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**Ms. Avery Pearl  
Pet Columnist**

# Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

## Water Bowl Tsunami

You guys know how clean Ms Ivory and me are. We very rarely make a mess.

Well, Mimi has a rubber matt with raised ridges all around, under our food/water bowls. That way if anything comes out, it just stays on the matt.

Any-woof, for 2 days in a row Mimi and Pap had appointments and were gone got a while. When they returned, they were greeted with water all over the floor! Mimi said it was like a Tsunami, yet there was still some water left in the bowl.

Mimi thought that Ms Ivory had dropped her toy piece of pizza in the bowl cause it was in the water on the floor. She said accidents happen.

However, when they got home today, it had happened again! This time there was no toy around. Pap said which one is doing it. Mimi thought maybe it was me. She checked my paws and they were dry. Ms Ivorys were wet and there was paw prints all over the floor.

Phew, I thought I was going to be in T-R-O-U-B-L-E.

Mimi told Ms Ivory, NO MORE PLAYING IN THE WATER BOWL, LITTLE GIRL! Then, opened the door and told us to go out while they cleaned the mess.

Ms Ivory decided that she would take her punishment like a good girl. Me, I tried to tell her. Sometimes I guess a girl just has to learn on her own.

Mimi let us back in and told us she still wuffs us and that we are good girls cause most dogs make a lot more messes and that it was just water, after all.

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



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Jesus Morales has applied for a permit to sell beer ON/OFF premises at the location known as:

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Anyone having reason to believe that this permit should not be issued, must appear before the Morgan County Beer Board on the 14th.

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

**Coalfield Genealogical and Historical Society** meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Senior Citizens Building at 6:00 PM.

**Morgan County Republican Party** meets the last Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM at the American Legion in Wartburg.

— In Loving Memory —

**Jacob William Bradley**



Jacob William Bradley known to many as Jaybird or just JW, and big Brother, Daddy, or Papaw to his family, passed away July 27, 2025, at Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge. Preceded in death by his parents Judson David Bradley and Jamie Irene Bradley and sisters Aunt Jackie and Sueanne. Also, his wife of 67 years Emma Ruth "Kate" Bradley (Hobbs) passed away on July 29, 2019.

JW lived a life of shameless persistence. A retired electrician who provided a life and a home for his family, friends, countless critters, and even some

strange hippies from Vanderbilt who wanted to help make Petros and Morgan county a better, more just place to live. He never retired from answering every knock on the door, helping anyone who asked, and inventing newly difficult yet effective ways of doing things.

In 1972, he co-founded the activist organization, Save Our Cumberland Mountains (SOCM), which still operates today under an updated acronym and broader mission. SOCM's flagship efforts to push back against the destructive practices of strip-mining empowered local landowners and communities to stand firm against this extractive industry and destructive practices. Ralph Nader has referred to JW as a "fighter for justice," and JW did fight with the same shameless persistence his entire life. Even in his very last days, many visitors would leave with full stomachs and a list of tasks that JW thought needed done.

The world has lost a fighter. A family has lost a daddy, a big brother, a (great) papaw. A multitude seeking to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable has lost a great mentor. For those of us who knew him and loved him, it's now up to us to do what needs doing, shamelessly and never ceasing.

He is survived by his; Children: Connie Bradley, Chip Bradley and Faith Wayland.

Son-in-law: Teddy Wayland

Grandchildren: Trevor Loy & wife Shawanna, Taylor Loy & wife Rebecca, Harley Wayland and Cassidy Wayland.

Great-grandson: Evan Loy

Brothers: Bobby and Leon

Several special Nieces and Nephews

Special thanks to his nurses/caregivers from Quality Private Duty Care who took great care of him and became like family. Thank you, Rhonda Smith, Mandi Jones, and Joel Lasig.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, July 29, 2025 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. with Bro. Tony Cathey officiating. Graveside services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday in the New Petros Cemetery.

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— In Loving Memory —

**Jessica Yvonne Gibson, 42**



and Michael Potter of Lancing; sister, CeCilia Swint of Lancing; brother, J.B. Gibson of Lancing; step-brothers, Tony (Erica) Taylor of Petros and Shane Taylor of Lancing; nieces, Aleeyiah and Skylah Taylor and nephew, Noah Taylor; special friend, Michelle Ferrell of Lancing; and a host of cousins and extended family.

Jessica Yvonne Gibson, age 42, went home to be with the Lord on August 1, 2025.

She was a member of A New Beginning Church in Lancing. She loved to draw, and loved her family and friends deeply.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, George and Pearl Wilson of West Virginia.

She is survived by her father, Jerry (Robin) Gibson of Lancing; mother, Carla Blake of West Virginia; sons, Brandon

The family will receive friends Friday August 8, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Island Ford Church in Lancing with the funeral to follow at 12:00, her father Jerry Gibson officiating. Interment will immediately follow at the Island Ford Cemetery.

*Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Jessica Yvonne Gibson.*

**Sharon Kay (Bolling) Deardorff, 67**



Sharon is survived by her love of 37 years Billy Ray Bunch. Her Daughter Stephanie and Allan Lyons Bobbi and Scotty Williams of Wartburg. Riki and Roy Harris of Clarkrange. Cody and Gypsie Bunch and Misty Bunch. Her brother James and sisters Peggy and Della. Lots of Grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Sharon Kay (Bolling) Deardorff, age 67 of Petros, went home to Jesus on her birthday August 5, 2025.

Sharon, a good momma and grandma who loved and adored her children and grandchildren.

Sharon is preceded in death by her parents Curtis and Margaret Bolling. Mother Kate Glover. Brother Daniel and sister June. Also her Daughter Kelly Grace Deardorff.

There will be a celebration of life on Sunday August 10, at 2pm at the City Park in Wartburg.

*Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Sharon Kay (Bolling) Deardorff*

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**Wanda Maxine Self, 90**



grandchildren and several great-grandchildren, who will cherish her memory and the values she instilled in them as they navigate their lives.

Wanda was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Amanda Heidle, her husband, Smith H. Self, her daughter, Dana Self, five brothers, Charles, Herbert, love, Eugene and Bob Ray and four sisters, Angelee Hall and Vadna Helton, Geneva Bullen, and Pansy Heidle.

Wanda was also a woman of faith, holding steadfast to her beliefs in the Baptist tradition. Her unwavering love for her family and friends, along with her gentle demeanor, left an indelible mark on those fortunate enough to know her.

Wanda's memory will forever remain in the hearts of her family and friends, who find solace in knowing she lived a life full of love, creativity, and devotion. She will be deeply missed yet fondly remembered for the light she brought into the world.

Cremation was chosen as Wanda wished. She will be laid to rest at Walnut Ridge cemetery at a later date.

Please share memories and condolences at [www.collinsfuneralhome.net](http://www.collinsfuneralhome.net). Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to Collins Funeral Home of Scottsburg, Indiana.

Wanda Maxine Self, a beloved mother and homemaker of Scottsburg, Indiana, passed away peacefully on July 31, 2025, in Louisville, Kentucky, at the age of 90. Born on November 3, 1934, in Wartburg, Tennessee, Wanda touched the lives of many through her warmth, creativity, and steadfast spirit.

Wanda graduated from Wartburg Central High School before continuing her education at Knoxville Business College. Her previous employment included a significant role as a switchboard operator at the U.S. Census Bureau in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

As a devoted homemaker, Wanda was known for her exceptional crafting skills, a testament to her creative spirit and originality. Above all, she was a loving mother to her four sons: Gordon Self of Lexington, Indiana, Randall Self of Lexington, Indiana, Anthony Self of Jeffersonville, Indiana, and Edward Self of Scottsburg, a loving grandmother to eight

**Psalm 123:1**

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



— In Loving Memory —

### Tony Shannon, 65



Tony Shannon, age 65, of Wartburg, TN, went home to be with his Heavenly Father on Friday, July 25, 2025, at 11:42 p.m., surrounded by love and held close in the hearts of those who meant the most to him.

Tony was born on April 13, 1960. He was a devoted father, grandfather, son, brother, and friend.

Tony's greatest treasures in life was his family. He was the proud and loving father of three sons: Jeremy (Amanda), DJ ( Savannah) and Zachary Shannon, and an even prouder grandfather to his eight grandsons: Jayce, Dalton, Jayden, Braelynn, Kyler, Titan, Camden, and Kyzer. To know Tony was to know how deeply he loved his family, he never left, or ended a call, nor walked away without first saying, "I love you."

Tony lived by the principle, "Family First" and he didn't just say it. He lived it. Whether cheering his sons on at the racetrack or supporting his grandsons at their sporting events, he was their biggest fan and loudest cheerleader. His life was filled with pride for the legacy he built, and he never missed a chance to brag about the boys who meant everything to him.

Tony was the beloved son of Sue Russell and the late Vaughn L. Shannon. Tony had only one sibling, a bother, Terry (Vanessa) Shannon who he loved dearly and lovingly called him "Red."

Tony is survived by the mother of his sons, Teresa Shepherd Robbins, a woman and a Best Friend who remained a constant presence in his heart and life, all the way through his final breath.

He is also survived by his nephew Jaylon Shannon, uncles, aunts, cousins, great niece's, and many friends!

Tony was blessed to have several special life long friends that were also constants in his life, they had his back from youth age til time he left this walk of life; Burt Sumner's, Basel Gunter, Darrell Wilson and Jason Brown!

Tony Shannon is and will be deeply missed by many, but we take comfort in knowing that he is now walking those streets of gold, hand in hand with his Heavenly Father, and reunited with his dad and other loved ones gone before him smiling down and telling stories of the sons and grandsons he loved more than anything.

Our hearts are shattered, but our faith remains strong. We love you, we miss you, and we will carry your memory in everything we do. Please keep our family in your prayers during this incredibly difficult time.

Until we meet again, We love you dad and one more time, Just like he always said back to us, "I LOVE YOU SON."

Receiving of family and friends will be July 29, 2025 from 5-7 and funeral will follow at 7:00 p.m. at SCHUBERT's Funeral Home with Brothers, Charles Webb and Josh Kidd officiating Tony's services!

We are honoring Tony's wishes in having traditionally funeral with cremation to follow! Rest in peace dad, your work here is done!

### Doug Sise, 55



Doug spent 35 years devoted to spending his Saturday nights at Wartburg Speedway. When he wasn't at the racetrack, you could find him cheering loudly on the sidelines of his grandkids' sporting events. He was their biggest fan, their loudest supporter, and always their problem solver.

Doug was also passionate about coaching and spent many years with the Wartburg Boys & Girls Club. He loved every child he worked with, treating them as his own and giving his all to his teams. A true Dallas Cowboys fan, Doug was known for his big heart, work ethic, and willingness to fight for those he loved. He worked hard all his life and held the same job since the age of 18 — a testament to his loyalty and dedication.

Doug was a man who would do anything for anyone. And if you thought differently, well... you just didn't know Doug. If Doug could leave one last message for the world, it would be: "Saturdays are for racing — don't ask me to do anything else!"

The family will receive friends Friday, August 1, 2025 at Schubert Funeral Home from 12:00-1:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 1:00 p.m. The service will be officiated by Brother Daniel Parker. Interment will follow in the Sunbright City Cemetery.

*Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Doug Sise.*

Doug Sise, age 55, of Wartburg, TN, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, July 27th, 2025, at 6:36 p.m. Doug was born on August 16th, 1969.

