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## PRESS Release

Local Teacher of the Year, Cheri Haefele, Receives Accolades

Converse County School District #1 teacher, Cheri Haefele, received the district Teacher of the Year award for 2015, according to Superintendent of Public Instruction Cindy Hill. Haefele, a teacher for 34 years, serves as primary teacher at Douglas Primary School.

"Children are the future of our communities," says Haefele. "We must invest everything--time, money and energy--to create life-long learners. Teaching is an act of the heart and one that is essential to forward progress our world."

Haefele, who will receive a crystal apple award from the Wyoming Department of Education, says, "It is the little things that keep me teaching. I love it when children walk into my classroom with a smile on their faces telling me how glad they are to see me. At that moment all the extra time and hours spent at school are worth it. I think to myself, you have made a difference."