

Chris Johnson

East Adams Rural Hospital and District Clinics would like to introduce Chris Johnson, our highlighted employee this week.

Chris Johnson is an EMT, for Ritzville, at East Adams Rural Hospital. His responsibilities include caring for and transporting patients on the ambulance and assisting the hospital staff when needed in the emergency room. He has worked at EARH since February of 1998.

Chris was born in Soap Lake, WA. His dad worked in construction so he has lived in many places. He lived in Boise, ID the longest. He went to school in Meridian, ID until his freshman year. His family then moved to Mossyrock, WA and then to Orofino, ID where he graduated from high school and met his wife, Vicky. They married in 1971 and both graduated from the University of Idaho in 1973. They moved to Ritzville in August 1977 when Chris was hired as the 6th grade teacher in Lind.

Chris is the oldest of four children, two brothers and one sister. He has two daughters, Michelle and Aimee, who are both living in Hermiston, OR. He has two grandsons, Hunter and Ryan.

Chris started in healthcare when there was a need for ambulance drivers. He then decided that he needed to be more help on the calls so he became an EMT. He recently became a BLS EMT Evaluator. The best and scariest part of being an EMT is the unknown. When the pager goes off at 2:00 am and it says one thing but you get to the scene and find something completely different you find yourself shifting into another mind set and having to react to it quickly and efficiently.

Chris's biggest accomplishment is to have both daughters graduate from college, get married, and for all of them to have jobs, especially with all of the problems in the world. His goal is for him and Vicky to retire and spend time with family, go fishing, and spoil their grandsons.

Outside of teaching, coaching, and being an EMT, he belongs to the Ritzville Festival Association, and when possible helping Vicky with many of her activities. During his free time, he likes to go fishing anytime of the year and any type of weather, spending time with family, and is also an avid cribbage player. He also likes to do some wood work refinishing things.

