

Pony painter aims for future as artist

By Dennis J. Neumann, United Tribes News

Christine Ross intends to ride her painted pony into the future. What she hopes to encounter on the journey is a busy time of ideas and projects that promise to fill up a career using her talent and skill as an artist.

Ross (Three Affiliated), a student at United Tribes Technical College, is one of 30 area artists who painted images onto life-sized, fiberglass horses that will be auctioned off as a fundraiser for two non-profit organizations.

"It was a challenge," said Ross, who hand painted the horse in her apartment living room over the course of two months. "This was my first major painting project. I was more of a pencil person. Now I know I can paint."

Her unpaid contribution to the "Catch a Painted Pony" project is colored like an American Paint Horse, a breed revered by American Indians.

This 'war pony' is adorned with symbols - a circle around its eye and thunder stripes on its legs - that would have been on horses of her Hidatsa tribe, and other tribes, during a time of buffalo hunts and battles.

"This kind of work is what used to be done, what a horse looked like when it was used on a buffalo hunt. They put on signs and symbols for good luck and success."



Christine Ross, a student at United Tribes Technical College, painted this life-sized, fiberglass model to resemble an American Paint Horse for a benefit fundraiser. UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann

Over its back is draped a hide onto which Ross has painted a circular scene of the buffalo hunt from a drawing made by her 12-year-old daughter.

"Kathryn is very artistic at such a young age. To honor her I wanted to name the horse after her Indian name (ida-hi hu-bash). It means 'Good Spirit.'"

Iris Obes, a Hidatsa language teacher at the Edwin Loe Elementary School in New Town, ND, translated her daughter's Indi-

an name, for which Ross is grateful.

Ross is the youngest of 10 children in the family of Julia Bluestone Grinnell, Parshall, ND, and the late Harry Grady. Her mother sparked an interest in her for doing artwork while growing up on the Fort Berthold Reservation.

She graduated from White Shield High School and studied art education at Minot State College. Later Ross enrolled in the United Tribes art program and won

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Includes 2% or Skim Milk, Coffee or Tea and Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit and Vegetables. Menu subject to change.
 Cafeteria Hours: Breakfast ~ 7:00 - 8:30 am • Lunch ~ 11:30 - 1:00 pm • Dinner ~ 5:00 - 6:30 pm
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March 27 - 31

April 3 - 7

Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
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M Biscuits & Sausage Gravy	Chicken Strips & Rice	Hot Beef Sandwich	M German Sausage & Eggs	Chicken Sandwich & Fries	Lasagna & Garlic Toast
W Scrambled Eggs w/ Ham	Pizza (Cook's Choice)	Chicken Alfredo & Garlic Toast	W Pancakes & Sausage	Grilled Ham & Cheese	Braised Beef over Noodles
W Breakfast Burrito	Tater Tot Hotdish	Taco Salad	W Spanish Omelet	BBQ Rib Sandwich & Potatoes	Steak & Baked Potato
F Pancakes & Bacon	Chicken Fried Steak	Pizza (Cook's Choice)	F Scrambled Eggs & Muffin	Fish Sticks, Mac & Cheese	Turkey Sandwich & Soup

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Guest artists interpret dance performance



UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann

FRIENDSHIP IS METAPHORE: Tommy Christian (Fort Peck), Poplar, MT, says it may sound odd that he's involved with the ballet but there's a good reason. He and his collaborator Robert Meyer, at left, told a class of UTTC students March 15 about their involvement in a performance that merges ballet with traditional Native American dance and history. Christian, powwow announcer and award-winning champion traditional dancer (United Tribes International Powwow 1996, 1999, 2005) and Meyer, an award-winning commercial and fine art photographer, are guest artists with The Encounter, a ballet production that celebrates the first encounter between European American explorers and American Indians. Like their friendship, they say the performance expresses a message of acceptance about two cultures encountering each other. The Encounter performance is presented by the Northern Plains Ballet in Bismarck on March 25, Dickinson April 6 and in Jamestown April 11.

KODA THE WARRIOR "A Big Athlete's Foot!" Part 3 of 4

CREATED BY MARK L. MINDT
SPIRIT LAKE NATION

Uh, KODA... I could use some help...

