



JORDAN SMULL handed a winning ticket to Karol Lohman, Equity manager, during the annual meeting on Wednesday. Jordan's great-grandfather, Junior, grandfather, Tom, and dad, Matt, made up four generations attending the meeting. Above, right, the photo was the St. Francis Equity taken in the 1920s, possibly 30s. The old wooden elevators were torn down to make way for the three tubes on the right in the photo taken in 2013.



Television show host speaks on Monday

Dr. Jimmy Sites will be speaking at the First Christian Church in St. Francis on Monday, Jan. 28. There is a free dinner at 6 p.m. followed by Dr. Sites at 7 p.m.

Dr. Sites is the producer and host for the award-winning national television show, "Spiritual Outdoor Adventures." He will share his adventure stories from across the world.

Dr. Sites was in rural St. Francis at the Ringneck Country, Rex and Sandi Murray's lodge south of Wheeler, in November 2011. He and Ricky Skaggs, country-bluegrass singer, spent several days hunting pheasant and deer, while being filmed for one of his shows.

Mr. Skaggs sang several moving numbers and Dr. Sites shared his religious experiences with those present.

Dr. Sites' latest television production is the national award-winning television series Spiritual Outdoor Adventures. The program began airing in October 2002 and is now entering its ninth season, reaching 68 million households weekly across the country. Many celebrity guests appear on the program including Rascal Flatts lead singer Gary LeVox, Marty Roe of Diamond Rio, Contemporary Christian singer Michael W. Smith, coach Jeff Fisher of the Tennessee Titans, and numerous other professional athletes, movie stars, country singers, and well-known outdoorsmen and women.

Legendary outdoorsman Hank Parker has partnered with Jimmy on 13 episodes of show, and includes Jimmy as an occasional guest on his own hunting and fishing shows.

The mission of this weekly program is to spread God's Word — the Bible — across the world. Over 110,000 Bibles have been distributed to viewers and listeners.

Most recently, the Atlanta Braves hosted a Faith Night where Jimmy and ace pitcher John Smoltz delivered testimonies immediately following the game. David Letterman and Jay Leno commented on the event, calling it the "Sermon on the Mound."



DISPATCHERS, Terry Rieger, Jim Rarick and Laurie Knebel listen intently as they are trained in the new 800 equipment. Herald staff photos by Scott Knebel

New radios in use

The 800 radios and equipment has been installed in most of the county and city vehicles as well as the dispatch office located in the courthouse in St. Francis.

A new touchscreen console was installed in dispatch on Tuesday, Jan. 15. After a getting acquainted training period for the dispatchers, the new system was activated the following day.

Having worked with the new console for a short period time, the consensus of the dispatchers is that the system is well liked.

With the upgrade to the 800 system, dispatch and first responders will be able to communicate more effectively over a broader range.



VANCE SCOTT with Nex-Tech trained dispatchers on how to use the new 800 dispatch equipment.

Filing deadline finds all but one position filled

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The deadline for filing for seats up for election was noon on Tuesday and people filed for all the positions except a seat on the St. Francis Board of Education. The St. Francis City Council has three positions open and five people filed. In that case, said Terry Miller, election officer, the three people with the most votes will fill the seats. This is also the case on the Cheylin Board of Education as only four people are needed and there are five running and on the Sunflower Extension Board which only needs two positions filled.

Those filing for St. Francis City Council are incumbents, Carla Lampe, Paula Keller and Bruce Swihart. Others filing for the city council are Randy Wieck and Bud Erskin.

On the St. Francis Board of Education, the positions of Kelly Gienger, Ed Marin and Derrick Tice are up for election. Incumbents, Mr. Marin and Mr. Tice,

have filed. The position held by Kelly Gienger for the last eight years is still open.

On the Cheylin Board of Education, the positions of Hal Antholz, Janice Busse, George Louderbaugh and Anita Pochop are up for election. Mrs. Pochop, incumbent, has filed as well as Jane Brubaker, Kelly Leach, Kendra Hespe and Brian Miller.

In Bird City, the mayor, Troy Burr, is up for election as well as council members, Wade Carmichael and Hal Sager. Hal Sager has stepped up to run for mayor. Wade Carmichael, incumbent, and Charles Ned Smith are running for city council.

On the Sunflower Extension Board, District 6, there are two seats open and three people, Tammy Grice, Shawn Blanka and Danielle Holzwarth have filed.

It will not be necessary to have a primary election. The general election will be held on Tuesday, April 2.

Congressman holds townhall meeting on Thursday, Jan. 31

Kansas First District Congressman Tim Huelskamp will be in St. Francis from 8 to 9 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31, in the courthouse.

The meeting is one of six town hall meetings held during the week of Jan. 28. Upon completing these meetings, the congressman will have hosted 150 town hall meetings since taking office in 2011.

"We had tremendous turnout at the first four town halls of the year — more than 200 folks combined, and I expect that we will hear from many more Kansans at

these upcoming events as well," Mr. Huelskamp said. "There is a lot of concern about the direction of Washington right now, and I am glad to hear from as many people as possible about where we need to be headed."

Also on Jan. 31, Mr. Huelskamp will be in Atwood for a town hall meeting from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Rawlins County Courthouse.

Constituents with questions should contact Huelskamp's Dodge City office at 620-225-0172 or his Salina office at 785-309-0572.