



Just Hunting

by Steve Brewer

Well our trip to Canada is now over. It is time to talk about some local hunts, with local hunters that you know and see from time to time. We have three such hunts backlogged, and we will get to them as fast as we can, until 'Santa Season' takes over.

This week we will hunt with Brian Riddell. Brian is my neighbor and friend. Here is his story. Brian has been hunting for 32 years. He started hunting with his dad at the age of 9 years old. That is also the year he took his first deer. He took it with his dad's thirty-five Marlin. They were hunting in Trimble County.

The big buck he took this year was somewhat a surprise: he never knew it was in the area. In other words, this is the way we did it before trail cams. He found the rubs, saw where he found signs, and went into the Daniel Boone National Forest, the old fashion way. He had scouted for his deer; he found three gi-

ant rubs and knew the big boy was there. He figured out where they were eating. He found an oak ridge and a place they were bedding. It was 'Game on.'

On the evening of November 5th, he got to his hunting ground somewhat late. Within 15 minutes, he heard two deer running behind him. It was a buck chasing a doe. When he turned to look at them, he was somewhat disappointed. It was an eight-pointer for sure, but not the buck that was making all the rubs.

They stayed just out of range, and dark was coming fast. He figured he just as well play some with the buck. His mind was set. He wasn't going to waste a tag on this buck when he knew a really big boy was in there. He snort wheezed and the buck looked up the hill at him. Again he snort wheezed; the buck followed suit. He was coming, but so was darkness.

Then to Brian's surprise, he heard, turning over to his left. He let out a soft whisper, 'Oh my God.' Walking stiff-legged, hair up on his body, licking his nose every step, he made the turn Brian needed, and let his bolt fly from his crossbow. Brian was using a red lighted tip and a Ten Point Titan crossbow, a top of the line setup.

Brian climbed down, called his brother to come and help. Brian was in a state of shock. His brother got there. They were over three hours getting the big deer to the truck well after dark. He field dressed 224 pounds, and measured 75/8 inches at the base. He has yet to be scored, but is a trophy in anybody's book.



Estill County Hunter Brian Riddell

Brian did it right, scouting, scent control and calling, and getting in the woods. Tip of my hat to you, my friend, for a job well done.

If you would like to share your story with us, please contact me by way of this newspaper.



AT LEFT: The 2020 Census Quilt will be on display in the meeting room at the Estill County Public Library for two weeks, December 2-14, 2019. The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives is pleased to collaborate with the Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association (KEHA) and the U.S. Census Bureau to promote the 2020 Census. KEHA worked with the U.S. Census Bureau to create a unique quilt featuring one square from each of Kentucky's 120 counties. The special quilt will travel statewide demonstrating that each county matters, and reminding viewers that every person must be counted for Kentucky to have appropriate congressional representation and federal funding. The 2020 Kentucky Census Quilt was unveiled at The National Quilt Museum in Paducah.

WIGWAM Restaurant

Homemade Desserts

Savage Omelet

Catfish Dinner

Wednesday and Friday Specials

Country Ham Breakfast

Mon.-Thur. 7a-9p
Fri. & Sat. 7a-10p
Sunday, 8a-9p

723-3240

Breakfast All Day
Eat In/Carry Out
We Deliver!

Library Happenings

Estill Public Library

by Shannon Horn

Have you ever gone home from work thinking that you forgot to do something, but you just can't remember what? That was me two weeks ago. I completely forgot to write an article for last week. It slipped my mind until I saw the paper laying on the desk. There are several things that I need to tell you about, so without further ado...

Local Artist Showcase

A local artist showcase has been organized in our community room. There will be all kinds of pieces of art for everyone to come in and look at. The showcase will run from December 2nd to the 20th. Just stop in and take a look! Unless there is a program going on in the room, you can stop in and check it out.

Homeschool Enrichment

I just wanted to give a shout out to First Lieutenant Mitch Plowman for coming and speaking to our homeschool group on the 21st. He did a phenomenal job explaining what it means to serve in the military. It was a very interesting presentation and we all enjoyed it. Our next homeschool meeting will be on (Thursday) December 12th at 1:00 p.m. We will be making stuffed Christmas trees for residents at the nursing home.

Art with Sandy

Sandy will be back for another Crafternoon session on December 11th. They will be painting a snow scene. If you have any questions about this program, call the library at 723-3030 and ask for Lesa.

Holiday Festivities

Christmas is coming up! It is literally weeks away. I may be just a little bit excited. Ok, I'm a lot excited. We will be doing some fun things here at the library to celebrate. Our Teen Club and the Homeschool Group will be making Christmas Tree toys for the residents at the nursing home. On December 18th we will have our annual Nutcracker Sweet. That same day Santa will be coming to visit the Storytime kids. He will be here at 10:30. We will have their Christmas party that day. We ask that you bring a \$5 gift to give in the gift exchange. The Baby&Me Christmas party with Santa will be on the 20th. They will also need to bring a \$5 gift.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season. You'll be hearing from me soon!

Christmas on GLORY STREET

Saturday DEC 7TH

chili supper 5:00 PM

The CALVARY HEIRS

at **Calvary Baptist Church**
 21 GLORY STREET IRVINE, KY
 606.723.2416

to benefit **FUSION**
ROMANS 12:1-2

LOVE OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN
CHILI SUPPER IN FELLOWSHIP HALL FROM 5:00PM-6:30PM (DONATIONS ACCEPTED).
 ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL GO TO CALVARY'S FUSION YOUTH GROUP TO HELP SEND TEENS TO CHURCH CAMP IN JULY!