

Gallery featuring Art of the Dog

Art Adventure Gallery in Madras in September will be featuring works by Warm Springs artist Jeanie Smith. Her *Art of the Dog* series are acrylic paintings and mixed media.

The exhibit opens on Wednesday, September 1, and will be on display for the month.

There will be a talk by the artist on Sept. 1 at the gallery at 5 p.m.

There will be a reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and there will be live music.

Art Adventure Gallery is located on Fifth Street in downtown Madras.

The following is a statement by Jeanie Smith regarding her artwork:

The dialogue taking place between humans and dogs can confuse, humor, and delight both species.

This I found to be true in my search for the perfect dog companion.

The selection process led to a new awareness of how many differences the breeds of dogs have.

How do dogs react to humans? How trainable are they? What is their temperament and are they visually pleasing or just

plain fun to watch?

To complicate matters, I plan to have this new family member learn to be a therapy dog. Choosing became a problem. Painting them was a solution.

Their personalities begged to be on canvas. So, along with the search came *The Art of the Dog*.

Fascinated with the form, I added the bright colors. In some cases muted dog colors with vivid backgrounds seemed more appropriate. I don't do prior color planning. The dog portrait dictates the outcome.

Each painting or multi-media piece has its own message, of-



Painting by Jeanie Smith ten interpreted differently by each observer.

Some images required different materials.

Dogs can be a piece of art or your best friend.

In all cases, dogs are due re-

spect and love and the ability to live along side those who treat them well.

The Art of the Dog is spiked with bounce, bite and love. This show is an art homage of the four-legged hairy ones that give the highly sought after unconditional love.

Perhaps the beauty of a dog lies in its artistic status in our hearts.

Jeanie Smith

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Stanley "Bear Tracks" Simtustus poses with a branch-antlered bull elk killed last week by a motor vehicle on Highway 26. Natural Resource Branch employees used the elk to teach summer youth workers how to skin and care for the meat of big game animals. The meat was placed in the Natural Resources freezer and the cape is being mounted by a taxidermist for use as a conservation/education tool.

Simnasho Mustangs continue winning season

By Tony "Bigrat" Suppah Coach

We played in the Hillsboro basketball tournament, held August 7-8. It was a very physical and at times a tough tournament.

By the Mustangs winning their division, they qualified for the USSSA Hall of Fame 3-on-3 World Championships, to be held at Parking Lot Q at downtown Disney, just north of the Cirque De Soleil and Home of the Blues, within the Walt Disney World Resort, Orlando, Fla. The event will be hosted by Disney's World of Sports, Sept. 3-6.

Our roster consisted of Captain Rosey Twostarrs "Swoosh" Suppah, Redsky Walker "Ice-man" Suppah, Turner "Solo" Gill, Anthony "Snoop Dog" Maldonado, and Bob Gill, who helped by keeping score, and due to a fight in another game, had to finish reffing one game. Thanks a lot, Bob.

We will be representing the Rez and the West Coast teams. There were seven good teams in the brackets, and they all made the playoffs on Sunday, August 8.

Due to a car accident on Highway 26, two of our players got caught in the traffic jam. So we almost went down in defeat by forfeit, in our first game. Thanks to the opposing coach, she wanted to play. The ref suggested we use an extra player to start the game, until the rest of our team arrived. The opposing coach said, I need to know where our team's at, the only way is to play the game. No for-

feit, so the coach loaned us her son. He tried his best, but we fell behind and it was a very physical game, from the start.

Finally Turner showed up with four minutes left in the game, being fresh and quick, he helped us get the victory. Anthony got there when the game was over. We were all present, so we had to play three more games on Saturday to make the playoffs.

Our second game we won very easily. Our third game against the Portland Jayhawks was very tough. They beat us both offensively and defensively. We went down in defeat 20-12. Our fourth game we got our composure back. The other team was competitive, but we came out victorious.

Tied with another team with a 3-1 record, we had a better point spread in our games, so that gave us the number 2 seed in the championship bracket, which began at 10 a.m. Sunday. Our first game was up for grabs, a seesaw battle. The team with the least turnovers would win. It was a very tough, physical game, no blood-no foul. We played good team ball, holding them off to win the game.

We played a lot of players who played on different teams in the state games tourney. In our semi's we played one of our rural teams, Oregon City. We jumped out on them quick, not giving them a chance to get their game together. Winning and moving into the championship, we prepared to play the Jayhawks again.

To our surprise they were upset in overtime by another Portland team. They must have played themselves out because when we played them they didn't play like they did in their semi's. They played tough, but we won very easily.

We complimented their team, because they beat the team that walked over us. A lot of teams would like to be where they had gotten, to the championship game.

God bless you all.

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