

## A PHOTO FROM 1984



1984 Ritzville Journal photo

'CATCH THE FAIR BUG' T-shirts are being offered for sale by Wheat Land Communities' Fair Princess Cathy Donaldson, left, and Queen Debbie Graber with profits to be invested in an as-yet undetermined project at the fairgrounds. Standard T-shirts and sleeveless muscle shirts are available at the fair office on weekends, by contacting one of the girls, or throughout the Aug. 30-Sept. 2 Fair.

### REMEMBERING FROM THE FILES

#### *One hundred years ago*

The Ritzville Times

**Aug. 12, 1909**

The council has ordered the installation of meters and one is furnished free of cost to each water user. Their use is obligatory. It is urged that a more equitable distribution of the cost will be obtained under this system.

The restaurants of the town have advanced some of the prices on orders that are commonly used, such as ham and eggs, bacon and eggs, and pork chops, 40 per cent. The restaurant people claim there is little profit in the business on account of the high prices which they are compelled to pay for supplies. The cost of living is gradually increasing over the country.

Advertisement: Fred's Cafe on Main Street in Ritzville, Wash. Try our Special Evening Dinners from 5 to 8 p.m. Dining Room for the Ladies.

#### *Seventy-five years ago*

Ritzville Journal-Times

**Aug. 16, 1934**

Do not fail to read "Hilltops Clear," which will be published serially in this paper. It is a romance as refreshing as the Maine Pines which play their own important part in the story. "Hilltops Clear" starts in our next issue, August 23.

The anticipated last-minute rush for filing of declarations, bringing the total to 26, materialized in Adams county and there are now two or more candidates for every office, promising a bitter fight for most of the positions, both in the primary and general election. All incumbents in the county have opposition either at primary or general election.

Due to a shortage of auto plates in other counties, and having plates to spare here, Laura Schragg, county auditor, on Wednesday shipped 300 to Harry Huse, state director of licenses.

#### *Fifty years ago*

The Ritzville Journal Times

**Aug. 13, 1959**

Folks in Ritzville have been talking for 60 years – at least over the telephone – according to Pacific Telephone manager Stan Murray. "August is our birthday," the manager explained. "It was 60 years ago that telephone service first started here."

Next Monday, Big Bend Electric cooperative will mark its nineteenth anniversary of providing electric service to the farmers of Adams and Franklin counties, co-op manager Edgar Collison said this week.

You've heard about the man who built his boat in the basement and had to tear down the house to get it out... Well, the chamber of commerce float now is too large for storage in the fair barns. Anyone knowing of storage to accommodate a float nearly 40 feet long, 12 feet wide and 10 feet high is asked to contact chamber president John Pavlik or secretary Leone Underwood.

#### *Twenty-five years ago*

Ritzville Adams County Journal

**Aug. 16, 1984**

With the harvest beginning to wind down in the region, many ranchers are reaping an average crop yield, while some may see reductions of from 10 to 20 percent under their normal number of bushels.

Mosquito district personnel Tom Oord, Bob Cockrum and supervisor Tom Haworth have been placing donut-shaped bacteria pellets in the storm drains here and in Othello this summer as a prevention action against mosquito and black fly larva. The palm-sized donuts attract the insects, which die after feeding on the substance, although it is not harmful to humans.

The oldest entrant in this year's Fair Feat Ash Dash is 75 years of age and the youngest is five. Both are entered in the 3.1 mile course.