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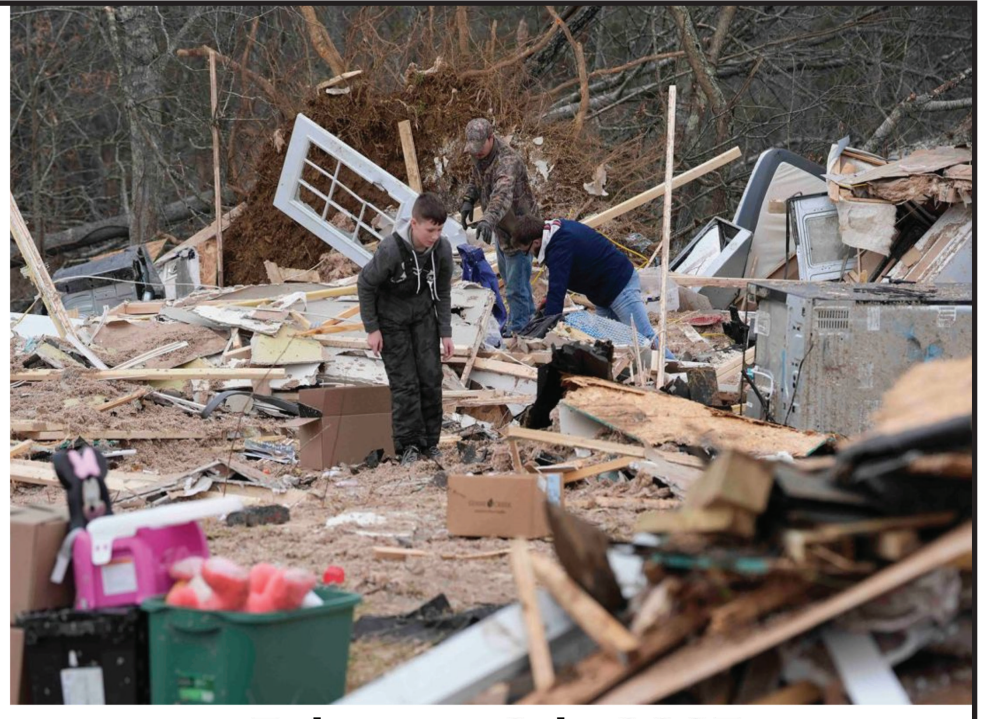
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Psalm 100:3
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And the LORD, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed

Deuteronomy 31:8



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Pet Columnist**

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

The Forbidden Chocolate

So, yesterday was St Valentines Day. Pap says that is the one day a year that everyone tells their person that they wuff them and does something nice for them.

Well, Pappy took Mimi out to eat where they met up with that hilarious Matthew and sweet Sharon. They had Carson with them, that boy is quiet as a mouse.

Any-woof, they all ate and laughed. Mimi got this thing called an ice-cream brownie. She said it was yummy but made her queasy, what ever that is.

The sad thing is, they didn't bring Ms Ivory and me a bite of it! The nerve of them! Mimi says, "Dogs can't have chocolate!" What does she know? Chocolate sure does smell good and I am sure Ms Ivory and me would gobble it up. She says it would make us really sick. How could something that tastes as yummy as chocolate smells, make dogs so sick?

Well, that woman does wuff us and would never want anything to happen to us. Don't tell her but, she is almost always right. So, I guess we will just have to take her word for it.

Hope you had a blessed Valentines day!

For more of my Pet Perspective like and follow me on Facebook at Ms Avery Pearl.



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The Deer Lodge Abner Ross Center meet on the third Monday of the month at 6:00 PM.

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— In Loving Memory —

Wendy Smith, 45



Wendy Smith
March 11, 1979 — February 6, 2025
Deer Lodge Wendy Michelle Smith, age 45 of Deer Lodge was taken from us unexpectedly on February 6, 2025 along with her daughter Felicia.

She is preceded in death by her daughter, Felicia Williams; grandparents Walter and Edna Heidel and Tom and Sydney Moore and a host of aunts and uncles.

She is survived by her husband Eric Smith; son Peyton Williams and his girlfriend Destiny; step daughter Lydia; father and mother Roy and Patricia Heidel; mother-in-law Cheri Wagner; father-in-law David Smith; brothers Wesley (Cindy) Heidel, Roy Lee and Brandon Heidel; brothers-in-law Brent (Kayla), Daniel (Tess), and Matt (Kayla) Smith;

nieces and nephews Kanisha, Ayden, Sydney, Jake, Allie, Neyland, and Layne; best friend Michael Bingham.

Wendy enjoyed spending time and reminiscing with family. Her favorite Sundays were spent on the couch watching reality shows. She also enjoyed getting her hair and nails done. She spent 20 years working at Williams Market and Deli.

Wendy was quiet and shy and had a heart of gold, and her family was her world. Her presence will be dearly missed on this

earth, but her spirit will live on in the hearts of those she left behind.

The family will receive friends Thursday, February 13, 2025 at Schubert Funeral Home from 2:00-7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be Friday at 12:00 p.m. with Bro. Bryant Padgett officiating. Interment will follow in the Heidel Cemetery in Wartburg.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Wendy Michelle Smith.

Felicia Marie Williams, 22



Felicia Marie Williams, age 22 was tragically taken from us on February 6, 2025 to be in Heaven with her beloved Pappaw, Archie "Harry" Williams.

Felicia grew up at Williams Market working alongside her mother, Wendy and the Williams family. She was taught by her Pappaw Harry and Mammaw Freda to use a cash register when she was a child and could barely see over the counter, she got to know the customers as family while playing and chasing Pappaw around the store.

Felicia grew into a beautiful young lady who always had a smile on her face, a positive attitude, always laughing, joking, and never ever had a bad word to say about anyone or anything. She loved scary movies, children of all ages and animals of all kinds. She aspired to work in the medical field and was only a few months away from seeing this dream come true. She above anything in the world loved and missed her Pappaw Harry.

