



## Retirement Program 2018

What lies behind you  
and what lies in front of you,  
pales in comparison  
to what lies inside of you.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Secret Collection

*By Dena Parkinson*

Gather the rays from a hundred sunsets;  
Catch the spray of an ocean tide;  
Fill your head with the smell of roses,  
Fresh and wild on the countryside.

Hold a crystal drop of rain  
And a frilly flake of falling snow;  
Grasp the lulling summer breezes  
And the evening stars that hang so low.

Remember the peace of a happy daydream;  
Capture the warmth of a friendly smile;  
Feel the lift of a word of praise,  
And find the joy of the second mile.

Then put into storage your grand collection—  
Deep in your heart, where no one can see;  
And engrave forever there the thought  
That the very best in life is free.

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# RETIREMENT PROGRAM

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

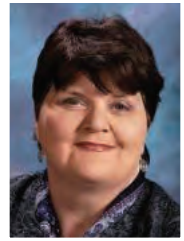
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Welcome.....	Ken Van Ausdal Director of Human Resources
Invocation.....	Mike Larsen Director of Special Education & Federal Programs
Luncheon	
Entertainment.....	Payson Jr. High School Advanced Choirs Ingrid Bolz, Choir Director
Board Message.....	Randy Boothe Nebo School District - Board Member
Certified Employee's Tribute.....	Kim Gerke District Office – Coordinator of Student Services
Classified Employee's Tribute.....	Janet Johnson District Office – Human Resources Secretary
Superintendent's Message.....	Rick Nielsen Nebo School District - Superintendent
Presentation of Clocks to Retirees.....	Board Members

# Nebo School District Retirees — 2018


## Margaret Al Jamal

SPED Teacher – Spring Lake Elementary  
*12 years of service in Nebo*



## Sue Ann Bell


Head Custodian – Summit Center  
*30 years of service in Nebo*

**“I** have enjoyed working with Nebo School District, where I have made many good friends. I have enjoyed working with the thousands of students who have gone through my schools. As I move on to the next adventure, I will miss my close associations with my co-workers, but I look forward to learning new things and spending lots of time with my six beautiful grandchildren.” 



## Lillian N. Clark

Speech – Language Pathologist – Foothills Elementary  
*22 years of service in Nebo, 10 years in another district*

**“I** have loved working with a wonderful variety of children over the years, helping them improve their communication skills. It has been very rewarding to feel like I might have made a small difference in a child’s life, helping them learn skills that they will use throughout their lives. More than anything else, I will miss the children I’ve been blessed to work with in the schools over the past 32 years (30 years in Utah).” 



## Alexandra Dedrickson

Teacher – Brockbank Elementary  
*33 years of service in Nebo*



“**T**hirty three years ago I was hired by Nebo School District to teach 1st grade. Those 33 years have flown by and I realized that during those years I have taught 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grades along with 9 years in Reading Recovery. I have been privileged to work with the best principals, teachers, students and parents at Brookside and Brockbank Elementary schools. As a teacher who thoroughly enjoyed teaching reading, I find myself closing this chapter in my life and beginning a new series.”

## Becky Lyne DeHeer

Transport Food Services – Sage Creek Elementary  
*35 years of service in Nebo*



“**I** love my job very much. I love working with the kids very much. I have made wonderful friends with the lunch lady’s that I will be friends with for the rest of my life. I have loved being at all the different schools that I have worked at for the last 35 years. I will miss all the wonderful staff at the schools. Thank you very much.”

## Sharon Foster

Special Education Preschool Teacher – Hobbles Creek Elementary  
*13 years of service in Nebo, 8 years in another District*



“**R**elationships matter! This is my north star and what I have cherished most during the time I have been in education. I deeply value the relationships that I have been privileged to develop with my preschoolers and their families, my technicians, a wonderful Hobbles Creek staff, a supportive Principal and district leadership.

After retirement I am excited to be able to spend more time with family and friends. I will also be dusting off old dreams which include taking an art class or two, learning Spanish, and preparing for an LDS mission.”

## Jonni C. Franz

Head Custodian – SFJHS & PJHS  
*26.33 years of service in Nebo*

“I have loved my job as a custodian at both Payson and Spanish Fork Junior High Schools. I have worked with some very special people and great Principals. Retirement isn’t all it’s cut out to be.”



