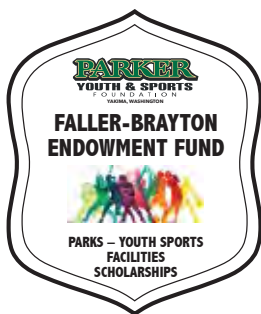
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# PARKER YOUTH & SPORTS FOUNDATION

SUPPORT AND PRESERVATION OF PARKS, SPORTS FACILITIES AND ATHLETIC PROGRAMS IN THE GREATER YAKIMA AREA



Grant Allocations		\$86,533		
June 2023 Through March 2025				
Date	Recipient	Program	Amount	
6/1/23	Yakima Pepsi Pak	American Legion Baseball Team	\$500.00	
	Yakima Valley Interscholastic Activities	Wrestling Tournament	\$750.00	
	American Legion Baseball	Yakima Beetles Baseball	\$500.00	
	Yakima Sports Commission	3x3 Basketball Tournament	\$600.00	
	Yakima Youth Baseball-American Legion	American Legion Baseball Team	\$500.00	
	Zillah Youth Baseball	Update Equipment	\$2,000.00	
	Sherrie Parker Award	Sports Toys For Tots	\$900.00	
	Parker Faller Field At YVC	Field Improvement	\$7,035.00	
	Sherrie Parker Award	Sponsor Golf And Legends Dinner	\$8,500.00	
	1/1/24	Eisenhower Girls Sofball	Slow And Fast Girls Pitch Softball	\$6,800.00
Yakima Monday Morning Quarterbacks		High School Athletic Programs	\$1,000.00	
OIC Of Washington		MLK Athletic Programs	\$1,000.00	
Single Track Alliance		Mountain Bike Trail	\$1,000.00	
6/1/24		Sherrie Parker Award	Sponsor Golf And Legends Dinner	\$8,000.00
		Granger Jr. Spartan Athletics Football	Football Helmets	\$1,800.00
1/3/25		Eisenhower Girls Bowling	Player Development	\$1,000.00
		MLK Aquatics Center	Daryl Parker Award	\$7,000.00
		Pepsi Pak American Legion Baseball	Program Support	\$500.00
		Yakima Beetles American Legion Baseball	Program Support	\$500.00
	Selah's Goon Squad Sports Club	Program Support	\$1,000.00	
	Yakima Sports Commission	3x3 Tournament	\$500.00	
	Eisenhower Fastpitch Softball	Carol Finney Endowment Fund	\$13,000.00	
	YVC Athletic Dept.	Department Equipment	\$5,000.00	
	YVC Scholarship Grants	Work Study, Coaches Award	\$6,748.00	
	Eisenhower Football	Training Support	\$1,000.00	
1/9/25	Madison House	Sport Toys For Tots	\$1,200.00	
	Yakima Rosebud Cheerleaders	2025 Uniforms	\$1,000.00	
	Yakima Monday Morning Quarterbacks	High School Athletic Programs	\$1,000.00	
3/13/25	OIC Of Washington	Spring Tournament Sponsor	\$1,500.00	
	First Tee Central Washington Golf	Youth Golf Program Development	\$1,000.00	
	Northwest Elite Fastpitch For Girls Association	Girls Softball Program Support	\$1,000.00	
	Yakima Flight	Player Development	\$1,000.00	
	Greater Yakima Sports Association	SunDome Floor Refinishing	\$1,000.00	
	Naches Valley Baseball	Program Support	\$700.00	
	<b>Total</b>			<b>\$86,533.00</b>



\$10,000 IN FALLER-BRAYTON ACADEMIC GRANTS AWARDED TO YVC ATHLETES & STUDENTS



CYNDIE SIMMONS

**DEAR PARKER PARTNERS,**

It seems we just rang in 2025 and now it's Spring! We hope you enjoyed the winter months with memorable times with family and friends. Thank you to all who contributed from our Holiday newsletter! As a result, over \$8,200 was raised to help PYSF grant more sports opportunities for kids in the valley. With the new year, we are gearing up for our 2025 annual fundraising events —Legends Dinner Friday, August 22nd and the High Hopes Golf Tournament Saturday, August 23rd. Be sure to mark your calendar! It's not too early to purchase a table or send in your golf team registration!

Our Valley is a sports community, and if you would like to partner with PYSF, there are many ways to help! Every donation large or small enables us to support our youth in sports. A single Parker Partnership is \$30 per year and for a couple it is \$50 per year. Please, feel free to call (509) 969-1475 or send an email to [info@parkeryouthfoundation.org](mailto:info@parkeryouthfoundation.org).



Lastly, please take a moment to press "Like" on our Parker Youth & Sports Foundation Facebook page, leave a comment, and invite your friends to do the same. Thank you everyone! When you support local sports, you support opportunities for kids that last forever!

*Cyndie Simmons*

**2024 & 2025 DONORS**

**PREMIER SPONSORS**

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- Faller-Brayton Endowment
- Carol Finney Endowment
- Stan Renecker Family Fund

**HALL OF FAME**

- Bill Faller
- Jon & Linda Mulvenon
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# HEROES REMEMBERED



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## **DR. ROBERT M. ALEXANDER (1944-2024)**



ROBERT ALEXANDER

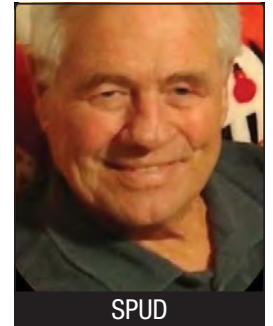
Bob was fondly called “Dr. Bob” by students and parents. He was a lifelong athlete and educator of youth who served Yakima students for 30 years. Bob grew up in Seattle, where he met his wife Michele in the 9th grade. He played basketball and baseball at Roosevelt High and then attended the University of Washington, where he played baseball. Bob then received a baseball scholarship to play for Seattle Pacific University where he earned his degree. He received his Master’s Degree from CWU and his Doctorate at Oregon State University. He was hired as an English teacher for Davis High. With his quick wit, enthusiasm for student success, and support of parent involvement in the schools, he was promoted to principal at Davis and then at Eisenhower High School. In 1989, Bob was promoted to Assistant Superintendent of Yakima Schools. He was the second president of Parker Youth & Sports and served on the board for 10 years. We appreciate that Bob shared his administrative skills, analytical thinking, positive disposition and dedication to youth with Yakima Valley organizations.

