

Obituary

Frank Walker

Frank Walker, 92, a former Wallace County sheriff, of Sharon Springs, died Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2002, at the Greeley County Hospital in Tribune.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 23, 2002, at the Sharon Springs Hi-Plains Baptist Church with Pastor Kyle Evans officiating. Burial will follow in the Sharon Springs Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Sunday at Koons Funeral Home in Sharon Springs and at the church before the service.

Memorials may be made to the Hi-Plains Baptist Church in care of the funeral home in Sharon Springs or Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

Tomatoes prone to yellow shoulder

A condition that has appeared on some tomatoes this year is a yellow area that doesn't ripen normally around the upper portion of the fruit, referred to as the shoulder.

This is not to be confused with a trait in most older varieties of tomatoes where the upper portion of the fruit is the last to ripen, often called green shoulder. With green shoulder, the top of the fruit eventually ripens to red. With yellow shoulder, the upper portion of the fruit changes from green to yellow but never turns red.

Yellow shoulder is thought to be related to a nutrient imbalance in tomatoes, but exactly how this occurs is still somewhat of a mystery.

It has been shown in some areas that applications of potassium (potash) reduces yellow shoulder; however,



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Kansas soils are rich in potassium and seldom deficient enough in this element to cause yellow shoulder.

It has also been shown to be related to soil pH, with soils that are more alkaline prone to developing yellow shoulder. However, we have seen this condition in areas where the inherent soil pH isn't unusually high.

We know that the high water requirements in the plant with a lim-

ited root system can change calcium availability, resulting in blossom-end rot of the fruit.

We speculate that the yellow shoulder may be related to the extreme heat and drought conditions interfering with nutrient uptake or causing some nutrient imbalance resulting in more of this condition this year. Our evaluations have been inconclusive in identifying varieties that aren't affected, even though we've seen some varieties that have less yellow shoulder than others. It is anticipated that this won't be as much of a problem in a more "normal" season.

Lacking new evidence, Bush builds case on misdeeds

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ance — the tripwire for the United States to attack.

"The appeal to the United Nations was a masterstroke. It put the ball in Saddam's court," said Patrick Clawson, a Persian Gulf expert at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. "He was saying, before Sept. 11, we

could live with risk; now we can't."

Bush asserts that Iraq, by its own admission, has produced tens of thousands of liters of anthrax and other deadly biological agents for use with Scud warheads, aerial bombs and aircraft spray tanks.

He cites U.N. inspection reports that say Iraq probably maintains stockpiles of chemical agents. And he contends Iraq would have developed a nuclear weapon by 1993 if it had not been for the Gulf War.

Bush's willingness to take the case to the international community has a ready paid dividends. In a sharp reversal, Saudi Arabia has suggested it would entertain being host to U.S. troops in case Iraq fails to follow U.N. orders.

School meeting

The Goodland School Board will begin a series of meetings at the schools in the district and the first one will be at 7 p.m. on Monday at the Grant Junior High library.

The purpose of the meetings is to give the school board a chance to see each school, and give the schools a chance to show what they are doing.

At Monday's meeting the board will see some class projects from the junior high.

Schylar Goodwin will discuss the Sherman County Community Foundation project which has a goal of raising \$50 million to support a variety of community projects using the interest from the foundation.

Sharon Gregory will report on the results of the state assessment tests.

Hospital meeting

The Goodland Regional Medical Center board will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday in the hospital's board room.

The finance committee report will include the August financial review and the charge master review.

The medical staff report will include information from the quality improvement committee, credentialing recommendations and surgery policy and procedure update approvals.

Partisan duty led Graves to endorse Shallenburger

By John Hanna

AP Political Writer

TOPEKA — Moderate Republican Gov. Bill Graves is acknowledging that a sense of partisan duty compelled him to endorse conservative GOP gubernatorial nominee Tim Shallenburger.

Graves said Thursday that party loyalty was the "primary motivating factor" pushing him to declare his support for Shallenburger against Democrat Kathleen Sebelius in the Nov. 5 general election.

The endorsement came six weeks after Shallenburger won the Aug. 6 primary, following a few meetings between the two men and discussions between their staffs.

Graves tried to minimize the significance of the delay but acknowledged he and Shallenburger have become "the public face" of a moderate-conservative split that has bedeviled the Kansas GOP for decades.

And at least a few moderates still aren't endorsing Shallenburger, including Lt. Gov. Gary Sherrer.

"We're talking about the future of the state, and I just don't think the folks who are his core supporters see the state the way I do," Sherrer said. "Integrity comes before unity."

Sebelius hopes to exploit the longstanding tensions within the GOP to pull moderate Republican votes. Political activists in both major parties believe she needs to do so because registered Republican voters outnumber registered Democrats by about 272,000.

Graves and Shallenburger had a joint

news conference in the governor's Statehouse office.

Also present was GOP State Chairman Mark Parkinson.

"The treasurer and I could find several things we probably are not going to agree on," Graves said. "This endorsement is about those things that we know we do agree upon, and principal among those is our commitment to the Republican Party."

Shallenburger said he is confident that most Republicans will vote for him and welcomed Graves' support.

Graves said he didn't put any conditions on his endorsement and is willing to participate in Shallenburger campaign events and help him raise money.

Shallenburger said: "The governor is the leader of the Republican Party in this state and has a lot of good will out there, and so we appreciate him throwing some of it our way."

Democrats reacted to Graves' endorsement with amusement.

"I think the really big news is that it's taken six weeks to happen," said Democratic State Chairman Tom Sawyer. "That speaks volumes."

The governor's slowness in endorsing Shallenburger became notable because other moderates, including U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts, were quick to endorse to declare their support for the GOP nominee.

Graves skipped a "unity" breakfast in Topeka the morning after the primary.

Graves suggested that news organizations arbitrarily had decided an

endorsement should come quickly. He said he's never liked having unity breakfasts "when the headache hasn't even worn off" from primary night.

"Asking folks to just show up and be happy campers is a hard thing to do," he said.

He also said he should get credit for being thoughtful about making an endorsement.

"I wanted to make sure, when we stood here before you, we were doing so having fully agreed that I was going to offer a meaningful endorsement," Graves said.

One sticking point for some moderate Republicans is education funding and Shallenburger's promise not to increase taxes in the face of the state's financial difficulties.

Language program lacks students

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programs are paid for with tax money, she said, there is no government access to the student files.

Both Boyington and Wood emphasized they are normal people trying to help adults learn. Their programs are for adults, they said, and the students will be treated as adults. And they do not report illegal immigrants to have them deported.

The tests given, Wood said, are not graded with A, B or C grades and are not pass or fail. Students either know the information and are ready to move on, she said, or they need to work on it

longer.

The tests are also used to show whether students are improving through the program, she said.

The programs teach students information they will use right away, Wood said, such as how to read maps, how to understand instructions for appliances and how to understand and respond to newspaper articles.

The programs teach life skills, she said, usable and very practical information.

Students can get help setting realistic career goals, Wood said, and with filling out applications and writing letters and resumes.



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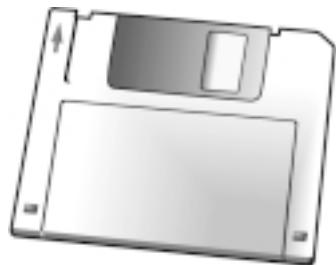
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