

Why All The Excitement?

By Van Yandell

Colossians 3:23 "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men"

Americans call the game soccer; the rest of the world calls it football. The World Cup Football games will be held in 2026 in the western hemisphere in the countries of Mexico, The United States and Canada.

Governed and regulated by FIFA (Federation International Football Association) and founded in Paris France in 1904, FIFA sets rules, organizes major tournaments, and develops the sport globally.

Comprised of 211 football associations, FIFA's outreach is greater in area than the United Nations. FIFA headquarters are in Zurich, Switzerland.

In 1990 a group of us traveled to Brazil to build a church. Our plane landed in Vitoria, Espirito Santo, Brazil early one morning in July. We had been on a night flight from Miami and most were tired.

I had been awake most of the flight and my memory is of watching the lightning over the Amazon jungle from 35,000 feet above. For hundreds of miles not a light was

to be seen so the lightning show was amazing.

Our international flight had been to Rio de Janeiro. A short lay-over and then a short flight to Vitoria completed our ordeal. Plane seating was a little more spacious then but not much.

We were taken to a hotel in downtown Vitoria and told to "get some rest." In my case that "rest" word fell on deaf ears and by the time our hosts left and the rest of my compadres were sound asleep, I hit the streets.

Vitoria was a culture and a scene unlike any I had experienced. Like in many tropical cities, the shops and stores had no front doors. A chain like drape was let down at closing time and hoisted up at opening the next day.

Roaming around looking in stores and watching people was exciting and my insatiable and perpetual curiosity was filled to my knee-caps.

Having learned from previous international travel, I exchanged currency as soon as I found a Brazilian bank. There was no language barrier since money and a smile are languages in their own. The unit of currency then was the cruzado and because of a restructuring of the economic system in 1994, be-

came the real (re'-al).

Because of hyper-inflation, the economy went mostly belly-up and some action had to be taken. I remember receiving 1600 cruzados one day for each U.S. dollar and two days later that number had increased to 2000 per dollar. Seeing thousands of worthless coins laying on the streets made an economic statement.

Walking down a side street, the sounds of cheering and yelling had me wondering what was happening and following the shouting, I found a café-bar with dozens of people in the bar and on the sidewalk. They were watching a TV on the wall over the bar.

I supposed they were watching a ball game of some type, regarding the assembly as typical; I moved on down the street. Soon another café-bar with the same type of gathering of people was found.

Brazil was in a World Cup match with Bolivia and the city was on fire with enthusiasm. I assumed the entire country was experiencing that same excitement and later discovered it was the entire world.

Americans being inundated with sports on the local and

national level, for the most part, cannot relate to international sports. Our baseball World Series and American football Super Bowl create an excitement in-country, but there is nothing like the international camaraderie and joining of the world like with the World Cup.

Later on into the competition, Brazil won their game. Several of the young people I had gotten to know came by the hotel after our work day and asked me to go on a ride-along with them. We rode around the city waving the green and yellow Brazilian flag.

Horns were honking and people cheering all over Vitoria and I'm sure all over Brazil. I was a Brazilian for a day.

On our final Saturday working on the church, we were pouring a sidewalk. Brazil was playing Argentina that day.

Just before noon, one of our Brazilian concrete mixers came to me, pointed to his watch and said "football, ciao." Ciao (chow) is goodbye! Nothing took precedence over watching the game.

Oh, if Christians could develop a small portion of that enthusiasm for the Gospel. The World Cup is coming in

2026 to eleven U.S. cities.

A mission field will exist like seldom seen. Our orders are to preach this gospel (Matthew 28: 18-20). What a phenomenal opportunity! The projected attendance potentially will be up to ten million international visitors in the three designated countries.

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."

The "uttermost" is coming to the western hemisphere and North America this year. Let's not waste this golden opportunity to share Christ with the world.

We must always teach that eternal salvation is attained by a faith based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) in Christ Jesus crucified (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sin (1 John 1: 9), resurrected (Matthew 28: 6) and ascended alive in to Heaven (Acts 1: 9).

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Boil Water Advisory Safety Guidelines For Residents

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In the wake of the recent emergency affecting our local water system, public health officials issued a Boil Water Advisory to help residents keep their households safe until normal service is restored. The recommendations, drawn from state and federal drinking water safety protocols, outline how to properly boil, disinfect, store, and use water during the advisory. Boiling Water Remains the Safest Method

Authorities emphasize that boiling water is the most effective way to kill harmful bacteria and pathogens. To make tap water safe,

residents should:

* Fill a pot with tap water.

* Heat until a steady, rolling boil forms.

* Continue boiling for one full minute.

* Allow water to cool, then store it in a clean, covered container.

If You Cannot Boil Water: Disinfection Instructions

For households without the ability to boil water, the advisory provides clear instructions for disinfecting with unscented household bleach.

If water is clear:

* Add 1/8 teaspoon (8 drops) of bleach to 1 gallon of water.

* Mix well and wait 30 minutes before use.

If water is cloudy:

* Filter through a

clean cloth.

* Add 1/4 teaspoon (16 drops) of bleach per gallon.

