



CHARLES MCCART and his two dogs, Ranger and Misty stop for a short visit on their way to Oregon.  
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

# Kansan walks his way to Oregon

**By Karen Krien**  
A man, accompanied by two large dogs and pulling a cart loaded with 320 pounds of camping equipment and supplies was seen across the county on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as Charles McCart made his way across Kansas.  
Mr. McCart is walking his way to Portland, Ore., almost 1,000 miles away from St. Francis. He started from his home town of Halstead, Kan., on April 15 and plans to walk around 15 miles a day, weather permitting. On Tuesday, when the wind blew and gusts were measured at 60 miles an hour, he spent the night in a motel trying to get the dirt removed and enjoying a comfortable nights rest.

The 45-year-old man said he had always enjoyed walking and decided that this was the year that he was going to set off on this great adventure. So far, he said he had enjoyed the countryside and the people he has met. He also said that there were lots of nice farmers who had let him camp in their yards and sleep in their barns.  
He has brought his two German shepherds, Ranger and Misty, to keep him company. While still young dogs, Mr. McCart said they are well behaved but, once in a while, get a little vocal.  
Mr. McCart is employed by Tortilla King in Moundridge and his boss let him off to make this journey of a lifetime. He takes time to talk to the

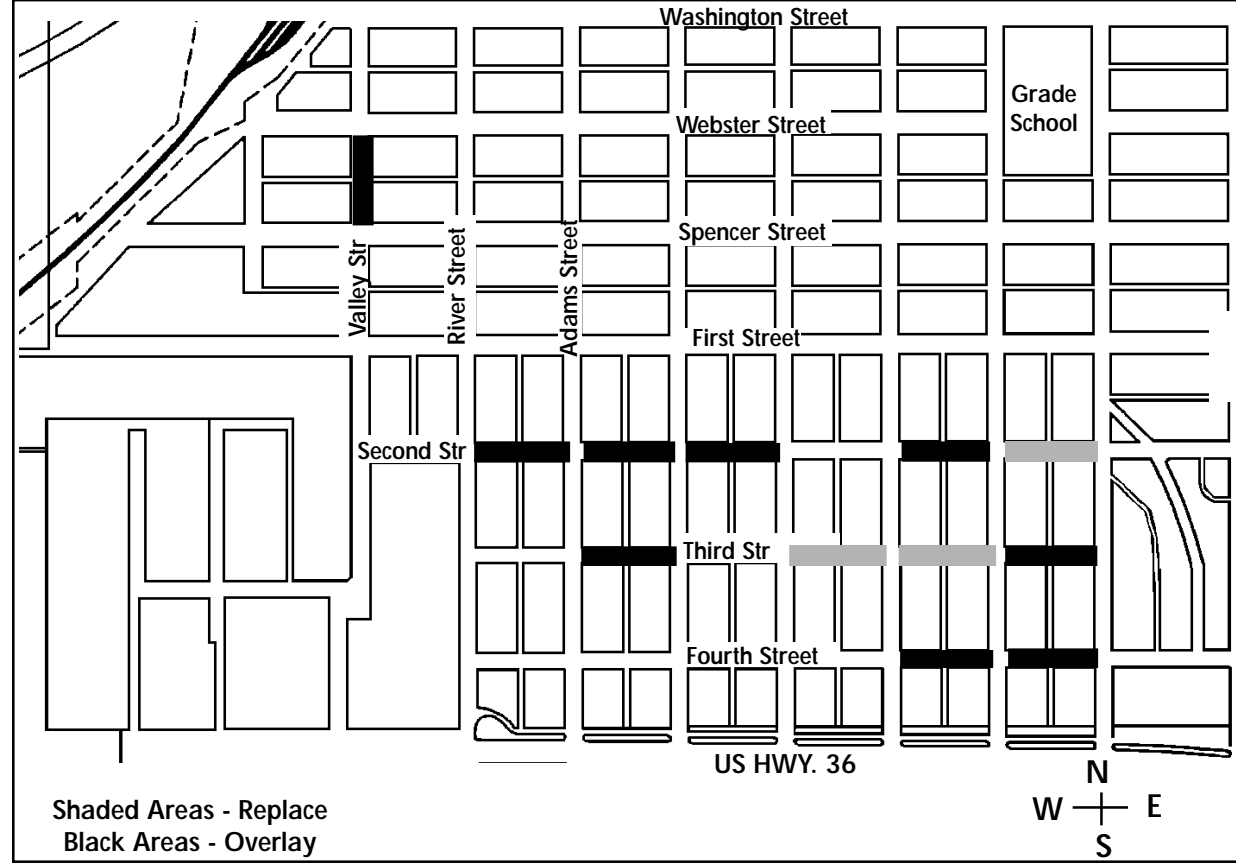
people and stops in newspaper offices to tell his story, asking only that they send a copy to his brother after it is published.  
After leaving St. Francis, he walked to Idalia. He will walk up Highway 71 to Nebraska and then head west to Oregon. Since he is walking in the hotter part of the year, he took the north route and is excited about seeing the mountains, trees and beautiful scenery along the way.  
Mr. McCart expects his trip to be around 2,000 miles and plans to be in Portland by Sept. 15. If he doesn't make by that date, he plans to purchase a pickup and drive the rest of the way and he definitely plans to drive, not walk, back to Kansas.

