

# Sweet and Sour

By Zi Graves

**Inspiration**  
A visit from Chad and Angie last night was such a pleasant surprise I turned my word processor off in the middle of my column. Forget it immediately and enjoyed the company. I had been hungering for someone I could honestly talk to and with what an evening we had.

Angie had to leave early (she is involved in her work and learned there isn't much time left for good old discussions of what make the world tick and how we could possibly make it tick a little louder. I wouldn't be surprised if one of these days we will be joining Ann with her well earned degree of Doctorate. It took Ann several years of dedicated work to earn and have the word Doctor added to sociologist. Angie has the same kind of determination and ability to reach any goal she sets for herself.

After going over the discomforts and problems associated with the aging process and short comings of the medical care we received from a generation not trained in understanding we switched to more things we could do something about.

Our topic now was what prayer and unity of the churches can do for a world gone awry from the lack of working together for the benefit of humanity. To begin with Chad spoke of how much the First Baptist Church has grown and the attitude of the membership has changed since he moved to Lexington. He noticed the fellowship and depth of interest in prayer and dedication to working as a church instead of individual members. He pointed out something I had never seriously thought about before. "We do not have to be in a building to call it church." WE ARE THE CHURCH. We only make up the congregation.

Chad brought on the part the Gazebo in the square played in our lives when Sue Hamm was awakened from sleep one night by an "invisible voice" and was told to get together people to devote one hour a

warm handshake. Those prayers offered by faithful believers in God's mercy and love were heard and answered. United we stand, divided we fall.



Thank you, God, for Bluegrass Music! (And mark your calendars for March 1.)  
Thank you for the mandolin and the five-string banjo, for the fiddle and the flat-top guitar and the bass and dobro. Thank you for the voices and the folks to whom you gave that high tenor harmony. You soothe my soul. Oh Lord, with "Blue Moon of Kentucky" and a thousand other Psalms even if they are not necessarily associated with Solomon.  
In the auditorium at Estill County High School in Irvine, Kentucky on Friday, March 1, at 7:00 PM a concert will begin. It won't necessarily be biblical, but it will be a psalm of sorts... to a much-loved young man who lost his life in a house fire.

The best bluegrass bands in the region will converge at Estill County High School on the evening of March 1, because classmates and teachers want Arthur Derrick Marcum to have a tombstone. Arthur Derrick died in a horrible house fire in December.

Arthur Derrick was special. Real special. Ask any kid or teacher in Estill County. But he didn't have folks left after the fire and so his grave will go unmarked and unremembered unless his classmates and teachers do something about it.

So here's the solution: A tombstone. And they don't come cheap. So how do you raise a bunch of

The Gazebo in the park has become a symbol to me of the strength of prayer. "Where two or three are gathered in MY Name, there I will be in their midst."

## Points East

By: Ike Adams

money to pay for one?  
You throw a Bluegrass concert with J.D. Crowe & the premier act and you take it from there.

So that's what's happening on March 1 at Estill County High School. The teachers and the kids are throwing a bluegrass concert. J.D. Crowe is the headliner and he's volunteering his band. Then there have "John Cosby and the Newgrass Drifters," "Southern Harvest," "High Bridge," "Solid Ground," and folks the bands are just lining up to play and what this is shaping up to be is the best bluegrass music show of the winter for ten lousy bucks!!!!

And all money goes to buy a tombstone for a kid who died young and wouldn't have had it otherwise.

And doing that gives some kids and teachers closure? It's a love thing and we all need practice. Please show up at Estill County High School at the auditorium in Irvine on March 1. It'll probably be the best Bluegrass Music Show you'll ever see. (I promise!!)

And not a single soul of a single band will make a nickel. In fact, I'll cost J.D. big bucks, but he's the sort of man for that is what Bluegrass music is ultimately all about. The stars come out to shine when they need to and you don't have to worry about the bill.

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fund raiser for the Rockcastle County Schools. Thanks to all who attended, the local businesses, Kiwanis, school personnel and citizens who supported us in any way, and especially to those individuals who contributed time and materials for the beautiful decorations and to those who prepared and served the delicious food. A thank you goes to Mike Phillips, our DI and State Fraternal Coordinator for Woodmen of the World. A special thank you to Citizens Bank, Renfro Valley Folks, Inc., Main Street Flowers and Gifts, Cox Funeral Home, Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., Community Trust Bank, Mt. Vernon Printing, WVRV Radio and the Mt. Vernon Signal for their donations. Our gratitude is extended to Representative Danity Ford, county officials and political candidates who attended. A heartfelt thanks to Ms. Debbie Bugg and her art class, at the Rockcastle Middle School for making the "We Love the USA" banner which was signed by those attending the Patriotic Celebration. The banner will be sent to our US troops in Kandahar.

