

Nearing 80, officer still on patrol

ST. FRANCIS (AP) — At 79 years old, Norvin Anderson can still chase down the bad guys with the best of 'em. In fact, some say he is the best of 'em.

Anderson, an officer with the St. Francis Police Department, is the oldest full-time serving law enforcement officer in the state. He's been in law enforcement 37 years and plans to serve many more.

"He's still in better shape than any of our guys," said Cheyenne County Sheriff Troy Gardner, who also is the St. Francis police chief.

Anderson attributes that to having been blessed with good health.

For 27 years, Anderson worked for the sheriff's department. He retired but couldn't keep away. After three years, he went to work for the police department.

"He's ornery, but he's a good old man," said Kansas Highway Patrol Trooper Terry Rieges, who has known Anderson about 25 years. Anderson said he really didn't choose his career, but the career chose him.

"I was farming. We had a guy heading off to school, and he wanted to know if I would work for him while he was down at school," Anderson said. "When he came back, he threw his stuff in the car and said 'It's all yours.'"

He did choose to stay, though,

because he began to enjoy protecting people.

The longtime officer didn't have to attend school for a certification. All of his law enforcement knowledge is by experience, which is the best way to learn, he said.

Back when he started in the field, there wasn't much crime. Anderson considered the crime 40 years ago as "ornery stuff," but now it's much more serious.

One of the most exciting instances in Anderson's career was in 1985. At the end of the cross-country killing spree by Daniel Remeta, Lisa Dunn, Mark Walter and James C. Hunter, Anderson was one of the lawmen in Colby as backup when the criminals were stopped.

He also remembers having to shoot a drunk man on a horse out of a bar.

At the sheriff's office, Anderson served under Ray Lee, Ben Smull, Eddie Dankenbring and now Gardner. With the police department, he worked under Jason Ryan. Gardner now heads both departments.

"I wouldn't be working here if I didn't have a good boss and have some gals that help me out a lot with this paperwork," Anderson said.

Gardner, who began his sheriff term in January 2005, said a lot of his attitudes about how to treat

people and accomplish his law enforcement goals derive from his image of Anderson when he was growing up.

"I was scared to death of him," Gardner said. "We had a lot of respect for him. He impacted my life. He's a mentor now."

The sheriff said he looks forward to coming to work every day, and most of it's because he has Anderson working for him. Anderson's experience is a real asset, he said, especially to the younger officers on staff.

"He's dedicated his life to this county and this community," Gardner said. "Even today we have people come up and talk about how Norvin straightened them out. He's impacted a lot of different lives. He can work for me as long as he wants."

Anderson and his wife, Lillian, have been married 57 years. They live in St. Francis, where he was born and raised. He will turn 80 in December.

A northwest Kansas first



Photo provided

Dr. Mekki Saba orthopaedic surgeon, right, and surgical staff at Citizens Medical Center, performed the first total knee replacement surgery done in northwest Kansas in August. Dr. Saba joined the hospital's staff this summer.

Hurricane slams Mexico

CABO SAN LUCAS, Mexico (AP) — Hurricane John strengthened Friday as it took aim at Mexico's Baja California peninsula, where authorities threatened to forcibly evacuate people from their homes and thousands of tourists sheltered in hotel ballrooms.

John, which was upgraded to a Category 3 hurricane, was expected to make landfall somewhere along

the southern tip of the peninsula around midday. The storm had maximum sustained winds of 115 mph and could drop up to 18 inches of rain in places and create up to a 5-foot storm surge, forecasters at the U.S. National Weather Center in Miami said.

John was about 100 miles south-east of Baja's tip early today, moving at 10 mph.

School Calendar

Colby Public Schools
Kirk Nielsen, 460-5000

Rocky Robbins, high school principal, 460-5300
Robb Ross, middle school principal, 460-5200
Terrel Harrison, grade school principal, 460-5100

Monday, Sept. 4 - Labor Day, NO SCHOOL.

Tuesday, Sept. 5 - Black Day. Building Level School Improvement, school starts one hour later. Vision screening, Colby middle and grade schools. School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., Administration Building.

Wednesday, Sept. 6 - Orange Day. Vision screening, Colby middle and grade schools. Grade school Parent Teacher Organization meeting, noon. Middle Site Council meeting, noon. Coordinating Council meeting, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 7 - Black Day. Middle and grade school vision screening.

Friday, Sept. 8 - Orange Day. FFA at Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. Middle and grade school vision screening.

Saturday, Sept. 9 - Colby High School dance team at Six Flags Spirit Fest in Denver.

Breakfast, Tuesday - Donut, apple wedges, milk and cereal choice. Wednesday - Waffle with maple syrup, orange juice, milk and cereal choice. Thursday - Tasteries, pineapple chunks, milk and cereal choice. Friday - breakfast burrito with salsa, apple juice, milk and cereal choice.

Lunch, Tuesday - Burrito, rice, corn, carrots, cornbread, fruit, veggies, dessert, milk choice. Wednesday - Marzetti/taco salad (CHS) or ravioli, mixed veggies, hot roll, fruit, dessert, milk choice. Thursday - Chicken nuggets, whipped potato with gravy, biscuits, California veggies, fruit, dessert, milk. Friday - Hamburgers, chips, baked beans, fruit, dessert, milk choice.

Heartland Christian School

Jesse Vincent, Administrator, 460-6419

Monday, Sept. 4 - Labor Day, NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Sept. 5 - No school

Wednesday, Sept. 6 - No morning bus service

Thursday, Sept. 7 - Kid's Club Bank Day. Prayer at 8 a.m. in library.

Sacred Heart School

David Evert, principal 462-2813

Monday, Sept. 4 - Labor Day, NO SCHOOL.

Tuesday, Sept. 5 - No morning buses.

