

I know I do not look it, thanks to pharmacy knowledge and a wonderful skincare routine, but it has been almost 40 years now since I graduated from the University dWyoming Pharmacy school in 1987. No stranger to small towns, having grown up in one in Western Colorado, settling in Wheatland with my husband Mike was one of the best decisions of our lives. It is in this community that we started our family and now have four grown children and seven grandchildren. They are the joy of our lives! I have been incredibly blessed to have started working in a small independent retail pharmacy that helped me connect with the community in a way that revealed my love for retail and introduced me to the specialty that would become my focus for my whole-time practicing pharmacy. After a combination of 22 years between that first store and a small chain, Pamida, the time had come for me to grow into my own; Factors converged, an opportunity presented itself and my husband and I decided we should take the leap to pharmacy ownership! A former Mini Mart was purchased and while under construction jokingly became Loaf and Drug until it was competed and the doors officially opened on South Street Pharmacy in 2010.

Service to the community has been at the center of my values since that very first

day. From demonstrations for school kids of all ages, science fair judging, first responder training, baby fairs, and precepting, sharing this passion and educating others about pharmacy has been more enlightening for me than to them each time. There are definitely trials and tribulations when it comes to rural retail pharmacy but seeing the interest and light of knowledge grow in others as I share my experience and love of pharmacy reminds me why serving as their pharmacist has been the delight of my life. I love pharmacy and passing on my knowledge and passion for this profession.