

# Brushes with greatness: From Super Bowl rings to Jagger sings

During the introduction of past Super Bowl MVPs during the pre-game festivities of Super Bowl 50, I flashed back to when I tried on a championship ring from Super Bowl III.

Most of the celebrities I've met over the years are athletes. Although I've never really been one to get star struck, I admit I did get a little misty-eyed when I met baseball greats Bob Gibson and Don Mattingly. It should come as no surprise to those who know me that I actually asked Steve Thompson if I could try on his Super Bowl ring.

My husband, John, lived with Steve's family for awhile as a foster kid while growing up near Everett, Washington. Steve played at Lake Stevens High School and the University of Washington before beginning his NFL career as a defensive lineman with the New York Jets.

Chosen in the second round of the 1968 draft, Steve missed the better part of his rookie season due to an injury. However, he returned before the end of the season and played

on special teams when the Jets won Super Bowl III. Being inquisitive, I asked Steve if he took showers with quarterback Joe Namath. He laughed, and confirmed they used the same locker room facilities.

A big man with gigantic hands, the ring was humongous on my finger. Always a huge sports fan, the ring was practically as big as the smile on my face.

Also, back in the day, I ran with Steve Prefontaine. Despite the fact he died nearly 41 years ago, he hardly requires an introduction. (For those unfamiliar with Pre, he ran at the University of Oregon, competed in the 1972 Olympics and at one time was the American record holder of seven different distance events).

I didn't think it was a big deal — Prefontaine was a Coos Bay kid and was in town to visit his folks. A 1969 Marshfield High School graduate, Prefontaine hung out with our track team while we practiced that spring day in 1975.

Another brush with celebrity I've had over the years was running into

Warren Zevon ("Werewolves of London," "Excitable Boy" and "Poor Poor Pitiful Me" are among his more well-known hits).

Barbe Peerson, who could recite Zevon's lyrics probably as well as the baritone-voiced singer himself, and I were in Portland to see a show. With festival seating, we got to the venue early so we could get a good seat.

Warren Zevon came out of the men's restroom about the same time Barbe exited the women's. I gestured to Barbe so she would notice who it was. "Excuse me," he said.

"Warren Zevon talked to me," I later told my husband about the encounter.

"He had to, you were in his (expletive) way," Barbe said in setting the record straight.

And, there was the time I sang with Mick Jagger. Well, Mick was standing on the stage and I was standing on my chair — but we were both singing.

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INSIDE MY SHOES

# Fair theme highlights 'Traditions & Transitions'

Board unveils new 2016 logo



MASTER PRINTERS NW BY SOFI SMITH

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A ferris wheel, musical performer, farm animals and a blue ribbon — items synonymous with the Umatilla County Fair — are featured in the logo for the 2016 event.

The logo was unveiled during the annual Fair Appreciation Dinner, held Jan. 30 at Thompson Hall on the fairgrounds in Hermiston. The 2016 fair is Aug. 9-13.

Representing the theme "Traditions & Transitions," it was created by Sofi Smith of Master Printers NW. Smith said the Pendleton company participated in the logo contest as a way to show support for the fair. The runner-up was MaKenzie Mize, a senior at Griswold High School.

The 2016 Umatilla County Fair logo was unveiled during the Jan. 30 Fair Appreciation Dinner at Thompson Hall on the fairgrounds in Hermiston.

Born and raised in Hepner, Smith studied art at Linfield College in McMinnville, although never completed her degree. Mostly a self-taught artist, she has worked her entire career in newspapers and com-

mercial print shops. Smith lives in Pendleton, with her husband, Darrell. They have two sons, Spencer and James.

Details about another logo contest will be available soon. Angie McNalley, fair administrative assistant, said kids in first through fifth grades can create a design for the Fun at the Fair Day Camp.

The winning logo will be featured on camp T-shirts and other materials to promote the camp, which focuses on things for kids to do on the fairgrounds during fair week. The camp includes arts and crafts, science experiments, music and more.

For more information, contact McNalley at 541-567-6121, 800-700-3247, angie.mcnalley@umatillacounty.net, visit www.co.umatilla.or.us/fair or stop by the fair office at 515 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston.

## IN BRIEF

### Good Shepherd offers babysitting class

Youths ages 10-15 can learn childcare techniques to prepare them for what to expect when taking care of other people's children.

Babysitting Basics 101

includes information about children's developmental stages, as well as basic first aid and child CPR.

Upcoming sessions are offered Saturday, Feb. 20, or Saturday, March 12. The class runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Center

1 at Good Shepherd Medical Center, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. The cost is \$30, which includes lunch and all class materials.

Those who plan to attend must pay in advance. To register or for more information, call 541-667-3509.

## FEBRUARY 2016



Go *Hog Wild* for CASH & PRIZES!  
BEGIN EARNING ENTRIES FEBRUARY 1ST!  
**\$65,000**  
*Rebel Love*

**TWO LUCKY WINNERS GUARANTEED TO WIN**  
a 2016 Harley-Davidson Motorcycle!

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING February 28 • 5pm & 8pm  
DRAWINGS every Friday & Saturday 2pm - 10pm

Winners DROP a HOG to win CASH and entry into the Grand Prize Giveaway!  
Must win a HOG DROP to be eligible for the BIG HOG grand prize drawing. 50 points earns one entry for the Hog Drop Drawings. Must be a Club Wild member.

**BURN OUT ENTRY MULTIPLIER DAYS**

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in February, earn progressive entry multipliers for amount of play per day!

Burn through those entries to up your shot at the Hog Drop Cash Game Drawings!

500 points earned = 5x  
1000 points earned = 10x  
1500 points earned = 15x  
**UP TO 100x!**

Point multipliers apply for that days play only. Multipliers are earned progressively. Management reserves the right to alter, suspend or withdraw promotions/offers at any time.

**Stack the Rack**  
You have **10 seconds...**  
Win up to \$500!

Whatever you stack, you win!  
Start earning entries February 1

Chips must be correctly stacked in the designated rack to qualify. Hit a qualifying hand to be entered in the drawing.

**\$14,000 LOVE TO WIN GIVEAWAY**

Win one of 14 luxury prizes!  
Start earning entries February 12

**A Valentine gift:**  
14 points = 1 entry

**Grand Prizes Drawings**  
February 14 ▼ 9am - 4pm

**\$3,500 LUCKY LEAP DAY**  
Win a \$500 Gas Gift Card!

Use your entries from the Rebel Love Giveaway for a **second chance at winning** on Leap Day  
Monday February 29 • 2pm - 10pm

**Drawings every 30 minutes**

**PRESIDENTS' DAY HOT SEATS**  
**WIN up to \$200 in FreePlay!**

FreePlay Hot Seat Drawings every thirty minutes between 10am & 10pm  
Monday February 15 in honor of President's Day

The point is... You WIN!

**CLUB WILD**

New Club Wild benefits beginning March 2016.



# THE TENORS

February 13

Tickets on sale NOW!

Ticket prices start at \$49

Purchase tickets at wildhorseresort.com

or in person at the Gift Shop

**SPECIAL DATE NIGHT DINNER PACKAGE AVAILABLE!**

Rivers Event Center. Show starts at 8pm, doors open at 7pm

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