SWOOSH!

Whoa! Have you ever thought about playing tribal college basketball?

Bigfoot plans on putting Benny through the tree.

Benny has had his fill of disrespect.

STOP! Take your hands off of me! You don't have the right!

NOW!!

Yo, Hairball It's time to talk!

KODA confronts Bigfoot, who has taken Benny without his permission. Bigfoot doesn't have the right to do this to anyone.

KODA is more concerned with Bigfoot's talent than the safety of his friend.

Tribal Analytics Institute

By Tiffany Hodge, TAI Community Research Specialist

The Tribal Analytics Institute, a 2-year grant project funded by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Administration for Native Americans (ANA), opened its doors on September 1, 2004. The Institute, located in the Human Resource Building on the United Tribes Technical College campus in Bismarck, North Dakota, was established to provide Nation Building strategies and culturally appropriate sustainable development concepts to expand organizational and management capacity building activities and to enhance community based program delivery systems and services.

The Institute provides assistance in: navigating the often confusing maze of performance measurement by developing replicable; culturally appropriate and evaluative criteria for Tribal Nations to follow as required by the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) and the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART); development of on-line/distance education curriculum on various areas relating to tribal economic analysis and Participatory Action Research; and statistical analysis.

TAI will visit every reservation in North Dakota to provide background information and assistance in understanding GPRA and PART.

These areas are critical to Indian country because of the number of federal programs which have either been through the PART process or those which are being slated. Unfortunately, this includes Tribal programs. The institute's goal is to make people aware and provide technical assistance in the development and tracking of meaningful and appropriate measures of progress for tribal programs. The design for such tools would be asset-focused, comprehensive, and culturally appropriate, while tailored to meet the specific criteria of the PART assessment.

Through research and statistical analysis TAI is providing access to information and mentors. TAI is trying to match students interested in research to mentors that can help offer advice and guidance in this area. The goal for UTTC/TAI is to help provide Indian Country with research people to help maintain the data that Tribal Nations should be in control of and have access to utilize for its members.

Traditional dance group available for performances



Fancy shawl dance at the 36th Annual United Tribes International Powwow. Photo Doug Quinn

An American Indian dance group is available to provide public performances for educational and civic groups in the region. The group is based in Bismarck and sponsored by the United Tribes Culture Committee.

Accompanied by a drum group, dancers present a selection of American Indian dance styles typically seen on the northern Great Plains. The dancers are college stu-

dents and members of their families.

Julie Cain, UTTC Culture Committee Chairperson, is the spokesperson who introduces the dances and participants and describes the significance of the dance regalia.

To learn about the modest fee to cover expenses and to schedule an appearance, contact Julie Cain 701-255-3285 x 1276.



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Influenza Precautions

Recommendations for schools

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The following recommendations can help prevent the spread of flu:

- Any ill employee, student, teacher or other staff member should not attend school or work
- Wash hands frequently using soap and warm water
- Flu is often spread by coughs or sneezes; make sure tissues are available; cover your mouth when coughing
- Schools with 10% or more of their total population absent on a given day due to illness should report that to the ND Dept. of Health
- Staff/faculty/students with high risk medical conditions should get a flu shot
- Closure of schools has not proven to be an effective way of stopping the flu
- Ill students should be excluded from sports activities, choir and any activity that may involve close contact; avoid sharing of saliva by not sharing glasses, water bottles, other drinks, forks and spoons, kissing, etc.
- Commonly used surfaces, such as door handles, handrails, eating surfaces, and desks, should be cleaned frequently with disinfectants; also surfaces in frequently used vehicles, such vans and buses

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DON'T SPREAD THE FLU!

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- × WASH YOUR HANDS
- × USE A HAND SANITIZER
- × STAY HOME WHEN SICK!!!



House heading down the road



SALE PENDING: Construction Technology Program Director Mike Matheny happily accepts a down payment from Mike and Jeanette Tristani March 15 to purchase a student-built, United Tribes house. The couple recently moved from Miami, Florida, and plan to locate the 1,248 square foot home on property they purchased near Hazelton, North Dakota. The Tristanis said they were looking for a safe place to raise their twins, age 8, and start a business. UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann

Deadline Extended for Essay Contest

Bismarck, N.D. - The deadline for the National Guard's Lewis and Clark Youth Rendezvous essay contest has been extended to April 2, 2006. The original essay deadline was February 28.

