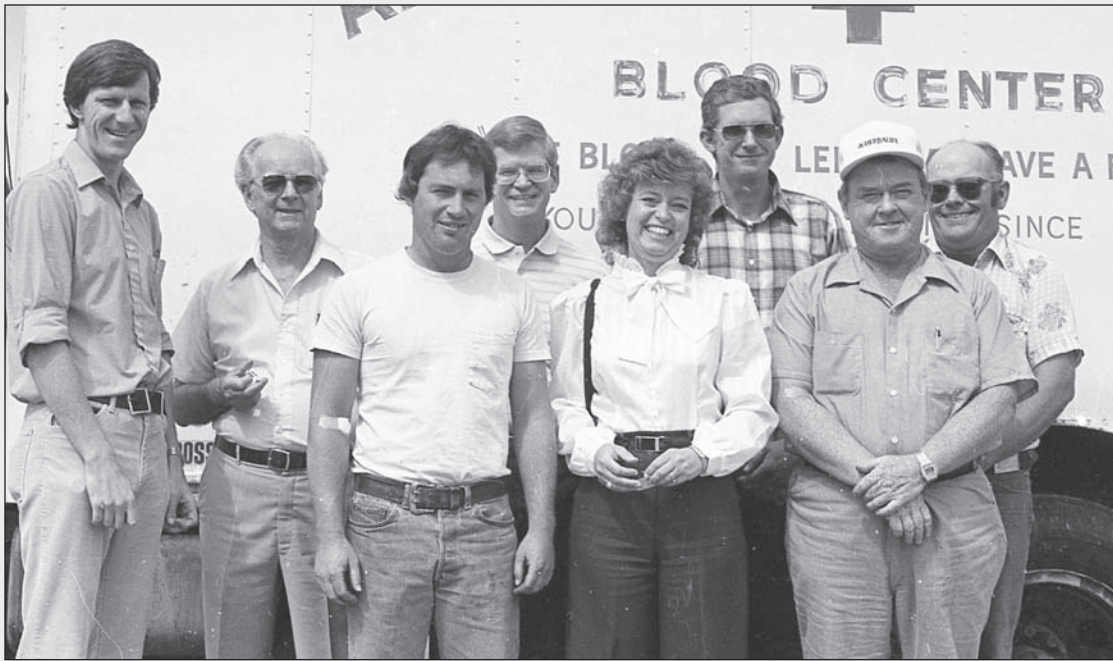


## A PHOTO FROM 1984



1984 Ritzville Journal photo

**BLOOD DONORS** in Ritzville on Monday totaled 59 people, with 57 of them being able to donate to the Red Cross. Pictured receiving donor pins from Dr. Pat Shannon, left, are, back row: Bob Barnes, five gallons; the Rev. Tom Lenhart, one; Paul Schwisow, one, and Don Saunders, two. Front row: Robert Bowman, one; Gloria Sager, three, and Richard Hollenback, two. Not pictured are two-gallon donors Ramona Swenson, Clarence Schilling and Norman Rambow.

## REMEMBERING FROM THE FILES

### *One hundred years ago*

The Ritzville Times

**Aug. 26, 1909**

Construction work will begin before the snow flies on the next railroad through Adams county. This time it is the Sphinx – otherwise the mysterious North Coast road. It is the line from Spokane to Walla Walla and it will cross the eastern part of Adams county.

The approaching end of the harvest in the Washtucna region brings disappointment to farmers in the matter of the grain yield. The heads of the grain seem as large as usual, but in many instances is blighted in the central mesh. It has reduced the yield from five to seven bushels an acre.

Krupp, Wash., Aug. 25. – Sparks from a Great Northern freight engine set fire to the warehouse of the Farmers' grain and Supply company at noon today and with the aid of a stiff wind laid waste the entire business portion of the town, causing a loss of \$125,000.

### *Seventy-five years ago*

Ritzville Journal-Times

**Aug. 30, 1934**

County Supt. Anna L. Armstrong has ordered District No. 97 on Cow creek above Hooper dissolved, due to lack of required attendance last term. The law calls for an average attendance of four, which, the superintendent states, has not been maintained.

With a maximum temperature of 100 last Sunday and only .14 of an inch of rain during the month, August proved to be both hot and dry.

A display of unusual attractiveness occupies one of the large windows at the Trading Company. It is a showing of a bedroom suite of the latest design, nicely arranged to give the best effect. The display is a decided credit to the progressiveness of this large institution.

For the first time in a number of years, all local stores and shops agreed to close for Labor Day.

### *Fifty years ago*

The Ritzville Journal Times

**Aug. 27, 1959**

A 45-minute fireworks display and a western singer will highlight the Friday evening grandstand show at the Adams county fair which begins next week, fair board president Wilmerd Heinemann announced at a fair board meeting Monday night.

The Ritzville Jaycee swim club set a pace in the Inland Empire AAU championship swim here last weekend that has probably not been equaled. The club broke 18 state, association and pool records, won 12 of the 14 men's events and amassed 101 more points than the second place team.

Weather observer Jack Kittel said the greatest amount of rain fell last week during a 24-hour period in August than at any other time since he has been keeping records dating back to 1916 – 1.39 inches of rain soaked the Ritzville area.

### *Twenty-five years ago*

Ritzville Adams County Journal

**Aug. 30, 1984**

Zelma Williams of the Sandhills area is parade marshal this year. This is the first year of a new policy where the Ritzville Festivals Association – parade organizers – will honor someone from East Adams County, not just Ritzville, as parade marshal.

Dr. Kaia Sorem has opened Adams County Veterinary Services at 104 West Main Avenue in Ritzville, where she will operate a "mixed practice" for large and small animals. She previously was affiliated with the Moses Lake Veterinary Clinic.

Candidates for 1984 Ritzville Rodeo Royalty are Michele Caldwell and Rhonda Sanger. The new royalty will be announced during Sunday's rodeo performance.

School enrollment was a bit down this year when comparing opening day of 1983 in Ritzville and Lind and "about the same as last year" in Washtucna.