

Must-have items for your next game watch party



The popularity of professional and college sports is undeniable. Various metrics, from ticket sales to data on how much is spent on team apparel, underscore that popularity. But there may be no greater measuring stick than television viewership, which tends to rise as the games grow more meaningful. In fact, the National Football League reported that international viewership of the Super Bowl totaled 62.5 million people in 2024. When added to the estimated 123.4 million domestic viewers who tuned in to watch the league's championship game, it's evident that watching the big game is a big deal.

Game watches have become a go-to way for fans to get together and take in the big game. The best game watches feature an assortment of variables that combine to make the viewing experience comfortable and engaging.

• **Seating:** Guests will need a comfortable place to sit during the

game. Make sure the primary viewing space has enough seating to accommodate everyone on the guest list. If necessary, rearrange furniture so the most comfortable seats, including couches and upholstered armchairs, are positioned so guests can see the television without having to crane their necks or sit awkwardly. Some padded folding chairs can then be brought in to provide additional seating.

• **Multiple viewing areas:** If lots of young children will be coming, consider creating a separate viewing space for youngsters, such as a playroom, basement or another living space that can accommodate the younger fans. In addition, consider setting up an outdoor viewing space if the weather allows. A firepit and some comfortable outdoor furniture situated around an outdoor television or projector screen can accommodate guests who want to watch the game under an open sky.

• **Snacks:** It's not

uncommon to order in for a game watch, and pizza and chicken wings are popular items to serve during the big game. But it's equally important to provide fellow fans with plenty of snacking options. Chips and dip, homemade nachos with salsa, pretzels, and snacks for children should be part of the game day offerings. But don't discount nutritious snacks, either. A vegetable tray with hummus can be offered to guests who want to enjoy the big game without overindulging in less nutritious fare.

• **Drinks:** Viewers who watch football regularly can be forgiven if they assume beer is an integral component of the game day viewing experience. While it's common to provide some adult beverages for guests at the game watch, hosts must recognize that local laws may consider it their responsibility to ensure guests are not overserved. So while it's alright to provide alcoholic beverages

to guests, it's important that nonalcoholic alternatives, including water, soda and juice, be made available as well.

• **Tech:** Of course, the viewing experience will be that much more enjoyable for hosts and guests with the latest technology. A new television with fast response times and a wide viewing angle can ensure the competitors on the field are viewed as clearly as possible and visible from all angles in the rooms where the game will be shown. Hosts who plan to set up outdoor viewing areas should take every step to reduce glare, particularly if the television outside is not designed for outdoor viewing. In addition to the television, new sound systems can make the game watch that much more impressive.

Before inviting guests over for the big game, hosts can consider these variables to ensure the viewing experience is one fans won't soon forget.

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Community Calendar

Jack Lawless Cemetery

Jack Lawless Cemetery is located on Lawless Cemetery Road in Jamestown, KY. For upkeep of cemetery grounds, donations can be made to Tammy Johnson 1547 Hwy. 379, Russell Springs, KY 42642 (270-566-2686) or Donnie Knight 1375 Warriner Ridge Rd., Jamestown, KY 42629 (270-507-9402).

Senior Community Service Employment Program

Accepting applications for part-time positions in Adair, Clinton, Cumberland, Laurel, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Wayne, and Whitley. Must be 55+ years of age, meet limited income guidelines, be unemployed and looking for employment. Call Connie Foster at 606-210-1129 or Jolene Aleman at 270-566-5316 or visit www.goodwill.org/SCSEP Let us help you re-enter the workforce!

D.A.V. Meeting

The D.A.V. meets the 4th Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M. CST at 155 Owentown School Road Russell Springs, KY

Would you like to become a member of Business & Professional Women (BPW)?

The group meets every fourth Tuesday each month at 12:00. Location varies. Visitors welcome! For more information, contact BPW President, Barbara Sharpe at 270-343-1720.

TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly is a weight loss support program whose goal is to help men/women/youth to become healthier by losing weight in a sensible manner. The local chapter, TOPS 396 Russell Springs meets Mondays at 5pm at Liberty Baptist Church, 215 Wilson Street in Russell Springs. Online memberships and virtual chapter memberships are also available. Yearly membership dues are less than \$50, first visit is free. Questions? Text/call Bonnie, chapter leader, 270-566-1284 or visit TOPS.Club.org

God's Food Pantry of Russell County

God's Food Pantry of Russell County is open Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 12:00-4:00 PM. The pantry is located at 101 Brian Walters Dr. In Russell Springs. Call for information 270-866-7992.