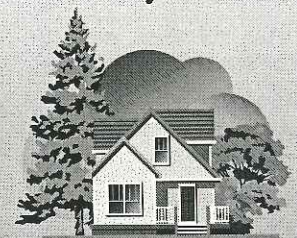
Students who will be high school juniors or seniors by August 2006 are eligible to participate in the essay contest.

The Lewis and Clark-focused essay needs to address the following question: "In your opinion, what military value most describes the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery journey and why?" (Military values are outlined on the website below.)

The essay must be a minimum of 1,000 words, but not more than 1,500 words; and can be submitted online or by mail and must be received or postmarked before midnight April 2, 2006.

To submit an essay or learn more about planned events, activities and essay contest rules, go to www.lcyouthrendezvous.com.

"Fundamentals of Fair Housing" Community Workshop



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Hall cautious about Interior nominee

NEW TOWN, ND - The Chairman of the Mandan-Hidatsa-Arikara Nation is taking a wait-and-see attitude about the man nominated by President Bush to head up the Interior Department.



Tex. G. Hall

is cautious about evaluating the suitability of Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne to succeed the outgoing Gale Norton as head of the government agency that includes the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

"Five years ago many leaders from Indian Country voiced their support for Norton. This time I think you're going to see us be a lot more cautious," said Hall, in a statement issued March 16.

Kempthorne is a Republican who

served one term in the Senate and, before that, was mayor of Boise for seven years. He announced last year that he would not seek another term as governor.

"The job of Secretary carries with it the sacred responsibility of keeping the United States' end of the bargain of honoring our treaties," said Hall. "I have high hopes for the new Secretary, but he needs to come up with a plan for real progress and real consultation with Indian Country. That means taking a hands-on approach to settling the Cobell lawsuit, committing to actually visiting Indian reservations and sitting down with Indian leaders one-to-one. And it means working with all tribes, starting the day he is sworn in, on the development of a budget for Indian Country that does not shirk the trust responsibility."

If confirmed by the Senate, Kempthorne will face a series of unresolved issues in the BIA, including the Cobell Trust lawsuit and trust reform. Norton is expected to leave the position by the end of March.

AVT Conference

By Kathy Johnson, Enrollment Services

This year's AVT Conference was held March 6-8 at Barona Valley Ranch Resort and Casino in Lakeside, CA. There were 75 participants.

United Tribes Technical College hosts these trainings annually. We provided training about federal and national updates relat-



Herman Lavatai, Phoenix, AZ, was delighted to be the lucky winner of the grand prize at this year's AVT conference - a star quilt made by Vivian Gillette, UTTC Admissions Director.

ed to higher education, AVT, Workforce Investment Act, 477, and other programs. Many of the participants are from different Tribal nations throughout the U.S.

There was a reception held on the second night that featured entertainment of two comedians, J.R. Redwater (Standing Rock) and Jim Ruel (Ojibwe), and Bobbi Rae Sage (MIN XIII) performed.

Participants selected Seminole Hard Rock Casino as the host of next year's conference, which will be held on March 5-7, 2007.

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United Tribes Men and Women's Health Day

"Healthy Life Choices"

**Tuesday, March 28
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

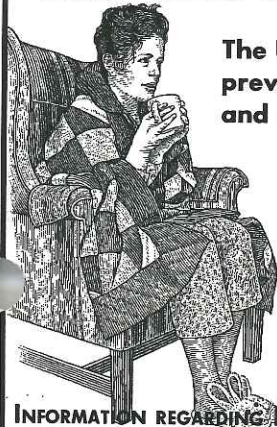
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NOTICE: INFLUENZA POLICY

United Tribes Technical College Student Health Center



The UTTC Student Health Center is taking proactive and preventive steps regarding INFLUENZA in the Center and on Campus.

Any student, staff or faculty person with upper respiratory symptoms, who seeks medical care at the Center, will be required to wear a mask.

Center staff members will also wear a mask.

