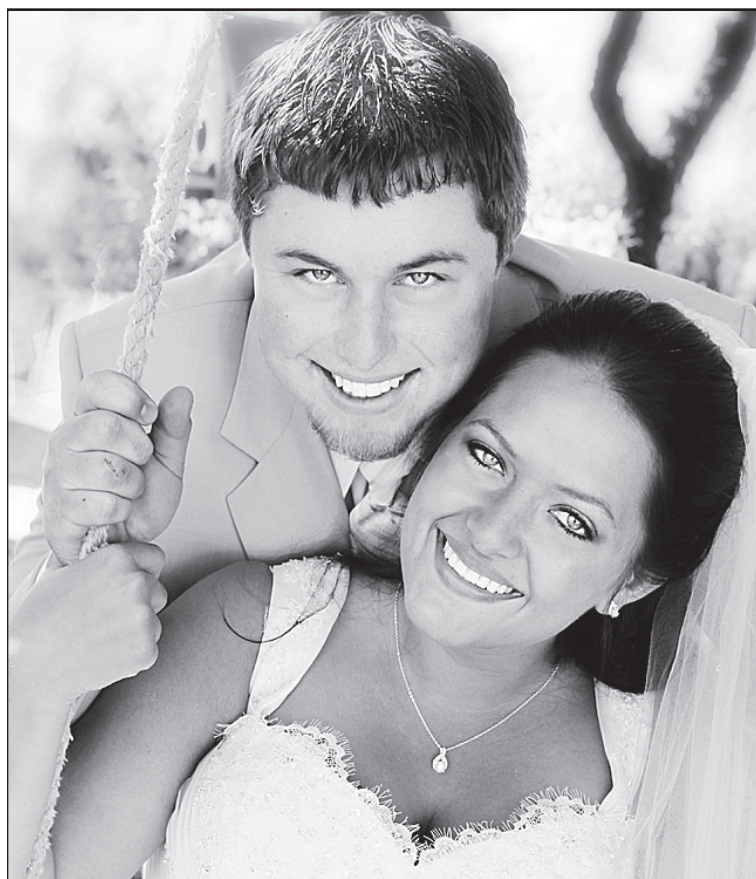


# Sale helps musicians with travel costs



Mr. and Mrs. Johnson

## Utah wedding unites couple with local ties

Samantha Marie Ufford and Joshua Dorsey Johnson were united in marriage Friday, Sept. 10, 2010, in Vernal, Utah, with Father Albert Kileo from St. James Catholic Church in Vernal celebrating the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Donald and Darline Ufford of Vernal and Rodney and Lisa Johnson of McDonald. Grandmother of the bride is Lillian Helco of Vernal. Grandparents of the groom are Robert and Helen Johnson and Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson, all of McDonald.

The bride is a 2007 graduate of Uintah High School. She attended Casper College in Casper, Wyo., for two years and now plans to continue her education at Colby Community College, majoring in dental hygiene.

The groom is a 2007 graduate of Cheylin High School and a 2009 graduate of Casper College with associate degrees in animal science and general agriculture.

The couple plan to farm and ranch with the groom's parents and will make their home south of Bird City.

A reception is planned for invited guests Oct. 2.

Jodie Hilt and Logan Whitmore, with the help of parents, friends and relatives, put together a garage sale during the U.S. Treasure Hunt. The money earned will help them fund the Ambassadors of Music tour. The two musicians earned \$1,100 combined.

On Friday, there was a man from Missouri who said he planned his vacation so the return trip would include going along U.S. 36 for the Treasure Hunt. He had vacationed in the northwestern part of the United States.

On Saturday, they were glad they had the shelter of the St. Francis Community Church's building on the south.

