

Being a loyal employee for 30 years

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Cindy Meyer brings joy to work everyday. As a McDonalds employee closing in on 30 years she loves her job.

With the tools of her trade in hand she states firmly, "I keep moving."

Cindy keeps the lobby of the Port Angeles McDonalds spotless. But that's not all.

"I clean the bathrooms downstairs and upstairs and the parking lot, too."

Missy Schimschal, McDonalds assistant manager said Cindy is awesome. "We appreciate all the help she gives us. I don't have to worry about the lobby. You're a star player," Missy said to Cindy.

Cindy nods in agreement. "I'm a hard worker. That's what that means," she said.

Keeping a job for 30 years proves Cindy's commitment. "I started in Fairbanks," she said about her career.

"McDonalds has been really good to her," said her father, Kenneth Meyer. "When she first started in Fairbanks she was strictly pots and pans," Kenneth said. "She was very happy to move up to the lobby. She didn't much like pots and pans."

Cindy worked at the Fairbanks store from 1976 until 1999 when her family moved to New Zealand. Upon returning to the United States in 2001 Kenneth said he called McDonalds Corporation to ask about the stores in Sequim and Port Angeles. The family settled on Port Angeles since the Sequim store could not provide year-round employment.



A 30-year McDonalds employee Cindy Meyer stops briefly, cleaning wipes and solution ready.

"In both Fairbanks and Port Angeles there are people who come to just say hi and have a cup of coffee," Kenneth said.

Cindy said that the people are the best part of her job. "My favorite part is talking to the customers. Sometimes I get tips, but I keep moving," she said. "It is so nice for me here."

When she isn't working Cindy is an avid sports fan and loves country western music.

Her mother Beverly said Cindy has more than 250 CDs. "She knows the artists. She can recognize who is singing and on what CD," Kenneth said.

"Yeah, I'm a sports nut, and I have lots of CDs" she said.