Sweet and Sout

By Zi Graves



Apple Butter
For awhile today I thought my
followers would have to look elsewhere for a bit of folkore to kill a few
minutes of time with. When I went
my memory box it was empty. Not a
stred of one was to be found, so,
thinking I had probably hid them
somewhere else or the demon of age
(loss of memory) devoured them,
probably the latter, I closed up the
word processor and headed for the
recliner.

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Then I heard Polly and Chuck in the kitchen. Their cheery voices brought reality back and when they told me they had brought someting that would keep me busy awhile I knew their instinct for my need of something to do in time of stress had alerted them. So here they were with several containers of peeled and sliced apples ready to be made time apple butter. Chuck had told me a few days carlier they were drying apples for Any Change be Volume a few they can in the Vision and the Vision and Vision a

time they began bearing fruit there was never a shortage of crisp tart apples to meet our needs nor that of our neighbors.

This was one orchard that was never sparyed. Mat allways said, "What isn't good enough for a worm isn't good enough for me and mine." He simply did not like the poison isn't good enough for me and mine. He simply did not like the poison is not good enough for me and mine. He simply did not like the poison is not good enough for me and mine. He poison couldn't. Therefore when did not the poison couldn't. Therefore when apple batter, apple sauce or a big cobbler pie made from them, was served at my table one could be sure served at my table one could be sure he was eating plain old wholesome

he was eating plain old wholesome food.

Befpre we began using fruit from hose certified orchard trees, we used apples from those grown from seed-ings in the front yard. Now talk about apples, they were like none? I have ever seen or eaten from any orchard. One big use astood just below the yard and bone its first fruit the first year we lived there. It was a big red apple that present one and had to held off tempation to eat it as such. When it had almost reached maturity, probably the size of a soft ball, and its checks were turning a rosy red, and tempation was getting the best of my control, I decided 1 had waited long enough and started down the path toward the tree with its one big prize on it, when suddenly a small figure

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stepped in front of me and calmly reached up and placked it, took a big bite and called to his faither, a short chain of the step of the step, and boy is it ever a good one. (The urgo to kill ways strong, maybe if his dad hadn't been there a little boy's cropes would have been found in my front yard with a half caten red apple clutched between his tech.)

That tree usually bore apples every two years, never found out what kind it was, but the quality and quantity of the fruit is bore was unbelievable. When it ripened the multi-cord red skin would burst and reveal an almost red tinted meat inside filled obsursting with lart juice. I called this

to bursting with tart juice. I called this my apple-butter tree. The apple butter made from it seemed to absorb all the qualities of color and quaint flavor no

qualities of color and quantitavor no other apple had. Then there was my apple-sauce tree. The tree farther up in the yard also had an exceptional quality of flavor and quantity. The apples on it were almost transparent in color and

the meat inside was white with clear juice dripping from every slice when it it was cut. The large smooth it is skinned, apples were easily peeled and apple-sauce made from them and almost pure white with a flavor that didn't need sugar to enhance it, years I sent two dozens pint jars of it t, to share with 'Mother Graves, to share with 'Mother Graves, and she citommented, that it was the best anole-sauces be had ever easily

apple-sauce she had ever eaten.
I could sit here and bemoan the apple-sauce she had ever eaten.

I could sit here and bemoan the fate of two important apple trees I watched grow up, produce shade for the weary, limbs to climb on for the young, and fruit for the hungry before reaching maturity and blown down by an unfriendly wind storm. But that is life, not only for natures beloved trees but for mankind as well. See, Polly and Chuck, realizing 'Idle hands are the devils workshop brought something to keep them busy. Now I have a pan of apples ready to put in the oven and when it is ready that the product of the product

identifies him with the downtredden of the world. Cash knows what it is like to be at the bottom of humanity's heap. The "hard-scrabble" life ho sensitivity to the struggles of his felo to assistivity to the struggles of his felo to assistivity to the struggles of his felow-human beings. He has become a true "poet of the people."

Johnny Cash scems to me to be an authentic human being. Someone is authentic human being. Someone is authentic human to large.

authentic human being. Someone is authentic when the outer image that he projects is the same (or nearly the same) as who he is inside. An authen-tic person does not pretend to be something he or she is not. An au-thentic person knows himself or herthentic person knows himself or her-self and does not engage in games, sham or trickery when in the pres-

non and trouble, he has come to the point at which he knows who he is and accepts himself as such. He nei-ther flaunts his differences nor tries to mimic the fads. He is, simply him-self. I wish for all of us that kind of

self. I wish for an of us usar kind or authenticity. [If you are online these days, check out Classmates.com, here you can find high school classmates from your school and your year, and you can register so they can find you. There is no charge for the basic service.]