**-Suzanne Shields
RN, SHC Supervisor**

**-Tracy Miller, ND Dept. Health/
Communicable Diseases**

INFORMATION REGARDING INFLUENZA CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

WOMENS' EMPOWERMENT SERIES

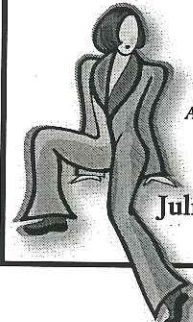
**LAND GRANT ROOM
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APRIL 12

**Jodi Gillette, WOMEN
AND TRADITIONAL ROLES**

MAY 17

**Julie Cain, COMMUNICATE
TO EMPOWER**



Student selected for research fellowship

BISMARCK (UTN) – Marla Striped Face-Collins (Standing Rock) is one of three students selected for a 2006-07 Ecological Society of America (ESA) SEEDS Program undergraduate fellowship. Collins is a student in Tribal Environmental Science at United Tribes Technical College.

The fellowship is for students interested in pursuing an ecology career and have who have gained some experience in the field.



Marla Collins at right, with mentor Dr. Carol Johnston

SEEDS fellows conduct a year-long independent ecological research project with the help of a mentor scientist.

Collins recently traveled to Phoenix, Arizona, to attend a workshop and meet her mentor scientist, Dr. Carol Johnston, Director of the Center for Bio-complexity Studies, at SDSU.

"I'm very excited to start my research with Dr. Johnston," said Collins.

Collins will study the relationship between bison, prairie dogs and beaver, the Northern Great Plains ecosystem climate variations, and the impact on water quality and quantity. Her hypothesis is that the near-extinction of the three species may have had a measurable negative influence on the local and regional climate.

The ESA SEEDS program offers undergraduate research fellowships for students underrepresented in the field of ecology. Collins was selected from a candidate pool of more than 50 students nationwide.

Photos offered early

At the request of the spring graduates, Robert Knutson Photography will be on campus Wednesday, April 5 from 11-1 in the upstairs Commons Area of the Jack Barden Center.

The bookstore will make caps and gowns available for the graduates who want early photos.

Meet UTTC Online Student from Oklahoma



MY NAME IS ROBERT HALDERMAN and I am part of the Creek nation from Oklahoma. I grew up in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Yes, I'm an Okie from Muskogee. After being in the U.S. Navy in the Nuclear Power program for eight years, I'm settling down in Hamilton, Ohio. My wife Kathy and I are raising our girls, Victoria Shea, 13, and Christian Morgan, 10. Our family passion is reaching out to the community through our church, the Calvary Christian Center. I have chosen to be a full time student, which does get burdensome at times, but with the help of my family I have no doubt that I will finish my degree in Early Childhood Education.

UTTC Graduate Wanted Inquiry via e-mail

If there's any doubt about the job market demand for graduates, or where in the world a trained worker might go, consider the following e-mail to UTTC from a recruiter for a Shanghai company with branches in the U.S. and Canada:

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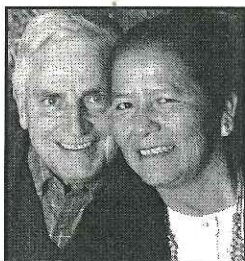
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Robert A. Roessel, Jr., first Diné College President

Friends and colleagues in the Tribal College movement noted with sadness the passing of a towering figure in the field of education. Dr. Robert Alfred Roessel, Jr., Round Rock, AZ, died February 16 at age 79.

Roessel's career in education on the Navajo Nation spanned 55 years. He founded the Rough Rock Demonstration School in 1966 and was the first president of Navajo Community College, the first tribally-owned community college, now Diné College, founded in 1968.



The late Dr. Robert Roessel and his wife Ruth.

"Our Navajo family has truly lost one of our sons, one of our brothers," said Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr.

A non-Indian, Roessel embraced Navajo ways and "turned around and taught us our ways, who we are, and taught our children and they graduated," said one admirer at a community tribute.

Roessel is survived by his wife and academic partner of 50 years, Ruth, president of the Round Rock Chapter; their five children: Faith, Bethesda, MD; Mary, Santa Fe, NM; Robert and Raymond, both Phoenix, AZ; and Monty, Rough Rock, AZ; a sister, Mary Engle, Bismarck, ND; and numerous in-laws and 12 grandchildren.

