

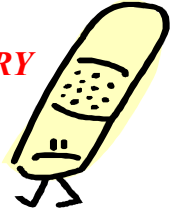


WSPF HAPPENINGS

JANUARY - MARCH 2008

STAY TUNED FOR OUR NEW POTATO FOUNDATION WEBSITE
COMING MAY OF 2008!
WWW.WASHINGTONSPUDS.ORG

WSPF SPONSORS FREE CPR AND FIRST AID TRAINING TO POTATO INDUSTRY



The WSPF is sponsoring this course for free (in English and Spanish) in three locations for a total of 50 registrants. If you are interested, register today!

MOSES LAKE-English
Wednesday, March 26, 2008
8:30am-2:30pm
WSPC Office
108 Interlake Road
Moses Lake, WA 98837

PASCO-English
Friday, March 28, 2008
8:30am-2:30pm
Basin Gold Cooperative
5802 N. Industrial Way, Ste C
Pasco, WA 99301

OTHELLO-Spanish
Tuesday, April 1, 2008
8:30am-2:30pm
Sterling Savings Bank
450 E. Main Street
Othello, WA 99344

PASCO-English
Thursday, April 23, 2008
8:30am-2:30pm
Basin Gold Cooperative
5802 N. Industrial Way, Ste C
Pasco, WA 99301

Registrations Due to Kellee Balcom by March 21, 2008
E-mail :kbalcom@potatoes.com to check on availability

PRIDE IN HERITAGE PROGRAM

For a \$1000 contribution a person will be honored with a framed photo on display in the WSPC commission office and a Tri-Cities location (TBD).

Honorees so far include:

- Jim Lentz
- Pete Taggares Sr
- George Skone
- Bert Connors
- Maurice Balcom Sr
- Joe Moe

Join Us in Promoting Pride in our Heritage

GROWER EDTRAINING GRANTS AVAILABLE

Looking for a little training funds for you or your employees? The WSPF has earmarked \$10,000 in 2008 available to pay for courses (short courses, college courses or technical assistance funds) for growers and processors. Apply for your grant (not to exceed \$1000) today via www.WashingtonSpuds.org after May 1st

SUMMER GOLF TOURNAMENT JUNE 30, 2008

Meadow Springs Country Club.
Sponsor Packets Available now.
Great tee prizes and a fabulous time. Both morning and afternoon tee times available.
Reserve your spot!



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EXCELLENCE IN AG SCHOLARSHIPS

This year over \$30,000 will be awarded to college students who demonstrate a desire and abilities to work in the industry.

New scholarship opportunities available this year thanks to our great partners:

- Agri-NW
- Baker Produce
- Connell Oil/Pacific Pride
- J.R.Simplot Corporation (Michael F. Moores Memorial Scholarship)
- P.J. Taggares Inc
- Skone and Connors
- Washington Trust Bank
- Otto Geisert Leadership Scholarship

AWARDS BEING MADE APRIL OF 2008

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Paul Lauzier Matching Grant Raises a total of \$40,000 during 4 month period

- WSPF Welcomes Ellie Charvet onto our Executive Committee
- 2008 Industry Leadership Award presented to Otto Geisert
- Foundation Banquet Raises record high \$16,000 .
- 10,000 in Summer Internships (paid as Scholarships to college) will be available beginning in May for students working in Ag.
- **The next WSPF Board Meeting is March 27, 2008 in Pasco**

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR FEEDBACK ARE WELCOME.
CONTACT KELLE BALCOM AT KBALCOM@POTATOES.COM OR 509.528.4144