She is preceded in death by her mother Wendy Smith also tragically taken on February 6, 2025; Pappaw Archie "Harry" Williams; great grandparents Hilrey and June Stephens, Bernard and Nina Mae Hall and Archie and Wilda Branstetter.

Felicia is survived by her brother Bernard Peyton Williams and girlfriend Destiny Evans of Deer Lodge; father Richard Williams

and wife Julie of Deer Lodge; grandparents Freda Williams of Deer Lodge Roy and Pat Heidel of Wartburg; step father Eric Smith of Deer Lodge; step sisters K.C. Simmons and husband Logan of Lansing, Kelsey Phillips and boyfriend Adam Pass of Deer Lodge, Lydia Smith of West Virginia; niece Oaklynn Simmons; aunt Regina Williams of Deer Lodge; uncles Wesley and wife Cindy Heidel of Sunbright, and Roy Lee and Brandon of Wartburg; cousins Kanisha, Sydney, Jake, and Ayden; very special friends Michael Bingham, Matthew Pittman, Maddy Morton and many more extended family and friends and store customers that are family as well.

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ing. Interment will follow in the Heidel Cemetery in Wartburg.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Felicia Marie Williams



— In Loving Memory —

Shailyn Acacia Sexton Mehle, 39



Shailyn Acacia Sexton Mehle
March 5, 1985 – February 8, 2025

Shailyn A. Sexton Mehle, 39 of Knoxville, formerly of Wartburg, Tennessee, passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends.

Shailyn was born and raised in Wartburg, TN and was the light of her nanny Opal and papaw Dave's eye. Shailyn attended church at Caney Branch Baptist Church in Scutcheon with her papaw every Sunday as a child. She graduated c/o 2004 from Wartburg Central High School and went on to Roane State Community College and Tennessee School of Beauty. Shailyn had a very outgoing personality and was loved by anyone who meet her. She was a cheerleader in school and also a contestant in many beauty pageants. She could be very poetic and somewhat a hopeless romantic. Shailyn will be forever in the hearts of her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother Shirlene Farmer, Grandmother Opal Byrge McCann, Grandfather David Lee McCann, Grandparents Bart and Edna Sexton, step-brother Kenneth Henry and the love of her life Matthew Thornton and many other special relatives and friends who are gone but never forgotten.

She is survived by her father Tinsley B. (Machelle) Sexton of Sunbright, TN, Grandfather Raymond (Wanda) Farmer of Caryville, TN. dearest sister Shanin (Walter "Bo") Nichols of Kingston, TN. Children, Taleea Brooke Landrum of Alcoa, TN, London Alexandria Wright of Wartburg, TN and Kaydence Allison of Rockwood, TN. James E. Wright of Wartburg, TN, Tinsley Allison of Rockwood, TN and Jaxon Thornton of Mt. Juliet, TN. Uncles Thomas Sexton of Wartburg, TN, and Uncle Danny (Tracie) Farmer of Lansing, TN, and Aunt Betty (Jim) Francisco. Nieces and Nephews Matilyn Mehle, Anaken Nichols, Gavin Crady, Kendall Abston, Paislee Abston.

Shailyn's family has chosen cremation. The family will have a Celebration of Life at a later date.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Shailyn A. Sexton Mehle.

Clinton Garland Jones "Rambo", 77



Clinton Garland Jones "Rambo", age 77, passed away February 8, 2025 at his home peacefully in his sleep on his beloved Mountain Mossy Grove, TN. He was born December 30, 1947 in Bastrop, Louisiana.

Clinton was an avid hunter, fisherman, worker, cook, storyteller and golfer. He was a friend to all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his parents Clint "Buck" Jones and Loraine Bell.

He is survived by his first wife and mother of his children Doyline J. Jones of Rayville, LA.; children Melinda (Kerry) Clinger of West Monroe, LA., Clinton G. Jones "Bo" and To-

nya of Vicksburg, MS., and Dewalka "Dee" and Jeff Swain of Rayville, LA.; brother, Freddie Lee (Shirley Gail) Jones of Winnsboro, LA; beloved partner Connie Human; 11+ grandchildren and 12+ great grandchildren; other friends and family and loved ones are TVA Crew, Local #114 Jackson, MS., Tammy Coyle of FL., Jamie Nichols of AR., Rick Hutto of GA., Janie Human, Bill Cline, Bill Howard, Steven Potter, Gene Daniles, Emory Golf Course of TN., and a host of extended family and friends.

Cremation was his choice and there will be a private Celebration of Life at a later date. His remains will be scattered at Zachary Cemetery in Jones, LA., Christ Church Cemetery in Bastrop, LA., Bayou Bartholomew, AR., Chemin-A-Haut in LA., and Tennessee.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Clinton Garland Jones "Rambo".

Obituaries must come from a funeral home to be in the newspaper.

Psalm 123:1

**Unto thee lift I up mine eyes,
O thou that dwellest in the heavens.**



— In Loving Memory —

Betty Ann Hammons, 76



ton Hammons; as well as her grandchild, Tyler Daugherty; and great-grandchildren Alexis Allen and Dalton Daugherty.

She is survived by her devoted companion, George Melhorn; six children: Ikie Daugherty, Chad (Dawn) Daugherty, Van Daugherty, Hazel (Richard) Carroll, Storm Hammons, and Raven Hammons; 18 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews, all of whom she loved dearly.

She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her. The family will honor Betty's memory with a traditional funeral service, reflecting on the love she shared and the impact she had on her family and community. May she rest in peace, knowing she is in the arms of her Lord.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Schubert Funeral Home, with the funeral service to follow. A graveside service will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Armes Chapel Church.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Betty Ann Hammons.