Adult Bereavement Group

A new adult bereavement group will begin at the Russell County Public Library on Thursday, March 2 from 10:00-11:30 AM CST. The group will meet on the FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH and is free and open to the public. There is a limit of 15 attendees. To join the group, contact the RC Library at 270-343-7323 or the Hospice of Lake Cumberland office at 606-679-4389.

Al-Anon

("A mutual support program for people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking") Monday nights 6:30 PM The Church at the Springs, Russell Springs, KY

Alcoholics Anonymous(AA) Men

Monday nights at SPARC(Sobriety, Peace, Awareness, and Recovery) 270-585-5377 at 6:00 PM

Alcoholics Anonymous(AA) Women

Saturday mornings at 11:00 AM Senior Citizens Center, Russell Springs, KY

Alcoholics Anonymous(AA)

Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM Senior Citizens Center, Russell Springs, KY

Celebrate Recovery

Tuesday nights at 6:00 PM, First Baptist Church, Russell Springs, KY. Sunday nights at 5:15(meal) 6:00 P.M. Large Group, The Springs, 226 Jamestown St., Russell Springs. Monday nights at 6:00 P.M. Solid Rock Church 189 West Drive Russell Springs.

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NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER SALE

In order to comply with the orders of the Russell Circuit Court, the Master Commissioner of the Russell Circuit Court shall proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder at public auction the below properties on **Friday, January 24, 2025, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., CT, Russell District Courtroom, Russell County Judicial Center, Jamestown, Kentucky.**

Said properties shall be sold to raise the amounts hereinafter set forth, together with interest and the costs of the action, and upon (unless otherwise indicated) the following terms and conditions:

- For the purchase price, the Purchaser(s) must pay in full by cash or good check on the date of sale or the Purchaser(s) may pay ten (10%) down on the day of sale and shall execute a good and sufficient purchase money bond, with approved surety thereon, equal to the balance of the purchase price payable to the Master Commissioner within thirty (30) days. Any such purchase money bond shall have the force and effect of a Judgment and shall be a lien upon the property sold as additional security for the payment of the balance of the purchase price. The Master Commissioner's bond shall bear interest at the rate the judgment bears from the date of sale until paid in full. **In the event the successful bidder is not paying the full amount of the purchase price on the date of sale, purchaser will be required to post bond and furnish an acceptable surety thereon.** In the event the successful bidder is the Plaintiff, then in lieu of the deposit the Plaintiff shall be allowed to bid on credit up to the Judgment amount.
- Purchaser shall be required to pay property taxes for current tax year and all taxes thereafter, for which the Purchaser(s) shall receive no credit against the purchase price.
- The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title, and interest of all parties to the action of the liens and encumbrances thereon, excepting easements and restrictions of record in the Russell County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of American or the Defendant(s).

The Master Commissioner Sale/Deed is not a warranty of good title. Possession shall be given to the Purchaser(s) with the delivery of the Master Commissioner's Deed thereto. Purchaser(s) will assume and be responsible for all risks of loss to the premises upon acceptance of their bid by the Master Commissioner at the Master Commissioner's Sale.

Bidder should examine the records of the Russell Circuit Clerk and the Russell County Clerk prior to the sale for further information. Any statements made the day of the sale shall take precedence over advertised material. Bidder shall be prepared to comply promptly with these terms.

(Sale bonds will bear interest at the rate of Judgment days in each separate action)

SALE NO. 1

Property Address: 286 Geneva Drive, Russell Springs, Kentucky 42642 (includes a 2002 Clayton mobile home, 68x16) Map No. 033-60-04-044.00
 WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL OR BANKING CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE MADISON AVENUE MANUFACTURED HOUSING CONTRACT TRUST 2002-A vs. DORIS HALCOMB, RUSSELL COUNTY, and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DORIS HALCOMB Civil Action No. 24-CI-00221 Amount to be raised: \$37,250.01

M GAIL WILSON, MASTER COMMISSIONER, RUSSELL CIRCUIT COURT

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