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

Sheriff Gardner said that Officer Anderson has a calming influence in all situations he deals with.

"I'm always asking for advice on how to deal with situations," he said.

In 1969, there was no backup help so he and the sheriff were on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It was nothing unusual to get calls in the middle of the night and then get up the next day (if he had a chance to go to bed), and be at the office.

The sheriff also noted that it took an understanding family and wife as he was out in the line of duty a lot of the times when other parents were at home with their families.

Other changes through the years have been the changes in the law. He said what used to be a simple test for a person caught driving while intoxicated (DUI) has turned into extensive testing as well as piles of paperwork. "The girls in the office take care of most of the paperwork which makes it much easier for me," he said.

There are now mandatory arrests for DUIs, domestic violence and fleeing and eluding. Fourteen weeks of training are required before a person can become an officer; then 40 hours are needed each year.

Through the years, Officer Anderson has seen a number of crimes, big and small, but in 1985, Daniel Remata, along with Lisa Dunn, James C. Hunter, Jr. and Mark Walter murdered their way across the area until stopped only miles north of Colby. They were considered one of the state's most notorious killers.

Sheriff Lee and Officer Anderson were helping officers track the killers down and were the second officers on the scene. The state patrolman killed Walter. It was a killing spree that will not soon be forgotten.

Officer Anderson said he plans to continue working. He also noted there is little crime in Cheyenne County and he likes the people.

"We're proud to have him with us," Sheriff Gardner said.

Officer Anderson smiled and said, "Troy is a good man!"



RAISING THE COLORS — Matt Whitmore, Boy Scout, raised the flag at the St. Francis Memorial Day service. His brother Logan looks on.
Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

FLAG DAY

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 ippines and the First World War.
 We "Boys in Blue" love that old flag. We followed it from '61 to '65. Sometimes it came out tattered and

torn with shot and shell, but that flag has never gone down in defeat and never will, for it stands for freedom and justice.

I'd like to see our little lads stand up in school, face the flag and sing "My Country 'Tis of Thee." Teach them patriotism. I'm willing a foreigner should come to this country, but I want him to leave his former country at home and honor THAT FLAG.

Our motto is "One country, one language and one flag." And I love that old flag so that if I had the power, I'd take a brush and dip it in the colors of the rainbow, and high up in the western sky I'd paint in gold, and when the morning sun arose in all its glory, the nations of the world could view that beautiful flag, the Red, White and Blue.

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Harvest contest begins

The Harvest Countdown Contest has begun! There are six St. Francis businesses sponsoring the contest this year. They have entry tickets for anyone wanting to register their guess of the minute, hour and day of the first load of wheat brought into one of the St. Francis or Wheeler elevators.

The Cheyenne County wheat crop has struggled again this year. Freeze, drought and constant, fierce winds have beaten many of the little plants or just blew them out.

There will be three people winning a total of \$100 in scrip money (\$50 first prize, \$35 second prize, and \$15 third prize).

The *Herald* is sponsoring the contest but it would not be possible if it were not for the participating businesses: Pizza Hut, Hilltop Market, St. Francis Equity, Burr Retail Liquor, K-Store and St. Francis Herald. The scrip money won will need to be spent in these businesses.

2005 First load

Last year, the first load of wheat was brought into Bartlett's and Company Grain on June 22, four days later than the first load in 2004. The wheat had 14 percent moisture and a test weight of 60.3 pounds. The wheat, brought by Tadd Neitzel and Blake Krien, was harvested on land owned by Ron Curry.

There was a three-way tie for first place. Doug Bunjes and Kyle

Schultz both guessed the time to be 4 p.m. and, Seth Swihart had a time of 4:30 p.m. Since all three were within 15 minutes of the time it was brought in, a drawing was held and Swihart was declared the winner.

The contest allows anyone over 18 years who is not employed at the newspaper or related to someone who is to try to guess when the first load of 2006 wheat will be brought into one of the elevators in St. Francis and Wheeler.

Participants need guess the day, hour and minute of the arrival of the first load that has a moisture content of 13 percent or less. Businesses in the contest are featured this week's *Herald*.

Boxes and entry blanks along with the contest rules are located in participating businesses. Look for the sign in the window and register your guess at the service counters. Be sure to check their merchandise and services while in the business.

