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MEET CINDY THOMAS –

Art Teacher and Artist

By Zoe Doxtator and Thunderhawk Times Staff

It might surprise their students, but teachers have lives away from school! In fact, most ONHS teachers are involved in activities outside of school that show their skills and passions – sometimes in areas not even related to their subject area.

However, ONHS Art Instructor Cindy Thomas is actively engaged in art even away from school.

She has a business, Purple Pottery Productions, through which she creates, markets, and sells her art – “handmade functional pottery and clay sculptures.”

While she primarily practices in sculpture, Thomas also creates in other artistic mediums.

People who attend art shows in our area will often find Thomas with a booth where they can purchase her creations.

A couple of art shows where Thomas’ artwork is on display and available to buy include the Native Art Market on October 7 and the upcoming A Creative Native Art Show on November 4. Thomas is also an award-winning artist – having been recognized with numerous “Best of Show” acknowledgements for her work.

ONHS Art Students in Thomas’ classes are encouraged to follow their own self-expression in various ways. But they can always rest assured that they are being taught by a teacher who is an active, recognized, and honored artist herself.



Photo courtesy by Cindy Thomas

NFL WEEKLY PICK’EM

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

What’s due by Thursday and prompts some good-natured teasing and major bragging rights between ONHS staff and students? It’s the ONHS NFL Weekly Pick’Em run by ONHS staff member Anthony Cornelius.

Each week, about forty staff and students fill out Pick Sheets by choosing the winners of all upcoming NFL games. They also put down what they think the total points for the Monday Night contest will be as a possible tie breaker.

Overall, participation is pretty evenly split between staff and students. As of this writing, following Week six of the NFL season, teacher Jeff Martens is in first place with 65 points. In fact, the top ten spots are all held by staff members except for students Madalyn King and Mikael Thayer, who hold down the second and tenth spots, respectively.

JOURNALISM CLASS LEARNS THE STOCK MARKET

By Thunderhawk Times Staff

Fridays in journalism class are set aside for learning the ins and outs of investing. Taught by Jeff Martens, even lead teacher Denis Gullickson becomes a student on Fridays.

This is all-in preparation for our national competition in the Capital Hill Challenge that ONHS first participated in during the 2022-2023 School Year. When asked why he felt knowledge of the stock market was important, Jeff told the students, “Investing young was the key to setting yourself up for financial security later in life.”

To start things off, Jeff gave each class member \$250,000 in pretend money. They then started with four stocks from a list of about 25 different companies. They are also working on a pie chart representing how their \$250,000 is invested into different categories like stocks, bonds, utilities, technology, and so on.

The class is awaiting word on when the Capital Hill Challenge will start. Meanwhile, we are getting a head start with the idea that we will win the national competition. Watch for updates in future issues of *Thunderhawk Times*.