

Jean Parsons Emerson – 1989 Hall of Fame Inductee



Jean Emerson went to Hagerman High School where she has an outstanding basketball career. The last two seasons of her high school basketball career she scored more than 1000 points.

During World War II, Kimberly High School was without a basketball coach which prompted them to hire Jean. The next season she also took over as football coach and received worldwide attention. She was the first woman high school coach in the Magic Valley. She served for 23 years as a teacher and coach.

In 1967 she helped to reorganize the girls' athletic programs at Kimberly after they had been discontinued for a number of years. She began coaching girls' track, volleyball, and basketball, and her teams frequently participated in the state tournaments. She was selected as "Coach of the Year" in volleyball and track and was nominated as "Coach of the Year" on the national level for track.