He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, son, brother and friend. Doug's greatest treasure in life was his family.

He is survived by his loving wife, Melissa Sise, and his children: Lacie and Josh Wilson, Dylan and Katlynn Sise, Dakota, and Devin Armstrong. Doug was a proud grandfather to eight beloved grandchildren: Raelynn, Rylan, Xander, Aaleiya, Lincoln, Nova, Zaylee, and Aliviah. He shared a special bond with his mother-in-law, Carol Armes; brother-in-law, Terry Kennedy and family; Tina and Mike Fritts; Amanda and Joedan Taylor; Angela and Jose; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Doug also leaves behind lifelong friendships, especially with Henry Taylor and many coworkers who became like family. To know Doug was truly to love him. Doug was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Ruth Sise; his brother, Tommy Sise; his sister, Teresa Kennedy; and his father-in-law, Terry Armes.

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— In Loving Memory —

**Barbara Elaine (Woods) Hall, 72**



Brianna Moore and Zackery Hall; son Eric M. Hall and children Savanna Hall and Taylor Branstetter; and son Shaun L. Hall and children Sean Steven Hall and Samantha Alyssa-Jo Hall. Brothers Leslie (Diane), Stanley (Cathy), and Wayne (Pam) Woods. Sisters Charlene Hall, Gail Walker, and sister in law Gail Woods.

Barbara Elaine (Woods) Hall, age 72, of Wartburg went home to be with the Lord on July 26, 2025. Barbara loved her boys and loved to crochet.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents Charlie and Estie Woods, infant siblings Mary Magdalene, Dolly, and Charles, brothers James, Gary "Pete" Woods, Robert Woods, and sisters June Francis, Betty Hawn and Helen Putz.

She is survived by her son James R. Hall and children

The family is receiving friends Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. with the funeral service to follow at 1:00 p.m. with Bro. Daniel Parker officiating. Interment will follow in the Morgan Memorial Gardens in Wartburg.

*Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Barbara Elaine (Woods) Hall.*

**Melinda Cherie Garrett, 57**



She is preceded in death by her mother Leta Garrett, step-father Dairl Garrett, father Jerry Taylor, and sister Amber Taylor.

She is survived by her loving husband Bill Garrett; daughters Christy Taylor and Emma Hawn; grandchildren Serenity "Princess" Shillings, William "Bubba" Shillings, William "Billy Bob" Hawn, Jonathan "Hot Rod" Hawn, Eli "Pickle" Hawn, Gunner "Romeo" Hawn, and Andrew "Andy Rae" Claunch, expected in November. She also leaves behind sisters Heather (Willie) Jones and Amanda Taylor; brothers Terry (Amy) Taylor, Hank Taylor, and Ronnie Taylor; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends who will carry her memory forward with love.

**Melinda Cherie Garrett**  
October 23, 1967 – July 26, 2025

Melinda Garrett, age 57, passed away surrounded by the love of her family. Born on October 23, 1967, to Henry "Jerry" Taylor and Leta Garrett, Melinda lived a life full of heart, grit, and unmistakable charm.

Melinda's smile could light up a room, and her giggle, pure and contagious, was unforgettable. She loved fiercely and without hesitation. If she loved you, you felt it in every word, every hug, and every laugh. And if she didn't—well, you likely knew that too. She was honest, strong-willed, and never afraid to speak her truth.

For 35 years, Melinda shared her life with her devoted husband, William "Bill" Garrett. They were inseparable, the truest of soulmates. Even when apart, her heart was never far from his. Together, they built a family and a life rooted not in material wealth but in love, laughter, and togetherness. Her greatest treasures were her children, her grandchildren, and time spent swapping stories and making memories.

Services will be held Wednesday from 5–7 PM at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg.

Melinda lived a hard, simple, and beautiful life. Her legacy is one of fierce love, laughter, and unshakable strength. She will be missed beyond measure.



