

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 layover 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, became 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 Jerusa-

lem, 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 into Heaven (Acts 1: 9).

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NOTICE

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GRADD Senior Menu

The Green River Area Development District senior nutrition program menu for February has been announced. Following are the meals that will be served:

Wednesday, February 4-pasta with meat sauce, tossed salad, breadstick, apple slices, Italian dressing, margarine

Thursday, February 5-roasted turkey, mashed potatoes lima beans, peaches, dinner roll, margarine

Friday, February 6-chicken and dumplings, carrots, mixed fruit, chocolate pudding, dinner roll, margarine

Monday, February 9-pork chop, cooked cabbage, black-eyed peas, cinnamon applesauce, dinner roll

Tuesday, February 10-chicken strips, peas and carrots, mashed potatoes, apple cinnamon muffin, dinner roll, margarine

Wednesday, February 11- Presidents Day

Tuesday, February 17-pizza casserole, California blend vegetables, breadstick, brownie

Wednesday, February 18-breaded fish, broccoli and cauliflower, scalloped potatoes, applesauce, hamburger bun, tartar sauce

Thursday, February 19-breaded chicken, sweet potatoes, green beans, vanilla pudding, dinner roll, margarine

Friday, February 20-pinto bean soup, greens, fruit cocktail, cornbread, cheese stick, margarine

Wednesday, February 25-Tuscan bean and sausage soup, house

Listed For February

Monday, February 23-chicken and dumplings, carrots, mixed fruit, chocolate pudding, dinner roll, margarine

Tuesday, February 24-pasta with meat sauce, tossed salad, apple slices, bread stick, Italian dressing and margarine

Wednesday, February 25-Tuscan bean and sausage soup, house

Thursday, February 26-pork chop, mashed potatoes, lima beans, peaches, dinner roll, margarine

Friday, February 27-fish sandwich, broccoli and cauliflower, scalloped potatoes, applesauce, hamburger bun, tartar sauce

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Union County Fiscal Court is accepting applications for two Part-Time Gatekeeper positions at Moffit Lake.

Applications can be picked up and turned in at the Union County Judge/Executive's office, located at 100 West Main Street, Morganfield, KY 42437. They may be obtained by emailing jill.hunley@unioncountyky.gov, or you can apply online at www.unioncountyky.org.

Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2026.

The Union County Fiscal Court is an Equal Opportunity Employer: All applicants are considered for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, veteran status, or disability. 2/11c

NOTICE

Union County Water District has filed an application with the Public Service Commission to increase its rates for water service. The proposed effective date of the change is January 1, 2026. The monthly bill for an average customer using 4,000 gallons of water, including the Water Loss Reduction Surcharge, would increase \$1.60 from \$35.24 to \$36.84.

		Current	Proposed	% Increase	
5/8" Meter	First	2,000 gallons	\$16.72	4.78%	minimum bill
	Next	3,000 gallons	0.00840	4.00880	per gallon
	Next	5,000 gallons	0.00796	0.00836	5.03%
	Next	15,000 gallons	0.00757	0.00797	5.28%
	Next	25,000 gallons	0.00724	0.00764	5.52%
	Next	50,000 gallons	0.00680	0.00720	5.88%
	Next	100,000 gallons	0.00635	0.00675	6.30%
	Next	100,000 gallons	0.00591	0.00631	6.77%
	All over	300,000 gallons	0.00547	0.00587	7.31%
3/4" Meter	First	5,000 gallons	\$41.91	\$43.91	4.77%
	Next	5,000 gallons	0.00796	0.00836	5.03%
	Next	15,000 gallons	0.00757	0.00797	5.28%
	Next	25,000 gallons	0.00724	0.00764	5.52%
	Next	50,000 gallons	0.00680	0.00720	5.88%
	Next	100,000 gallons	0.00635	0.00675	6.30%
	Next	100,000 gallons	0.00591	0.00631	6.77%
	All over	300,000 gallons	0.00547	0.00587	7.31%
1" Meter	First	10,000 gallons	\$81.71	\$85.71	4.90%
	Next	15,000 gallons	0.00757	0.00797	5.28%
	Next	25,000 gallons	0.00724	0.00764	5.52%
	Next	50,000 gallons	0.00680	0.00720	5.88%
	Next	100,000 gallons	0.00635	0.00675	6.30%
	Next	100,000 gallons	0.00591	0.00631	6.77%
	All over	300,000 gallons	0.00547	0.00587	7.31%
1 1/2" Meter	First	25,000 gallons	\$195.29	\$205.29	5.12%
	Next	25,000 gallons	0.00753	0.00793	5.31%
	Next	50,000 gallons	0.00724	0.00764	5.52%
	Next	100,000 gallons	0.00680	0.00720	5.88%
	Next	100,000 gallons	0.00591	0.00631	6.77%
	All over	300,000 gallons	0.00547	0.00587	7.31%
2" Meter	First	50,000 gallons	\$376.28	\$396.28	5.32%
	Next	50,000 gallons	0.00724	0.00764	5.52%
	Next	100,000 gallons	0.00680	0.00720	5.88%
	Next	100,000 gallons	0.00591	0.00631	6.77%
	All over	300,000 gallons	0.00547	0.00587	7.31%
2 1/2" Meter	First	75,000 gallons	\$546.18	\$576.18	5.49%
	Next	25,000 gallons	0.00724	0.00764	5.52%
	Next	100,000 gallons	0.00680	0.00720	5.88%
	Next	100,000 gallons	0.00591	0.00631	6.77%
	All over	300,000 gallons	0.00547	0.00587	7.31%
3" Meter	First	100,000 gallons	\$716.09	\$756.09	5.59%
	Next	100,000 gallons	0.00680	0.00720	5.88%
	Next	100,000 gallons	0.00591	0.00631	6.77%
	All over	300,000 gallons	0.00547	0.00587	7.31%
4" Meter	First	200,000 gallons	\$1,351.41	\$1,431.41	5.92%
	Next	100,000 gallons	0.00591	0.00631	6.77%
	All over	300,000 gallons	0.00547	0.00587	7.31%
6" Meter	First	300,000 gallons	\$1,942.42	\$2,062.42	6.18%
	All over	300,000 gallons	0.00547	0.00587	7.31%

Water loss reduction surcharge \$1.72 per customer

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by the Union County Water District. However, the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that are higher or lower than the rates proposed in this notice

Any corporation, association, body politic, or person may request leave to intervene, by motion within thirty (30) days after notice of the proposed rate change is given. A motion to intervene shall be in writing, shall be submitted to the Executive Director, Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, and shall set forth the grounds for the motion, including the status and interest of the party movant. Copies of the application may be obtained at no charge from the District office at 409 N Court St in Morganfield, KY 42437 or from the commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the commission's Web site at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Upon request from an intervenor, the District shall furnish to the intervenor a copy of the application and supporting documents.

Union County Water District