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I laughed when I heard about the inmate who tunneled out of jail and came up across the street in a children's

## Earl "Quick Draw" Adams met Jesus in the nick of time

playground. That inmate popped his head up through the ground and shouted, "I'm free. I'm free."

A little boy on the monkey bars looked at him and said, "Big deal. I'm four."

That goes to show some people aren't easily impressed. Not so for me. I was beyond impressed when I heard the story about a day in the life of Earl "Quick Draw" Adams, a decorated World War II veteran from Barbourville, Kentucky. The story was related by Jack Sellards, a long-time Barbourville resident and a well-known speaker for Gideons

International, the organization of Christian businessmen.

Sellards was leading a Bible study in the local jail when he saw Earl, a bona fide war hero with the medals and ribbons to prove it, sitting among the inmates, listening to his Gospel presentation.

"Tears streamed down Earl's face during the service," Sellards recalled. "A few days later, Earl came to our place of business. When he saw the flag waving in front of the store, Earl clicked his heels together and saluted the flag."

Earl walked in. He and Jack began a conversation that quickly moved to a discussion

of things eternal.

"Earl, have you ever been saved?" Jack asked.

"No."

"Earl, would you like to be saved?"

"When?" Earl asked.

"How about right now?" Jack replied.

Tears splatted on the floor as Earl prayed the sinner's prayer.

A few days later, Earl died.

Earl is remembered as a brave soldier who had fought his way across Europe. He had survived the Battle of the Bulge, the largest and bloodiest single battle fought by the U.S. in WWII. Some 19,000 Ameri-

cans were killed in that battle, many of them Earl's friends.

Yes, I'm impressed with Earl's story. His is a story of heroism, of a man who had lived with nightmarish memories from the front lines, of a good-natured man who, back home in Barbourville, would often pretend a quick draw when he met friends on the streets.

But I'm totally impressed that, just in the nick of time, Quick Draw made the most important decision of his life.

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## Just Hunting

by Steve Brewer

As we close out our year in "Just Hunting," I want to thank the The Estill County Tribune, Tracy, and Deloris, for allowing me to write about hunting and fishing. I know that those two things will never solve any problems you may have, but isn't it nice to know that just for a few minutes reading "Just Hunting," you are caught up in a Na-

tion of Two? Just your thoughts, and the article. I hope to return on January 6th, if I am welcomed back.

We have had a strange year; and living in an uncertain world. We know not what tomorrow holds, but my plans are to hunt and fish with you again, and write about our adventures. I enjoy reading the articles that Betty A. Young writes, maybe she could teach me some things about hunting. And she sure has a grasp on loving children, like I do. Keep up your articles, and I will keep reading.

As for my new friend Tracy, I let every adventure he recalls from his past, soak into my book of memories. As an old man, I know what it is like to revisit our childhood, and past. I live a lot of time in my other world. Thank you, Tracy and Delores, for putting up with me, and I hope to see everyone in a new time, in a new year. Till then, Merry Christmas, and I wish everyone, "God's Speed"

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## Estill Farm Bureau recognized for outstanding membership and program achievement



Estill County Farm Bureau was recognized during the 101st Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) annual meeting in Louisville for its outstanding membership and program achievement in 2020. The award honors county Farm Bureau offices that meet the company's profitability requirements and whose insurance policy growth meets or exceeds its annual growth goal. Kenneth Rice, shown above, President of Estill County Farm Bureau, was acknowledged as the award recipient by Mark Haney, President of Kentucky Farm Bureau, John Sparrow, Executive Vice President and CEO of KFB Insurance, and Drew Graham, Executive Vice President of the KFB Federation, during a portion of the general session on December 4.



This is the Fitchburg School group from 1953-54 posted on Estill County Ky. History and Genealogy, courtesy of Steve Borne who thinks the boy in the middle with the jacket on is Calvin Tipton (born 1943). Other possible Tipton kids are Chester (1939), Tony (1941) and Bobby (1945). According to Mary Rucker, Madeline Bellamy was once a teacher there and some Bellamy kids may have attended. If you can identify any of these, call us (ECT at 723-5012), email us <news@estilltribune.com> or post it in the ECKHG Facebook site.

## TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



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## Estill County

### 4-H Youth Development

Taylor Miles

Estill County Extension Office

Call the Extension Office for details

### Estill County Shooting Sports

Estill County 4-H Shooting Sports program is beginning their sign-ups for the new program year. It is open to all youth 9-18 years of age (must have reached 9th birthday as of Jan. 1, 2021 and not reached their 19th birthday as of Jan. 1, 2021.) This program is a wonderful opportunity for young people to safely learn and enjoy the sports of shooting under the guidance of certified coaches and volunteers. Learn about four disciplines offered through the program including archery, rifle, pistol, and shotgun! Shooting Sports Requirements: youth must complete the Hunter's Education Course (<https://fw.ky.gov>). If participating in .22 pistol, youth must be at least 12 years of age (as of Jan. 1, 2021.) The first meeting is still being determined at this time. Call our office at 606-723-4557 (8:00a.m.- 4:30p.m.). You must call the office to sign up, no Facebook messages or voicemails will be accepted.

### 4-H County Ham Project

The 4-H Country Ham project teaches youth the tradition of curing country hams. The 2021 Country Ham project will begin in January with the participants learning to clean and cure their own ham(s) and will end in August at the Kentucky State Fair. Youth participants will need to: complete 6 hours of training under the supervision of a certified livestock volunteer, and give a 3-5 minute presentation at the Kentucky State Fair or an essay on a required topic. Call 606-723-4557 to sign up before the deadline on December 11, 2020. Also note, all youth must be 4-H age 9-18 (must have reached 9th birthday as of Jan. 1, 2021 and not reached their 19th birthday as of Jan. 1, 2021) and accompanied by an adult.

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