



**CONSTRUCTION IS SCHEDULED to begin soon on this bridge just west and north of St. Francis. The old bridge was built in 1940 and will be replaced by the new one.**

*Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

## Bridge built northwest of town

Construction will soon begin on a new bridge 1/2-mile west and 1/2-mile north of St. Francis. The bridge is located between the farms of Gary Cooper and Jeff Olofson. Dave Flemming, Cheyenne County Road and Bridge supervisor, said the 77-foot bridge that was

built in 1940 will be removed. L and M Contractors of Great Bend, will be building a 100-foot long and 30-foot wide reinforced concrete haunch slab bridge over Cherry Creek. The new bridge will cost \$326,996. Federal-Aid money will pay for 80 percent of the bridge.

Cheyenne County was awarded \$74,100 through Community Development Block Grant funds to assist in the remaining 20 percent of construction costs. Kansas Department of Transportation has estimated 110 working days to complete this project.

## Tornado check found in area

The tornado which hit the Bird City area on March 28 almost destroyed the town of Holly, Colo., almost 120 miles southwest of St. Francis.

a number of checks found belonging to Jim and Peggy Kalma who lived outside Holly. Their house had been completely destroyed by the tornado. Now, Dennis and Iva Krien have

found a check. Mrs. Krien said they were out fixing a fence in the pasture north of their house when they found a check belonging to J.R. Hochstedler. The check was dated Oct. 20, 1977.

# New program operates through volunteer action

Cheyenne County volunteers participate in the Prairie Land Food, Communities in Action, program through volunteer service and by purchasing food paks

In September of 2006, Prairie Land Food, Communities in Action, was established. It is a non-profit organization which promotes volunteerism by offering food savings, called a Prairie Pak, once a month in exchange for a commitment to service in the various communities. Over 300 hours of volunteer work has been recorded for the program in March and again in April.

The food-related ministry touches the lives of many in the area. Prairie Land 'love offerings' which are totally tax-deductible, have also benefited many families having a rough time.

To participate in May, you must place your order by Monday, May 7. St. Francis Prairie Land Food welcomes anyone who is interested to come from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. to the First Baptist Church, 420 S. Scott, on Saturday, May 19, and see a sample of the purchasing power of volunteerism. Also, anyone wishing to do community service or volunteer time in helping unload the shipment when it arrives is welcome.



**JANA CARMAN, left, and Addie Swihart are among the many volunteers helping divide food evenly from Prairie Land Food.**

*Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*



[www.prairielandfood.com](http://www.prairielandfood.com)

Volunteering opportunities range from a variety of activities, such as baby-sitting grandchildren, visiting a homebound friend to volunteering in a nursery at church. Those interested in the program should contact Lee Nichols at 332-3581 or 332-6336; Ralph or Althea at Video Connection; Crissy or TC at Empire Motel; Margaret during weekday mornings at the office of Tim E. Poling, D.D. S., Rosalie at Leach Insurance Agency or Treva in Bird City.

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**Katie Marin**  
**Grade: Junior**  
**Parents: Ed & Anita Marin**

**Student of the Month**

Katie, a junior at St. Francis Community High School, is the April Student of the Month. Katie is involved in volleyball, track, FCA and is the class secretary. She also takes part in CYO and Join Hands. After St. Francis Community High School, Katie plans on attending college and major in Art Therapy. Ten years from now Katie plans to be married and have a good job. Katie's favorite saying is: "Don't worry when you are not recognized, but strive to be worthy of recognition." Abraham Lincoln

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