

## Journalism students take regionals

St. Francis high school journalism students once again earned enough points with their placings to rank number one at their site in the 1A-2A division at Regional Journalism.

The contest, originally scheduled for Feb. 21 on the Fort Hays State University campus, was actually held Feb. 25 at St. Francis high school due to a state-wide blizzard. Students competed at their individual schools rather than journeying to contest sites across the state. Entries were then mailed to the sites for judging. Delayed judging resulted in delayed results.

Students had mixed reactions to having the contest at home.

"Contest was different because it was located here, so there were fewer nerves and not the long trip to Hays," Clarice Neitzel said.

Bailey Merklin concurred that she felt more relaxed and less stressed.

"I also kind of missed the excitement of actually being at contest," she said.

Twenty-one students qualified for state competition with 27 placings. Student placers were: Advertising - McKenzie Taylor - third, Clay Cassaw - honorable mention; Theme Development and Graphics - Casey Keller - honorable mention; Headline Writing - McKayla Taylor - honorable mention; Photo Illustration - Tyler Raby - honorable mention, Clarice Neitzel - honorable mention; Editorial Cartoon - Ian Schmid - second, Katie Jenik - third; Newspaper Design - Echo Jones - third, Jandy Dunn - honorable mention; Infographics - Lucas Carmichael - second, Bailey Merklin - honorable mention; Newspaper Sports Writing - Sydney Sundstrom - third, Taylor Archibald - honorable mention; Yearbook Copy Writing - Mariah Beikman - second, Randee Grover - third; Yearbook Sports Writing - Clarice Neitzel - second; Student Life Photography - Taylor Archibald - honorable mention; News Writing - Emily Elfers - third, Kylie Sherlock - honorable mention; Sports Photography - Ally Northrup - honorable mention; Cutline Writing (Captions) - Bailey Merklin - first, Journey Lee - honorable mention; Editorial Writing - Lucas Carmichael - second.

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FOUR SENIORS from Brenda Day's second hour yearbook journalism class look over their regional contest placings. Seated are Ally Northrup and Casey Keller. Standing are Jandy Dunn and Taylor Archibald.

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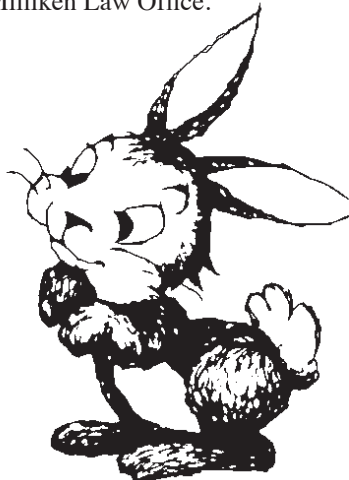
## Hunt set for Saturday

The Easter Bunny will be hopping into St. Francis Saturday morning. There will be candy, prizes and the bunny at the Easter Egg Hunt set for 11 a.m. on Saturday, in the St. Francis Grade School gym. Children should bring their baskets to collect the candy and prizes.

Be sure to bring a camera as there will be opportunities for parents to take their child's picture with the Easter Bunny.

There will be four age divisions: 1-2-year-olds; 3-4 year-olds; 5-6 year-olds and 7-8 year olds.

The Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored by Ross Manufacturing, Ken and Gloria Bracelin Farm and Milliken Law Office.



THE SPRING SNOW STORM which hit over the weekend was hard on livestock. Highways were closed and events canceled because of the blizzard conditions. See more about the storm on Page 6.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Voters to cast ballots Tuesday

Voters will head for the polls on Tuesday to vote for city council and school board candidates as well as for members on the Sunflower Extension Council, District 6 board.

There are races for positions on the Cheylin School Board as well as the St. Francis City Council. There are only four seats open on the Cheylin Board but five people, Anita Pochop, incumbent; Jane Brubaker, Kelly Leach, Kendra Hespe and Brian Miller, have filed.

On the St. Francis Council, there are only three seats open with incumbents, Carla Lampe, Paula Keller and Bruce Swihart running again. However, Randy Wiecek and Bud Erskin have tossed their hats into the ring.

The Extension Board which only needs two positions filled, has three people, Tammy Grice, Shawn Blanka and Danielle Holzwarth running.