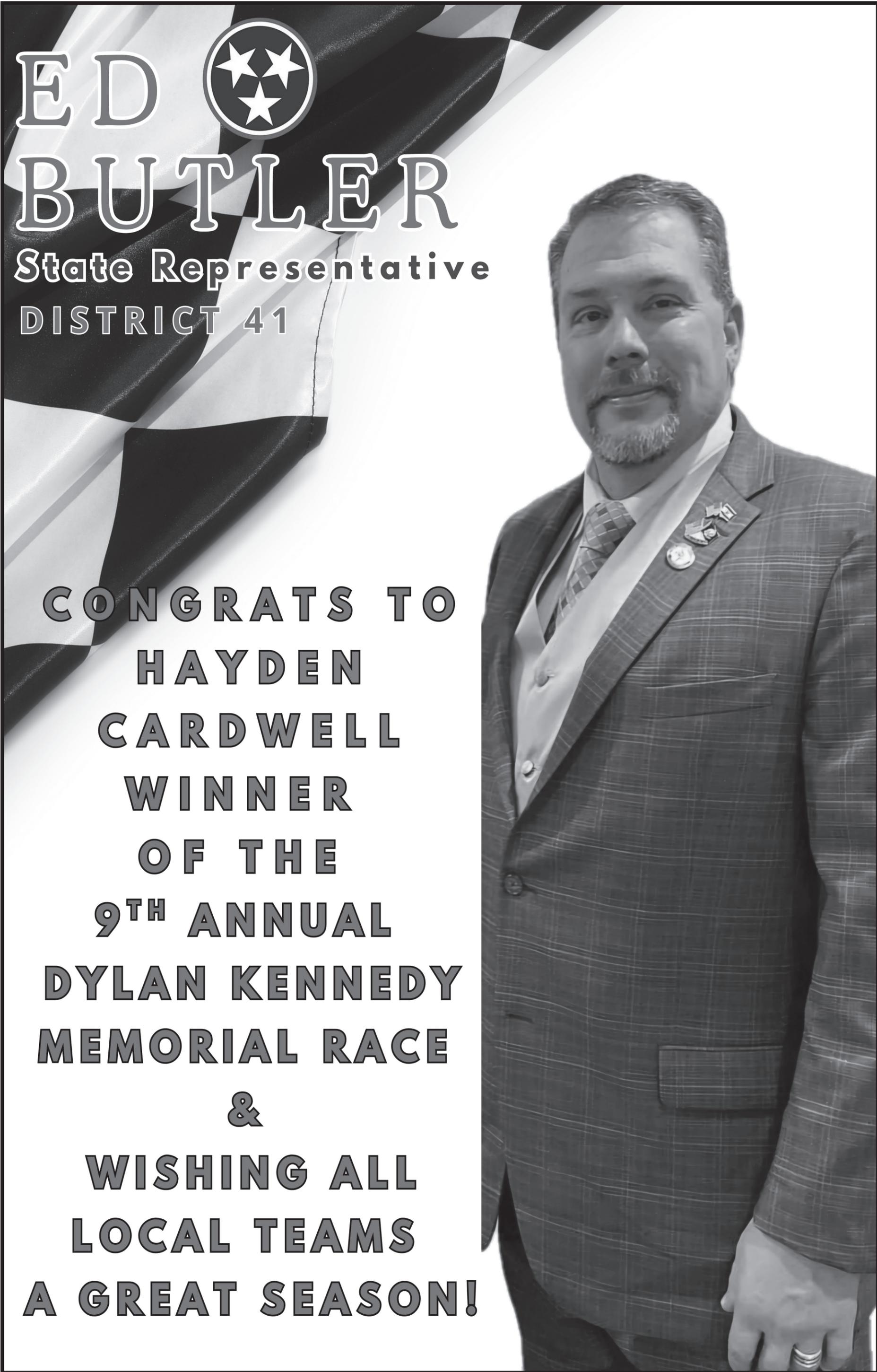
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**Psalm 86:4-5**

**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.**





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Oct. 31, 2025	at Sweetwater *	TBA



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Sep. 12, 2025	Oliver Springs *	7:00 PM
Sep. 19, 2025	Cumberland Gap	7:00 PM
Sep. 26, 2025	at Oakdale *	7:00 PM
Oct. 3, 2025	Greenback	7:00 PM
Oct. 17, 2025	Coalfield *	7:00 PM
Oct. 24, 2025	Scott	7:30 PM
Oct. 30, 2025	Midway *	7:00 PM

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Sep. 12, 2025	at Jellico	7:00 PM
Sep. 19, 2025	Oakdale *	7:30 PM
Sep. 26, 2025	Unaka	7:30 PM
Oct. 10, 2025	at Cloudland *	7:00 PM
Oct. 17, 2025	Cosby	7:30 PM
Oct. 24, 2025	at North Green *	7:00 PM
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Sep. 26, 2025	at Oneida	7:30 PM
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Oct. 17, 2025	at Wartburg Central *	7:00 PM
Oct. 24, 2025	Greenback *	7:00 PM
Oct. 31, 2025	at Oliver Springs *	7:30PM

Aug. 22, 2025	Rockwood	7:30 PM
Aug. 29, 2025	at Harriman	7:30 PM
Sep. 5, 2025	Bledsoe County *	8:00 PM
Sep. 12, 2025	CAK	7:30 PM
Sep. 19, 2025	at Tellico Plains *	7:30 PM
Sep. 26, 2025	Coalfield	7:30 PM
Oct. 3, 2025	at Oliver Springs	7:00 PM
Oct. 17, 2025	at Sweetwater	7:30 PM
Oct. 24, 2025	Polk County *	7:30 PM
Oct. 30, 2025	at ECCA	7:00 PM

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## Oakdale



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Aug. 29, 2025	at Jellico	7:00 PM
Sep. 5, 2025	Oliver Springs *	7:00 PM
Sep. 12, 2025	at Coalfield *	7:00 PM
Sep. 19, 2025	at Sunbright *	7:30 PM
Sep. 26, 2025	Wartburg Central *	7:00 PM
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## Hayden Cardwell Win's 9th Annual Dylan Kennedy Memorial Race

Knoxville dirt track driver Hayden Cardwell took the win in this year's 9th Annual Dylan Kennedy Memorial Race at the Wartburg Speedway Saturday, August 2, in an event that Billy Glen Kennedy told the Morgan County Today, "Has just kept on growing year after year since its inception. I'm very pleased with both the turnout for the race, as well as the participation in the event."

Billy Glen, owner of Schubert Funeral Home, has been partnering with track owner Raymond Shepherd to hold the Memorial Race that honors his son, Dylan Kennedy, who went to be with the Lord several years ago, by hosting the race close to the date that Dylan passed away. The winner's purse is \$12,037, in honor of the number 37 car that Dylan drove in his racing career.