## Our Readers Write

Dear Editor:
Although Christians claim they are less likely to kill because their God commandsthem notto kill, there exists the distinct possibility that they will, indeed, kill, if they think their God tells them to. We've scen it before, throughout history.

See, I know killing is wrong because my reason tells me it's wong, but the only thing keeping a Christian

from killing is, apparently, the Com-roandment not to kill. Now, some people, mostly Christians, will take this to be an outrageous statement. Of course Christians won't kill! How silly! But then, may I ask, why did David kill Goliath?

Sincerely, James L. Hartley Henderson, KY

## The Family Room

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You Can Go Home Again
They say, "You can't go home
ain," but a few months ago I did.
Home for the first eighteen year
my life was Centertown, Ken

again," but a few months ago I did. Home for the first eighten years of my life was Centerrown, Kentecky, Located in Ohio County, Centertown is not exactly a booming metropolitan area: three hundred people on a good day and not very exiting. One visitor described it as the only cemetery he had ever seen with street light surf drive passed. The again the strength of the strength o

funcral home, a gas station and one beauty shop.

My first stop was the cemetery. This was my main reason for return-ing: I came to talk to Dad. There is something about being in that place that makes me feel closer to him.

Snow was still on the ground as I made my way down the hill to his grave. I cleared the snow of his tombstone and spent the next hour thinking and talking. Graveyards are wonderful places:

quiet, tranquil and conducive to think-ing, especially on a day when there is four inches of snow on the ground. I

had the place pretty much to myself.

As I stood looking at Dad's grave,
I shifted my gaze a little to the right
and saw his father's grave, another

slight shift of my eyes, and I could see my great grandfather's grave. Three generations were buried within a few feet of each other. Another of my great grandfathers is buried on the other side of the hill.

As a stood aminus to feasistones, Ifel a connection with these men. I all as fel a deep sense of gratitude to a soy father and the others: they worked hard to give me opportunities that they never had. Dad had no chance to go to college. He graduated from high school in the midst of the Great Depression and immeridated y went to work to help support his nine brothers and sisters. He did, however, make certain that his soon and daughter had the opportunity to attend college. When! If inside visiting with Dad, I drove around town. Almost every street and every corner carried a memory of me: playing ball with Rex, science experiments with Jerry and recess on the playground. Not all memories; are pleasant: I saw the I felt a connection with these men. I

and recess on the playground. Not all mand recess on the playground. Not all mand recess on the playground. Not all more received the playground of the play

Johnny Cash Is An Authentic Human Being Johnny Cash was recently hon-ored by the Kentucky Center for The Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. It was an auspicious occasion honor-ing Cash and four others for their

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contributions to the performing arts.
The tributes to Cash were particularly moving for me.
His wife, June Canter Cash has described his face as "looking lived in."
Cash's face shows the evidence in."
Cash's face shows the evidence of a
life lived on the edge. Each of those
wrinkles has a good reason for being
there. At one point in his life, Cash
was on drugs. At times it looked as if
he would never fulfill his mother's
rediction. "Cod has laid his hands
on you, Son. I don't know what for,
but he's laid his hand on you,
the's laid his hand on you,
the's laid his hand on you,
Frediction with he gives for
you her laid his life.
Present tohonor Cash at this event
were singers Kris Kristofferson, Lyle
you have been blacklisted by the music
radio show in the fifties when Seeger
had been blacklisted by the music
industry, Kristofferson ang "Sunindustry. Fusiofferson ang "Sunindustry.

had been blacklisted by the music industry. Kristofferson sang "Sun-day Morning Coming Down" and reflected on Gash's contribution to

day Morning Coming Down" and reflected on Gash's contribution to country music.

There were not many dry eyes in the house when Kristofferson. Lovel, Harris and Roseanna Cash joined with the choir to sing "Till Fly Away." In fact Lyan almost cerain that I saw a tear in the eye of fellow Arkansas native BIII Clinton. Cash, with less than an advanced formal education, was honored by two former Rhodes Scholars that evening, BIII Clinton and Kris Kristofferson. The President stangalong with the choir on "Till Fly Away," and he really did know all the words.

