Then Along Came Hitler

By Van Yandell

John 8:32 "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Often I have been asked "What is your favorite country?" Or "What is the most beautiful country you've traveled in?" But I've never been asked "What is the most impressive country you've visited?"

Had that question been asked, the answer would have been "Germany!" The German people, the culture, the history, the architecture, the infrastructure and the landscape are remarkable.

We arrived in Berlin early one morning on a train from Malmo, Sweden. Coming in to the city from the northeast on a cool rainy morning in June, we traveled through what was East Berlin during the Cold War.

Tower cranes were too numerous to count. Technology in the form of communication towers were mingled among the houses and other buildings constructed hundreds of years previous.

Leaving the Berlin Zoo train station and walking on Budapester Street, we were looking for a hotel found in our travel book. Two young ladies recognized us as lost Americans and asked what we were looking for. They directed us to the street of the hotel where we checked in and dropped our backpacks.

I was trying to make a phone call to the U.S. with what I thought was a usable phone card; it wasn't working. A man came over, placed his card in the slot and motioned for me to make the call. Upon completion of the call, he would not accept payment from me for the card use.

Those are just two examples of the friendly people we encountered in Germany. In Koblenz we took a boat north on the Rhine River to Andernach. Flowers, castles, cathedrals and other buildings are examples of German culture dating back hundreds, even thousands of years.

The Bavarian Alps and the Black Forests in Southern Germany display a beauty unsurpassed in much of the world. Traveling through those regions creates visions of the magnificent history of Germany.

Germanic peoples of the past such as the Franks, Goths, Saxons, and Alemanni leave a history of refined culture to war mongering. The variations in people groups contribute to the extreme diversity and consequent cultural history.

Then along came Hitler. Adolph Hitler was appointed chancellor of Germany January 30, 1933. That's when the German empire began to unravel and reach a state of evil that the world will long remember.

In Hitler's socialist's views and beliefs that the German (Aryan) people were superior to all the other races and ethnic people groups in the world led to an evil unsurpassed. That belief threw the world into World War II and cost the lives of millions.

The resulting Holocaust/murder of six-million Jewish people stunned the world and exposed the world to an unprecedented evil.

Hitler's desire for totalitarianism with himself being the single leader and ruler of the world allowed his egocentrism to overpower his judgement. His mistake, such as the German invasion of Russia, thus weakening the Western Front, contributed to his downfall. Evil is usually defeated but it takes its toll.

Many lessons can be gained for the world by considering the actions and beliefs of Adolph Hitler. At the top of that list is to be careful who is voted into public office. A leader with nationalistic proclivities must be avoided. Also anyone promoting a state religion should be denied public office.

The world has a proven history that communism/socialism does not work for the typical working citizen. To take from the working person to house and feed the non-working (or those refusing to work) will only last for a limited time.

The only equality in a biased and bigoted world is the teaching of Jesus Christ. He offers eternal salvation to those that believe.

The scripture mandates to us to "preach this gospel to all nations." All we can do is "tell;" the decision must be with the individual. A force belief is no belief at all.

Acts 1: 8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Christian ideology is a belief that Jesus Christ is the only eternal salvation. Acts 4: 12 "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Christianity is a faith-based belief (Ephesians 2: 8). Many scoff at faith but drive on highways, fly commercial, buy products and consume food and drink every day based on faith. So, what's the problem with faith?

We vote and place people in positions of power based on faith. At times that faith is misdirected and those individuals betray our trust.

Discernment of truth from lies is a quality that is difficult to acquire. To determine one's reliability in truth is difficult, as we fully understand what the one running for office tells us and what he/she does may very well be two different actions.

For many, political positions are positions of power and not about service of the people. I stand convinced the High Priest and Pharisees that demanded the crucifixion of our Jesus were as angry concerning their power as religious leaders being challenged as they were of religious practice and ideology.

To determine what one's actions will be once in office is difficult if not impossible. We've seen too many examples of actions not in line with promises. We must evaluate their promissory words that we know are impossible to fulfill.

Idealism is at times admirable but usually impossible. Once again, be careful who we vote for and who we believe. This is in the religious arena and in the political. We are reminded of the old saying "If it's too good to be true...."

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Interagency Council Meets Today

The Webster County Interagency Council will meet Wednesday, November 19th at the UK Extension Office at 1118 US HWY 41A S in Dixon from 12-1pm.

