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1984 Ritzville Journal photo

SLIGHTLY UPSET at the prospect of getting wet at the city pool's deep end is Brett Arlt, 20 months, shown here while being gently lowered off the diving board by mother, Mary, into the waiting arms of lifeguards Kiera McCrady, left, and Dorothy Eikum. Youngsters may not like the water much at first, but learning how to swim at an early age often makes things a lot easier later on in life.

REMEMBERING FROM THE FILES

One hundred years ago The Ritzville Times **July 22, 1909**

Although the harvest has already begun in some sections of Adams county, the real rush will not begin until next week. The headers and binders over the county have been going at a lively clip, and in a few cases combines are in operation.

Two carloads of equipment have arrived for the grading work on the new railroad and supplies and revisions will be sent forward rapidly now. Engineer T. Z. Krumm has finished locating the line and has now located here. His crew is at work cross sectioning. The grade stakes must be set now, because the grading is to commence at once.

The new city reservoir is being dug by day labor under direction of Marshal James Hammond. It is located near the new well which was drilled by Mr. Landreth.

Seventy-five years ago Ritzville Journal-Times **July 26, 1934**

"To The Public...

"Inasmuch as we are threatened with an epidemic of infantile paralysis, I consider it my duty to instruct parents to discourage their children from attending all public meetings, attendance at church and Sunday school, picture shows and all social gatherings.

"So far only one case has originated in Adams county which at present is confined at the isolation hospital in Spokane. Since several cases are reported from Lincoln county, close to our borders, I today closed the swimming pool until further notice.

"Since all contagion is carried through the nose, I suggest all children's nose and throat be sprayed daily with an antiseptic solution which you can obtain from your druggist.

"I shall appreciate the fullest cooperation of all citizens in my efforts to keep this scourge from this city and county.

Dr. Wm. F. Armann,
City and County Health Officer
July 24, 1934"

Fifty years ago The Ritzville Journal Times **July 23, 1959**

With much of the winter barley on Adams county farms already cut, the 1959 crop of winter wheat began coming in to area elevators this week and harvest is expected to be in full swing by Monday.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new school bus shop located behind the high school gymnasium, city school superintendent Frank Sayre said Tuesday. The building, when completed, will have an area of 50 by 60 feet which will allow three busses to be in the shop at a time.

The Ritzville Safeway store received a coat of paint along with a new sign this week, and appears to be scheduled for more remodeling. Manager Lorraine Becker said that the interior would be remodeled to include new check stands and redecoration in the near future.

Twenty-five years ago Ritzville Adams County Journal **July 26, 1984**

Dr. Pat Shannon officially joins Dr. Don Schmidt at the Ritzville Medical Clinic on Aug. 1, so Ritzville once again will have two local, full-time physicians.

Harvest was said to be getting a good start in the region served by the Lind Union Elevator and Warehouse Co. and a few were hauling 1984 grain to the other stations at Washtucna, Odessa, Ritzville, Ralston and Bengie, the Journal learned in telephone interviews Wednesday morning.

Switching from swim goggles to a bicycle to tennis shoes, Dr. Don Schmidt successfully participated in the 31.1 mile Whiskey Dick Triathlon race conducted last Saturday from Vantage to Ellensburg. Schmidt swam a mile, pedaled 22 miles and ran 8.1 miles, finishing the event in 3-1/2 hours.

The first annual East Adams Health Care Foundation Golf Tournament is set for Sunday, Aug. 12, with the four-person scramble event open to both men and women.