Friday, Sept. 8 - School pictures.

Lunch, Tuesday - Barbecue ribs, peas, watermelon, roll, milk. Wednesday - Tacos, salad, apricot, cupcake, milk. Thursday - chicken legs, corn, pears, biscuit, milk. Friday - Sloppy Joe, fries, strawberries and bananas, cookie, milk.

Brewster Public Schools

Sherry Edmundson, Superintendent, 694-2236

Web site at www.usd314.ks.us

Monday, Sept. 4 - Labor Day, NO SCHOOL

Golden Plains Public Schools

Roger Baskerville, Superintendent, 687-3265

Monday, Sept. 4 - Labor Day, NO SCHOOL.

Tuesday, Sept. 5 - High school volleyball with Greeley and Triplains, 4 p.m. Jostens representative on campus.

Thursday, Sept. 7 - Middle school football and volleyball at 4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 8 - Picture Day. High school football at Ransom, 7 p.m.

Breakfast/Lunch, (R is Rexford, S is Selden) Tuesday - (R) pancakes/pinwheel; (S) breakfast burrito/chicken and noodles. Wednesday - (R) pizza bobz/tacerito; (S) biscuits and gravy/barbecue wieners. Thursday - (R) grilled ham and cheese/Frito pie; (S) sausage/taco salad. Friday - (R) breakfast combo/chicken patty; (S) scrambled eggs/spaghetti.

Triplains School

David J. Spencer, Superintendent, 846-7496

Monday, Sept. 4 - Labor Day, NO SCHOOL.



Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH, Brewster, Sunday worship 9:00 a.m.; 2nd Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m.

Schedule of church services

ASCENSION-ON-THE-PRAIRIE EPISCOPAL, Rev. Don Martin, College Drive & Wheatridge Rd., 462-3041, Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Evening Prayer, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, September through May. Christian Education for Youth, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September through May

COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, Pastor, Jeremy Gundling, 245 W. College Dr. - 462-8234, Early Service - 8:00 a.m.; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.

BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 460-2763, www.colbyborean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Awana Clubs, Wednesday, 7 p.m., Middle & High School, Wednesday, 7 p.m. @ the Heartland Christian School Gym

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Grant & Webster Street, 462-2867. Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Youth Group 7:00 p.m., Wednesday Kids Club (K-6) 7:00 p.m.

COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH (SBC), Pastor Tom Huffman, 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 460-7144, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship services, 10:45 a.m.

MINGO BIBLE CHURCH, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Pastor Chris Shubert. Sunday School: 9:30AM - all ages. Sunday Services: 10:45AM. Sunday Nights: 1st Sunday of the month: potluck following morning service - no evening service; 2nd Sunday: services at 6:30 PM; 3rd Sunday: informal fellowship - bring a snack to share!; 4th and 5th Sunday: services at 6:30 p.m.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, 462-2179, Father Dana Clark, Pastor, Saturday Eve. Mass 5:30 p.m., Sunday Masses 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., Confessions will be heard Saturday 4:30-5:05 p.m. and from 7:30-7:45 a.m. and 9:25-9:40 a.m. on Sunday.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 462-6342, Worship, 9:00 a.m.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, 320 W. Pine - 462-8391, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:40 a.m., Sunday Evening Cell groups at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Youth Ministries, Kids Club-house 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 1145 S. Franklin - 460-6605, President Gary Slavens, 460-2656; Rocky Robbins, 1st counselor, 460-1101; Tim Wilson, 2nd counselor, 785-846-7796. Sacrament meeting 10 a.m., Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m., Priesthood, Relief Society, YM/YW, 12:10 p.m.; Family History Center open to public, 7-9 p.m. Thursdays or by appointment. Call 462-3571.

COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. James Mardock, pastor, 950 S. Franklin, 462-6521, Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m., Fellowship coffee 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., KXXX broadcasts 11:00 worship. <http://www.gbmg-umc.org/colby-umc/>

REDEEMING LOVE MINISTRIES, INC., 345 N. Franklin, Apostle W.G. and Rev. Orvella Romine, Equipping Class, Sunday, 10 a.m., Sunday worship, 11 a.m., Wednesday, R.L.M Training Center (Bible School), 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, 510 E. 4th, Jay Kelley, minister, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday Eve. Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

COLBY EVANGELISM CENTER, Rev. Robert Cooper, 815 West 3rd - 462-2062, Sunday School 9:45; Sunday service 10:00 and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.; Friday Youth Power Hour at 7:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, (Disciples of Christ), Pastor Bradley L. Herndon, 385 W. 3rd - 460-2718, Sunday Morning Worship at 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. E-mail: fccolby@st-tel.net

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Rev. John L. Schmidt, East 5th & Country Club, 462-3497, Services, Sat., 5:30 p.m., Sunday; Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:15 a.m.; Services, 10:30 a.m.

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PLEASANT HOME CHURCH, Pastor, Charlie Busch, 694-2242, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Evening service, 6:00 p.m.

LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH, 205 1st St., Pastor Jerry Vincent, 586-2376, Sunday School (classes for 3 years & up and 3 adult classes) 9:30 a.m., Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

WINONA METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. Michael Eurit, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. (CDT)

BREWSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PO Box 250, Brewster. Pastor Dorine Chambers, 785-462-6044, Summer Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.

THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF, REXFORD, Joan Dingwerth, Director, 687-2565

REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH, Rexford, Pastor Lane Purcell, 687-3305, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

BREWSTER COMMUNITY CHURCH, Mike Pinkelman, Pastor, Brewster - 694-2720, Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Wed. mornings 6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Wed. 7:00 p.m. - Children's Ministries (Royal Rangers/Missionettes), Wed. 7:15 p.m. - Intercessory & Prayer, Thurs. 4:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study

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