



The Family Room

By: Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

Welcome Our New Neighbors

Have you noticed the new neighbors who are moving into our area of the country? Many of them have slightly darker skin and not all of them speak English well. They are from Mexico and other Latin American countries, and I am glad they are here.

One reason I am glad they are here is the food they bring with them. Most towns in southeastern Kentucky now have at least one good Mexican restaurant. The food is authentic because it is prepared by folks who came from Mexico! Ah, those burritos and enchiladas.

The transition must be difficult for them. Imagine moving several thousand miles to a new country where you do not speak the language well. It is easy for us to think that someone who does not speak the language well is not very smart. Their halting speech reminds us of someone who is intellectually slow.

How well would you do if you moved to Mexico tomorrow and had to begin speaking Spanish immediately? I have had the pleasure of visiting Mexico twice. On my first visit, I ran short of cash and went to a bank to get a cash advance on my credit card. No one in the bank spoke English and my Spanish consisted of

"hello" and "where is the bathroom?" Mostly through sign language, I managed to communicate to a very helpful teller what I wanted. Several people stood and listened as we "talked." I bet if you had taken a poll among those present as to my brain power they would have ranked me pretty low.

Learning to speak a second language as an adult is not easy. A lack of ability in English does not indicate a lack of intelligence.

On my second visit to Mexico one of my sons accompanied me. Thanks to the foresight of the school system in requiring a foreign language, he knew some Spanish and was able to act as an interpreter. I have tried to learn a little Spanish but find it very hard to do so. I wish I knew more so that I could communicate better with my new neighbors.

Some have wished aloud that our new neighbors would stay in their home countries. They claim not to understand why Hispanics move here. If you had the opportunity to earn in one day in another country what you could make in one week at home, might you consider moving? That is the case for many of the workers who come here. Wages are much higher in the U.S., and they can support themselves and a family back

home.

Yes, many of our new neighbors are supporting folks back home. That is why they work so hard. Sometimes a father will move to the U.S. to find work and will send money home to his wife and children. He may be away from them for a year or more, but he is supporting them in the best way he knows.

Please be careful of closing the doors to immigrants. If Native Americans had closed the doors to those Europeans who came to America, I would have been writing this in England.

I am also glad that our new neighbors are here because it gives us a

chance to learn about another culture. During my visit to Mexico I had the opportunity to experience some of the native Indian culture. I visited with a shaman, a lady who is a healer. I participated in a native Indian sweat lodge and also took part in a fire walk. (I can assure you that I moved very quickly over those hot coals!) This was real treat for a small town Kentucky boy. Now we do not have to go to Mexico to learn more about the people there. They have come to us! All of us benefit from learning more about another way of life.

Join me in saying "ola" (hello) to our new neighbors.

Drug court program receives funding

The Administrative Office of the Courts, Drug Courts Department has been awarded Edward Byrne Memorial grant monies totaling \$867,958 from the Kentucky Justice Cabinet to fund the continuation of drug courts.

A letter from Governor Paul E. Patton stated, "Protecting the life and property of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's citizens is the foremost responsibility of government. Because of this obligation, my administration is particularly sensitive to the needs of the criminal justice system."

"It is, therefore, appropriate for me as Governor to do what I can to enhance any of the aspects of this multifaceted system, and I am pleased to be in a position to allocate federal funds for these purposes. I sincerely hope this grant will make your community and the Commonwealth an even safer place for all of us," he added.

Chief Justice Joseph E. Lambert oversees Kentucky's drug courts. The citizens of Kentucky will be well served by this continuing commitment to the justice system. With additional funds available for Kentucky's drug courts, we can continue working to break the cycle of drug addiction that is at the root of many of society's problems," said Lambert.

The funding will be divided among existing drug court programs located in Jefferson County, Fayette County, Northern Kentucky, Warren County, Pike County, Christian County and the combined location of

Lincoln, Rockcastle and Pulaski Counties.

The drug court in Rockcastle, Lincoln and Pulaski counties is conducted by Judge Debra Lambert.

"District Court"

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Elmer L. Stewart: Fines due (\$306.85), summons issued for failure to appear.

Mark A. Lague: Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 and costs; Operating on suspended license, \$100 fine.

Jake Wagers: Operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol drugs, \$200 and costs; \$250 service fee, 2 days in jail and 30 day suspension of drivers license.

Valentin Alvarez Zetina: Public intoxication, \$50 and costs.

Speeding: Jason P. Allen, Michael B. Combs, Lamell D. Austin, Matthew J. Bledsoe, Alice M. Izary, Bryan A. Jones, Brandon K. Moehling, George A. Pompora, Kristi N. Talbot, Lincoln A. Watkins, Rondell W. Willis, Jr. and Christopher E. Boykin, license suspended for failure to appear; Michelle Brady, Christopher R. Brown, Donna J. Moon and Dorothy Clark, state traffic school authorized; Stephanie R. Nicely, \$16 and costs; Donna P. Dalton, Brian T. House, Kirk P. Kirkland, Alice M. Duckett, Crystal L. Samples and Anna L. Huzzie, paid; Bennie K. Taylor, state traffic school authorized on payment of costs only.

Dorothy Clark: Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine.

Calvin Louis Denny: Alcohol intoxication, \$50 and costs.

Jonathan P. Foster: No operating license in possession, \$25 and costs; No insurance, \$500 fine/suspend \$450.

Kenny A. Gabbard: Faulty equipment, \$25 and costs.

William J. Ramsey: Speeding, \$42 and costs and No Ky. Reg. Plates, \$25 fine; No insurance, \$500 fine/suspend \$450 upon proof.

