The photo below shows Audie Murphy’s homecoming to Farmersville in June of 1945. Today a historical marker on this location commemorates his homecoming.

Audie Murphy Day is an annual commemoration of this homecoming that seeks to celebrate our local veterans while perpetuating the memory of Audie Murphy.
MEDALS AWARDED TO AUDIE MURPHY

- World War II Victory Medal
- Army of Occupation
  With German Clasp
- Armed Forces Reserve Medal
- Combat Infantryman Badge
- Marksman Badge with Rifle Bar
- Expert Badge with Bayonet Bar
- French Fourragere
  In colors of the Croix de Guerre
- French Legion of Honor, Grade of Chevalier
- French Croix de Guerre
  With Silver Star
- French Croix de Guerre with Palm
- Medal of Liberated France
  Medal of Honor
  Distinguished Service Cross
  Silver Star
  With first Oak Leaf Cluster
  Legion of Merit
  Bronze Star
  With “V” Device and First Oak Leaf Cluster
  Purple Heart
  With Second Oak Leaf Cluster
- U.S. Army Outstanding Civilian Service Medal
- Good Conduct Medal
- Distinguished Unit Emblem
  with First Oak Leaf Cluster
- American Campaign Medal
- European-African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal
- Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940 Palm

MEDAL OF HONOR CITATION

Rank & Organization: Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army, Company B., 15th Infantry, 3d Infantry Division

Place and Date: Near Holtzwihr France,
26 January 1945

Entered Service at: Dallas, Texas

Birth: Hunt County, near Kingston, Texas
G.O. No. 65, 9 August 1945.

Citation: 2d Lt. Murphy commanded Company B, which was attached by 6 tanks and waves of infantry. 2d Lt. Murphy ordered his men to withdraw to prepared positions in a woods, while he remained forward at his command post and continued to give fire directions to the artillery by telephone. Behind him, to his right, 1 of our tank destroyers received a direct hit and began to burn. Its crew withdrew to the woods. 2d Lt. Murphy continued to direct artillery fire which killed large numbers of the advancing enemy infantry. With the enemy tanks abreast of his position, 2d Lt. Murphy climbed on the burning tank destroyer, which was in danger of blowing up at any moment, and employed its .50 caliber machine gun against the enemy. He was alone and exposed to German fire from 3 sides, but his deadly fire killed dozens of Germans and cased their infantry attack to waver. The enemy tanks, losing infantry support, began to fall back.

For an hour the Germans tried every available weapon to eliminate 2d Lt. Murphy, but he continued to hold his position and wiped out a squad which was trying to creep up unnoticed on his right flank. Germans reached as close as 10 yards, only to be mowed down by his fire. He received a leg wound, but ignored it and continued the single-handed fight until his ammunition was exhausted. He then made his way to his company, refused medical attention, and organized his company in a counterattack which forced the Germans to withdraw. His directing of artillery fire wiped out many of the enemy; he killed or wounded about 50. 2d Lt. Murphy’s indomitable courage and his refusal to give an inch of ground saved his company from possible encirclement and destruction, and enabled it to hold the woods which had been the enemy’s objective.