Betty Ann Hammons, age 76, of Wartburg, TN, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Sunday, February 2, 2025. Betty was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who cherished her family above all else. She worked as a respiratory therapist throughout her life and devoted herself to raising six children. Her nurturing spirit extended to everyone around her.

Betty was an active member of Shady Grove Baptist Church, where she found joy in attending services and engaging in fellowship. In her free time, she enjoyed reading, gardening, cooking, and especially spending quality time with her great-grandchildren, who brought her much joy.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Calvin and Hazel Rich; brothers Alvin and Hubert Rich; sisters Sally Bell, Wanda Watson, and Norma Cross; her first husband, Issac Daugherty; second husband, Clif-

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Creasie June Hall



She is survived by sons: Timothy Hall and Jason Hall and his wife, Penny, all of Wartburg; grandchildren: Austin, Hannah, and Haven Hall; sisters: Allie Bowlin and Erma Wilson; brothers: Stanley West and William West; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other family members and friends.

The family will receive friends Monday, February 3, 2025, from 12-2 pm at Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral services will follow at 2 PM with Bro. Dustin Bonham officiating. Interment will follow in the Forrester Cemetery.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Creasie June Hall.

Creasie June Hall of Wartburg passed away January 29th, 2025 at her home battling an illness.

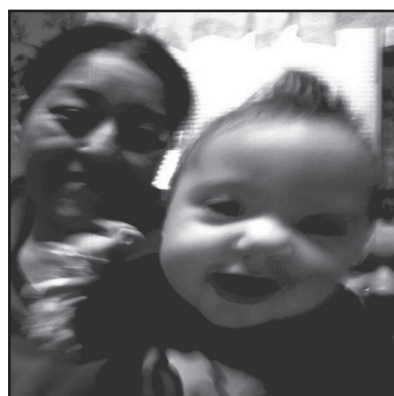
She is preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Hall; parents, Charlie and Savannah West; Brother, Esau West; sisters, Martha Hamby, Mary Carroll, May Carroll, and Emma West.

Psalm 86:4-5

4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Michelle Marie Ellison, 54



lissa Ellison, other daughter Kristie Ellison and her husband Bobby Ellison; brothers Scott and Jeremy and sister Tammi Williams; granddaughter Isabella Ellison and her friend Danny Smith and host of nieces, nephews and special fur babies.

Our Mom is a beautiful angel and is now with the Lord!

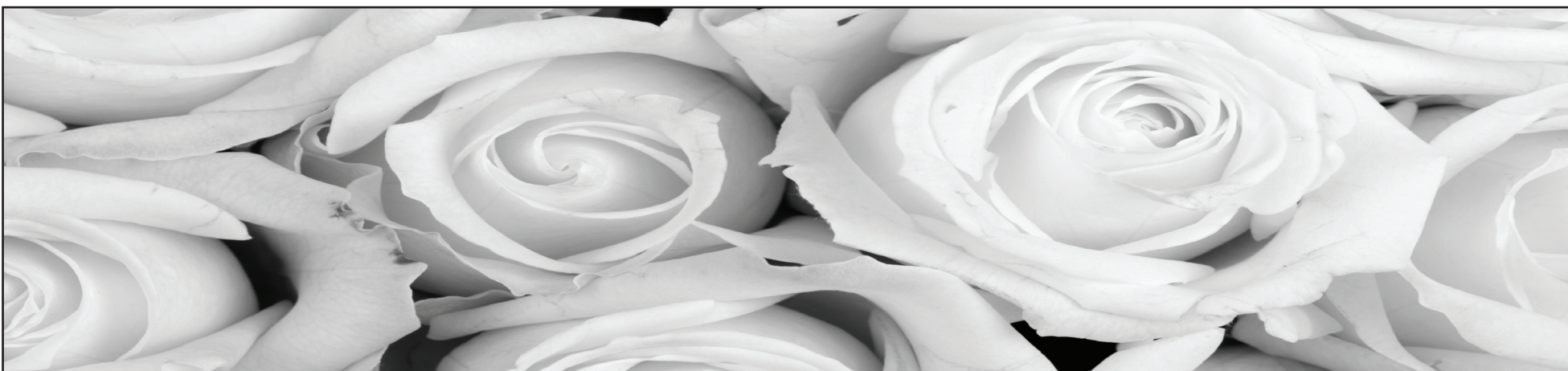
The family has chosen cremation and no services will be scheduled.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Michelle Marie Ellison.

Our mom, Michelle Marie Ellison passed away January 25, 2025. She was born March 6, 1970.

Our mom was a wonderful, good mother, wife, daughter, sister, grandma, aunt and friend.

She is survived by her children, son Kris Ellison; daughter Me-



— In Loving Memory —

Barbara Ann (Hall) Cromwell



One of her favorite things to do was take Hunter Barry to watch trains. She was one of the most precious souls and loved everyone. Her beautiful memory will be carried in our hearts daily.

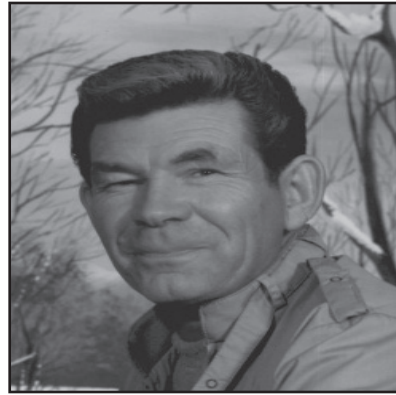
The family will have a graveside service Thursday, January 30, 2025 in the High Point Cemetery in Deer Lodge at 11:00 a.m. with Bro. Mike Hammonds.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Barbara Ann Cromwell

Barbara Ann (Hall) Cromwell went to be with the Lord early Saturday morning, January 25, 2025.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Cromwell; three children: Bryan (Sissy) Hall, Brad (Tina) Hall, and Natasha Lynn Nichols. She was also blessed with 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Fred Edward Griffith, 85 - Veteran



er Kathryn Griffith; daughter Christina Griffith and wife Shelby Griffith.