## **GEORGE “SPUD” EDMONDSON (1946-2024)**



SPUD

Spud was born in Yakima to Mer and former City of Yakima Mayor Betty Edmondson. He was an all-state football player, and starred as a basketball, and baseball player at Eisenhower High School. He was the co-captain of the Eisenhower 4A State Champion football team in the fall of 1964, which concluded with the final game taking place in Yakima against Davis, with these two unbeaten teams. The game of all lifetimes drew a crowd of 7,500 and was a battle that Eisenhower won. Spud played football for the University of Oregon Ducks under the Hall of Fame football coach, Len Casanova – the winningest football coach in Oregon history. Spud served the public and State of Washington as a probation and parole officer until his retirement. He was a member of the board of Parker Youth & Sports for several years and chaired the golf tournaments. Spud was the dedicated president of Yakima Monday Morning Quarterbacks for ten years. Spud met his wife Gay at work and they shared a life of adventures, great people and unmatched friendships. Spud made a positive difference for the youth every day of his life.



SPUD

## **KEITH FARNAM (1931- 2025)**



KEITH FARNAM

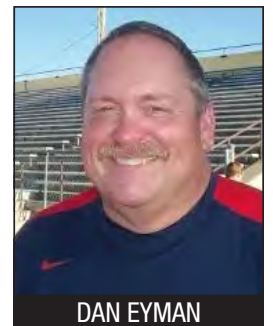
Keith was a University of Oregon basketball player who taught and coached multiple sports at Eisenhower for 30 years. He was also IKE’s Athletic Director for 10 years and was a 30 year member of - Yakima Monday Morning Quarterbacks Club. It seemed the world was his army, and he was the general. Keith had ideas, energy and salesmanship to pull projects together and get things done. As head basketball coach, he led the Cadets to the state playoffs three times in the ‘60’s. His 1964-65 squad is among the best in the school’s history. Keith coached baseball, basketball, boys & girls tennis, softball, and cross country at IKE. He worked as an official for football, basketball and baseball for many years and was a president of the Big Nine Conference. After graduating from Oregon, Keith served in the army and then began a teaching career in Oregon before moving to Yakima. While in college, he married his junior high girlfriend, Barbara. Students throughout the Yakima Valley benefited from the work of Keith Farnam who specialized in sports, humor, fitness, and motivation.



KEITH FARNAM -  
CHEERLEADER FOR  
EVERYTHING THAT  
STARTS WITH KID

## **COACH DAN EYMAN (1950-2025)**

Coach Dan is a West Valley High alumnus who played football at YVC and Eastern Washington University (EWU) before becoming head football coach at Highland, Eisenhower, and West Valley High Schools. He earned his education degree, and Master’s degree from EWU. He became a sports fan early in life and played football, basketball, baseball, and wrestled in high school. Dan was known as the “Gentle Giant,” because of his ready smile, kindness and humor. Yet in athletics his teams were aggressive, prolific in scoring, and record-setting teams. Dan was an assistant for Greg Gavin at Eisenhower for seven years before taking over the program and becoming the winningest Coach in Eisenhower history with a 72-48 record over 12 seasons. In 2009, IKE made it the state quarterfinals, and had 11 wins. Dan was named 2009 Football Coach of the Year by the Washington State Football Coaches Association. Dan supported kids and their dreams and gave them skills for life.



DAN EYMAN

*Our friendship and sympathies go to  
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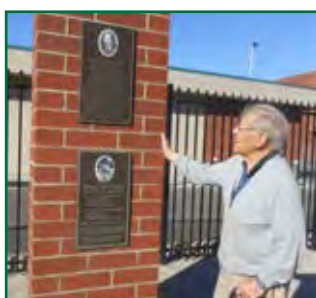
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## GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION OF YOUTH SPORTS

The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation  
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### RICHARD CUYLE



**BILL FALLER ADMIRING PLAQUES**

Parker Youth & Sports says "Thank you" to Richard Cuyle! His support lifts our spirits when times are lean, and his work has made our organization proud and our grounds beautiful! In fact, if you need a pep talk on the value of Parker Field or youth sports – then have a visit with Richard Cuyle! He has lifelong memories of Parker Field and compliments Parker Youth & Sports for helping to maintain the Field. Richard was an 8-year-old Pee-Wee baseball player when his dad took him to Parker Field to see Lefty Gomez autographing baseballs. Ten years later, Richard played baseball for Bill Faller which led to more memories and pride in the field. In 2015, when the

field was renamed Parker Faller Field, Richard's construction company helped build the new field entry with plaques honoring Shirely Parker and Bill Faller. Richard says, "Parker Youth & Sports has a great group of people." He is glad Parker supports all of the youth sports – not just one sport. He believes coaches have a great impact on kids and he is glad to be invited to contribute! He also says that, "Anyone can give a little!" And we say – "Richard Cuyle – You are a Gold Medal Champion of Youth Sports - and we thank you!"



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