

My name is Jennifer Whitson, and I have lived in Steelville my whole life. I have a passion for teaching children the value of becoming involved citizens in their communities.

I studied education at Missouri State University in Springfield and earned certificates in elementary education (1-6) and social studies (7-9). I also have my master's in curriculum and instruction from the University of Phoenix. Currently, I teach seventh and eighth graders the lessons of history and help them find ways to be involved in today's society.

I'm a single parent of two college students, Erin and Ian. Erin is getting ready to begin her first year of graduate school at Illinois State University and Ian is majoring in history at Lindenwood University.

Granny taught me to crochet, so I make afgans for my family members. I enjoy reading, playing in the dirt (with Erin. She studies archeology.), attending teacher seminars, and traveling. Many of my students have had the opportunity to travel to major U.S. and world cities.

I am a volunteer with A Soldier's Wish List, Steelville Teacher's Organization, and I keep middle school kids busy helping improve the morale of our military members and aid kids in helping in emergency situations.

I was honored with the Missouri VFW Middle School Teacher of the Year's National Citizenship Education Award in 2004 and was chosen to be a part of the Korea Foundation's Learning Experience in Korea in 2008. I also aided my students to raise funds for a Korea War Memorial that now stands proudly on the Crawford County Courthouse lawn.

I was the first grandchild in my dad's family to attend college. I have hundreds of "kids" (once my kid, always my kid). My family has been in Crawford County since the end of the Revolutionary War. I have visited 15 other countries, three of which were added to the list this summer!



I'm also a Presbyterian!

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