He leaves behind his son Joey Griffith and wife, Marianne Griffith; daughter Sherry Kirker and husband Ben; grandson Jeremy Griffith and wife, LeeAnn Griffith; grandson Jase Griffith; sister-in-law and companion Betty Bunch; brothers George Melton, Jr., Frank Melton and sister Sandy Melton and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Fred Edward Griffith, age 85 of Petros passed away January 26, 2025 at Roane Medical Center in Harriman.

Fred retired from the Brush Mountain Prison after 30 years of service. He also worked in the Coal Mines. He was a member of the Petros Baptist Church and was baptized April of 1951 at the age of 12 years. He was a Master Mason on May 16, 1964 and Black Diamond Lodge #625.

The family will receive friends Thursday, January 30, 2025 at Schubert Funeral Home from 4:00-6:00 p.m. with a Masonic Service and the funeral at 6:00 p.m. with Dr. Jim West officiating. Graveside services will be Friday at 11:00 a.m. in the Petros Cemetery in Petros with full Military Honors provided by American Legion Post 149.

Fred enjoyed hunting, fishing, digging ginseng and picking black berries.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Fred Edward Griffith.

He is preceded in death by his father George Melton; moth-

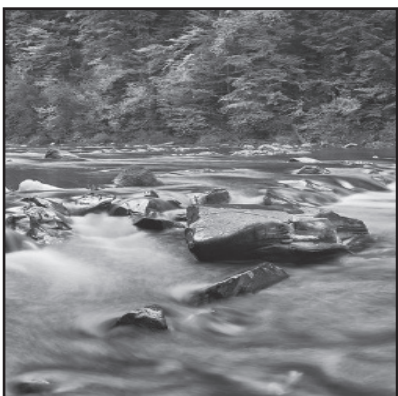
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Charles Junior Jennings, 60



nings; siblings Juanita Wagner and partner Chester Parks, Barbara (Clyde) Sharp, Virginia McCann, Tina Hodge, and Francis McCann and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at Schubert Funeral Home from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with a memorial service to follow 7:00 p.m. with Bro. Anthony Pemberton officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Charles Junior Jennings.

Charles Junior Jennings, age 60 passed away at his home on January 27, 2025.

He is preceded in death by his mother Geneva Jennings; mother-in-law Wanda Hensley; father-in-law J.K. Bowlin.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years Charlotte Jennings; children Angela (Patrick) Ritts, Sandra Jennings; grandchildren Maxine Alley Mae Jen-

Parlin Ooten, 87



Tony, Trent, David, Teddy, J.T., Wade, Savannah, Carolyn, Destiny, Selena, Holly, Mahaliah, and Trisha. 17 great grandkids: Bailey, Katelyn, Ashli, Gracia, Shelby, Sawyer, Blake, Pasley, Saphira, Nehveah, Braxton, Kasen, Carson, Myha, Jaxon, Braiden and Aiden 2 great great grandkids: Iry, and Waylon Also several nieces and nephews.

Parlin Ooten, age 87 of Lancing, passed away on Monday January 28, 2025, at the Life Care of Morgan County. Parlin was preceded in death by his Parents: Clyde and Althea Ooten, wife: Carolyn Ooten, daughters: Melissa Duncan and Patty Tinch, infant son: Teddy Ooten, brothers: Rod Ooten, Cletus Ooten, Parnell Ooten, Lewis Ooten and Arlen Ooten, sisters: Minnie Hall and Mable Webb, brother-in-laws: Kenneth Lyons and Dale Lyons, son-in-law Sonny Duncan, also several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be Saturday, February 1, 2025, 11am at Greenwood Chapel Cemetery, Deer Lodge, with Bro. Robert Gibson officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Parlin Ooten.

Parlin by his children. Sons: Tracy (Rhonda) Ooten of Lancing Eddie Ooten of Jamestown Cheyenne Ooten of Jamestown Fred Ooten of Jamestown Daughter: Angela (Darin) Draughn of Jamestown Son-in-law: Ernie Tinch 16 grandkids: Rocky, Adam, Dewayne,



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Tom Redmon
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The Revolutionary War and the U.S. Navy's First Hero John Paul Jones

I thank our forefathers for our start as a free country in 1775-76. At the beginning of the colonists and revolution a war with Britain; America had no navy. They had depended on the British to protect their 1,800-mile coastline of North America. But that came to a halt after 1775 when trouble broke out in the