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 as no one filed for the position. A write-in vote may determine who will fill the position, said Terry Miller, election officer. If there are no names on the ballot, the board of education will appoint someone.

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 Ned Smith are running for city council.

### Polling places

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday. In St. Francis, voters will cast their ballot at the Peace Lutheran Church. In Bird City, the polling place is the Immanuel Methodist Church.



ADAM PETER, owner of Adam's Welding and Fabrication, works on a piece of equipment. See complete story on Page 5 of this issue.

## Businessman sells his store

After 29 years, Terry Bandel is hanging the "closed" sign at Video Kingdom, located on West Washington Street, St. Francis.

Mr. Bandel said he tried to sell the business for over a year so he decided to liquidate it, selling the building to the St. Francis Equity. Majestic Service will be taking over the Verizon cell phone service as soon as Bud Erskin has the approval from the company. In the meantime, calls for sales and service will continue to go through 785-332-3207. Majestic Service has purchased the movies to be rented out of the store.

Mr. Bandel will continue to sell Dish Network, doing the installation and service as well as special ordering televisions and installing them.

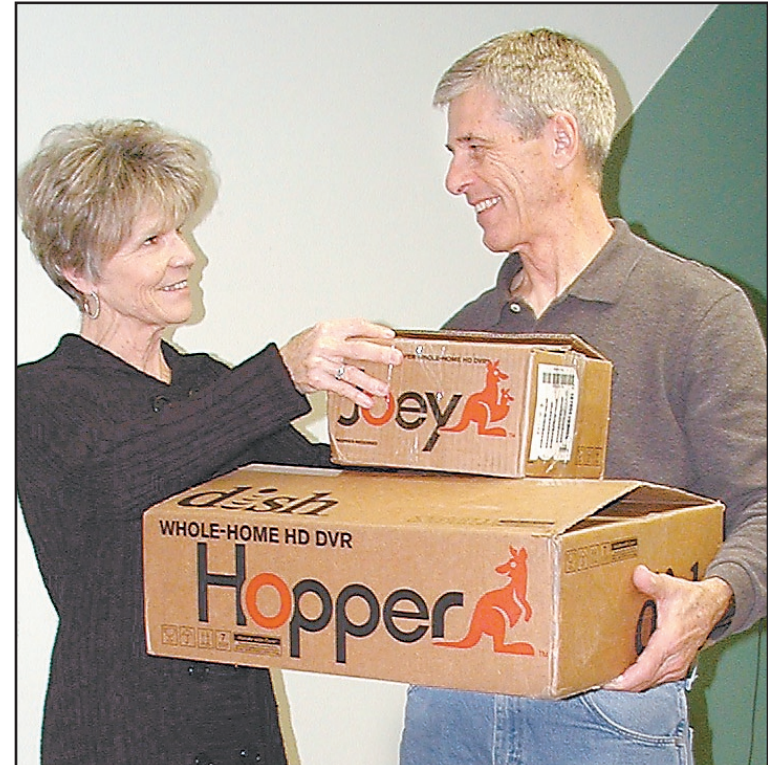
In 29 years, Mr. Bandel said he had seen many changes. When he opened, movie rental was a big part of the business. The movies were VHS. Today, they don't even sell VHS.

Along came Dish Network. The first receivers were huge dishes. Today, they are much easier to install.

They didn't have cell phones until 1991. Mr. Bandel said the first carrier was Kansas Cellular, then Alltel and today, it is Verizon. The first phones were bag phones and today, they are actually a small computer which has ability for internet, global positioning system (GPS) and taking photos.

Through the years, he added a line of television, television stands and furniture.

Our biggest competition, Mr. Bandel said, was the internet. People started shopping on the internet and stopped shopping at home. "One thing that is constant is change,"



VIDEO KINGDOM is closing. Terry Bandel and Diane Hesser will move the Dish business to their home.

he said. "We were always able to adapt, bringing in new products and offering good customer service."

Mr. Bandel said Diane Hesser and Mary Lou Douthit have been there to wait on customers. "We are going to miss all of

our customers," Mr. Bandel said. However, he is looking forward to waterskiing all he wants and doing some traveling.

The final sale of items will be held Saturday at the store. People are urged to stop by and check out the bargains.