



Specialty Act Selected

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ELLENSBURG, Wash. — Looking for an entertainer who brings more than just a pretty face? In fact he brings several! Enjoy fun family entertainment with Team Ghost Riders and Tim “Wild Thang” Lepard this Labor Day weekend at the Ellensburg Rodeo.

This year the Ellensburg Rodeo Board chose Team Ghost Riders and Tim “Wild Thang” Lepard to be the specialty act. “In 2006 Lepard was chosen as the specialty act and was a crowd favorite, and we are pleased to have Lepard’s act with us again at this year’s rodeo,” said President Gene Dana.

Tim 'Wild Thang' Lepard is a 50-year old rodeo entertainer. Born in Memphis, TN, he now hangs his hat in Tupelo, MS. Tim has been involved with rodeo for over 35 years. He began his career riding bulls, which evolved into bull fighting. After nine major surgeries incurred due to fighting bulls, Tim began putting together the dog and monkey act that concentrated on comedy. Finally an act with 3 dogs and 3 monkeys evolved into Team Ghost Riders.

Working with and training animals involves a lot of hard work. Traveling across the United States with the animals requires even more dedication and responsibility. The animals are like a family and require round the clock care to ensure their well-being. Just seeing the crowd smiling and hearing their laughter makes it all worthwhile.

Tim is a great supporter of the "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" campaign that the PRCA has become involved in. Breast Cancer is a disease that affects many of our families, friends, and fans. We need to do what we can to help find a cure. Participating in the "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" campaign is a great program that benefits many women in Kittitas County through the Kittitas Valley Health Foundation. “Tough Enough to Wear Pink” day is always a special day at the rodeo, so that is why at the Ellensburg, WA rodeo I chose to do something I had never done before. I performed with four dogs and four monkeys for the first time ever and we were all sporting "Pink" in support of the Tough Enough Campaign.

Come join the rodeo fans this Labor Day weekend at the Ellensburg Rodeo to enjoy Tim “Wild Thang” Lepard and Team Ghost Riders.

This year’s rodeo runs from August 29 – September 1, 2014. More information about its many competitions and events can be found online at www.ellensburgrodeo.com.

The Ellensburg Rodeo is one of the “old rodeos” and has earned its place as one of America’s Top 10 professional rodeos. The Ellensburg Rodeo hosts the World Finale of PRCA’s Xtreme Bulls Tour. Started in 1923 with the same volunteer spirit that still “fuels the fire” of today’s volunteers, the rodeo has grown from a local competition among ranch hands to the Professional event of today with over 600 contestants and prize money in excess of \$400,000!

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