

# Mind readers give skeptics 2nd thoughts

Husband-and-wife mentalists give GTCC students a demonstration of their skills.

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**JAMESTOWN** — Monday's lunch special at GTCC's Stinger's Cafeteria was chicken tenders, french fries, a 16-ounce drink — and some mind games.

Diners found themselves involved in an hour-long show that included mind reading, predictions and seemingly impossible feats of strength.

Husband and wife Jeff and

Tessa Evason had an hour to convince skeptics such as GTCC student Leslie Parker that their powers of telekinesis, mind reading and prediction were legitimate.

In one exercise, four men tried to lift Lee Ann Forney with their fingertips.

On their first try, they were unable to budge the 22-year-old, 121-pound nursing student from her chair. On their second try, using more concentration, they lifted her above their shoulders.

"I couldn't believe it. My eyes started watering," Forney said afterward. "I could feel the pres-

sure, but it didn't hurt. It felt like I was floating."

The show was sponsored by GTCC's Student Government Association.

Members of the Jamestown campus organize regular events such as poetry readings, panel discussions and performances such as the one Monday.

A combination of good humor and smooth rapport with the audience drew participation even from those who initially looked doubtful. The Evasons assured them that anyone can do the exercises they performed.

Sometimes, they said, it is just

mind over matter.

In another exercise, Jeff Evason asked the audience for personal belongings, such as driver's licenses, student identification cards and even jewelry.

Tessa Evason, who was blindfolded, impressed them by matching the items with the names of the individuals to whom they belonged.

Katrina Cox, 23, knew she still had a strong connection to her grandmother. But she was shocked to witness Tessa Evason's ability to find it.

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Mentalist Tessa Evason (rear) shows her ability at GTCC's Jamestown campus Monday. Blindfolded, she asked audience member Stephanie Wilson to take a personal item from her purse, then correctly guessed Wilson's name and that the item was a photograph of her daughter.

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While blindfolded, Tessa Evason was able to make a connection between Cox's ring and her grandmother who gave it to her before she died.

Cox was given the diamond and sapphire ring nearly nine years ago before her grandmother died of cancer.

"I was a little shocked, but not a whole lot," Cox said. "I believe in what they're doing."

At the end of the hour, Leslie Parker was still a little skeptical, but said she'd like to see

the Evasons again. She talked with them after the show.

"I thought it was quite interesting and unbelieving," Parker said. "I was trying to see through what they were doing."

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