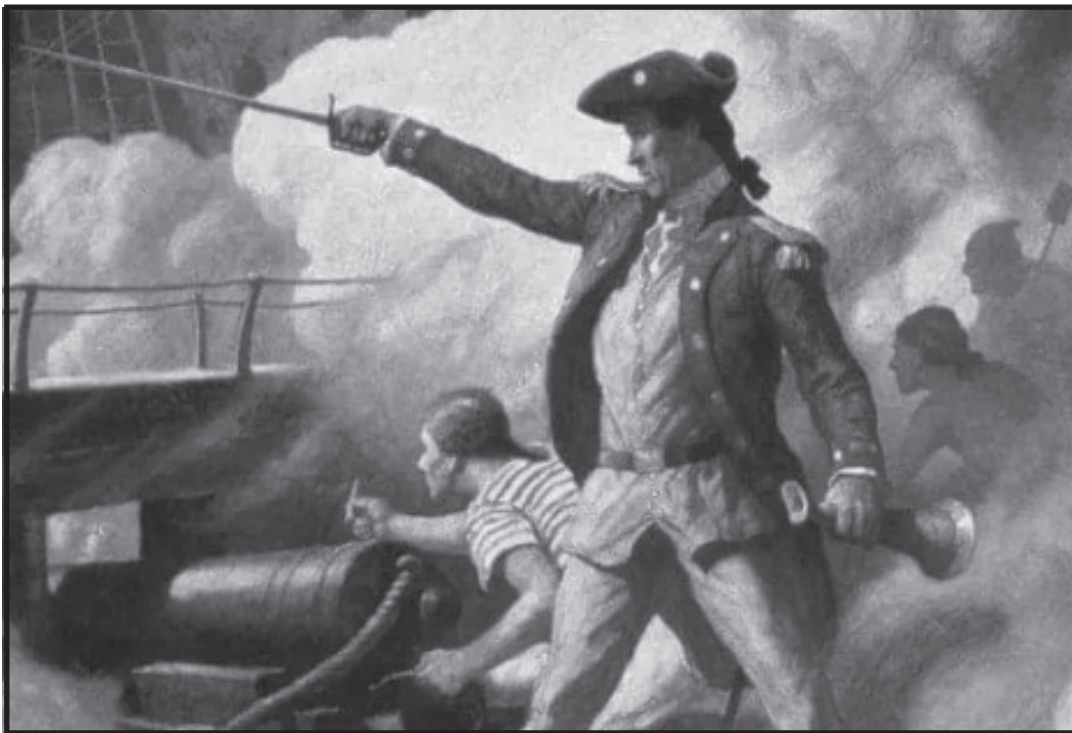
colonies in that year. The trouble was caused largely by the crown's decision to pay off its heavy war debt and its new cost of garrisoning expanded American territories by having the colonies pay a greater share in taxes, with higher and strict enforcement. Things really got hot in Boston when the angry colonists began dumping the British tea into the bay. In history this is known as the, "Boston Tea Party."

As trouble loomed large because of colonists' resistance to this change the British Navy was in poor shape to help impose the crown's will upon them. Things didn't get better with the British Navy right away and when the French joined the fray in 1778, Britain had to get involved, ready or not and America had to start building a Navy. When the British bombarded the town of Falmouth, Maine in October 1775 the colonies ships were purchased and others were ordered to be built on October 13th . This marked the birthday of the U.S. Navy. They finally got around to appointing officers for the vessels, although many of those assignments were partially political. The officers were typically relatives of the men in charge of naval affairs. Needless to say, those ships didn't do very good in battle. American's fortune changed some in 1779 because on 23 September of that same year we saw the greatest sea victory of the American Navy because the man who was responsible was John Paul Jones (born John Paul Jr.) having gone to sea in 1761 at the age of 13 from his native Scotland. Jones sailed in the

Atlantic and Caribbean trade for many years and attained a captaincy by the age of 21. When the war broke out with Britain John Paul secured a commission in the Continental Navy. He had served on the Alfred; he was given command of the sloop Ranger in 1777 and sailed for Europe to harass British trade on his majesty's home waters. Since the French and Americans before Jones arrived in 1778; he was able to use French ports as his bases of operation and to raise havoc in the waters around the British Isles. He gave up his command of the Ranger on the promise of a more formidable vessel. John Paul was disappointed that the new ship was the old 900-ton East India merchant vessel Duc de Duros. He promptly rechristened her Bonhomme Richard to honor his patron Benjamin Franklin, ambassador to Paris and the author of Los Maximos deo Ban homme Ricard (The Sayings of the Gentleman Richard) on August 14 th Jones set sail with his squadron: the USS Bonhomme Richard, a new frigate the Alliance, under the erratic Frenchman named Pierre Landais (an honorary citizen of Massachusetts; three French Navy vessels and two French privateers. The squadron had some success in capturing British vessels. John on the evening of 23 September fell in with a Baltic convoy off Flamborough Head on the Yorkshire Coast. The convoy was guarded by the new 44-gun frigate HMS Serapis

and a small sloop. Ordering an attack John Paul soon found his companion vessels fleeing the scene leaving the 42-gun USS Bonhomme Richard to fight the enemy alone.

For two and a half hours the HMS Serapis and USS Bonhomme



John Paul Jones

Richard bombarded one another with their withering fire reducing both ships to floating wreckage. The Richard also suffered bombardment from Captain Landais' USS Alliance which returned to the scene of the battle and began firing at the wrong ship, finally one of Jones' sailors from the Richard crawled out to the end of a yardarm that hung over the deck of the Serapis. The two ships by then hopelessly entwined and dropped a grenade onto the gun deck of the British frigate. The horrible explosion that resulted forced the brave and capable Captain Pearson of the Serapis to hail down his colors and present his sword to Jones in surrender of his ship. The USS Bonhomme Richard was so battered by the battle that she sank two days later.

John Paul Jones' splendid victory created the first and only genuine naval hero of the Revolutionary War. His stirring rejection of Captain Pearson's offer to accept his surrender midway through the battle, "I have not yet begun to fight," embodied the embattled spirit of the new nation in the hour of failing fortunes.

John Paul Jones went on to command two other ships during the war then served as a rear admiral in the Russian Black Sea before dying in poverty in Paris in 1792 at the age of 45. Jones' body was brought back to America in the 20 th century by President Teddy Roosevelt who was promoting a powerful navy in any way he could and entombed in a marble sarcophagus on the grounds of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. John Paul Jones was the U.S. Navy's first hero. The words, "I have not yet begun to fight" are famous even in our modern navy.

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Historically Speaking

Meet Kenneth D. Nichols, the Father of Oak Ridge - Building Oak Ridge "from scratch," Part 2

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Barbara Scollin, grandniece of Major General Kenneth D. Nichols continues her series on his life.

Ample reasons, most notably leadership skills, personality traits and qualifications, led to choosing General (then Colonel) Kenneth D. Nichols as Deputy District Engineer and subsequently as District Engineer of the Manhattan Engineer District (MED). In this capacity he had supervision of the research and development connected with, and the design, construction and operation of all plants required to produce plutonium-239 and uranium-235, including the construction of the towns of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Richland, Washington.