* Mix and wait 30 minutes or more before drinking.

Containers used to store safe water may also require sanitizing. Officials recommend coating the inside of containers with a mixture of 1 teaspoon of bleach in 1 quart of water, letting it sit for 30 seconds, then emptying and air drying.

Food Preparation and Kitchen Use

During the advisory, all water used for cooking, washing produce, preparing drinks, or cleaning food prep surfaces must be boiled first. Household kitchen filters do not reliably

remove bacteria or viruses and do not replace boiling. [State-Wate... il-30-2025 | PDF]

Dishwashers may be used only if the unit reaches a final rinse of at least 150°F or has a sanitizing cycle. Otherwise, wash dishes by hand and disinfect them using bleach solution, then air dry.

Special Guidance For Families With Infants Using Formula

* Use ready-to-use formula when possible.

* If preparing powdered formula, use bottled water or previously boiled water.

* Disinfect water

with bleach as a last resort.

* All bottles and nipples should be washed and sterilized before use.

Household Tasks: What's Safe and What Isn't

* Ice: Discard all ice made from tap water. Make new ice with boiled or bottled water.

* Bathing: Adults may bathe normally but should avoid swallowing water. Young children should receive sponge baths to reduce risk.

* Brushing Teeth: Only boiled or bottled water should be used.

* Laundry: Safe to do as usual.

* Pets: Pets can contract the same water-borne diseases as humans; give them boiled and cooled water.

Staying Informed

Officials encourage residents to stay updated through local water system announcements and state public health channels.

Additional federal guidance is available through the CDC and EPA, including instructions on safe water storage, hygiene alternatives, and filter selection.

Survey Indicates Millions Of Retirees Are In Jeopardy Of Outliving Savings

A recent report from the senior care experts at Seniorly indicated that millions of retirees are in jeopardy of outliving their retirement savings.

The Seniorly report tabulated projected retirement income and expenses starting at age 65, and found that the average American retiree can expect roughly \$762,000 in income generated from government-sponsored plans like Social Security, savings and investments.

But the expected living expenses of such individuals was determined to be \$877,000, meaning the average retiree may have a shortfall of \$115,000. Retirement savings short-

falls also are a cause for concern in Canada, where 59 percent of Canadians indicated they fear they will outlive their savings in a 2025 CPP Investments Retirement Survey.

Projections like those from Seniorly and the fears expressed by Canadians concerned by a potential shortfall of retirement savings underscore the need to prioritize saving for life after working, which can have short-term benefits as well.

In fact, 49 percent of Canadians who expected to utilize the Canada Pension Plan reported lower levels of stress as a result of their commitment to retirement planning.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
WEBSTER CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION 20-CI-00043

JOYCE VERSINO
vs.
KEVIN J CROWLEY; MELISSA CROWLEY;
JERRY HOWARD; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY,
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE;
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF WEBSTER

NOTICE OF SALE
By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Webster Circuit Court on the 4th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025, I will on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026**, 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

Property Address: 886 State Route 56 E, Sebree, Webster County, Kentucky 42455
PVA No. / Map No.: 064-016-000.

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.

GIVEN under my hand this the 22nd day of January, 2026.

STEPHEN M. ARNETT, MASTER COMMISSIONER

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
WEBSTER CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION 25-CI-00103

PLAINTIFF

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION

vs.

ISAAC THRASHER, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ISAAC THRASHER,
LINDA THRASHER, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LINDA THRASHER

NOTICE OF SALE

DEFENDANTS

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Webster Circuit Court on the 1st DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025, I will on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026**, 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: 2888 State Route 138, Dixon, Webster County, Kentucky 42409

PVA No. / Map No.: 067-027-001 and 067-027-001.01.

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.

GIVEN under my hand this the 21st day of January, 2026.

STEPHEN M. ARNETT, MASTER COMMISSIONER

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
WEBSTER CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION 24-CI-00228

PLAINTIFF

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PROPERTIES, LLC

vs.

JOHN CARSON HUNT and his unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, successors and/or assigns;

JAMES W. HUNT and his unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, successors and/or assigns;

EVA A. CHASE and her unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, successors and/or assigns;

CHARLES R. RAMSEY and his unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, successors and/or assigns;

BERTHA RAMSEY and her unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, successors and/or assigns;

WILL RAMSEY and his unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, successors and/or assigns;

RONALD RAMSEY and his unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, successors and/or assigns;

JOAN GARDNER and her unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, successors and/or assigns;

CHARLES G. RAMSEY and NANCY J. RAMSEY, his wife;

NANCY JEAN YATES and her unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, successors and/or assigns;

PATSY SUE OWEN and her unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, successors and/or assigns;

ALICIA DIANE OWEN and her unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, successors and/or assigns;

JEFFREY SCOTT OWEN and his unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, successors and/or assigns;

CAROLYN A. BOUTWELL and her unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, successors and/or assigns;

MARY E. PAYNE and her unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, successors and/or assigns; and

DAVID E. WILLIAMS and his unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, successors and/or assigns

DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Webster Circuit Court on the 20th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025, I will on **THURSD**