

## A PHOTO FROM 1984



1984 Ritzville Journal photo

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM** sponsored by the Ritzville chapter of the American Association of University Women concluded last Thursday at the public library with all the youths in attendance receiving ice cream. The program attracted more kids to the library this summer than ever before, resulting in a lot of books being checked out.

### REMEMBERING FROM THE FILES

#### *One hundred years ago* The Ritzville Times **July 29, 1909**

The July 29, 1909, issue of The Ritzville Times is not available.

#### *Seventy-five years ago* Ritzville Journal-Times **Aug. 2, 1934**

Homer McCabe, employed at the Allen Scott farm at Bengé, was bitten by a Black Widow spider Monday and was rushed to the office of Dr. W. H. Sweet in Ritzville for emergency treatment. He was later removed to the home of Mrs. Ed Allen, who has charge of the case. Mr. McCabe, who caught the spider, was a very sick man for a few days, but has improved to such an extent that he was expected to return to Bengé today.

A. W. Sickmann, local dealer, delivered a Hudson sedan this week to Carl Crawley and a similar model to Bert Peterson of Spokane.

Peter J. Kalkwarf, 85, former well known resident of this city, died this week in Spokane where he has made his home for many years. The funeral was held from the Lutheran church here this morning, with interment in the Ritzville cemetery. Deceased is survived by six children.

Word was received this morning that Robert W. McCall, 67, pioneer stockman of Macall, had died today in a Spokane hospital of cancer. He is survived by his wife Martha, three sons and six daughters. Funeral arrangements had not been made today.

#### *Fifty years ago* The Ritzville Journal Times **July 30, 1959**

The 1959 harvest in Adams county is in full

swing and from early indications, grain produced may come close to last year's record volume. Wind damage caused by high winds Monday appeared to be minor, according to the reports received at the elevators.

Hot weather is not hampering the water supply, Fred Benzel, city street and water superintendent, said this week. Benzel said that although the people of Ritzville are using an average of 66,000 gallons of water an hour in a 24 hour period, the water supply is holding up.

Christine Harder received the "Festival Princess" award for her baton twirling ability and showmanship during three days of competition in Beaver Falls, Pa., recently.

#### *Twenty-five years ago* Ritzville Adams County Journal **Aug. 2, 1984**

Lightning bolts from a storm which sliced through the Ritzville area early Sunday afternoon started a small wheat fire six miles south of the city and knocked out electricity to about 50 rural residences to the west, but the tempest caused more severe problems when it climaxed into a hail storm about 2 p.m. at Sprague.

Ritzville area youths – and any daring adults – will get a chance to demonstrate their awareness and prowess of a nationwide fad when a "break dancing" contest is held in downtown Ritzville on Saturday, Aug. 25.

Heidi Clinesmith of Bengé has been accepted as a junior member of the American Hereford Association. She is the daughter of Roy and Karin Clinesmith.

The Wheat Land Communities' Fair Junior Livestock Sale is set for Saturday, Sept. 1, outside the new livestock barn at the fairgrounds, where people may purchase nearly any portion of a swine, sheep or beef.