

Weather changes quickly

From beautiful fall days, the weather changed very fast on Tuesday, Oct. 22, as the snow began to fall around 11 p.m. Everyone awoke to white ground and slick roads. The slick roads and highways were a little tricky to handle as the driver of the 2000 Ford pickup shown learned. This accident happened Tuesday night, a mile west of Bird City on Highway 36. The pickup rolled and landed back on its wheels. The driver was Mark Roesener.



THIS 2000 FORD pickup owned by Mark Roesener, ended up in the ditch with the wintery weather received last Tuesday night.
Times staff photo by Peggy Horinek

Political bus rolls into St. Francis with a blast patriotic music

By Karen Krien

The Shallenburger bus rolled into St. Francis accompanied by a blast of patriotic music Thursday afternoon. The stop had been first scheduled at the city park but with cold, chilly weather conditions, the location was moved to the senior center on Main Street.

About 25 to 35 people gathered to hear the Republican candidates, Tim Shallenburger who is running for governor, David Lindstrom, lieutenant governor, Connie Morris, state board of education, Sandy Praeger, commissioner of insurance and Lynn Jenkins, state treasurer. Rep. John Faber came in his own vehicle.

The four-day bus tour, dubbed as the "Victory 2002 Tour," stopped in Abilene, Salina, Hays, Colby, Goodland and went on to Atwood, Oberlin and down U.S. 36. These were just some of the many stops he and the other candidates made. Retired Sen. Bob Dole joined the group in Russell, showing his support of Mr. Shallenburger. However, by the time the bus reached St. Francis, some of the passengers including Sen. Dole had gotten off.

Paul Rainbolt, St. Francis, opened the Thursday session by introducing Rep. Fabor who said a few words before the bus arrived. After that, Mrs. Morris, St. Francis, took over the introductions and many of the candidates said a few words but the majority of the speaking was done by Mr. Shallenburger.

Mr. Shallenburger is a firm believer of not raising taxes but also not trimming school education funding. Coming from the small community of Baxter Springs, he said that he under-



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Morris

stood the problems of small communities and thought all schools were important — that good educations came from small schools as well as the bigger schools, noting that his opponent Kathleen Sebelius was favoring the consolidation of small schools.

He said that in rural communities where the livelihood depends on the farming income, there is just less money. He said that when there is no income, there are no taxes paid and with no money coming in, it was going to be a hardship on the businesses as well as the schools.

"We need to be more efficient — not buy a new truck when the old one still works and not remodel when there is no money," he said.

St. Francis superintendent Carl Werner disagreed that Mr. Shallenburger's plan to not raise taxes and not cut school spending could be done. He also pointed out that schools are allowed to raise the Local Option Budget a certain number of mills but this was not fair because a mill in some counties was around \$20,000 while in other counties, a mill was worth \$135,000 — over six times as much.

Mr. Shallenburger said that, if elected, he planned to redistribute the



PAUL RAINBOLT welcomes Tim Shallenburger as he gets off the bus last Thursday afternoon.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

wealth and determine what kind of formula would be fair to all schools.

"We need suitable education everywhere which is funded at 100 percent," Mr. Shallenburger said, adding that administrative costs might be a problem.

"The Legislature is often blamed for low teacher salaries but the Legislature doesn't set teachers' salaries — school

boards set them."

Dr. Mary Beth Miller, Cheyenne County's only medical doctor, expressed concern that when taxes are cut, the effects are felt much worse in rural areas, pointing out that in the urban areas when one or two home health care facilities are lost, there are others to take up the slack but it hurt when Cheyenne County lost their home

health facilities.

The stay of the candidates was short and after only a half hour, they were back on the bus on their way to Atwood. This was the second visit that Mr. Shallenburger has made to Cheyenne County and with only days left until the election, he feels that it is important to get out and hear what the people have to say.

Bird City News

Joan and Jessie Smith were dinner guests of Ardis Boersma last week in Colby.

Donna Johnson, Joan Smith and Barbara Waters attended the District United Methodist Women's meeting in Colby on Saturday. This was an inspirational and learning time for the group of 160 women from the Hays District.

Overnight supper guests of Paul and Edna Roesener Wednesday, Oct. 16 and 17, were Edna's daughter Cathy and Larry (Stasser) Atkins of Edgemont, S.D. They were home visiting their daughters and granddaughters Michelle Oriona, North Platte, Bethany and Tierra, Goodland, Danelle, Chicago, and other family and friends.

Last Thursday supper guests of Maude Elliott were Shari Graybeal, Nicholas, Dillon and Brittani of Highlands Ranch, Colo. They were also later guests of their grandparents Tom and Marvel Gleason of St. Francis. Bill Elliott of Amarillo, Texas arrived Thursday and was also a supper guest, doing many odd jobs for his mother. He left for home on Sunday and Shari and children on Friday.



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