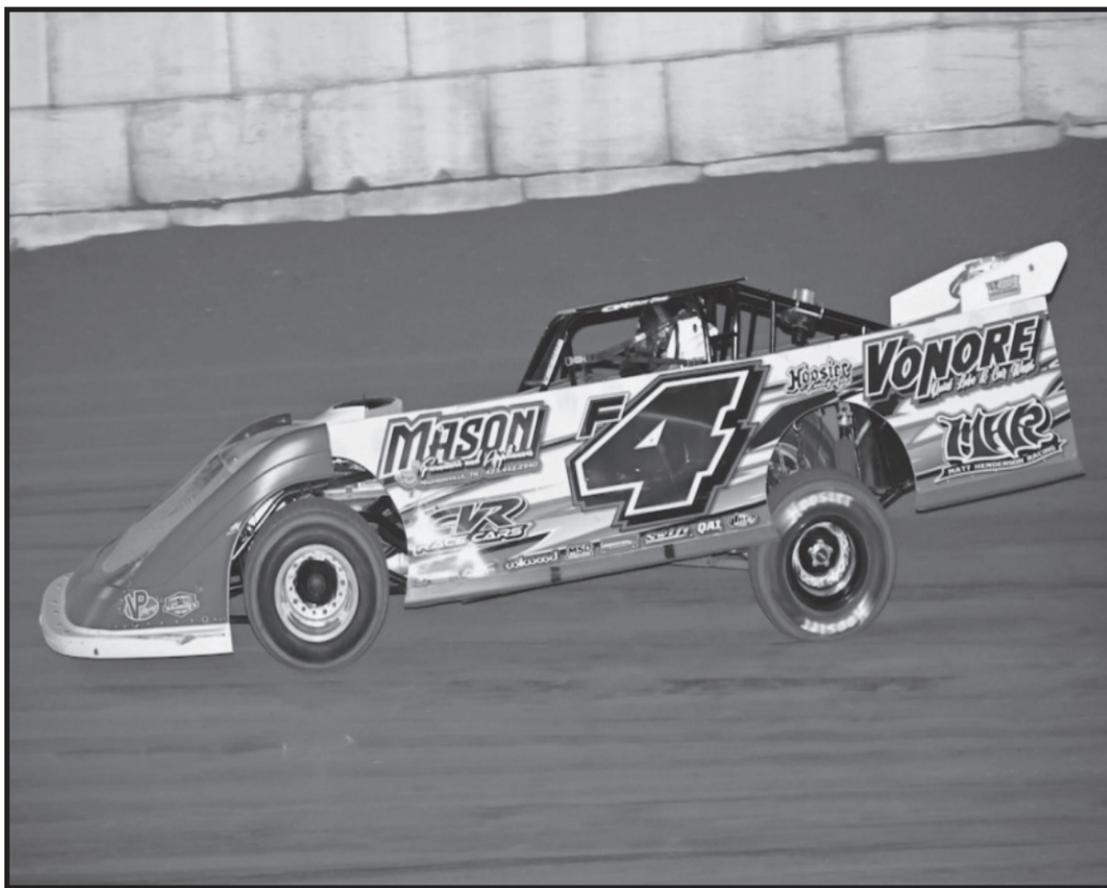
Billy Glen stated, "This year, we added a second race, a 'crate engine' race, to also honor Dylan. That will take place on Saturday, August 16. It is essentially a 'Part Two' to go towards honoring Dylan, and we're all excited to be doing it."

The turnout for the Saturday, August 2 race, according to Billy Glen was over 3,000. "The fan support was great and greatly appreciated. It just keeps getting better every year," he said.

With a payout of \$5,000 to the second place driver, and \$3,500 for third, the Dylan Kennedy Memorial is packed with incentive for any dirt track driver to come in, have a great time, and win some good prize money. This year, second place was taken by Dylan Kennedy's brother, Drew. "We also never have had and never will have an entry fee for the drivers. That's another thing that makes this race unique," Billy Glen Kennedy told the Morgan County Today.

He continued, "Next year, being the 10th Annual Memorial, we plan on doing a lot of very special things. We aim to make next year's event more of a Regional thing. I'm very excited about what we can do next year. We'll have a lot of new things planned."

So, stay tuned for more information as it becomes available regarding the 2026 10th Annual Dylan Kennedy Memorial Race. Fans and potential entrants can visit [Wartburgspeedway.com](http://Wartburgspeedway.com) for all the details.



Hayden Cardwell won a \$12,037 victory prize in the 9th Annual Dylan Kennedy Memorial Race on August 2, 2025 (G&A Racing Photography)



Hayden Cardwell salutes the Wartburg Speedway crowd after his victory. (G&A Racing Photography)



Eddie King Jr. had a wild ride; no injuries were reported. (G&A Racing Photography)

### New car interest deduction



David Zubler  
Columnist

One of the benefits of One Beautiful Bill is a deduction for car loan interest. However, it's important to know the rules before purchasing a vehicle.

Individuals may deduct interest paid on a loan used to purchase a qualified vehicle, provided the vehicle is purchased for personal use and meets other eligibility criteria. (Lease payments do not qualify.)

To qualify for the deduction, the interest must be paid on a loan that is:

- originated after December 31, 2024,
- used to purchase a vehicle, the original use of which starts with the taxpayer (used vehicles do not qualify),
- for a personal use vehicle (not for business or commercial use) and
- secured by a lien on the vehicle.

A qualified vehicle is a car, minivan, van, SUV, pickup truck, or motorcycle with a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 14,000 pounds that has undergone final assembly in the United States. Used cars, ATVs, trailers, and campers are not eligible for the deduction.

This deduction applies to purchases made from 2025 through 2028, with a maximum annual deduction of \$10,000.

The deduction is available for both itemizing and non-itemizing taxpayers.

The deduction phases out for individuals with a modified adjusted gross income exceeding \$100,000 (\$200,000 for joint filers). The deduction is reduced by \$200 for every \$1,000 your Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) exceeds these thresholds. For example, if your MAGI exceed the threshold by \$10,000, your deduction would be reduced by \$2,000.

If a qualifying vehicle loan is later refinanced, interest paid on the refinanced amount is generally eligible for the deduction.

The location of final assembly will be listed on the vehicle information label attached to each vehicle on a dealer's premises. Alternative-

ly, taxpayers may rely on the vehicle's place of manufacture as reported in the vehicle identification number (VIN) to determine whether a vehicle has undergone final assembly in the United States.

