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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 known speaker for Gideons quickly moved to a discussion in WWII. Some 19,000 Ameri-

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

playground.

head up through the ground and shouted, "I'm free. I'm study in the local jail when he free."

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

That goes to show some presentation. people aren't easily impressed. impressed when I heard the decorated World War II veteran from Barbourville, Kentucky. The story was related by Jack Sellards, a long-time Bar-

International, the organization of things eternal. That inmate popped his of Christian businessmen.

> Sellards was leading a Bible saved?" Jack asked. saw Earl, a bona fide war hero with the medals and ribbons saved? inmates, listening to his Gospel

"Tears streamed down Not so for me. I was beyond Earl's face during the service," Sellards recalled. "A few days story about a day in the life of later, Earl came to our place of Earl "Quick Draw" Adams, a business. When he saw the flag waving in front of the store, Earl clicked his heels together and saluted the flag."

bourville resident and a well- began a conversation that single battle fought by the U.S. or <u>rogeralford1@gmail.com</u>.

"No."

"When?" Earl asked.

replied.

as Earl prayed the sinner's met friends on the streets. prayer.

A few days later, Earl died.

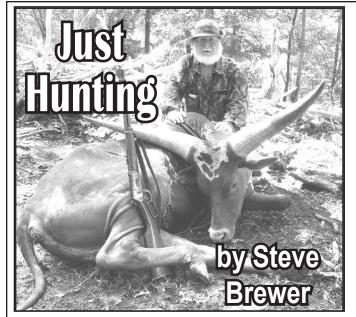
brave soldier who had fought important decision of his life. his way across Europe. He

cans were killed in that battle, "Earl, have you ever been many of them Earl's friends.

Yes, I'm impressed with Earl's story. His is a story of her-"Earl, would you like to be oism, of a man who had lived with nightmarish memories from the front lines, of a good-"How about right now?" Jack natured man who, back home in Barbourville, would often Tears splatted on the floor pretend a quick draw when he

But I'm totally impressed that, just in the nick of time, Earl is remembered as a Quick Draw made the most

Roger Alford is pastor of had survived the Battle of the South Fork Baptist Church. Earl walked in. He and Jack Bulge, the largest and bloodiest *Reach him at 502-514-6857* 



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 one in a new time, in a new year. Till then, Merry hunting and fishing. I know that those two things Christmas, and I wish everyone, "God's Speed" will never solve any problems you may have, but isn't it nice to know that just for a few minutes *EstillTribune.com> and message is automat*reading "Just Hunting", you are caught up in a Na- ically forwarded.

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 every-

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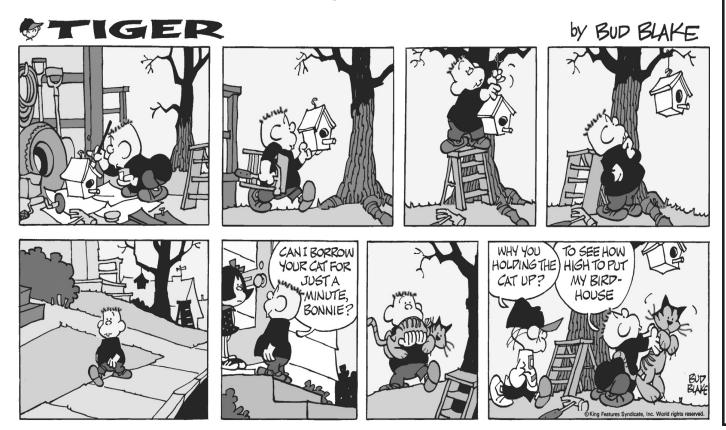


## **Estill Farm Bureau recognized** for outstanding membership and program achievement



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.





**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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