

Kandice Heimbigner



Kandice Heimbigner, (Kandy), is the District's medical records coder. Kandy's duties include putting diagnosis codes on all clinic and emergency room, lab, x-ray, and CT scan visits, as well as all the hospital stays. These codes are required by insurance companies for billing purposes. Kandy also is the custodian of the hospital medical records. She maintains each record of a patient's stay at the hospital. Kandy started working for the District in 1988 at the Clinic downtown. She retired to stay home with her sons for several years, and returned in 1998.

Kandy was born in Temple, Texas. Because her dad was in the Air Force, they transferred to Spokane when she was two years old and moved to Ritzville when she was eight.

Kandy is one of four children, one older sister and two younger brothers. She graduated from Ritzville High School in 1974 and then went to ITT Tech in Seattle where she enrolled in executive secretary courses.

Kandy and Ross are the fourth generation to farm the homestead. They were actually married on the homestead in 1976 and moved there in September of 1984 when Ross' parents Hersh and Lorene retired and moved to Ritzville. They have two sons Jack who recently graduated from WSU and Kyle who is now in his second year at WSU.

Some of Kandy's hobbies include crocheting, tole painting, and making Poppycock (popcorn). She is also a member of Zion Philadelphia United Church of Christ. Two of her lifetime goals are to win the lottery and to have a place on the lake. States Kandy *"only one goal is a reality!"*

As she was growing up, Kandy always knew that she would be a mom because she always wanted kids. With this in mind, one of Kandy's greatest accomplishments is having great, well-mannered, and polite sons.