The responsibility of his position was massive as he oversaw a workforce of both military and civilian personnel of approximately 125,000; his Oak Ridge office became the center of the wartime atomic energy's activities. He also was responsible for internal security operations in the production facilities that helped keep the development of the atomic bomb secret.

In this eleventh installment of several articles covering the life and accomplishments of Kenneth D. Nichols, we see his role in establishing governance, schools, medical facilities and other amenities as Oak Ridge is built "from scratch" to become the fifth largest city in Tennessee in a matter of months.

In addition to the critical infrastructure and housing needs for Oak Ridge (see 10 th article), Colonel Kenneth D. Nichols ensured competent administration of the town was set into motion. He placed Captain Tim (Paul E.) O'Meara, from Nick's Rome Air Depot days (see 5 th article), in charge of administration. Colonel James C. Marshall and Nichols contracted Turner Construction Company to handle town management and operations. (George Horr, a vice president for Turner was also from the Rome Air Depot project.) Turner organized a new, special company called Roane-Anderson (see 10 th article) to handle day to day needs of the town.

Schools were critical for the town of Oak Ridge filled with families. Nichols recalls, "The school system posed a special problem. The school population increased every day. Additional teachers and school buildings had to be made available as needed for children arriving at Oak Ridge from all parts of the United States and all having different backgrounds and educational needs. Dr. Alden M. Blankenship headed the school system and throughout the war he did a masterful job of recruiting personnel, supervising the teachers, maintaining discipline, and rendering a most satisfactory service."

With expenditures for the Manhattan Project exceeding \$2B in the 1940s, you would think busing of Oak Ridge schoolchildren would not warrant scrutiny by the U.S. Comptroller. But Nichols tells the story,

"The Comptroller ... was objecting to the idea that I did not have the authority to give free transportation to the schoolchildren. ... I said, 'You're not questioning the ten-cent fare for the workmen.'

'Oh, no, because you are allowed to subsidize bus transportation for a war project.'

I said, 'I can build a schoolhouse?'

'Yeah.'

'I can hire a teacher?' I said, 'Could I charge a penny for these school kids?'

'Yes,' he said, 'That would be more reasonable.'

I said, 'Then you're questioning not the legality, but the reasonableness of it. That's my job, not yours.'

He said, 'But it's wasting money.'

I said, 'It isn't wasting money.' I said, 'We have to keep these people here working. We have to keep the families content. If they have to worry about shelling out a penny, we wouldn't get enough pennies to warrant collecting it. I'm doing it in the interest of morale and getting the kids to school. All you're questioning is my judgment now, not the legality of it.'

He said, 'I guess you're right.' But he said, 'I wish you would charge a penny.'

I said, 'No that's my decision.'"

Health care was a chief concern at Oak Ridge and was addressed on multiple fronts by Nichols. He stated, "The medical care at Oak Ridge was one component in the overall health program of the Manhattan Project. To provide essential medical services to the permanent populations of Oak Ridge, Richland ... and Los Alamos as well as to the construction workers and operations personnel, we built hospitals and manned them with Army medical officers, most of whom we recruited directly from civilian positions. We were well aware of the dangers of radiation, and consequently we initially recruited many doctors who were involved in radiation research as civilians so as to have expertise readily available in case of emergencies."

On August 1, 1943, Nichols created the Medical Section of the MED with [Dr.] Major Hymer L. Friedell as the executive officer, later deputy chief. Friedell's background in radiation research was important as he would be responsible for the health care of the workers, conduct research on the hazards radiation posed, deal with safety considerations within the plants and prepare for the effects of the weapons when tested and used.

Next, Nichols met with the U.S. Army Surgeon General Maj General James Kirk. Kirk did not calmly receive Nichols' letter of introduction signed by Generals Somervell and Groves. After Nichols diplomatically talked through the issues, Kirk agreed to Dr. Stafford L. Warren's commissioning as a colonel. Warren was designated chief of the Medical Section of the MED.

Civilian Dr. Charles E. Rea was given charge of the Clinton Engineer Works (CEW) hospital, including the busy obstetrics ward (over 2900 babies were born in Oak Ridge during the war). Jackie Nichols remembered Dr. Rea "As a charismatic, compassionate surgeon, with faith for our future and support for the understanding [of] our immediate roles. He and his superb staff were responsible for the health and well-being of everyone at Oak Ridge: executives, scientist, military, civilians, contractors, and laborers... Char-

lie's infectious laughter wiped away all cares of the day. We became fast friends, and shared vacations after the war."

Nichols received periodic safety and accident reports and ensured that regular, ongoing safety training, procedures and signage were administered properly during the war. Based on biomedical research programs at university laboratories, safety programs were part of production as well as overall protection to the populations at Oak Ridge, Richland, and Los Alamos. Inspec-



"Facing a double envelopment, Col. Kenneth D. Nichols, District Engineer makes an estimate of the situation and comes to the approved solution, deciding to buy Christmas seals from both solicitors in the selling campaign. The blond embodiments of the pincers movement are Joanne (left) and Dianne (right), four-year-old twin daughters of Pvt. And Mrs. Robert Milford. Pvt. Milford is stationed here with the SED. Mrs. Milford is a teacher in Robertsville School." Oak Ridge Journal, December 7, 1944, headline page. Photo by Ed Westcott. (Courtesy of Emily Westcott and Don Hunnicutt)

tion programs took place to ensure safety and accident & fire prevention measures were followed.

During the period 1943 through June 1945, approximately 550,000,000 hours were worked for the Manhattan Project. (See Manhattan District History, Book 1, Volume 11, Part 1, General Safety Program, Appendix B-3.). During this period 62 deaths occurred at Oak Ridge and Hanford, 54 of which were construction employees, 7 operation employees and 1 government employee.