## Kim B. Gerke

Coordinator of Student Services – District Office  
*30 years of service in Nebo, 7 years in another District*

“My thirty-seven years as an educator have passed away as if it were a dream. My life has been enriched and deepened by my many close relationships with students, parents, and numerous colleagues. Some of the best people I know have mentored me in the art of living and loving. I am filled with gratitude for all of those in the Nebo School District that have lifted me and allowed my dreams to become a reality.”



## Ronald Hutton

Bus Driver - Transportation  
*11 years of service in Nebo*



## Suzette Hartvigsen

Girls P.E., Health, Body Conditioning and Weight Training Teacher – SHS & SaJHS

*31 years of service in Nebo, 1 year in another District*

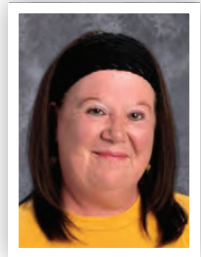


“**F**or the past 31 years I have taught in Nebo School District at Springville High School and Salem Junior High School. The time has passed so quickly. I have loved teaching at both schools! My association with the teachers, administrators, custodians, secretaries, technicians, district personnel and especially my students have filled my life with purpose and excitement. I appreciate all I have worked with and the influence they have had in my life. I have worked with some of the most amazing teenagers. Coaching and teaching has brought me so much joy over the years. Thanks to all who have made my career and life so wonderful.” 🌀

## Kristi Jensen

Special Education Teacher, Resource, Behavior Unit & Self Contained – Grant, Larsen & Brockbank

*30 years of service in Nebo, 1 year in another District*



“**M**y teaching career has come full circle. I did my student teaching at Brockbank Elementary at the beginning of my career as a young woman full of hopes and dreams of impacting special education children. I am ending my career at Brockbank having fulfilled my hopes and dreams and have noticed the impact on my students lives. I have been blessed to work with countless co-workers who have encouraged me and inspired me. I have had amazing Principals who have supported and advised me. I have been highly trained by the Special Education Department. I have written and attended thousands of IEP's. I end my career full of love for educators, para educators, co-workers, bosses/Principals and most of all the children – whom have kept me both sane and insane for the past 31 years.”



## Janet Johnson

Secretary/Human Resource Secretary – Young Parents  
& Westside/District Office  
*21 years of service in Nebo*



“The best part of my job over the past 21 years has been my association with so many wonderful students, parents, teachers and co-workers who have touched and influenced my life. I’ve been among the best of the best! I will miss the many wonderful friends I’ve made over the years, but take with me some WONDERFUL (and some way funny) memories I’ve had in Nebo School District.

I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to belong to such a wonderful family in the educational world. Thank you, Nebo School District....for such a terrific career. I’m looking forward to the new adventures retirement life will bring.”

## Dwight Liddiard

Teacher/Principal/HR Coordinator – Nebo School  
District Office  
*33.4 years of service in Nebo*



“As I look back on a wonderful career in Nebo School District, I remember all the amazing students, teachers, parents, and leaders that I had the opportunity to associate with. Since I retired in November, I can truly say that the thing that I miss most is all the wonderful people that I worked with.

I am surprised how quickly time has passed. Each assignment I had brought a new group of wonderful people to work with. I feel I have great friends throughout the district as well as many who have already retired. I also love living around here and seeing many of my former students. It’s always fun to see what they are up to now.

My advice for all the current employees is that they recognize that they are in very difficult jobs, but they are jobs that are very rewarding. I hope they will all find a way to enjoy their work and understand the great work that they are doing.”