# Reservations still needed for high school alumni reunion

**By Karen Krien**  
In a little over two weeks, former St. Francis students will begin arriving for the 45th annual alumni reunion.  
Set for June 15, the alumni reunion will feature a meal of roast beef and all the trimmings which will be served in the high school cafeteria. However, Shirley Zweygardt, alumni coordinator, reports that reservations are slow coming in.  
"Each year, the reservations are a little slow and people don't seem to

really get serious about coming until after the Memorial Day holiday," she said.  
But, the deadline for getting reservations in is June 10. This will give time for the food to be ordered and other arrangements made. Reservations may be called in to Ms. Zweygardt at 785-332-2286 or sent to her at Box 317, St. Francis, KS 67756.  
Most of the honor class chairmen along with other class members have been organizing and planning special

get-togethers. Classes honored this year and the head of the class parties include: 1932, 1937, 1942, Mardell DeGood; 1947, Arlene Peter; 1952, Elmer Kellner; 1957, Marvin Confer; 1962, Sondra Bracelin; 1967, Vicki Schliep; 1972, Robin Burr; 1977, Kay Raile; 1982, Larry Finley; and 1992, Amber Faulkender.  
Members of those classes wanting more information should contact the class organizer, Ms. Zweygardt can also answer many of the questions.



# Street work begins June 10

**By Karen Krien**  
St. Francis residents have probably noticed that certain streets on the south side of town are being cleaned and the city crew is getting ready for some street repair.  
J.R. Landenberger, city superintendent, reported that the LaFarge company plans to be in St. Francis with street work beginning on June 10. In the street repair process, three blocks of streets are scheduled to be completely torn out and replaced. Six other streets will receive a coat of overlay.

Residents living on the specified streets (see map) will be notified before the work is to be done so they will not leave parked vehicles on these streets.  
The street repair project, which will cost \$70,189 is expected to take only a week or a little more, depending on conditions and weather.  
Those streets scheduled for overlay include: Valley Street, between Webster and Spencer; three blocks of Second Street, from River to Scott; Second Street, between Benton and Denison; Third Street, between

Adams and Quincy; Third Street, between Denison and Francis; two blocks on Fourth Street, between Benton and Francis.  
The three blocks scheduled to be replaced include: Second Street, between Denison and Francis; two blocks of Third Street, between Scott and Denison.



**Introducing**

**Spencer Michael Rogers**  
It's a boy! Mr. and Mrs. Brent Rogers, McCook, Neb., proudly announce the birth of their first child. Spencer Michael Rogers made his appearance at 4:04 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2002, weighing in at 9 pounds, 10.8 ounces.  
Grandparents are Maurice and

Monica Stramel, St. Francis and Ron and Jean Rogers, McCook. Great-grandparents include Harvey and Lucille Walz, St. Francis; Paul and Ruby Ahrens, McCook and Charlotte Rogers, Indianola, Neb.

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**Drive-up will be OPEN Saturday, June 1**