Former academic dean on the mend

Jackie Derby, daughter of former UTTC Academic Dean John Derby, reported February 28 that her father was resting comfortably at his South Dakota home after being hospitalized for a heart attack. Dr. Derby is employed at Flan-Bureau Indian School and was expected to return to work.

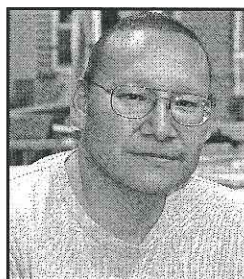
- Phil Baird

Kenneth James (Brown) Hollow, Sr.

"Tasunka Wambli Yamni"

August 13, 1964 ~

March 12, 2006



The staff of United Tribes Technical College sends deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Kenneth Brown, who passed away March 12.

Kenneth was well known and well liked at UTTC. He earned a carpentry certificate in 1990 and more recently graduated in 2005 with an AAS in Construction Technology. He played a strong role in several campus renovation and new construction projects in the past two years. His experience and leadership was an asset to the program. He will be missed. Services for Kenneth were held March 18 at Bullhead, S.D. and he was laid to rest there at St. John's Episcopal Church Cemetery.

A Special Thank You!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the students and staff at UTTC for the amazing amount of compassion



extended to our colleague, Peggy Kauffmann. From the staff at Theodore Jamerson calling to help in any way, to the college faculty for re-arranging their schedules and volunteering to cover her classes, to the students and staff who are sending cards and visiting her at the hospital - it's like Twila Martin Kekahbah said, "This is when we realize that UTTC is more like a family than just a place to work."

Thank you!

Lisa Azure, Leah Hamann, Rhonda Breuer, Cynthia Balliet
Teacher Ed.

AMERICAN INDIAN RESEARCH FORUM

April 6

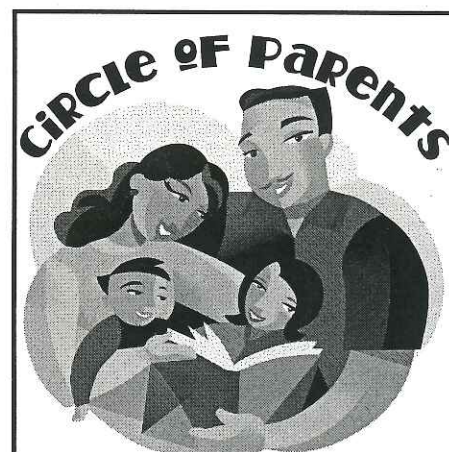
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MARCH 29
APRIL 5
APRIL 12

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Pony painter... Continued from page 1

a logo design contest for the Mayo Clinic's Native American Cancer Research Center. The image is still in use, posted on the prestigious medical center's website.

In 1998 she completed the UTTC art certificate program but never did anything with it, she said. Her reason for returning in 2005 was to learn computer graphics.

"I'm motivated differently now. I'm what you would call an older than average student. I'm 42."

In addition to her daughter, she also has a son, Richard, age 17.

When she graduates in May with an Associate of Applied Science Degree, Ross intends to harness her training and experience to a job in graphic design or printing. In her spare time she aims to travel to art shows and do what she loves.



"Art is my thing. I draw; I sculpt; I sew. I make things. There's not enough time in a day to get it all done."

Before her return to UTTC, she saw her artwork as an activity she enjoyed but not something she could make a living at. "Now I have the training and skills to market it. I never knew about how to do proposals, set up consignments or write a business plan. Now I do."

For teaching her the business side of artwork, she credits her instructor Art Art Marketing Program Director Wayne Pruse.

"My goal is to be known for my artwork, to have a good reputation. Notoriety is important to me."

That's why she signed on immediately when Pruse suggested the horse project.

"I had an interest in this kind of project for a long time. I love horses. I grew up around 'em at Fort Berthhold. I liked to ride 'em. Next to the eagle, they're the prettiest animal."

Not surprisingly "Good Spirit" incorporates eagle imagery. On one side are ea-



gles in flight and on perches and a close-up view of one in profile showing its yellow beak and steely eye.

