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Archive Trip Reveals Back Room

By Tyson Webster

So, there we were, headed down a long, dark hallway. “I’ve got one more thing to show you,” Courtney Gerzetich, our host at the archives had told us as she took half of our group down that hallway. At the end, we took a right turn where Courtney opened a door and in we went. “This is where we keep a lot of priceless, valuable things,” she said. She was right.

In that back room, we saw dozens of historic artifacts such as lacrosse sticks, pottery, handmade lace and baskets, army medals, the condolence stick, and much, much more. That back room alone made the trip worthwhile.

Madden 2023 Predicts Packers Wins, Not Loss

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

By the time readers read this, the 2022 NFL Season will be things of the past with maybe only the Super Bowl left to be played. For Packers fans, it’s been an interesting year that ended abruptly on a pretty sad note.

For historic purposes, people should know that this past season was the team’s 102nd NFL season, but its 104 campaign overall as the Green Bay Packers. While the team started the past season well enough with a 3-1 record, the Packers hit a heckuva slump with a five-game losing streak (their longest since 2008).

A win over the Dallas Cowboys in week 10 offered some promise, but the team lost two more games before turning things around against the Bears. Then it rattled off four straight wins setting up a “win and you’re in” scenario against a resurging Detroit Lions squad.

There was little doubt that improved play by the defense and the spark provided by special teams standout Keisean Nixon made a huge difference. But the offense was sporadic all season.

Our journalism class had some fun seeing what the game Madden 2023 would predict for the last few games of the season. While most experts had the Packers losing to the Dolphins, for instance, Madden had them winning. Same thing with the game against the Vikings though they did enter that game as odds-on favorites.

So, going into the Detroit game, what did Madden 2023 have to say? Well, it had the Packers dominating the Lions from start to finish. Reality turned out differently, however, and the Packers were eliminated from the playoffs. QB Aaron Rodgers had a particularly tough outing ending with a quarterback rating of 83.1 according to PFF.

One might ask how accurate and up-to-date Madden is as it predicted these games. According to several online sources, player statistics are updated weekly. So, Madden should be fairly accurate in predicting games.

“Yote” Hunt in Oneida

By Raylee Polanco

For those who might not know, “Yote” is an insider’s way of referring to a coyote.

Coyotes are interesting animals. They are described as “medium-sized members of the dog family, larger than foxes but smaller than wolves. Native to western North America, they are extremely adaptable. Coyotes have increased in numbers and have increased their geographical range during the past fifty years, due in part to human modification of the landscape.”

Hunting them is exciting and challenging.

Coyotes will live in fields, plains, and brushy area. It usually makes its den in rocks, logs, caves, or the den of another animal that it makes bigger.

To successfully hunt yote, you need to know a few things – especially about your resources including your hunting group, your gun your dog, and your hunting area.

You must have trust in your hunting group, your dog, and your weapon. Our group uses coonhounds and walkers for dogs. For weapons, we use shot guns, rifles, and AR15s. Take care of those things, and you can have your own enjoyable, successful yote hunt.

T-Hawks Talk Podcast

By Mariah Cloud

Podcasting is currently growing in popularity. Back in 2006, only 22 percent of the US adult population was aware of podcasting. By 2022, this figure had risen to 79 percent. It has become an increasingly popular pastime with over 82 million people having listened to podcasts in 2021. This number is estimated to rise even further reaching 100 million listeners in 2024.

For readers who don't know what podcasting is, its' the preparation and distribution of audio files using RSS feeds to the computers of subscribed users. Then, these files may be uploaded to social media and streaming devices, which people can then listen to on their phones or other devices.

Growing out of the Whose Land? Project with Professor James Leevy, ONHS students are planning the launch of the "T-Hawks Talk" Podcast that will have discussions about our history, and land, and maybe some guest interviews every week. There will be a lot of talking about Oneida Nation High School, the land, the history, and different stories.

Led by ONHS sophomores Jaylyn Caldwell and Mariah Cloud, the podcast should be up and running maybe as early as late-March.