The VIN Decoder website, provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), offers information on the place of manufacture. Taxpayers can follow the instructions on that website to determine if the vehicle's place of manufacture was located in the United States.

The taxpayer must include the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of the qualified vehicle on the tax return for any year in which the deduction is claimed.

Lenders or other recipients of qualified interest must file information returns with the IRS and furnish statements to taxpayers showing the total amount of interest received during the taxable year.

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## Historically Speaking

Meet Kenneth D. Nichols,  
the Father of Oak Ridge

News Release:

**Oak Ridge Attacks Japanese**

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

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

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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 for the production of plutonium 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 twentieth installment of several articles covering the life and accomplishments of Kenneth D. Nichols, we learn of his great praise for Oak Ridgers, action during critical days August 6th - 14th, 1945, and reflections on the second bomb drop over Japan.

Colonel Kenneth D. Nichols awaited any news indicating Japan had surrendered after the bomb drop on August 6th. He recalls, "We were anxious to obtain the maximum shock effect from the first use of the bomb. If the impact were sufficiently devastating and if the surprise should catch the Japanese completely off balance, chances were that Japan would find it futile to continue their resistance. Further, to achieve even greater shock effect, it was felt necessary to deliver the second bomb as soon as possible after the first and to follow up with additional bombs until the Japanese government surrendered."

The nail-biting story of the second bomb's delivery is detailed in General Nichols' book, *The Road to Trinity, A Personal Account of How America's Nuclear Policies Were Made* at pages 203-206. Navy Commander Frederick Ashworth, the B-29 weaponeer on the mission, released "Fat Man" over Nagasaki on August 9th, 1945, almost not returning to base.

As soon as President Truman announced the first atomic bomb drop, Oak Ridge became a focus of the world with Groves and Nichols in particular. Stacks of information were ready to release to newspapers. Nichols was in demand to share as much information as allowable.

The local Oak Ridge Journal released long-awaited news of the miraculous secret of the atomic bomb, crediting the workers at Clinton Engineer Works (CEW), Hanford Engineer Works (HEW) and Los Alamos on August 9, 1945. The frontpage banner read "Oak Ridge Attacks Japanese". Feature columns on General Groves, "The Driving Force Behind Project" and Colonel Nichols were included but the frontpage focus was praise, thanks, acknowledgement and encouragement to the many workers, contractors and residents of Oak Ridge from Nichols.

"Teamwork Responsible, Nichols Says" included these words of praise from him, "These



**L>R: Colonel Frank Matthias, Deputy District Engineer (HEW), Colonel Kenneth D. Nichols, District Engineer (MED), and Navy Commander Frederick L. Ashworth, Nagasaki bombing. The Manhattan Engineer District emblem is shown on the airplane behind Matthias. (Courtesy of Atomic Heritage Foundation)**

people and organizations – scientific, engineering, contracting manufacturing, procuring and others – working in harmony among themselves, and with government agencies, deserve credit for the successful accomplishment of an almost impossible vast and complicated task."

"To Contractors, Workers and Residents of Oak Ridge: CONGRATULATIONS to all workers at the Clinton Engineer Works and to the people of Oak Ridge! You have done the impossible," begins the next column on the front page from K. D. Nichols. He concludes, "May [the energy of the atom] be used not only as an effective war weapon but in the future may it play a major part in humanity's service."

The feature column on Nichols starting at page 2 included description of the Manhattan Engineer District under his command, stating, "As District Engineer, Colonel Nichols has had supervision of approximately 125,000 persons, directly and under contractors, including construction, operational and supply personnel, twenty-two University contracts also come under his supervision." A thorough CV is published in the column as well as this personal description, "He is modest, friendly and self-effacing, and a champion of man's personal rights who dislikes to see people pushed around. Dynamic and driving in a manner belying his appearance, he sets a fast pace for his subordinates and pursues an objective with a tenacity which does not flag until all resources and avenues have been exhausted. . . . As one officer describes him, one of the secrets of his energy during the day is his ability to forget the job when he leaves it."

Nichols' neighbor June Adamson who shared a home with the Oak Ridge Journal's editor Francis Smith Gates recalls that the newspaper did not issue a special edition for the August 6th news. She wrote, "The greatest news break for Oak Ridge – the news of what the city was really all about – the atomic bomb – was also late be-

ing printed in the Oak Ridge Journal. For though Knoxville papers along with papers throughout the country, printed rare extras on bright colored newsprint and with double banner 72-point and even larger headlines, that Monday in August when Truman revealed that an atomic bomb had been loosed upon Japan, the Oak Ridge Journal did not print the news until the following Thursday. Mrs. Gates said, "No, we didn't think of getting out an extra. I was teased about the whole world scooping us on our own story, but there was enough glory for everyone, enough excitement to keep us buoyed up. Our staff was 'used' to brief the armies of visiting journalists who descended upon Oak Ridge."

Internally, Nichols issued a restricted letter August 11, 1945, to all CEW workers outlining the MED's three objectives:

1. - First use of the atomic bomb – objective met.
2. - Produce as many atomic bombs until Japanese capitulation. "Our fighting men will pay with their lives with delay on our part. We must not let them down. Production must not falter."
3. - Continue operations "to make secure the defense of our country."

Japan unconditionally surrendered on August 14th, 1945. Had that not occurred, more atomic bombs would have been dropped, more fighting and deaths endured, and more Purple Heart medals awarded. (There were half a million Purple Heart medals on hand at the end of the war in anticipation of an invasion.) American leaders, especially President Truman who was solely responsible for the decision to drop the bombs, avoided the need to explain to widows and mothers of the people who would have been lost in an invasion why they were willing to sacrifice those people to save the Japanese living in bombed areas.

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Nichols recalled, “The most important military effect was that it required only two atomic bombs to end the war. The Planned invasion of Japan was not necessary. The two bombs probably saved many tens of thousands of lives, and ending the war certainly justified the decision to use them.”

