



RETIREMENT DRIVE-BY RECEPTION
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020
2:00 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL UPPER PARKING LOT



David L. Kerns

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David L. Kerns was born in Pullman, Washington August 27th, 1956 to Jim and Tory Kerns and grew up on a farm near Potlatch, Idaho. He attended public school in Potlatch and graduated with honors from Potlatch High School in May of 1974.

After graduation, David attended the University of Idaho for a year, then he worked on the farm and other jobs until he was employed at the Potlatch Forests Company lumber mill for almost a year. David saved up enough money to pay for a mission to Bolivia for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints where he served for two years. Upon returning from Bolivia he went back to the University of Idaho where he met his wife, Susan. After marriage on July 20th, 1979 in the Idaho Falls Temple they transferred to Utah State University so he could complete a degree in Secondary Education and Susan found employment teaching 5th and 6th grade. Their family began with their first daughter, Sarah, arriving while he was a student in Logan.

After graduation from USU, David obtained a position teaching Spanish in Casper, Wyoming for two years, but with both of them being from Idaho, they decided to apply back to their home state. He got a job in Salmon, Idaho teaching Spanish and English for a year, then he applied to School District #93 and moved to teach Spanish at Bonneville High School near Idaho Falls. While teaching there they moved to Shelley, Idaho and added two more girls to their family, Tory and Katie. Katie has Down's Syndrome and still lives with them. While having family and with David teaching and coaching, Susan also managed to teach at Stuart and then Hobbs Elementary schools in Shelley. After six years at Bonneville High, District 93 built a new High School named Hillcrest and he taught there for twelve years.

During his years at Hillcrest, David earned a Masters degree in Educational Administration from Idaho State University and began looking for an administrative position. His next job offer came from Aberdeen High School as Principal in District #58.

While working as Principal of Aberdeen High School, David began another degree from Idaho State as an Education Specialist so he could earn a Superintendent endorsement. He then found a job as Superintendent of Clark County School District #161 and they moved to Dubois, Idaho. Susan had retired from teaching and they enjoyed their time there, especially when Katie was voted as Homecoming Queen and graduated from Clark County High School.

They left Dubois in 2012 when David received a better offer from Snake River School District #52, where he currently serves as Superintendent. They now live in Idaho Falls and are looking forward to his retirement at the end of August.

Kathy Raymond

Kathy Raymond started her career at Snake River School District in 1989. Her many roles include: Junior High Secretary, Middle School Title 1 Aide, and ESL Paraprofessional. She has had the opportunity to work with wonderful staff members, students, and parents.

Her motto was: I will always treat you the way I treat my own children. Respect, kindness, understanding, helping, and making a difference in someone's life was important for her to instill in her students.

It was important for her to teach: "Help others and give something back. If you do this, you will discover that while it improves the lives and the world around you, the greatest reward is the happiness that it will bring into your own life."

Kathy met Ron Raymond at Ricks College and they were married that summer. They were blessed with 6 children: Tami, Jared, Ryan, Mindy, Jason, and Tate. Kathy and Ron are the proud grandparents of 19 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Her plans are to take her wherever the wind blows!



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Cindy Thompson

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Cindy Thompson was raised in a family of twelve in sunny California, just down the street from Disneyland. She graduated from BYU in education and later earned a certificate in English, grades 6-9th. In the first ten years of her married life, Cindy substitute taught in Cassia and Minidoka School Districts, and also taught English classes for ISU and CSI. In 1990, she moved to Snake River where her husband became the high school principal. Cindy has worked in some capacity for Snake River School District for 30 years. She was a substitute teacher and homebound teacher for twelve years before she became a full-time teacher in 2002 at Snake River Junior High. Cindy has taught at the junior high for eighteen years including teaching classes: 7th and 8th grade English, art, peer helpers, reading intervention, and beginning and advanced living classes. Memories include: tea parties, making monkey bread over 1000 times, weekly cooking labs, market day, and talent shows. Also, being honor society advisor for the past 16 years, has been a highlight for her. Twenty-nine of her students, Cindy nominated, have earned the prestigious \$500 National Junior Honor Society Scholarship Outstanding Achievement Award that started four years ago. Other highlights include receiving Snake River