Eagles were the subject of a lengthy and artistically challenging public sculpture project she was involved in last sum-

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—Christine Ross

mer for a Bismarck city park.

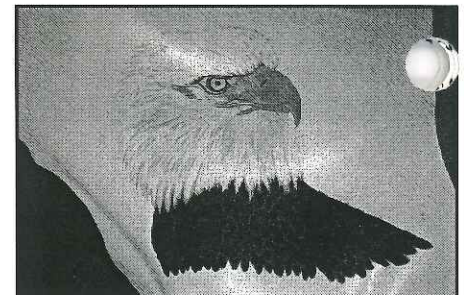
"I never drew the eagle so much before that. I did the research about them. I know how they look, how they move."

Her sculpture of an eagle coming in for a landing benefited from one of her other artistic pursuits. Under the guidance of UTTC Tribal Arts Instructor Butch Thunder Hawk, Ross became adept at making feathered headdresses. She makes them as art pieces, not sacred objects, by fashioning turkey feathers to look like eagle feathers.

Her skill in doing so was recognized as a cultural asset for the tribe.

"I was not able to work with real eagle feathers. But because of a ceremony, I

am able to do that now. I have the right to work with eagle feathers and to fix items that need fixing and repair."



Ross plans to have a booth, showcasing her array of artistic talents, at the Lewis and Clark signature event hosted by Three Affiliated Tribes this summer. She's all set for the event; she even has income goals for it in her business plan.

"I can't wait to be done with school. I've learned so much from Wayne, Butch and Justin [LeBeaux, Graphic Arts instructor]. But I want to get to work."

In the near future, Ross looks forward to attending an April 7 reception for the horse artists. "Good Spirit" and the rest of the "Painted Pony" herd are scheduled to be auctioned off in August with the proceeds going to Easter Seals/Goodwill North Dakota and the Child's Hope Learning Center.

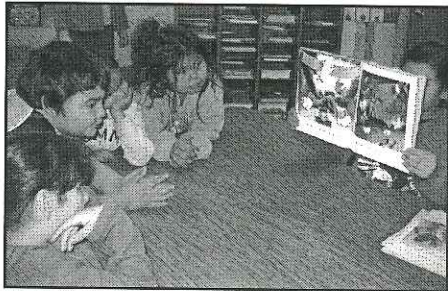
Ross will be set free to pursue promising artist's journey after UTTC's graduation ceremony, May 6.

TJES Tidbits

By Carol Melby

TJES students in Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2 attended the Ag Show on Thursday, March 16th in Mandan, ND. Students had the opportunity to see (and touch) many farm animals as well as watch a sheep sheering demonstration.

TJES students in Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2 and 3 attended the Bismarck Figure Skating Club Ice Show on Friday, March 17, at the All Season's Arena. Students enjoyed listening to the music and watching the ice skaters skate in "Remote Control".



The quarterly awards ceremony was held on Tuesday, March 21st at the low-level of the Jack Barden Center. Congratulations to all the students receiving awards.

TJES Parent-Teacher Conferences were held Thursday, March 23rd and Tuesday, March 28th. The TJES staff appreciates all the parents who attended and/or who called the school to re-schedule. Parental support is an integral part of



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our child
If your child is missing clothing, such as a coat, mittens etc, please stop at TJES and check out the "Lost and Found" items located in the hallway.

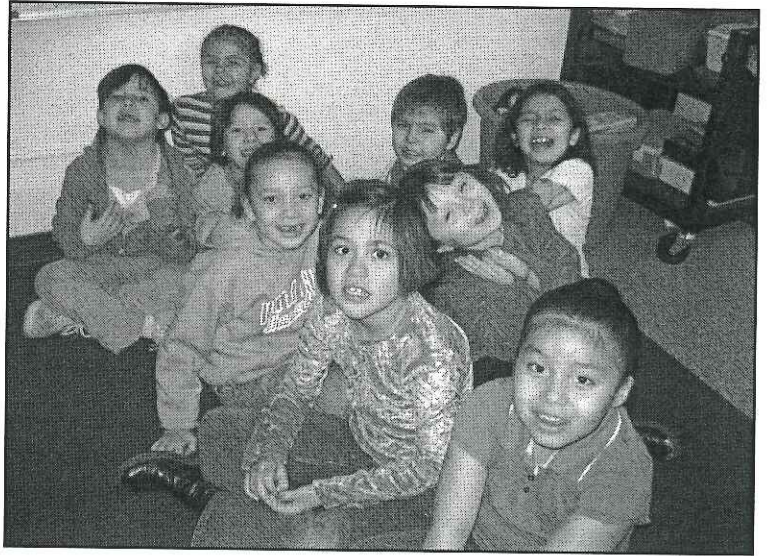
Students attended "A Musical Tour-Mexican Style" on March 23rd in the Small Gym. Students enjoyed the musical tour of each song sung by Manuel Delgado. Ask your student which song was their favorite.