## Carol Morrison

Teacher – Meadow Brook Elementary  
*12 years of service in Nebo, 1 year in another District*

“I have loved teaching and have made many lifelong friends among co-workers, students, and parents. I appreciate so much the wonderful, supportive people I have worked with. Thank you!” 🌀



## Virginia Sivak

Teacher – Riverview Elementary  
*12 years of service in Nebo*



## Carl Swenson

Principal – Payson Junior High School  
*35 years of service in Nebo, 1 year in another District*

“**M**y thoughts go to the summer of 1983 which I started at Payson High School as an Ag Teacher and FFA Advisor. I was excited to move from Morgan High School to start where I thought I would finish my career. However, in the time I have been here I have had several different assignments and locations. The locations include Payson High and Payson Junior High simultaneously as a teacher, Payson High as an Assistant Principal, Spanish Fork Junior High as Principal, Transportation as Supervisor, Spanish Fork High as an Assistant Principal, and Payson Junior High as the current Principal. The wonderful thing about all of the different locations I have been assigned, I have learned that we have an opportunity to work with wonderful students and parents in Nebo School District. In addition, I have enjoyed the many staff members that I have been privileged to work with as a teacher and as an administrator. The true blessing in my life has come from the many students that have touched my life and made me a better person. I have truly enjoyed my career in Nebo School District as both a teacher and as an administrator. I am excited to move to the next stage of my life.” 🌀




## Connie Jo Thomas

Transport Food Services – Park Elementary  
*5 years of service in Nebo*



“**M**y time with Nebo School District has been interesting. What started out as a fun little four hour job, has led me to push myself into areas where I didn’t have the comfort level I would have liked. My first year at Salem Junior High, working under Julie Silcox, was full of fun, learning and of course, a lot of hard work. I’ve never been afraid of hard work though!

So when I was advanced to a Lane 1, head cook, I was excited. I was sent to Maple Mountain High, working under Phyllis Miller. It too was full of challenges, but nonetheless, I really loved the challenge each day brought. When I was offered the position of Transport, I was very nervous. But Bill Vest and Camille Canto all encouraged me, and told me they were confident I could do this job. So my first year at Sierra Bonita was full of new opportunities to learn. I found that not only could I do the job, but that there were areas that I could improve the functionality of the kitchen. I also grew to love the children at Sierra Bonita! They were the highlight of my day! My two years at Sierra Bonita were great. I was able to grow and expand myself, doing parts of the job that I didn’t think I could do! (Driving the big truck, backing it up!!!!, and at the end of day, paperwork.) I’ve never liked paperwork! But change was again in the plan, and I went to Park school working under Danielle Fillmore, where again, I was challenged with trying to get the kitchen into a better working condition. Once I had satisfied some of my OCD cleanliness issues, I found that I liked it at Park school as well.

The office staff have been so nice and friendly, and helpful. The kids are so cute. I will miss their enthusiasm, stories, and cute comments! I will miss all of the lovely ladies I’ve worked with over the years. Each has impacted my life for good. Working in food services isn’t the most glamorous position, but it has been a blessing to me in many ways. My life before being a ‘lunch lady’ was as a hairdresser and nail artist. I loved that part of my life, but I’m so grateful for all the lessons I’ve learned while working for Nebo School District. Thanks for all the FUN!!!!” 

## Jeff Wales

Computer Lab Technician - SHS  
*16 years of service in Nebo*

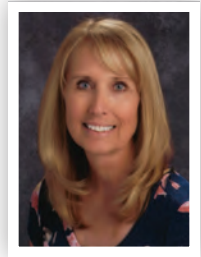


**“I**t has been a great experience to have had a second career working for Springville High School. In 2002, I retired from the Federal Aviation Administration, and with my wife, moved to Springville from Albuquerque, NM. I had coached track and field for many years in Albuquerque and thought I would continue being an assistant coach somewhere here in Utah County. I applied for a teaching license thinking that I might want to teach for a few years. But with the opportunity to be the head track & field, and cross country coach here at Springville High, I decided to take the position of computer lab technician and not teach.

That decision turned out to be the beginning of a great experience and a very rewarding 16 years spent with the great young men and women of SHS. It also afforded the opportunity to work with the teachers and staff that make SHS the great school that it is. Thanks to all who have made this adventure a wonderful time for myself and my wife.” 🌀

## Becky Wilson

Preschool Technician – Orchard Hills & Santaquin  
Elementary  
*22 years of service in Nebo*



**“I** have worked with many children in my 22 years of teaching. Each one was unique, and I loved them all the same. It was fun to see them grow and feel excitement after accomplishing a goal they had worked so hard to achieve. They have helped me become a better and more caring person. I will miss them!” 🌀





Don't let yesterday take  
up too much of today.

