

Mark Shepherd

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

Mark Shepherd is an EMT, for Ritzville, at East Adams Rural Hospital. His responsibilities include caring for and transporting patients when on an ambulance call. He has worked at EARH for ten months.

Mark was born in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Since his dad was in the military he did not get to spend much time in one place. He has lived on the East and West Coast, South, and overseas in Germany. The last place he spent the most time was New York and decided he would move back to the Northwest when he was old enough.

Mark joined the Army and met the love of his life (Joyce) while he was stationed in Fort Lewis. They were married in April of 1975. They moved to Ritzville in December of 1985 where he was assigned to Washington State Patrol Detachment after completing the academy.

Mark has one sister and two brothers who all live in New York. Mark and Joyce have three wonderful children, Stephanie, James, and Melissa. They also have two grandchildren.

Mark decided to go into healthcare because he wanted to make a difference and by being an EMT/Fireman he can help people. The best part about his job is the people he works with. "We work as a team; no one person gets the glory. It's a team effort to give the best care we can before we pass them off to the hospital staff. My primary job as a Trooper has it ups and downs. I get to meet people at their best and their worst. Being an EMT I get to help out the sick and injured and get them on the track to recovery."

Mark's goal is to remodel his house and find a cabin for his retirement years. His greatest accomplishments are having raised three wonderful children, been married 32 years to a wonderful woman, and that he is helping the community as a fireman/EMT.

Outside of work, Mark tries to do family things. He hopes to join a riding club for the new Quads that he has for riding. He enjoys a good game of golf with his friends and will finally get to ride his quads this year. He is especially looking forward to SPOILING HIS GRANDKIDS.

