



RETIREMENT RECEPTION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017
4:15 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA



Jill Munson

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Jill Munson was born in Pocatello, Idaho to Bill and Joyce Ison. She is the oldest sister to Mike, Kathy, and Carol Ison. She has lived most of her life in Riverside. She graduated from Snake River High School in 1971. After one year at Ricks College, she met and married Bruce Munson. They are the proud parents of five children: Jodi, Trent, Melanie, David, and nine grandchildren.

Jill has worked in the Snake River school system for over thirty years. She began as a substitute teacher, and then decided to return to ISU to get her elementary teacher credentials. She graduated from ISU in December of 1990, and was immediately employed as a Title 1 aid at the middle school. Jill began teaching 5th grade the following year at Snake River Middle School. Several years later she transferred to the Jr. High to teach Language Arts and Social Studies. Afterwards, she returned to the middle school and has taught both 5th and 6th grades. This year marks her 27th year as a teacher.

Jill was chosen to be Snake River Middle School's Teacher of the Year in 1993 and 2011, Teacher of the Year for Snake River Jr. High in 2002 and 2005, and Snake River School District's Teacher of the Year in 2002 and 2011.

Family, community service, and involvement in church have all been valuable components of her life, and she plans to continue to pursue those interests. She has currently been a volunteer at Bingham Memorial Hospital for the past five years. Other retirement plans include visiting family members, developing new hobbies, and maybe even doing a little substituting. After all, that is where her teaching story began.



Pat Wolfley

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Pat Wolfley spent first 12 years of her life growing up on a cattle ranch in the Pahsimeroi Valley where she attended grade school at Patterson Elementary. Her 1st through 4th grade experience was in a combined classroom with 8 students and one teacher. She attended 5th grade in Challis, Idaho in a classroom of 15 students (which she thought was huge). After that, her family moved to Moreland where she attended 6th grade in the newly built Riverside Elementary School in the "Open" classroom setting. She graduated from Snake River High School and attended Ricks College and BYU Provo. She graduated with a B.S. in Elementary Education with a minor in Child Development. She taught first grade for 5 years in St. Anthony, Idaho and Cache Valley Utah. In 1977, she married her best friend and high school sweetheart, R. Kim Wolfley, in the Idaho Falls Temple. They have three children; Kristen (Richard) Korth, Jared (Sharee) Wolfley, and Clint (Katie) Wolfley and 11 beautiful grandchildren. After her children started school, she went back to college and graduated from ISU with a Masters in Speech Language Pathology. She started teaching for the Snake River School District in 1989 and has been the Speech Pathologist for the past 28 years. Pat was voted district teacher of the year twice in 1995 and 2010.

Her hobbies are traveling with her husband and family, camping, horseback riding, sewing, quilting, reading, skiing, boating, hanging out with family and good friends, playing the piano, family history work, and watching her grandkids in their many activities. Her biggest blessing has been being a part of the Snake River community and her family. She has loved her job as the speech pathologist and will especially miss the kids, the parents, teachers, principals, and all the friends she has made along the way. She will not miss the paperwork!

She plans on spending more time with her husband on the farm, traveling, visiting family, temple work, and eventually going on a mission with her husband. Snake River School District has been a huge part of her and her family's life and she wants to thank everyone in the community for all their support and for all the great memories!



Melanie Gardner

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Melanie was born and raised in Blackfoot, the youngest of six children. She has two sons, two daughters, a son-in-law and a daughter-in-law. She also has two amazing grandchildren!

She taught fourth grade at Riverside Elementary for several years, and then switched to third grade. Career highlights include the many student programs that have been performed throughout the years, and working with great students and awesome co-workers! She would like to thank all her students, principals, and fellow teachers who have made her career so enjoyable.

Plans for retirement include working on family history, quilting, becoming a CASA volunteer (Court Appointed Special Advocate), and wearing her “Grandma” hat more often. Her new ringtone is “I’m So Excited!”



Imogene Hale

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Ima and her husband Mark Hale (a graduate of Snake River) raised their children in Pingree, Idaho. They were blessed to have Teva, Joseph, and Kwani receive their schooling in the Snake River School District. They are so thankful to the many awesome teachers who have taught and encouraged them over the years.

Ima grew up in a Native American, Tewa pueblo village, called Santa Clara Pueblo, in New Mexico. Her elementary years of schooling were on the reservation, but for Jr. High and High School she attended public school in town and graduated from Espanola High School. While in Jr. High and High School, she joined a club called Future Teachers of America. They would go to the local elementary schools, and present mini lessons and do activities with the children. She loved it, and was hooked, she knew she wanted to become a teacher. This desire took her to Brigham Young University, where she had planned to become an art teacher. She changed her mind and decided to major in Elementary Education, there earning a BS Education degree with a minor in Native American Studies from BYU.

She substituted for five years while raising her daughter. While subbing for her daughter’s kindergarten class at Pingree Elementary, Principal Stallings, asked her to join his staff and teach kindergarten that fall. She accepted and taught kindergarten for 22 years at Pingree. When Pingree Elementary was closed, most of the teachers were sent to teach at Rockford Elementary. She was moved to second grade at that time, and have taught second grade since then. When the grades were consolidated she moved to Moreland and currently teaches at Riverside Elementary.

She has had great experiences teaching the children in our community, they have taught her so much. One of the highlights of teaching for 36 years in Snake River District is getting to teach the next generation, which in a way makes her feel old, but she loves it! In some cases it’s like teaching the same kids over again.

Plans for retirement will find her spending time with her children and grandchildren. She plans to take a few art and photograph classes. She also plans to make more trips to New Mexico doing genealogy and getting back into pottery, and plan to go on trips with her college friends.

She will miss working with awesome children and colleagues in our district, for friendships have been created that will forever touch her life. Thank you, Snake River School District!



Debbie Hone

Debbie was born in San Diego, California. Her father was a career naval officer and her family moved around a lot while she was growing up. The summer before her senior year of high school, her dad was transferred to San Francisco. Since he was going to be deployed out to sea aboard the U.S.S. Hancock, her dad thought that it would be a good idea to bring the family to Blackfoot, Idaho to stay instead, in his hometown. This is how Debbie met Wynn, her future husband, while they were seniors at Blackfoot High School. They were married in 1970 and have 6 children, Romie Van Orden (Wayne), Kamie Murdock (Edward), Colby Hone (Kara), Cale Hone (Tisha), Hillarie Bailey (Tate), and Heath Hone (Becky). They have 31 grandchildren: 9 granddaughters and 12 grandsons, who they love dearly.

Debbie started working for the Snake River School District in 1988 as a part-time cook for Rockford Elementary School. After two years there, she worked at Snake River High School for about four weeks before being hired full time at Snake River Junior High where she has cooked ever since. In 2010, she became the manager of Snake River Junior High when her good friend, Linda Pugmire, retired.

For the past 29 years she has been serving breakfast and lunches to the kids, including her own children and grandchildren. Right now she has two grandchildren attending the junior high, Keylee Hone and Reagan Van Orden. She has enjoyed the students and all the wonderful people she has worked with in the school district.

She is now ready to retire and enjoy spending more time with family and is excited to see what the future holds.