There were also tears in the eyes of the guess of honor. Cash is older words. The control of the control

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I received an article from a brother that he saw in the newspaper, emitted "8 Compelling Reasons Why Christ Is Coming Very Soon" Let's notice two passages. Mait 24 36, "But of that day and home househ in moment, mo, not the angels of herver, ho my believe only." And again in Thees 51-2, "But of the innexant the sections, therefore, by home noneed that Vurte must you. For younsecks home perfectly that the day of the Lord six coming. There are NO SIGNS given concerning when the Lord is coming. There are NO SIGNS given concerning when the Lord is coming. There are NO SIGNS given concerning when the Lord is coming. There are NO SIGNS given concerning when the Lord is coming. The article said that there are 190 converging class? that give evidence that he is soon coning. The Lord could come any moment, or he could come 1000 years from now. NOBODY in this world knows? If folks would just believe God, they would not be mislead by these false prophets. Jesus has promised to certum. In 143, and I believe this promise, but nobody knows when So, the exhortation is to always be ready for his return. This is done by becoming a Christian, and kiving a taithful file nut to the Lord. Are you ready for his return. A vour each of his return. A vour each of his return. The your ready to de? Let us know if we can help.

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Tentative Schedule
Mon., Sept. 18th: Calloway, Red
Hill, Livingston, Lamero.
Tues, Sept. 19th: Pine Hill, Maple
Grove, Climax, Three Links.
Wed., Sept. 20th: Spiro, Level
Green, Willailla.

Kiwanis Club

The Rockcastle Kiwanis meets Thursday at noon at the Kastle Inn Restaurant. All visitors are wel-

Marine Corps League Marine Corps League
Bluegrass Chapter 1012 of the Marine Corps League meets every
fourth Thursday of the month at the
Igloo Club at the Bluegrass Army,
Depot. For more info. call Jack
Dimer at 369-7310 or Nathan Seals
at 256-0741.
VA Rep. Here

VA representative will be at the Rockcastle County Courthouse the first and third Mondays of each month behind County Judge/ Executive's office from 9 a.m. to 2

Conway TOPS
TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly).
We are celebrating with an Hawai-ian Open House Thursday, August 31st at 7 p.m. For more info. call 256-3633, 256-9448 or 1-800-932-TOPS. TOPS meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at BRVFD.

R.A.A.P. Meeting R.A.A.F. MEETING
Rockcastle Adoption Agency for
Pets Inc. meets the first Sunday of
each month at 2 p.m. Help build an
animal shelter in Rockcastle
County. Call Terry at 758-9202 or
Vickie 256-5183 for directions.

RCHS SBDM

The RCHS SBDM Council will hold its regular monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the RCHS Conference

Saddle Club
The Rockeastle County Saddle
Club meets the first Monday of each
month at the clubhouse on Hwy.
1326 (old Brodhead Road) at 7 p.m.
A potluck dinner is served. The directors meet the last Thursday of
each month if called by the Saddle
Club president. Questions? Comments? call 758-4706

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LEAP

LEAP will be having their regular monthly meeting Friday, Sept. 15th at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Rabies Vaccination Clinic
Frodhead Volunter Fire Dept.,
Mon., Sept. 18th; Livingston Volunter Fire Dept., Tues., Sept. 19th;
Brindle Ridge Volunter Fire Dept.,
from 4 to 6 p.m. at all fire dept.,
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Thurs., Sept. 21st; Dr. Adams Ved.
9 am. to noon. 55 per dog or catt, all
dogs and cats must be on a leash or
in a pet cage. Sponsored by Dr.
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Cartersville Ruritan Fish Fry all you

Cartersville Rustan Fish Fry all you can eat, Sept-16th from 4 to 8 p.m. Adults 55, children \$2.50, Cartersville Rüritan Park on Harmon Lick Rd., 1/4 mi. off Hwy. 954. Everyone welcome.

Due to a scheduling conflict, s pictures for Rockcastle Co. M School have been postponed Fri., Sept. 22nd.

RCMS SBDM

The School Based Decision-Mak-ing Council for RCMS will meet the 4th Monday of each month at 3:30 p.m. if there is no school, there will be no meeting.





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