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## Local Restaurants Receive “Silver Platter” Food Safety Award

The Whatcom County Health Department is pleased to announce the recipients of the **Silver Platter Award** for 2008. The award recognizes excellence in safe food handling and is given to dining establishments that achieve outstanding scores during food safety inspections throughout the year. Fifty-six eating establishments earned awards for 2008 compared to thirty-five for 2007.

“Once again, we want to acknowledge the efforts of operators who demonstrate a commitment to food safety in their restaurants,” stated Regina Delahunt, Public Health Director. “We are especially pleased that nine establishments earned a Silver Platter Award in both 2007 and 2008. Acme Café, Camp Firwood, Camp Horizon, Camp Lutherwood, Quiznos in Ferndale, Subway--Lakeway Drive, Taco Bell—Stuart Road, Taco Bell—Sunset Drive, and Tino’s Pizza and Pasta have earned Silver Platter Awards in both 2007 and 2008.”

Only about 5% percent of the dining establishments inspected in 2008 met the stringent criteria established by the Health Department for the Silver Platter Award. To receive an award, establishments must comply with the Washington State Retail Food Code and consistently achieve excellent scores during food safety inspections conducted throughout the year.

Food safety is a very important public health issue. The Washington State Department of Health estimates that there may be as many as 1.5 million acute food-borne illnesses in Washington each year. Whatcom County’s Silver Platter Award recipients have made a valuable contribution to the prevention of food-borne illness in our community. **The 2008 Silver Platter Award recipients are:**

Acme Café	Fairhaven Pizza Company	Papa Murphy’s--Bakerview
BPOE #194	Fiamma Burger	Papa Murphy’s—James Street
Baker Lodge	Firs Chalet	Panda Express
Beaver Inn	Flats Tapas Bar	Pioneer Catering
Burger King--Blaine	Great Harvest Bread Company	Pizza Factory
Camp Firwood	Haggen—Barkley Chef’s Counter	Quel Fromage
Camp Black Mountain	Haggen—Sehome Deli	Quiznos--Ferndale
Camp Horizon	Horseshoe Cafe	Raspberry Ridge Golf Course
Camp Lutherwood	Jeckyl and Hyde Ale House	Red Bandana
China Palace	Little Caesar’s Pizza—Yew Street	Red Berry
Cold Stone Creamery	Loomis Trail Golf Club	Sadighi’s
Cruisin Coffee—Kok Road--Lynden	Lucky Panda	Salvation Army Camp Lummi
Diego’s	Lynden Senior Center	Subway—Northwest Avenue
Diablo Dining Hall	McDonald’s—Bellis Fair Mall	Subway—Goodrich Ice Cream
Dos Padres	Meadow Green	Subway—Third Ave--Ferndale
Eagle’s Roost—Pt. Roberts Golf Club	Mi Mexico	Taco Bell—Stuart Road
Emerald City Smoothie	Mount Baker Motorcycle Club	Taco Bell—Sunset Dr.
Extremes Sports Grill	Mt. Baker White Salmon Lodge	Taco Time—Meridian St.
	Original New York Pizza	Tino’s Pizza and Pasta

The public should look for these awards posted in the dining establishments of local award recipients. Questions regarding the Silver Platter Award may be directed to our Food Safety Program at (360) 676-6724.