



Loren Stangeland Sr.



Nominator and Relation

Gus Myers, Acquaintance

Boone Myers, Grandson

November 5, 2013

2. Years of Community and Agricultural Service

- National Potato Promotion Board Member 1998 to 2004
- Active Member of local Lutheran Church Organization
- Support of numerous community events including but not limited to:
 - Franklin County Business Activities
 - Local Youth Baseball
 - Hockey Organizations
 - Numerous Philanthropic Efforts in very quiet manner

3. Brief Bio of Loren Stangeland Sr.

Loren moved to the Tri-Cities in 1976 from Idaho Falls, Idaho. He was the initial plant manager for Rogers Brothers' potato processing plant in Richland, now the Richland Lamb Weston plant. He had the plant up to full capacity and the most profitable in the Rogers Brothers' plants in record time. After two (2) years of many long hours he was invited back to Idaho Falls to interview for a corporate Vice President Position. At the conclusion of the interview process he was asked if he wanted the good news or the bad news. He said the bad news: The bad news was he did not get the job. The good news was he could move his family back to Idaho Falls and train the individual whom was hired over Loren for the Vice President position. This was the beginning of 3 RIVERS POTATO SERVICES... Loren resigned on the spot and with five (5) children and the youngest not yet in school he ventured out as an independent business.

3 RIVERS POTATO SERVICES was formed by Loren and John Tucker in 1978. They started out with no clients and lots of good ideas. In short order they purchased one potato storage shed and decided a niche could be filled in the Mid-Columbia by cutting, storing, treating, sorting and assisting farmers both for seed potatoes and grown potatoes. In 1990 John and Loren decided to part ways. Loren assumed 100% ownership of the venture which at that time was performing \$10 million in revenue. That revenue has now grown to \$40 million. Loren has also increased his number of storage sheds to six (6) and has maintained the highest technology with seeking and investing in the latest and most advanced storage facilities. He has shown this commitment by building six (6) new units in the last four (4) years. His latest two (2) storage facilities was built in 2011 and placed in service in conjunction with ongoing support Lamb Weston.

Over the last 35 years Loren has supported numerous local civic organizations. He has provided a steady and good work environment for over 70 employees, many of which have been with Loren for two and three generations of family members. He has been a fair and honest business man whose handshake is better than a contract. He has truly been a great addition to the Pasco business arena as well as the entire Mid-Columbia region.

4. Attachments

No Attachments



The Mid-Columbia Agriculture Hall of Fame was formed in Year 2000 to recognize and honor distinguished individuals that have made significant contributions to the agricultural community in the Greater Franklin County region and its immediate surrounding areas; although nominees from neighboring counties of Franklin County within a 150-mile radius are often also considered for this prestigious award.

The Pasco Chamber Board has proudly created a Selection Committee comprised of quality individuals representative of our agriculture industry and has chartered them with the honorable task of reviewing all nomination submittals. Induction candidates are selected based on their outstanding performance in the agriculture industry and their bountiful support of the local and rural communities. Candidates are recognized by their peers for not only their dedication, generosity, and selflessness, but also their demonstrated achievements, noteworthy expertise, and creative innovations that often provide a legacy of impactful results and lasting benefit to the overall enhancement of the local agricultural industry and community at large. Farmers, growers, ranchers, and owners/employees of agribusiness firms are all eligible for nomination as either individuals and/or families.

The Ag Hall of Fame inductions will be presented at a special gala January 16, 2013 at the Pasco Red Lion. **Deadline for Application is November 29, 2013.**

Mid-Columbia Agriculture Hall of Fame Intent to Nominate

Nominee's Name Loren Stangeland Sr., 3 Rivers Potato Services Inc.

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Nominee's Phone 509-547-0494 Fax _____ E-Mail _____

Date of Birth 11/1/1931 Birthplace Fargo, ND

Date of Death (if deceased) _____

Nominator's Name Gus and Boone Myers

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