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NEWSLETTER

Date: December 1 to December 4
Tues. — Baked Ham
Wed. — Halipsa Hotdish
Thurs. — Pork Cutlets
Fri. — Grilled Cheese

Date: December 7
Mon. — Spagetti & Meat Sauce

The Student Forum

The UTTC Newsletter would like to provide the opportunity for students who would like to write something for the Newsletter to do so. If you have material you would like to see in print, contact one of the English teachers: Bev, Jill, Mary, or Brian.

One student currently attending classes has contributed the following thoughts:

ON DRINKING AND FRIENDS... If you ask people "Why drink?", they come up with many reasons or excuses. The one that strikes me as the most ironic is, "Because I want to be sociable".

They say they are social drinkers, but actually I have never yet seen an Indian who was a social drinker.

In my opinion, I see the social drinker as the one who drinks one or two beers or perhaps "nurses" a drink for the entire evening at the party, bar, or whatever the occasion may be. But that isn't the way it happens. Instead, it seems like one drink leads to another and pretty soon, one is too drunk to be able to socialize.

I'm speaking from my own experiences and also from observing others after I quit drinking and began the battle to try to help my friends. All my friends were drinkers because they were the only ones I knew. I didn't know anyone from home who wasn't a drinker. The more one partied, the more friends he supposedly had.

I finally gave it up in August of 1986. I just couldn't handle the devastating effects that alcohol had on my life anymore. In a few months, the word was out to everyone that I am trying to talk to friends about drinking and what it could lead to. Soon, when I would see one of my friends drunk on the street, he or she would avoid me or even try to hide. If they did talk to me, they would apologize for their drunkenness. I usually told them, "I'm not better than you or anyone." I'm not or never will be in a position to judge anyone. And -- I will never forget how it was with me either.

Some of my friends are actually amazed. Some get angry with me. Some are anxiously waiting for me to take that first drink. But -- I keep telling myself, "If I can just keep it up, perhaps one of these friends will follow too." I've got to try to help someone. Right now, all I can do for them is, "If you ever need someone to talk to..."

When someone asks me, "How did you ever do it?" I tell them that it wasn't me, but our Father in Heaven who has helped me, and who continually helps me. I can remember when I was usually greeted with: "Drunk again?" But now I'm asked if I would pray for them.


People get so caught up in this world and their problems that they forget there is a greater Power! Once they focus on that Power above, He can change one's life. I know I wouldn't have gotten where I am today if it weren't for Him. Every day, I am thankful for His help in making it this far.

When it seems that I run into any problems, I remind myself that He would never give me any problems are trials that we face in order to get strength and they are a reminder to look to him for His help. I know it's difficult to be humble in this world but I pray that if I can be of help to someone in some way, I can be there. I owe Him that.

Christmas Arts & Craft Sales

Date: December 3, 4, & 7th
Time: 12:00 to 1:00

Place: UTTC Cafeteria
Items For Sale: Sketches, beadwork, sweat shirts, ornaments, earrings.



TJ Elementary

TJ Elementary is PROUD to announce the names of the students who met their reading goal for BOOK IT! for the month of November.

Grades 1 & 2 - Abby Sue Davis*, Chandler Dwarf*, David Eagle, Fred Medicine Stone, Jeff Miller*, Nathan Bear*.

Grades 3 & 4 - Linda Greaves, Melissa White Eagle*, Christy Red Bird*, Mary Ann Greaves, Chastity Montoya and Frank Raygo.

Grades 5 & 6 - Chris Parisien, Misty Belgarde, Lee Azure, Chris Cadotte*, Tracey Little Light, Jamie Raygo, Laurel Driver, Ryanne Red Bird*, and Melanie Standing Bear*.

* Indicates students who met their goal in October also. Each classroom had an improvement over October. CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR KIDS!!!



Sponsor a TJ Child For Christmas

From the Parent Involvement Committee

Just a reminder to call the Elementary School ext 256 Anita or Brenda if you wish to sign up for a Theodore Jamerson student to sponsor with a Christmas gift. Some students have been taken, but there are plenty left yet in all grades K-8. The children really enjoy getting these gifts, so please pass the word around and call the Elementary School.