The Saturday Literacy Club scheduled for April will be the last of the 2005-06 school year. A continental breakfast will be served, families will participate in literacy activities and each family will receive a family picture. Bus service is available upon request. Family pictures are displayed on the bulletin board in the TJES main building hallway, be sure to stop in and see them.



Even though we have not had much snow this winter, the annual TJES Skiing Trip was held February 23rd with 43 students participating. Staff and Students from grades 4 through 8 traveled to Huff Hills and spend the day skiing. Ask your students about the great time the students had.

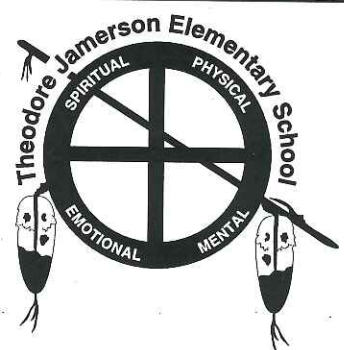
21st Century and Baby FACE sponsored a family group meeting "Bead and Feed" on Thursday, March 16 in the large gym. There were 28 families who attended and were served Indian Taco's. Special thanks to the UTTC construction vocation department for making and donating 150 looms. When the beading projects were finished, each family was able to take their project, including the loom, home.



The January attendance Pizza Party was held on Monday, March 21, A total of 42 students were recognized for their attendance. Wonderful! However, the overall attendance is only at 90%.

Best wishes to Angela Belgarde as she competes at the National Science Fair in Albuquerque, NM. She earned the right to attend by placing 1st at the Native American State Science fair held in January in Bismarck, ND. Her project is in the Earth & Space Category.

The TJES Staff and students were happy to see Mrs. Georgeson return after an extended sick leave. Welcome back, Mrs. Georgeson, we missed you!



TJES safe and drug free

By Barb Danks

TJES' Safe & Drug Free Program is thriving. The staff and parent committee meets monthly to guide plan program activities. Guidance Classes, counseling, groups, after school activities and mentoring are ongoing.

The Circle of Parents is an opportunity for parents to have lunch together and share their parenting experiences. Parents can learn from and support each other. It is held every Wednesday until May 3rd for any and all parents in the Lower Level of Jack Barden. TJES, UTTC Wellness, and the Region VII Family Resource Center sponsor this Circle.

March 21, TJ students have the opportunity to take a Drug Free Pledge at our Quarterly Honoring Assembly. "I Pledge to live a healthy drug free lifestyle and walk the Red Road." We have a guest speaker scheduled for March 29th to visit with our school about the Red Road, and living strong, healthy lives. Students have guest speakers throughout the year.

All TJ Staff are participating in 10 hours of Professional Development on topics for keeping our children Safe & Drug Free. Officer Jeff Azure, PYB, visited with us Feb. 26. He spoke about gangs. We expect to provide a session for parents. All TJ staff is receiving 2 days of training for the Boys & Girls Town Social Skills Program. We teach social skills and learn effective ways to intervene if a student is having difficulty with behavior.

Events that are being planned are: April - Child Abuse Prevention Month and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Month activities, developing TJES' Wellness Policy, possible Lock In for our youth, and a Red Ribbon Aerial Photo by the National Guard the last week of April.



Baby FACE News



Congratulations to the TJES Baby FACE Program. The Baby FACE Program was recognized at the National Training for FACE and Baby FACE Programs at Portland, Oregon in March 2006. They were awarded the OIEP (Office of Indian Education) and Parents As Teachers (PAT) Outstanding Baby FACE Program for the 2005-06 year for continuous implementation and providing quality services.