This did not include traffic fatalities unrelated to production work. The safety records for these sites were well below those of private industry. ("The 1946 fatality rate for the District based on the National Safety Council base of 100,000 employees is 6.28 or 1 per 26,000,000 man-hours worked. In 1945 the fatality rate of 18.5 deaths per 100,000 employees was under the National record of 31 deaths per 100,000 employees." Manhattan District History, Book I - General, Volume II - Safety Program, Appendix A Charts and Graphs, p. "S"5.2.) Nichols recalls, "No cases involving radiation were encountered during my years [1943-1946] there [in Oak Ridge]."

June Adamson recalled front-page headline stories in the Oak Ridge Journal, "Traffic safety awards made news too, though most Riders lived in ignorance of another kind of safety record being made behind the secret fences of the plants they were never allowed near only on official business and where all sorts of potentially dangerous jobs were being carried out as a part of the main goal."

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News was eagerly sought by the Oakridgers living in a secret city remembered Jackie Nichols. Colonel Nichols authorized the Journal with its first issue March 2, 1944, as a 9x12" sheet produced by volunteers, including a full-time chemist working at one of the plants. Nick received news that a fellow West Point classmate and career officer had been killed in action. Nichols reached out to his widow Frances Smith Gates, an editor and correspondent in Pennsylvania, persuading her to work as editor for the Oak Ridge newspaper. Frances moved to Olney Lane with her two young sons and shared a home with June Adamson and her family. June recalls, "Mrs. Gates had come to Oak Ridge in a general public relations capacity to 'whittle' away the problems of keeping workers content."

The June 22, 1944, Oak Ridge Journal issue announced the change of staff and their purpose: "[to] serve to permit the office of the District Engineer to disseminate news and information through direct, established channels". With Fran at the helm, a full tabloid sized Oak Ridge Journal was issued June 29, 1944.

The Secret City's newspaper included warnings to the readers: 'Published for Oak Ridge: Keep it here Please' or, "Not to be taken from the CEW (Clinton Engineering Works) Area". June Adamson further recalls, "Army officers were quick to ban anything that might give outsiders the least hint of how many or what kind of persons lived in Oak Ridge." Jackie Nichols remembered, "It was censored, of course, and part of the local slogan was 'What you do here, what you see here, let it stay here'".

The Oak Ridge Journal provided numerous examples of Colonel Nichols' involvement with many day-to-day war-time activities: encouraging donations to the Oak Ridge National War Fund to help the starving in Europe, requesting Anderson County voting accommodation for Oak Ridge residents, conducting military reviews and presenting awards, attending various military and civilian functions in town, dedicating a B-25 bomber, and encouraging full work schedules (no

absenteeism).

Spiritual needs were also given serious consideration. Nichols did not agree to a unified church; consequently, at least 22 separate congregations worshiped in the chapel and other available space in town. The Chapel on the Hill, following the typical US Army design, was used

ment funds. To obtain adequate funds, we set up a 'Recreation Association' and among other things gave them the beer and other concessions to generate revenue.

"These funds were generally used to support recreational facilities, libraries, civic associations, and some welfare. Groves disliked the

system and told me it might be illegal. When I asked him if he could provide a better solution, he only commented, 'No, but I have serious questions about your way. You had better make certain that everyone involved remains completely honest.'"

Building a town - truly a multi-faceted project.

Next up: Production Facilities, Part 1 (1942-1945): Y-12



Oak Ridge Journal staff, August 8, 1945 L&R Lucia Carter, Margaret Kelly, Frances Smith Gates, Edward Westcott, Dick Gehman (Courtesy of Oak Ridge Public Library, DOE Photograph Collection)



Col Stafford Warren briefs the Oak Ridge hospital staff, Oak Ridge, TN, 1945. Public Domain (Courtesy of Barbara Scollin)

on a rotating basis each weekend during the war. The only non-military photo included in General Nichols' book *The Road to Trinity* is of the Chapel. (Major General K.D. Nichols, U.S.A. (Ret), *The Road to Trinity, A Personal Account of How America's Nuclear Policies Were Made* (New York: William Morrow and Company, Inc., 1987). ISBN 0-688-06910-X. OCLC 15223648, p. 211.)

Nichols considered the working people of Oak Ridge, trying to make life at Oak Ridge as normal as possible. He recalls, "At Oak Ridge, with a population of 75,000, we ran into many situations where we needed money to do things for which it would be improper to spend govern-

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Thanks for these columns written by Barbara Rogers Scollin, grandniece of General Kenneth D. Nichols.



David Zubler
Columnist

Larger refunds this year

The IRS reported that the average refund amount through January 31 is \$526 more than last year which is a 34% increase. The increase is largely due to changes by the IRS to help prevent “bracket creep”.

Bracket creep is caused when inflation pushes wages and salaries into higher tax brackets, even though the increase in wages won't buy more goods. For example, if someone is given a cost-of-living raise, the purpose of the raise is to enable them to buy the same amount of goods as

the previous year. In other words, the purchasing power remains the same.

There are many tax factors which can cause the average refund to increase. The IRS adjusts more than 40 tax provisions for inflation, including rates (by way of bracket widths) and bases (deductions, exemptions, and other provisions), such as the federal income tax brackets, the standard deduction, and the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

The adjustment to the standard deduction, income tax brackets and the EITC are generally what affect most people.

The EITC income and credit thresholds increased, which will lead to more people being able to take the credit and larger amounts of the credit. The EITC increases the amount of refund for many people with lower income levels. It was designed to give people incentive to work and help reduce poverty, particularly for families with children.

The average amount of EITC received in 2022 was \$2,541 and about 23 million eligible workers and families received a total of \$57 billion in EITC.

Check your refund status

You can check on the status of your refund on the IRS ‘Where’s My Refund’ tool. It can show you the status of your refund as early as 24 hours.

If you efile, it can show you the status of your refund as early as 24 hours after the IRS receives your return. If you file a paper return, you can check your refund status four weeks after mailing your return. However, there is an exception.

