



**TWO PRETTY GIRLS**, Cassidy Busse, left, and Holly Keller pose for Mom to take a photo at the prom. Tyler Finley and Sarah Geise, left, were among those at the promenade.

*Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

## St. Francis people to attend festival

The Kansas Sampler Festival will be held on May 5 and 6 in the Lee Richardson Zoo in Garden City. There will be St. Francis people going to help and perform.

More than 150 Kansas community displays, a tent full of Kansas products, historic performers, two stages worth of Kansas musicians and dancers, and a dozen Kansas food concessions will all gather for the Festival.

Carol Ross, Sherry Schultz and Gloria

Bracelin will be working in the Northwest Kansas Travel Council Booth. Those from St. Francis entertaining in the tent on Saturday are the Once Again Sound Bank, St. Francis Isernhagen and the Prairie Chicks (Louanne Isernhagen and Lila Whitmore).

Local businesses making donations for popcorn, popcorn oil, salt, popcorn machine, toys, candy and other giveaways are Bankwest, First National Bank, Ross Manu-

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## Area receives rain; threats of tornados

After six years of drought, the rain the area has received lately has been beneficial to crops, pastures and yards. However, there have been numerous threats of tornados. Monday night, tornados were forecasted northwest of St. Francis. Mary Rath, who lives in that area, said there were none at their farm but she spent part of the night in the cellar.

More rain fell during the day on Tuesday

as the clouds drifted in and out. Ever so often the sun would shine.

Date	High	Low	Prec.
April 17	60	35	
April 18	70	37	
April 19	69	45	
April 20	78	51	
April 21	75	51	.23
April 22	66	47	.02
April 23	67	47	.61



**'I CAN MAKE THIS HAPPEN, I know it in my heart!'** Pianist Cassie Dankenbring and star drama students, Cara Hunt and Gavin Smull, back left, look on in disbelief as Shaina Gohl, Janae Glidewell, Sara Miller and Corbin Sherlock perform their 'unique' audition scenes in Disney's *High School Musical*. The play is set for 7 p.m. on May 7 and 8 at the high school.

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**Troy Hilt, vice president, and Stephane Workman check over paperwork.**

## St. Francis man assumes duties as vice president of new bank

*By Karen Krien*

Troy Hilt, St. Francis, has assumed the position of vice president and loan production manager of Western State Bank.

The St. Francis office of Western State Bank opened in March at 114 E. Washington and is a loan production office of the Goodland bank. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

At the loan production office Mr. Hilt will be working with people needing loans for agriculture, commercial, equipment and real estate.

"We offer competitive and consistent rates," Mr. Hilt said. "We are here to provide operating dollars for the area."

Mr. Hilt will be able to conduct similar types of business as the other two St. Francis

banks except take deposits. However, he and loan secretary/receptionist, Stephane Workman, can assist in completing new account forms for checking certificates of deposits.

Mr. Hilt is well known in the community having 15 years of lending experience. Born and raised in St. Francis, he graduated from Colby Community College and then from Kansas State University. Through the years, he has attended many ag lending schools and conferences. Through Western State Bank, he is continuing his education and training.

The new office, formerly the Postlethwaite Law Office and later the Floyd Jensen Law Office, has been remodeled but the unique doors and log beams

have been left to complement the outside of the structure. Mr. Hilt said all the remodeling and purchasing of carpet and furniture has been done locally.

He and Mrs. Workman plan to be actively involved in community functions and organizations. They look forward to people stopping by whether it is to chat and see the improvements or to talk about a loan.

Mr. Hilt and his wife Leisha have two daughters Matthisen and Hadleigh. When he has time, he enjoys playing golf, woodworking and collecting miniature tractors and farm equipment. He especially likes spending time with his family