— Will Rogers

## **2018 RETIREMENT LIST**

### **Certified Employees**

<b>Name.....</b>	<b>Years of Service</b>
Margaret Al Jamal .....	12.4
Lillian N. Clark .....	22
Alexandra Dedrickson .....	33
Sharon Foster .....	13
Kim B. Gerke .....	31
Suzette Hartvigsen .....	31
Kristi Jensen.....	30
Dwight Liddiard .....	33.3
Carol Morrison.....	11
Virginia Sivak .....	13
Carl Swenson.....	35

## 2018 RETIREMENT LIST

### Classified Employees

Name .....	Years of Service
Sue Ann Bell .....	30
Becky Lyne DeHeer .....	33
Jonni Franz .....	26.3
Ronald Hutton .....	11
Janet Johnson .....	21
Connie Thomas .....	6
Jeff Wales .....	15.2
Becky Wilson .....	22

**Certified** Employees Retiring: **11** for a total of **264.7** Years in Nebo

**Classified** Employees Retiring: **8** for a total of **164.5** Years in Nebo

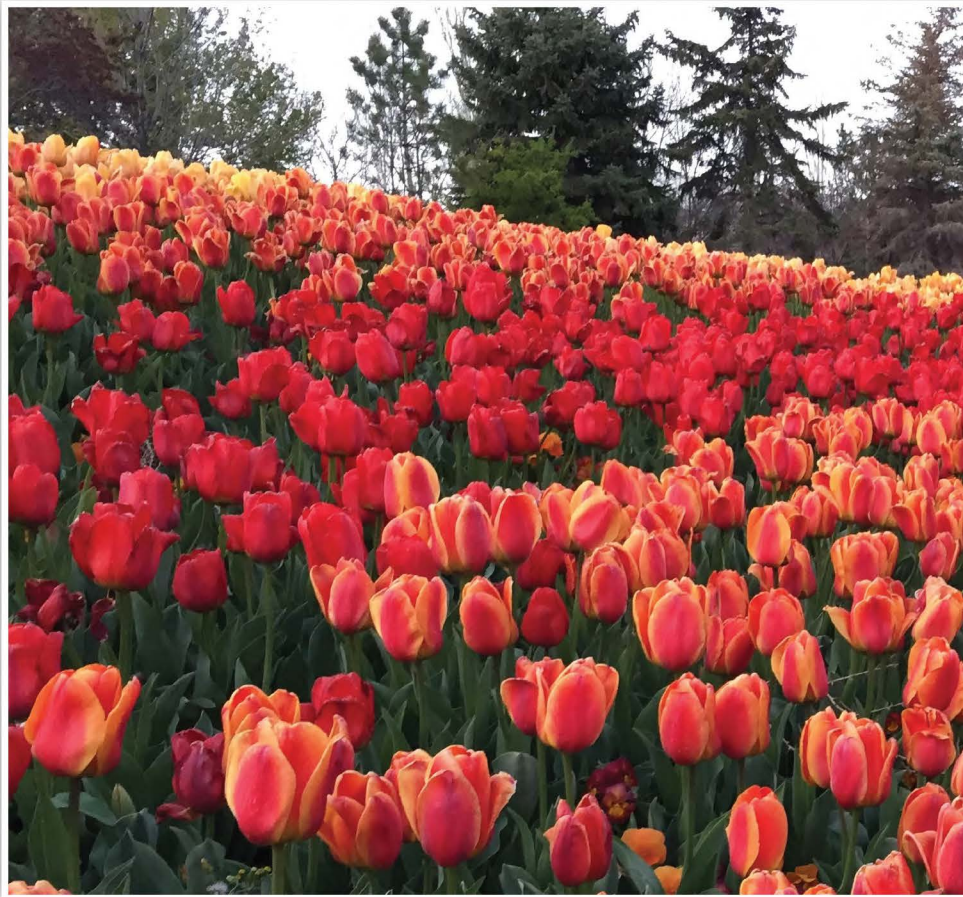
**Total** Employees Retiring: **19** for a Total of **429.2** Years in Nebo





You are never too old  
to set another goal  
or to dream a new dream.

— C. S. Lewis



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