## Garretson Pride Award Connie Johnson

**Garretson School District 49-4** 

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Connie Johnson for the Garretson Pride Award. This nomination is in recognition of her outstanding leadership and tireless efforts to help meet the needs of our community. Some individuals stand out for their great qualities, integrity and virtue. Connie Johnson is definitely one of those people! Connie, along with her husband Terry, purchased the Treasure Chest with a mission in mind. Their mission was to selflessly use this business as a way to bring blessings to others. In so doing, they have admirably gone above and beyond, to help students and families of the Garretson School District.

Connie has a warm and cheerful attitude towards all people, young and old alike. I have seen her handle difficult situations with remarkable patience and admirable tact. She loves people! She continually works hard at lifting the spirits of those around her. Connie is one of my "go-to people." When our students have a need, she is always there to help! She has generously given her time and effort to the Backpack Food Program and the Angel Tree Program. In addition, she free-heartedly helps meet many warm clothing/blanket needs for our children. Connie never asks for, nor receives, anything in return. Connie is highly motivated and consistently enthusiastic about helping the youth of our district. She is a positive, loving person and this seems to spread to those around her. I have enormous respect for her dedication. She continually maintains confidentiality, respect and empathy as she works with people from all walks of life. Connie has a sense of PRIDE in her commitment to serving, mission-work and values. Because of her, many lives have been changed. It is indeed an honor to recommend Connie Johnson for the Garretson Pride Award.