Jr. High's Teacher and District Teacher of the Year Award, 2016-17, and Snake River High School's Senior Royalty, 2018. Cindy and Tracy have raised six wonderful children, four sons and two daughters. Retirement plans include: spending more time with husband and family, family historian, master chef, brushing up on piano and violin skills, learning fluent Spanish, service, and above all, being a storyteller, memory holder, cookie baker and hug giver to her 15 awesome grandkids. Cindy expresses, "I am grateful to all of my Snake River colleagues for providing a wonderful place to work for the past thirty years. It has been an immense pleasure to serve as a teacher in this district. The relationships I have formed over the years will not be forgotten. This has been a wonderful caring community to work in, and I will be forever thankful for the friendships I have made. Above all, I have a great love and respect for all of my students and will be watching their terrific accomplishments in the years to come."



Mavis Nelson

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Mavis Nelson began teaching fourth grade in Utah where each day began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. She had blue smudges on her fingers from the ditto masters and horizontal chalk lines across her skirts from rubbing against chalk rails. She has gone from using reel to reel film projectors to using rapid feedback from computer reports to assess students and create lessons, to on-line teaching. What a ride!

She has learned to love, sacrifice for, and have great expectations for each 9- to 10-year-old she has taught! She has absolutely loved teaching and bringing light to eyes and proficiency of skills. She has learned so much from all of the great people she has worked with throughout the years.

In retirement, she looks forward to reading, sewing, swimming laps, being at the cabin, growing spiritually, and visiting an old college roommate in Tahiti. However, she will happily interrupt any of these pursuits to be with her grandkids!



Sherrye Saxton

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Sherrye and her husband Ron moved to Riverside 45 years ago. They love it here. It has been a great place to live and raise their family. They were blessed with 3 children Zachary, Janica and Anya.

After several years of driving a potato truck Sherrye decided that she could probably drive a school bus. For 32 years the Wheels on the Bus have gone round and round, 9 years as a bus driver and 23 years as the Transportation Supervisor. There have been a lot of fun adventures with a lot of really good people. Thank you all.

Sherrye hopes that retirement will allow more time for the things that she loves... Spending time with her family especially being Grandma to 10 amazing grandchildren. Traveling especially to the Ocean. Working on her hobbies. Photography, Quilting, gardening and learning to play her piano.



Paul and Genae Turpin

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Paul and Genae Turpin are retiring from Snake River School District and excited to begin their next phase of life. Paul, the son of Don and Beth Turpin was raised in Thomas on a farm. He graduated from Snake River High School in 1971, served a 2-year mission in Australia 1971-73, graduated from Ricks College with an Associate Degree in Business in 1975, and graduated from Idaho State University in 1978 with a Bachelor's in Business Administration and a minor in education. Genae, the daughter of Fred and DoLores Manwaring was raised on the family farm in Groveland and graduated from Blackfoot High School in 1972. She attended Ricks College graduating with an Associate Degree in Secretarial Training and a minor in Education. Immediately after graduation she began

work at First Security Bank in Blackfoot, which is where she and Paul met in 1975. They were married May 28, 1976 in the Idaho Falls Temple. They settled in the Thomas area on the farm where Paul grew up and raised their family. They have ten children. Justin (stillborn), Trever, Kyle, Jason, Carissa, Amanda, Alex, Heather, Mitchell, and Janalyce. All graduated from Snake River High School having been taught by good teachers. Five of their children currently live in the Snake River area with nine of their grandchildren attending Snake River schools. They will have 31 grandchildren by the end of May. Paul has worked for Snake River School District as a school bus driver, para pro. with maintenance and food delivery for the past 10 years. Genae substituted for several years before going full time as a para pro. They both love working with children and striving to be a positive influence in their lives. They have enjoyed their years of work and service for the Snake River School District and have countless wonderful friends among fellow employees, students, and our great community. They will soon leave to serve for 18 months in the New Mexico Farmington Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Upon returning from their mission they hope to continue to be of service in the Snake River Community and continue to enjoy wonderful friendships!