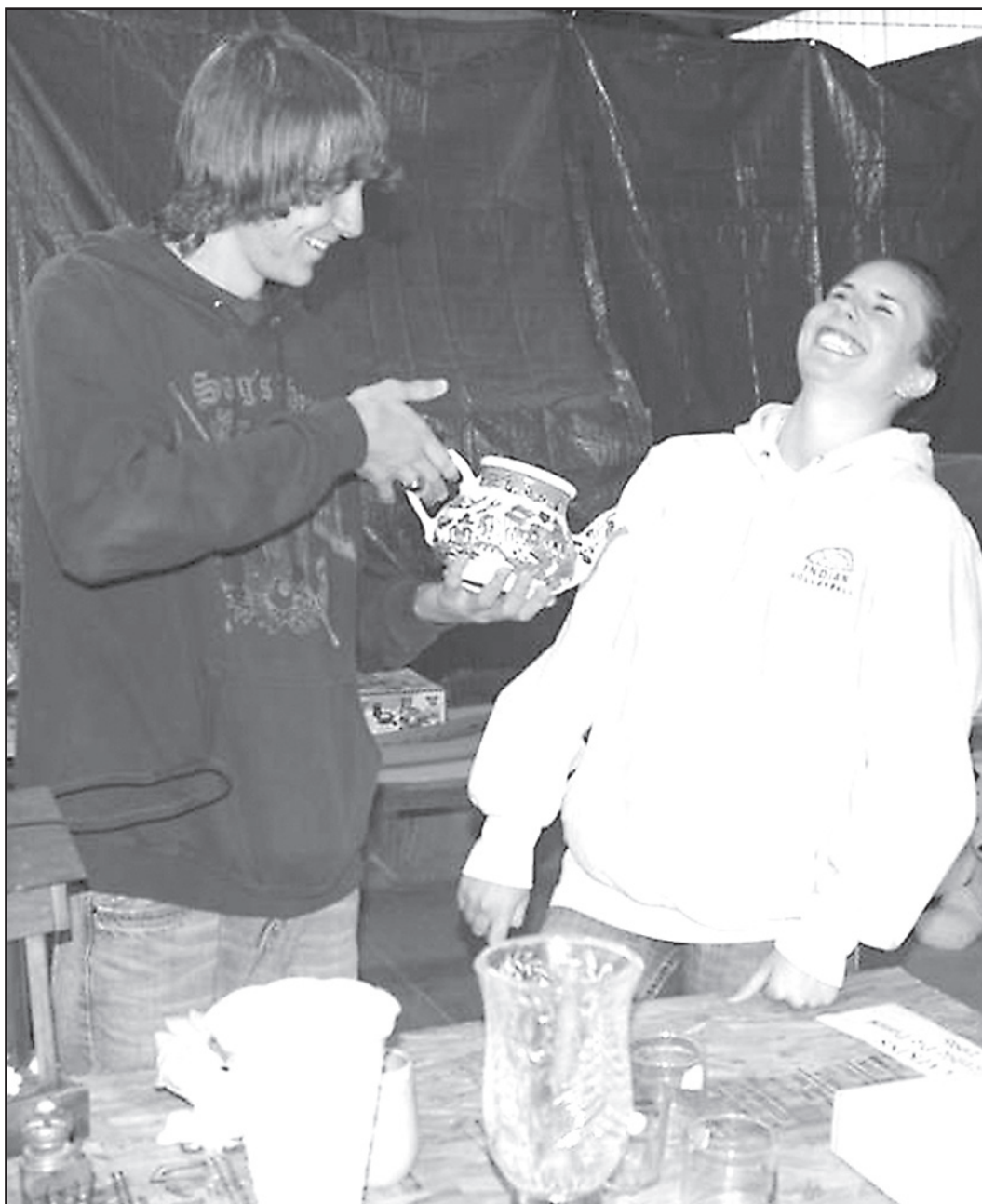
On Sunday, business was slow, and Jodie was having a lot of fun giving away stuffed animals to children who happened to stop in that day. Logan entertained some of the customers on Saturday by playing taps on what he called a "Super Digideroo," which was really just two really long tubes from the construction supplies that he had connected together.

Issac Schiltz, the other St. Francis student who will be going on the Ambassadors of Music tour, chose not to participate in the garage sale.

The Ambassadors of Music have been planning and organizing student trips for over 40 years. Participants are selected by nomination from their music directors.

Logan and Isaac Schiltz will be playing in the concert band and Jodie Hilt will be singing in the choir. They will all travel together along with other high school musicians and sponsors from across the state of Kansas.

They will visit seven countries in 16 days, from June 12-27, performing concerts in famous cathedrals and picturesque settings throughout Western Europe. They will also have time for sightseeing and will get to see many famous places including Buckingham Palace, The Eiffel Tower, Notre-Dame, The Swiss Alps plus stops in Venice, Italy, and Munich, Germany.



HAVING FUN while earning money to travel, Logan Whitmore and Jodie Hilt operate their garage sale. The students use a creative way to raise funds for the Ambassadors of Music program.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Student earns trip after writing essay about 'Freedom'



Neitzel

This past spring, the freshmen class submitted essays to the American Veterans (AM-VETS) National Americanism essay contest.

In late August, Clarice Neitzel was notified that her essay won an all-expense paid trip to Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa., for a long weekend of youth-oriented activities.

The highlights of the trip will include dynamic speakers and sightseeing.

"I am so excited and proud of Clarice," said Lisa Gibson, instructor. "What a great honor to win an educational trip with an essay!"

This is the second year a freshman student has had the opportunity for this trip of a lifetime.

### Why do we celebrate the Fourth of July?

By Clarice Neitzel

"We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." These words were written on the Declaration of Independence that was passed on July 4, 1776.

So what does the Fourth of July mean to you? Does it mean sitting around all day rupturing fireworks and spending money? Or does it actually mean something? Well, to me it means remembering our veterans and soldiers, but most importantly, the signing of our

Declaration of Independence.

What would we be without the signing of the Declaration? Would we still be under British control? No one knows. The testimony was written back in 1776, so anything could have happened between then and now. It shows our bravery, freedom, and courage as the United States of America. The Declaration of Independence demonstrates to others who we are as people; unified as one; all men born equal.

Our soldiers have been fighting for us for over nine years during this war. We sit here and rest on our haunches while they're over

in Iraq fighting. These soldiers are risking and giving their lives every day, even though they *have* loved ones left behind in the United States. They are very courageous people. Soldiers go into the field of combat knowing what might happen to them and knowing what they are putting at risk to keep our country's freedom.

As we go on throughout our lives, we need to remember all who risked and gave *their* lives for us. So we can live *our* lives. Every day we need to live our lives to the fullest, no matter how tough it can get. We need to remember those who can't live their lives anymore

because they gave it for the United States of America. Those courageous people never gave up on us. They kept fighting for our rights, whether it was giving their lives at war, or risking treason for signing the Declaration of Independence; they kept progressing for something right.

This day marks a day in history, as we all know. It shows years of history as the United States together, a symbol of our country's independence and commitment. As William Thackeray said, "Bravery never goes out of fashion," and we, as Americans, have definitely proved that. Wouldn't you agree?"



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