Mary Ann McNeen, Secretary

Lodge 888

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Dear Editor,

We are having to purchase a new riding mower for the cemetery this spring.

We need donations at this time from all who have loved ones buried in the Briarfield Cemetery.

Our fund is low because of having some landscaping done and some dead trees removed.

We are all proud of our cemetery and glad of all our support in getting it to this point.

Let's not lose interest in supporting this worthwhile cause so we can keep our cemetery looking good.

Please get your donations to us as soon as possible. If we can buy the mower now we might get it at a better price.

Sincerely yours caretakers

Edward Baker, Roger Ely

& Lonnie McGuire

Make checks payable to Briarfield Cemetery and mail to Edward Baker Rt. 5 Box 61, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

Dear Editor,

So many of our large companies have moved, located in many countries around the world that there is no need for "Fast Track" legislation to be passed. Globalization of trade has already taken place. You see it in the stores—a flood of items from China but few things made in the USA or elsewhere. All the while many tens of thousands of jobs were lost in the textile industries across the rural South and the country as a whole.

Many say we have lost far more jobs than gained.

The term "Fast Track" ought to be called "Fat Track" because just like Enron, the few at the top get rich while those at lower levels are

stripped. The international business companies are looking to strip countries of natural resources and pay the working class as little as possible. Worst yet, our beautiful rivers, shores, forests, clean water and air that will be imperiled by Fast Track. Fast Track will put a number of environmental and labor issues into the realm of being heard in the World Trade Court. What allegiance does the World Trade Court owe to our land, the protection of our clean water and clean air for our citizens? How is it appointed who are they?

Out of 21 cases involving environmental issues, World Trade Court decided only one in favor of the environment. What are the laws they go by? Could we afford the costs of a lawyer trained and in practice before the World Trade Court?

There is no democracy where there are no real news coverage and the community of the common man is not invited. For years the World Trade meetings were held in secret and continued to be held in secret - neither our politicians nor national news media showing any concern about that. Meanwhile, our sovereignty over our beautiful land and labor matters will be gone in the blink of an eye—all for the creation of the wealth of kings for those at the top of the biggest corporations - with "Fast Track." Let's be like Paul Revere, let everyone know and bend the ears of Senators who will vote soon on this.

Gerry Scardo

Clintonwood, VA

Dear Editor,

A Special Thanks to

Charles Parsons

Forty years has passed since I graduated from an excellent school called Livingston. Even decades after leaving, the staff that made the school still burns brightly in my mind, as do the educational skills and the inspiration that was instilled.

We were fortunate to have a great principal named Charles Parsons. Mr. Parsons was a remarkable asset to Livingston, as well as to Rockcastle County. He constantly showed that he cared about his students and staff, as well as, the community and he knew most of the students by their name. His office was always available for answering any question or just to say hello. He had a gift ability to know you could be better in your classes and his encouragement and expected you to strive to excel.

Every student knew him and respected him, as well as the students' parents.

We were also fortunate to have had an excellent teaching staff like Mr. Whanaker, Mr. Clifford and Mr. Holbrook and many more. The family of Christine and Earl Phillips want to thank them all for a job well done.

Sincerely,

Bridley Phillips

Dayton, OH

## Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank the following businesses, community lead-

ers, parents and individuals for their support in Project Graduation 2002. We greatly appreciate each and every one for helping to make this a huge success.

A Check Advance, Carolyn and Charles McKimsey, Citizens Bank, Community Trust Bank, Mary Ida Jones, Shirley Cummins, Joseph Clontz, CPA, Clontz & Cox, LLC, Bradley's Barber Shop, Young's Pharmacy, Broedhard Lions Club, Martin Owens Home for Funerals and Monuments, Daniel Whitaker, Broedhard Arcade, Coliqua Respiratory Care, Adams Feed & Supply, C&H Storage, Rockcastle County Ministerial Association, Mt. Vernon Lions Club, Kwik Mart, Willanna Grocery, Britton Chevy-Olds and Brumster Studio.

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