Willie Slater, IV: Speeding and Failure to wear seatbelt, license suspended for failure to appear.

Carl Phillips Smith, Jr.: Speeding and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.

Ronald J. Smitholt: Speeding and Failure to wear seatbelt, paid.

Jacqueline J. Curry: Nonpayment of fine (\$763.35, \$197.35 and \$142.35 plus arrest fees), 30 days, 30 days and 5 days/consecutive/in lieu of fines.

Jessica J. Hensley: Operating motor vehicle under influence (under 21), \$100 and costs/license suspended for 30 days and ADE attendance.

Jackie B. Overbay: Operating on suspended license, \$100 and costs and 30 days/conditionally discharged; Bail jumping, \$50 fine, Contempt of court, 5 days.

Timothy D. Robbins: Nonpayment of fine (\$180), 10 days in lieu of payment.

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Kevin J. Hensel: Theft by unlawful taking and other charges, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Alisa M. Mullins: Nonpayment of fine (\$141.35), found in contempt, 10 days in lieu of payment.

Lisa Mullins: Fines due (\$373.35), found in contempt, 10 days in lieu of payment.

Shane Dale Noble: Driving DUI, suspended license, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Brian Wilson: Operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol drugs, \$200 and costs; \$250 service fee, 2 days in jail and 30 day suspension of drivers license.

David G. Hensley: License not in possession, \$50 fine and costs.

Danny G. Roe: Speeding, dismissed on payment of costs.

Gary L. Ware: Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine and costs.

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Karl J. Caldwell: License not in possession, 10 days/concurrent.

Phillips R. Clifford: License not in possession, 10 days in jail/concurrent.

rent; Operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, \$200 and costs, \$250 service fee, 30 day operator license suspension.

Anna L. Foster: Speeding, state traffic school authorized on payment of costs.

Adam Leon Hellard: Possession of marijuana, bench warrant issued for failure to appear/fines due (\$75.85).

Nathan S. Mack: Speeding, state traffic school authorized on payment of costs.

Barry D. Powell: Fines due (\$176.85), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

James C. Swartz: Speeding, \$20 fine and costs/fine suspended/state traffic school authorized; License not in possession, \$25 fine; Failure to produce insurance card, \$25 fine.

Kelly C. Barber: Overlength and overweight, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Tony M. Brooks: Speeding and Failure to wear seatbelt, paid \$154.50 total fines and costs.

Zachary D. Burton: Speeding, paid.

Frank Lollito, Jr.: Overlength, \$50 fine and costs; Overweight, \$50 fine.

William G. Mayfield: Overlength and overweight, paid.

Dustin E. Ohlman: Speeding, paid.

Jacquelyn R. Allen: Assault, 120 days to serve 60 days/conditionally discharged two years.

Kevin Jones: Bench Nonpayment of fine/costs, 35 days in lieu of payment.

Steven K. Murray: Possession of marijuana, \$100 fine and costs.

Joshua Brumett: License not in possession, \$25 fine; No seat belt, \$25 fine.

John Thomas Dalton: Speeding, \$16 fine and costs; License not in possession, \$25 fine.

Kevin Jones: Operating on suspended license, 4 days in jail and \$50 fine and costs; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine.

Stephanie Miller: Theft by deception, \$10 and costs and 10 days in jail/conditionally discharged one year plus restitution.

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JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE A BIG CENTURY ANNIVERSARY!

WE'VE GOT CENTS AND COIN EXCHANGERS, EXCHANGE TRADING, BUREAU STORIES, CASHIER TIPS, AND MORE! UNFORGETTABLE MUSIC, PLUS, YOU'LL MEET LOTS OF NEW FRIENDS!

OFFICIAL LOCATION:
Wildie Christian Church

THE CELEBRATION WILL LAST:
(Kick Off July 26 @ 8:00 PM) July 26-August 2

THE CELEBRATION BEGINS AT:
8:00 PM

THE CELEBRATION ENDS AT:
8:30 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL:
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Freshman Orientation Day

Attention: Parents!

July 26, 2002
Stop by anytime from
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

at
Rockcastle County High School

Students can pick up their
schedules, purchase lockers,
try out combinations; and tour
the building!



Job Quest

GET INVOLVED

- General Information**
- Job Quest is designed to assist young ages 14-21 in setting both educational and career goals through a vast spectrum of services.
 - Job Quest will make available to the youth/young adults linkages with both Job Corps and One-Stop Centers to provide:
 1. Outreach and recruitment
 2. Assessment and skill identification
 3. Job placement
 4. Tutoring and/or study-skills training
 5. Alternative education
 6. Summer employment
 7. Paid and unpaid work experience
 8. Occupational skills training
 9. Leadership development
 10. Supportive services
 11. Adult mentoring and/or job shadowing
 12. Follow-up services

- Job Quest may be right for you if:**
- You are unsure about your future after high school
 - You want to plan for your future while helping strengthen your community
 - Thinking about a career but not sure where to start
 - You have a high school dropout
 - You know what you want to be but need assistance in reaching that goal

- WHAT JOB QUEST CAN DO**
- For Youth**
- *Provide work experience
 - *Academic Enrichment
 - *Leadership Development
 - *Development of a systematic career plan
 - *Supportive Services
- For Employers**
- *Paid work-based learning (limited slots and hours available)
 - *Save money on the cost of hiring
 - *Pre-employment screening
 - *Job retention services
 - *Find qualified workforce
- For the Community**
- *Provide support and assistance in developing disadvantaged youth by preparing them for future employment

For further information
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