The IRS isn't legally required to issue a refund which includes the Earned Income Tax Credit or the Additional Child Tax Credit before mid-February. This includes your entire refund, not just the part that's related to the credit you claimed on your tax return. If you claimed either credit, you can expect to get your refund by March 3. However, some people will get their refunds a few days later.

Free filing

If your income was \$84,000 or less last year, you can use IRS Free File Guided Tax Software now through Oct. 15. IRS Free File Fillable forms, a part of this program, is available at no cost to any income level and provides electronic forms that people fill out and e-file themselves, also at no cost.

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Luke Chapter 23



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(Luke 23:1-25) Jesus before Pilate (Mt. 27:11-31; Mk. 15:1-20; Jn. 18:28-19:16): The Jewish authorities, having found Jesus guilty to their own satisfaction, and knowing that they had no legal standing to execute him, brought him before the Roman procurator, Pontius Pilate (A.D. 26-36). Since Rome paid no attention to religious controversy, it would be necessary to motivate the procurator in some fashion so as to have the death penalty implemented on a civil

charge. This they would manipulate. The charge was

that Christ was “perverting the nation” and he was a rebel against Tiberius Caesar by discouraging the payment of taxes---a false charge Matt. 22:17). Pilate questioned the Lord: “Are you the King of the Jews?” to which Christ replied: “You say it.” The answer is affirmative. However, John, in his account, adds that the Lord insisted that his kingdom was not a threat to Rome; it was spiritual in nature (18:36). It thus is clear that Pilate was unimpressed with the Hebrew charge and suspected other motives were behind this farce.

The governor declared: “I find no fault in this man.” There was no legal culpability. But the accusers became more agitated, insisting Christ was a rabble-rouser, disturbing folks from Galilee in the north to Judaea in the south. When Pilate heard “Galilee,” he saw a potential way out of a hot spot. If he was a Galilean, he was under the jurisdiction of Herod Antipas; the governor would shift the burden to him. It just happened that Herod was in Jerusalem at the time (v.7). When Herod saw Jesus, he was excited; he had heard of the Lord’s reputation and was hoping to see him perform some kind of miracle. He interrogated Christ vigorously, but Jesus answered him not a word (the only man on record to whom the Lord refused to speak). The chief priests and scribes put the pressure on Herod, but he merely mocked him by adorning him with a beautiful robe (symbolic of his “king” reputation) and dispatching him back to Pilate. Strangely, Herod and Pilate became friends that day, though they had been enemies before (v.12); for a possible explanation see Luke 13:1).

Pilate, with obvious frustration, called together the chief priests and Jewish rulers and repeated his complaint that their evidence had been insufficient and a no-fault judgment had been found regarding this Jesus. Further, he had not been charged by Herod (v. 14-15). He stated, therefore, that he would “chastise” him (the word suggests the idea of beating a lesson into him) and then release him. But the Jews would have none of this. They cried out for the release of Barabbas instead (see Mt. 27:16 for the background). Pilate again attempted to release his prisoner, but they cried: “Crucify him, crucify him” (v.21). For the third time the governor protests: “What evil has he done? I have found no cause of death in him. I will chastise him and release him.”

The Jews were furious and shouted for the death of Christ. Pilate melted and gave in to their evil demand, releasing Barabbas, the murderer and insurrectionist! How would that sit with Rome?

(Luke 23:26-49) The crucifixion (Mt. 27:32-56; Mk. 15:21-41; Jn. 19:16-37): En route to Golgotha, Christ must have fallen under the weight of the cross-bar. Simon of Cyrene, coming into the city, was compelled to assist with carrying the instrument of execution (Mt. 27:32; Mk 15:21) A crowd of women followed behind, weeping over him. He cautioned that they should not weep for him, but for themselves, and the punishment that would fall upon the Hebrew nation. He then used the “green” and “dry” tree illustration. If he, the innocent, must horribly suffer, just what would be the fate of the people who were treating him so shamefully in their rejection of him? (see Mt. 27:33).

Just before he died, Jesus cried “with a loud voice” (still with plenty of strength): “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit (v.46). The Lord was no materialist---he acknowledged his “spirit.” He “yielded up” his spirit (Mt. 27:50), commending it to God (v.46). No one took his life from him; he laid it down voluntarily (Jn. 10:17-18).

Jesus spoke seven times during the six hours he was suspended on the cross: “Father, forgive them...” (Lk. 23:34); “Today you will be with me...” (Lk. 23:43); “Woman behold your son...” (Jn. 19:26); “My God, My God...” (Mk. 15:34); “I thirst” (Jn. 19:28); “It is finished” (Jn. 19:30); “Father, into your hands...” (Lk. 23:46).

For the full complement of information regarding these important events connected with the Savior’s death, one is required to compare the data in all four Gospel accounts. Other matters will be discussed as we come to these different documents.

(Luke 23:50-56) The burial (Mt. 27:57-61; Mk. 15:42-47; Jn. 19:38-42). In addition to the information in Matthew and Mark’s accounts, from Luke we learn that Joseph of Arimathaea was a “councilor” (a member of the Sanhedrin) and when the case against Christ was made, he had not consented to their godless deed. Moreover, he had been “looking for the kingdom of God” (v.51; Mk. 15:43). Luke mentions the women of Galilee who had accompanied the burial detail---so courageous to the very end. They observed the tomb and how the body had been laid. (No claim can be made that the location of the tomb was misplaced and that Jesus still is buried somewhere.) They made mental notes and returned to where they were staying to prepare spices for anointing the corpse. This preparation reveals that they did not anticipate a resurrection. When they subsequently were convinced, therefore, it was based evidence---not a preconceived conception.

Acts 22:1-16 “Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defence which I make now unto you. (And when they heard that he spake in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence: and he saith,)

I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day. And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women. As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished. And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me. And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? (Who art thou Sir?) (Saul did not know him to be Jesus the Lord). And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest. And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me. And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do. And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus. And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there, Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul (fellow Jew), receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him. And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth. For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard. And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

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