Typical of Nichols, he would not take credit for his contribution to winning the war, but commended others for their efforts. General Nichols reflected,

“The atomic bomb did not win the war; it ended it.”

And,

“I think they consider it could have been as many as a half a million [Allied] deaths and a million Japanese. [The atomic bomb was] a major contribution. But not comparable, say, to winning the war. Something like [General George S.] Patton breaking through at Saint-Lo or ... rescuing [Brigadier General Anthony] ‘Tony’ McAuliffe [Battle of the Bulge] – where you turn the tables on the Germans – why you can’t compare the two. They’re different fields. The glory is always the leader of men in combat. Winning is all that counts.”

And,

“I had my role, which I fulfilled to the full extent of my abilities. As a Corps of Engineers officer, I found more than enough satisfaction in the ultimate success of the project, the contribution it made to the surrender of Japan, and the saving of so many lives, not only American but Japanese as well. Success was due to teamwork of hundreds of organizations and tens of thousands of individuals. Groves was the strong project leader.”

Indeed, Groves was the strong project leader, who with Nichols’ and Oppenheimer’s leadership, and commitment to the project expectations, made the success of the Manhattan Project what it was.

Next up: Job Well Done, Part 1  
Grateful acknowledgements to K. David Nichols, Jr.; Ray Smith; Sandy Fye; Alan Carr; Quinn Argall; Dr. Bianka J. Adams, Alisa Whitley, Douglas J. Wilson and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Office of History; Emily (Westcott) and Don Hunnicutt; Michael Stallo and the staff at the Oak Ridge Public Library; Diane Gulley; Gerald A. Potts; and Bruce W. Scollin for their assistance with this article.

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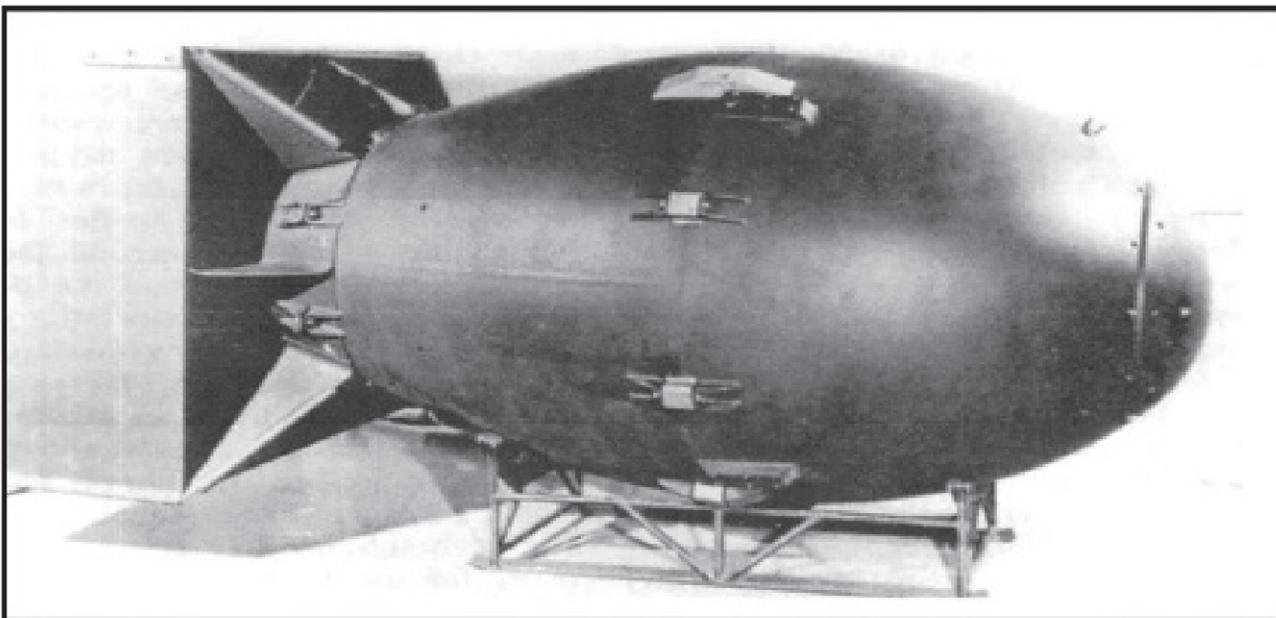
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Colonel Kenneth D. Nichols, MED District Engineer, holds first radio broadcast. Oak Ridge, TN, August 9, 1945. (Courtesy of American Museum of Science & Energy)



Colonel Kenneth Nichols autographs a napkin as his wife Jacqueline and two others look on. Photo by Ed Westcott. (Courtesy of Emily [Westcott] and Don Hunnicutt)



“Fat Man”  
Implosion-type plutonium bomb  
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# Acts Chapter 3



Melvin Howard

(Acts 3:1-10) the healing of the lame beggar: Earlier Luke had reported that the apostles were performing “many wonders and signs” (2:43). One such sign is about to be detailed. This incident provides the background for the first persecution of the apostles. Peter and John went up into the temple at the afternoon hour of prayer, three o’clock. The temple area, at the time of the evening sacrifice, afforded an excellent opportunity for teaching the gospel. The apostles met a man, past forty years of age (4:22), who

had been lame from birth---literally “out of the womb” (even before birth). This man was not psychosomatically impaired; he was congenitally lame.

The unfortunate man was carried each day to the “Beautiful” door of the temple. This door-gate was sixty feet wide and seventy-five feet high, fashioned of Corinthian brass. If this entrance was located at the eastern side of the Court of Women (also called “the treasury” (Jn. 8:20) as Josephus indicated (Wars of the Jews 5.5.3), then this man, a beggar, had shrewdly positioned himself to intercept those headed for the treasury with their gifts of money.