Speaker: Julie Morrow, Community Education Manager

Agency: Ascension St. Vincent Behavioral Health

Lunch Sponsor: Health First Community Health Center

Webster County Water District Will Replace Line; Complete Tank Cleaning

The Webster County Water District Board learned during their Thursday meeting that 350 feet of water line on Preston Cates Road in Onton will be replaced in the next few weeks. Three member—Chris Cates, Ryan Hammack and Tommy Robertson board chair were present for the meeting. According to water superintendent Trevor Baldwin, the lines along Preston Cates are "popping pin holes" and water district personnel has been called out four times in the last two months to make repairs. Baldwin noted that the four residents on that road each have a separate line, something that creates more issues in trying to locate leaks.

Baldwin said the intent is to replace the four individual lines with one three inch main with a tap for each resident. The present line is among the county district's original lines laid in the 1970s. The work is expected to cost abut $13,110.00. The board agreed that this is a maintenance issue and the work should be done.

Board members also learned that work go underway this week cleaning the outside of the Dixon tank. The tank was last painted in 2009 and was in need of pressure washing and cleaning, Baldwin told the board.

The water superintendent also provided board members with copies of the 2024 audit, but noted that he is having a difficult time talking directly with the auditor who typically appears at a meeting to provide board members with a report. Hammack asked that Baldwin arrange an in-person meeting with the auditor's office or a Zoom presentation. Other members concurred with Robertson suggesting board members may have questions that only the auditor can directly address. Baldwin will make the arrangements for a presentation.

The October operations report reflects production numbers of 30,691,384 gallons of water produced and 23,953,566 gallons of water sold for the month. According to Baldwin production was down about three million gallons from the same period last year. He also told the board that the district is presently having to backwash more often.

Before the meeting adjourned, Baldwin announced that the December meeting will be held Tuesday evening, December 9, at 5:00 p.m. at the extension office.

Webster County Jailer's Report

Webster County Jailer Greg Sauls reports inmates worked a total of 1816 hours between November 9 and November 15, 2025. Hours worked include 520 hours at the detention center; 280 hours at the RCC; 80 hours mowing; 40 hours for the City of Clay; 40 hours for the City of Dixon; 160 hours for the city of Providence; 360 hours for Union County; 40 hours for recycling; 40 hours for the road department shop; 40 hours for the dog warden and 16 hours for Landon's Hope.

The total jail population is 200 with 49 county inmates, 38 Union County inmates and 113 state prisoners.

Thirty-one inmates participated in the Moral Recognition Therapy program with two graduating; 21 attended Anger Management with three graduating; 22 attended Thinking for Good with one graduating and 22 attended Untangling Relationships with one graduating.

Eight inmates participated in the GED program with four taking tests.

Incarcerated during the same period were

Jakquez Avery
Demarcus Batson
Timothy Burkins
Elizabeth Cummins
Matthew Griffin
Jeremy Gunterman
Cordarius Hicks
Danny Higgs
Kelly Jackson
Peggy Jones
Natasha Lovan
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-- NOTICE --

A special called meeting of the Webster County Drainage Board will be held on Friday, November 21 at 10:00 A.M. at the Webster County Senior Center in Dixon. All taxpayers on public ditches are invited to attend.

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WEBSTER CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION 25-CI-00016

DATA MORTGAGE INC., DBA ESSEX MORTGAGE — PLAINTIFF
vs.
GARY BUCHANAN, JR; AMANDA S. BUCHANAN; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; PEOPLES CHOICE FINANCE CO. — DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Webster Circuit Court on the 5th DAY OF JUNE, 2025, I will on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025**, at the hour of **11:00 a.m.** or as soon thereafter as possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Dixon, Webster County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Webster County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 172 Troy Drive, Sebree, Webster County, Kentucky 42455
PVA No. / Map No.: 084-003-041-001.
The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 6.00% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale.

GIVEN under my hand this the 30th day of October, 2025.

STEPHEN M. ARNETT, Master Commissioner
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
WEBSTER CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION 21-CI-00106

UMB BANK, N.A. AS CUSTODIAN FOR CLEARLEAF SHORT ALTERNATIVE FUND LP — PLAINTIFF
vs.
DONNA GAIL HOUSEHOLDER, FKA DONNA GAIL SMITH, STEPHEN ROSS HOUSEHOLDER, TROVER CLINIC FOUNDATION, INC, CITY OF CLAY, KENTUCKY, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF WEBSTER — DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Webster Circuit Court on the 3rd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025, I will on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025**, at the hour of **11:00 a.m.** or as soon thereafter as possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Dixon, Webster County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Webster County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 8876 State Route 132 West, Clay, Webster County, Kentucky 42404
PVA No. / Map No.: 0C1-025-008
The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale.

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