Club Clip

St. Francis Lions Club

The regular meeting of the St. Francis Lions Club was held May 22 at the Windmill Restaurant.

President Dorothy Kellner opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. John Bartlett offered the invocation.

There were 16 members and two guests, Tenille and Brandon Lee, present. Mrs. Lee won the drawing.

Mrs. Lee, director of nursing, presented the program. She described some of the new projects going on at the hospital, the new ambulance entrance with storage and physical therapy's new endless pool. At this time, the hospital is fully staffed with nine registered nurses (RNs), four licensed practical nurses (LPNs) and 14 aides and part-time nurses. Doctor Becky Allard will be added to the staff later. At this time, the hospital will be able to have baby deliveries.

Mrs. Lee also discussed the need for newer wheelchairs. It takes \$137.29 to buy an 18-inch chair, and \$249.90 will buy a 24-inch chair. When the hospital receives a new chair, the old one would be donated to the Lions Club handicap equipment at the courthouse.

Reports were given by Mary Morrow and Francis O'Leary. Two thank you notes were read. It was announced that Sawyer White received the Lions Scholarship.

Elmer Kellner gave a report on Joint Hands Day, which will be held at 5:30 p.m. June 1. The meeting will be held at the Shrine shelter. At this time, 60 young people have signed up and there will be various projects to do. A hamburger fry at the River Walk will conclude the event.

Marvin Zimbelman made a motion and it was agreed that the Lions donate up to \$500 for wheelchairs at the hospital.

President Kellner appointed Mr. Kellner head of the Calendar Committee.

Milton Lampe gave a report on his Goodwill delivery to Hays of 4,500 pounds of donations. Goodwill asked if the delivery could be earlier in the year.

Mr. Kellner asked for help in the bicycle parade May 23 at 7 p.m. Bicycles will be taken to the back room of the Herald office until a better place can be found.

Mr. O'Leary showed the club what was purchased with the \$300 donation to the Gun Safety Program. He was able to purchase two first-aid kits, six target traps and two pellet guns. The group will meet on Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m.

Clarence Iliff gave a brief report on his Safety Driving course. Fourteen people attended. Liz Weber and Rachel Huffman were helpers. Mr. Lampe also attended the course.

RESOLUTION

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and the landowner has not taken serious moves to get rid of the animals.

The resolution will give the commissioners permission to send a qualified person to specified pastures to get rid of the prairie dogs. The person will be able to buy the poison, equipment and materials to get rid of the dogs.

But, before the extermination begins, the landowner(s) will be given a written notice that the prairie dogs do exist on the property and the landowner needs to make a diligent effort to get rid of them. Failure to use the

materials offered by the county or to make the effort to control the dogs within 15 days after the specified date on the notice will give the commissioners permission to send a qualified exterminator onto the property.

If, after the 15-day notice, the exterminator is sent to get rid of the prairie dogs, then the landowner will receive a bill for all of the costs. The landowner will have 30 days to pay the bill and, if the landowner doesn't, the cost will be put on the tax rolls against the property.

A landowner can come to the

commissioners and tell them he wants the prairie dogs left on his land. But if the prairie dogs go across the line into the neighboring pasture, landowner will be considered not being diligent in keeping the prairie dogs contained on his land and will need to pay the costs for getting rid of the dogs on his neighbor's land.

County attorney, Justin Barrett will find out more about the laws of township money, how it can be spent and who has the authority to spend it.

Dan Schlittenhardt, prairie dog manager, approved of the resolution

St. Francis News

On Thursday, June 1, Jack Davis arrived in St. Francis to get his mother-in-law, Erna Schleppe and take her back to Denver to spend a few days. Thursday evening Erna enjoyed watching the video of her great-grandson, Aaron Davis's high school graduation which was held at Coors Amphitheater the week before on May 25. Aaron was one of the 301 "Class of 2006" seniors who graduated from ThunderRidge High School of Highlands Ranch, Colo.

Friday afternoon Erna, Jack and Sheila drove to Boulder where they enjoyed visiting with Clarence and Ruth Zimbelman and their daughter and family, Ray, Margie, Christopher and Alaina LaPanse of Superior. After leaving Boulder they drove to Highlands Ranch where they were Friday night dinner guests of Terry,

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