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Anderson

Officer marks 40 years

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Norvin Anderson, Cheyenne County law officer, was honored at an open house on Friday for having served 40 years in law enforcement. Three years ago, Officer Anderson was declared the oldest working officer in the nation and newspapers across the country ran his story.

He began his career in 1969 as a city policeman for St. Francis. Ray Lee was the sheriff and they worked together. Later, he became a deputy sheriff and he and Sheriff Lee worked together until Lee retired in 1996.

Today, he is working in the Cheyenne County Sheriff's office under sheriff, Craig Van Allen. He comes with a long list of qualifications including having a great deal of knowledge about the law, as well as knowing almost everybody in the county and locations. His easy-going ways helps to keep situations calm and under control.

Officer Anderson said there has been a great deal of change in the last 40 years, from technology, to the attitude of people. There was some drug use in 1969 but today, illegal drugs have become "harder" drugs.

"There is less respect for the law and more complaints about the law," he said.

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Cool temps for memorial services

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There were four different memorial services held in the St. Francis area over the weekend.

Sunday, a service was held at Hope Valley Cemetery, northwest of St. Francis. The temperature was cool and there was a breeze as a group of friends and neighbors gathered to remember those buried at the cemetery. There were three veterans attending: Larry Wilson, Gilbert Ochsner and Jack Maupin.

Dan Brunswig welcomed those attending and introduced Althea Lebow, who sang "Proud to Be An American," and led the group in singing "The Battle Hymn of The Republic."

Pastor David Rossbach said that most people were at the cemetery for two reasons: 1) to remember veterans; and 2) to honor those

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Casey McCormick gave one of the talks at the St. Francis Cemetery memorial service.



Danny Brunswig, center, gave the welcome at the Hope Valley Cemetery service. Pastor David Rossbach gave the message and Althea Lebow led the singing.



Fred Magley raised the Colors at the Cheyenne Valley Cemetery memorial service. His helpers were Chandler and Jacob Hamilton.

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Diamond Jubilee held in Sawhill Park on Sunday

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The Diamond Jubilee Celebration of Sawhill Park will be held starting at 2 p.m. on Sunday. In honor of the occasion, there will be a patriotic ceremony and the launch of 75 balloons to mark the

75th birthday of the park.

It will also be an opportunity to raise money to repair the band shell. Considerable damage has been caused by water and people will be able to look in and see what needs to be done. They will also be able to view some of the

artwork on the walls painted by Howard T. Sawhill, one of the originators of the park.

Mayor, Scott Schultz, will speak to the group in the band shell. A program, sponsored by the Music Club, will feature local talent: St. Francis Singers; Tema Trumbo,

piano; Once Again Sound Band; Heartland Harmony; Smestad Musical Group; Silver and Strings; Whitmore Family; Prairie Chicks; Cooks' Girls Dancers; and Wild Rose Poet.

From 2:30 to 4:30, youth will sell homemade ice cream, lemon-

ade, iced tea, cookies, brownies and Rice Krispies treats.

At 5 p.m., Lions Club members will serve a hamburger meal.

(It's not too late to donate \$25 so you will have a balloon in the launch.)

Band shell repairs

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OVER 3 INCHES of rain on Thursday night sent the Hackberry Creek, north of St. Francis, over the banks. Before the rain ended on Monday, there was over 8.5 inches of rain in some of these areas.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Farmer records over 8.5 inches

Thursday night, most people only heard the thunder but, in an area north of St. Francis, it poured. Pat Mills had 3.5 inches and it filled the Hackberry Creek to over the bank. Howard Clark, northwest of St. Francis, said the roads were washed out and fences were down. Cindy Fiedler, north

of St. Francis, was looking for stranded cattle.

Before the weekend was over, Mr. Mills had well over 8.5 inches. Karla Mills said the water was over the bridge and the culvert in the road. One road was washed out.

Stan Carman, south of St. Fran-

cis, had around 3 inches over the three-day weekend and it was still raining.

In St. Francis, it started raining Monday afternoon. For awhile, it poured and visibility was almost zero. It continued to rain through the night and most of the day on

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Service manager retires

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After fixing and changing tires for 46 years, Dave Meyer is retiring. He has been the manager of the St. Francis Equity Station.

A lot of people will miss his cheerful grin and big wave as he talks to customers. However, Mr. Meyer is sure he is going to miss those customers even more.

Mr. Meyer began his career in June 1963, working at the Co-op Station in Bird City. In 1965, he moved to St. Francis and worked at the Equity until 1978. He made the move to Leibbrandt Oil Service Station but was still doing what he liked — taking care of vehicles and customers.

There have been a few grumps (customers), he said, but, for the most part, people are pretty nice.

In 1986, he went back to work for the St. Francis Equity and he has been there for the last 23 years. He will retire this week but, not before an open house will be held for him on Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the station.

"Dave has been a good, faithful employee and we hope everyone will stop by to eat cookies with him and wish him the best in the future," said Karol Lehman, Equity manager.

Mr. Meyer said he has seen lots of changes through the years. He remembers in 1963 that a gallon of gas cost 25 cents, diesel was 11



WINDING DOWN on changing tires is Dave Meyer, manager of the Equity Station. An open house will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

cents and propane, 8 cents.

"Farmers were wondering how they were every going to make a living with those high prices," he said.

In the early 70s, radial tires came onto the market. In 1963,

tractor tires were "lead" balanced. Today, they are balanced with calcium in the tire. He said it is hard to keep track of all the sizes of tires and oil filters today — just like the many makes of cars.

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