The Baby FACE is funded through the OIEP and is among 60 sites through-

out the United States. The program is staffed by two parent educators, Carol Nichols and Cyndee Mcleod and coordinator, Sam Azure, TJES principal. The Baby FACE program would like to thank all the families who graciously welcome them into their homes and attend the monthly group meetings. A special thank you to TJES Staff and UTTC Services for their continuous support of the Baby FACE program.

Bookstore News

Happy Spring!

We have received our new spring/summer sportswear. Come check out our new items. We have a variety of styles, colors, and new designs.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- April 7- Last day for students to charge on stipend or leadership payroll.
- April 15- Graduates can pick up gowns & announcements.
- April 28 & May 1-4- Book Buy Back-1-4 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Skye appointed



CITY OF BISMARCK: Dr. Harriett Skye was appointed by Bismarck Mayor John Warford to serve on the city's Human Relations Committee. Skye is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and acting dean of Intertribal Programs at United Tribes Technical College. She is one of three new members added March 14 to the panel that advises city government about discrimination in the community and promotes acceptance and respect for diversity. Also appointed were Harley Engelman and Gerylyn Laurie. The committee meets the third Monday of every month at the City/County Building.

Seeking Tobacco Truth Tellers

The American Legacy Foundation is seeking young people for the Youth Leadership Institute and Youth Activism Council, to become anti-tobacco advocates in their communities.

- Institute held during summer for high school students
- Activism Council is for young activist leaders ages 18 - 23
- Those selected will provide tobacco training, participate in advocacy events, preview youth-oriented advertising campaigns and deliver presentations to youth audiences.
- Application deadline April 14

Visit www.americanlegacy.org to find out more!

AIHEC WINNERS 2006

Ms. AIHEC:
Marla Striped Face Collins

Critical Inquiry:
Second Place - Tracie Packineau, Fawn Packineau, Robbyn Pudwill, Richard White

Stephanie Trottier
Poster Presentations:
Marla Collins, Ron Campbell and Sheena Cain

Organizers:
Lisa Colombe, Andrew Reed, Mike Collins



Ms. AIHEC Marla Striped Face Collins and Mr. AIHEC Elliott Bryant of Haskell

ART COMPETITION

Graphics:
Second Place - Steve White Mountain
Traditional Hide Painting:
Honorable Mention - Sheena Cain
Hand Games:
Fifth Place - UTTC Students & Staff (Stephanie Trottier woman points winner)
Knowledge Bowl:
Sixth Place - Jeremy Pettigrew, Michael Lindeman, Alexa Azure

During the award ceremony mention was made of Jeremy Pettigrew's outstanding participation during competitions and stated that if there was a Good Sportsmanship Award, UTTC would have had it.

First Generation AIHEC Coca-Cola Scholarship:



Stephanie Trottier with award

UTTC Staff Advisors:

Julie Cain, Justin LeBeaux, Michael Schmidt, Martina McKinney and Thomas Disselhorst

All UTTC students were competitive and worked very hard; raising money to go, and they all put in an extraordinary effort!



Sheena Cain with Art work

The staff was extremely pleased with UTTC student participation and conduct. The trip was positive and UTTC was highly competitive considering the short time period to prepare. UTTC students were on time and supportive of one another. All students were present at the opening ceremony, "Parade of Flags," along with staff and Dr. Phil Baird. Congratulations!


Providing a definition of racism



DO YOU GET IT: Two elements must be present in Juanita Helphrey's definition of racism – it takes a mix of racial prejudice and power. Speaking March 6 at United Tribes Technical College, the former North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission director and racial justice advocate, zeroed in on the formula that works to deny certain people rights in society. When people make pre-judgments about others based on their race and have the social, economic, political or organizational power to enforce those prejudices, it fits the classic definition of racism, as used in dismantling racism workshops. "We have a moral duty as professionals to understand the negative circumstances that affect Native people," she told faculty and staff members attending UTTC Professional Development Day. "For Native people, it's important to understand that racism is not always about us as people. It's more about those who are perpetrators." UTN photo Dennis J. Neumann

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