As the lame man saw the apostles about to enter the temple, he started asking them for money. Peter and John said, “Look at us.” The gentleman’s interest was excited; he anticipated a contribution. There is no evidence that the poor soul possessed any faith. The validity of the impending miracle was not dependent upon his faith. This case presents a severe blow to modern “miracle-workers” who dismiss their failures on the ground that the candidate did not have sufficient faith. Peter said, “Silver and gold have I none”---a glaring contrast to the “healers” of our day, who frequently are wealthy. By the authority of Christ, Peter commanded the man to walk (Greek: start walking and keep going).

The healed beggar praised God for this wonderful event. As a crowd observed the man, it began to dawn on them that this was the beggar who normally sat at the temple door. The people were amazed the man could walk. This is exactly the intended design of a miracle. The Jews will now be prepared to give their attention to the apostles’ teaching.

Certain “signs” would accompany the body of believers (Mk. 16:17). This does not mean that every believer would possess these gifts; rather, the gifts would authenticate the integrity of the movement. In Christ’s “name” (by his “authority” [Mt. 10:1]) they would cast out demons, speak with new tongues (a fresh way of speaking different national languages not learned in the normal fashion [Acts 2:4, 6, 8]). Certain disciples would be able to take up serpents (Acts 28:3); and should they happen to drink deadly poison, they would not be hurt. Tragically, numerous fatalities have punctuated the modern Pentecostal movement and others who do not understand the temporary role of miracles in the Christian system. Moreover, some would be able to heal the sick. The book of Acts is punctuated with such cases (3:1-10).

These signs were never intended to be perpetual. They were designed to “confirm,” establish the integrity of, the “word”---God’s written New Testament revelation (Heb. 2:2-4). Paul contends that the cessation of such gifts would come with the completion of the New Testament canon (see 1 Cor. 13:1-10).

(Acts 3:11-26) Peter’s sermon: The healed man remained with the apostles, and a great crowd gathered in Solomon’s porch. This was a covered area, about forty-five feet wide, that ran the eastern length of the Court of the Gentiles. It had two rows of pillars almost thirty-eight feet tall. Here the scribes held their schools and debates, and merchants and money changers plied their trades. Apparently the church met on occasion in this porch (5:12). Peter uses the circumstance to proclaim the message of Christ to the excited crowd. The apostle asks why there should be surprise at this miracle. Neither human power nor personal piety effected the wonder. God produced this miracle to glorify his Servant, Jesus. Note Peter’s courageous rebuke by the contrast drawn. God glorified his Servant, but you denied him and delivered him up, even when Pilate was determined to release him.

Further charges are leveled at the Jewish audience. Again, there is a contrast: they denied the “Holy and Righteous One” and asked for a murdered (Barabbas) (Mk. 15:7). Next: “You killed the prince of life, but God raised (him) from the dead.” Jesus is the source of all life, both physical and spiritual (Jn. 1:1; Col. 1:14-20). Does that say something about the sanctity of human life? What is the proof of the resurrection? “We are witnesses.” It is interesting that Peter did not say: “We were witnesses.” Instead he used a present tense. The evidence of Jesus’ resurrection is still with us---even in this glorious miracle just observed (4:30).

Verse sixteen is misunderstood by many. Modern charismatics argue that the statement implies that faith was requisite for the reception of a miracle. There is no support for that idea---either here or elsewhere in the Scriptures. The “faith” behind the miracle was that of Peter and John. Peter suggests that these Jews and their leaders crucified the Lord in ignorance. How does one harmonize this with other passages which appear to indicate that the murder of Christ was a deliberate, knowledgeable act (Mt. 21:38)? The solution may lie either in the degree of knowledge or in the classes of people involved. In any event, ignorance did not excuse them (17:30).

Peter argues that the death of Jesus was a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. Liberal scholars contend that “none” of the prophets, rather than “all” of them, spoke of Jesus’ suffering. Peter admonished his audience to act upon the facts of the gospel. The Jews are commanded to “repent” (see 2:38), which involves “turning away every one of you from your iniquities” (v. 26), and to “turn again” so that their sins may be “blotted out” (erased) and seasons of refreshing come from the Lord. This text and 2:38 complement one another wonderfully. Baptism is the means by which one “turns” to God. “Faith,” “repentance”, and “immersion” express changes in conviction, resolution, and relationship.

Christ was a divine “appointment” in the plan of God. And though the Lord is now in heaven, the Father will send Jesus back again (an allusion to the second coming). For the present, however: “He must remain in heaven until the time comes”. What is the “restoration of all things”? It is not universal salvation (Mt. 7:13-14), nor the reinstatement of national Israel. Rather, it is the fulfillment of God’s purpose in attempting to reclaim fallen humanity in the gospel age, the consummation of which will be Jesus’ return. Here are two crucial points from the context itself: (a) in the chronology of the passage, the second coming of Christ occurs after the “restoration,” not before it (as per millennialism). (b) The apostle specifically parallels the “time of the restoration of all things” (v. 21) with “these days,” the Christian age (v. 24).

Moses had foretold: “God will raise up unto thee a prophet...like unto me” (Dt. 18:15). Observe that Peter did not hesitate to attribute the book of Deuteronomy to Moses, unlike modern critics. There were several similarities between Moses and Jesus. Peter reminds his Hebrew brothers of their ancestral heritage. They are “sons of the prophets.” They were meant to share in the covenant blessings that God made with Abraham. Unto the Jews had the promises of the gospel first been granted; the Gentiles would come later (Rom. 1:16; Lk. 24:47). God’s Servant, the resurrected Christ, was sent to bless these people, but such blessing could be accessed only as each person turned away from sin in genuine conversion.

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