Wreaths Across America event to take place at Mill Springs Dec. 19

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NANCY — While Veterans Day may fall in November, there is an opportunity in December to honor fallen veterans as well.

The annual Wreaths Across America will take place across the nation Saturday, December 19, and a local chapter of the national organization is preparing to place wreaths at Mill Springs National Cemetery in Nancy.

Megan Damron, the local coordinator for Wreaths Across America, said that the last day to purchase a wreath for this year's event is Wednesday, December 2.

Any wreaths sponsored after that date will be credited for next year's event, she said.

The December 19 event is free and open for anyone to attend.

"Wreaths Across America is a nonprofit organization," Damron explained. "Originally, it was just at Arlington National Cemetery, but over the years the organization has become much more, and has now grown to where there are over 5,500 participating locations nationwide and abroad."

The mission of the organization is to "remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and to teach the next generation the value of freedom," she said.

The wreath-placing ceremony will take place at the same time across cemeteries across the nation, she said.

For Mill Springs, that means the wreaths will start being placed around 11 a.m., with a ceremony to follow at noon.

"There are about 4,500 gravesites at Mill Springs. Last year we laid about 800 wreaths, and we have 550 that have been sponsored so far for this year," she said.

That means the organization is on tract to have more wreaths sponsored this year than last year, she said.

"The ultimate goal is to place a wreath on every site, just like they do at Arlington National Cemetery," she said.

She is encouraging those who want to sponsor a wreath to do so by visiting the Wreaths Across America website (www.wreathsacrossamerica.org).

People can purchase a wreath and designate it to go to a specific cemetery, such as Mill Springs, she said, and can even designate a specific grave for that wreath to be placed at.

For those who want more information about sponsoring a wreath, or want to arrange an alternative payment method than what is accepted by the website, Damron said they can call her at 606-271-0619 and leave a voicemail, or visit the Wreaths Across America-Mill Springs National Cemetery Facebook page.

On the day, volunteers will be on hand at Mill Springs to lay those wreaths.

"If you want to lay the wreath yourself, there is a place to designate that in the online order." she said. "But for those who don't place their own, we will have plenty of volunteers available.

Damron added, "We encourage the volunteers who lay those wreaths on the veterans' graves to make sure they say the veteran's name out loud and take a moment to thank them for their service to our country and make it a special moment."

Organizations helping out this year include the Rotary Club of Somerset, the Pulaski County Republican Women's Club, the local chapter of the Family Center and Community Leaders of America, local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, Club Fit of Somerset (which recently hosted a fundraiser), local JROTC groups, the Somerset chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, and the local Civil Air Patrol.

Damron said the event is special to her, especially because her father is a veteran.

"While he is still living, I have a soft spot in my heart for veterans," she said.

That means seeing the wreaths laid out in the national cemetery is a moving experience to her, she said.

"It's a really touching moment to see all these wreaths laid out and the silence of the people. You may hear some people say the names (of the veterans), as I mentioned. It's just a very special moment and a special way that we can honor our veterans. And it touches me to see all the kids that come out. ... It's great to see all the young kids participate."



Mill Springs National Cemetery is one of thousands that will participate in Wreaths Across America on December 19. | FILE

HANEY'S

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the Haney's grounds, including scenes in the pie shop and then another involving Christmas trees that was filmed under one of the farm's sheds, in addition to the main apple house and doughnut shop.

It's not just TV movies that have helped Haney's gain exposure. Enter the pie shop, and you'll see a framed copy of a New York Times article featuring Haney's on the wall. Likewise, social media has helped the quaint rural agribusiness enter the digital age of publicity.

"We started doing a lot more on TikTok, and that made it a much broader audience," said Haney. "We've had people from Hawaii call. We had someone from Illinois drive eight hours just to come and buy some apples, hang out for an hour, and turn around and drive back."

Haney said the business gets plenty of tourism business in the summer, and tries to hit a "solid radius" of 75 miles for drawing in customers during the fall.

"Facebook, TikTok, those sorts of things, have helped out tremendously just to let people know, hey, there is a place like us out there," he said. "We try to keep up (on the apps) and say, 'Hey, this is what we're doing this time of year,' and keep people updated to where they can know the timing to come out, and when is the best time to get what they're looking for."

On Facebook, those interested can visit the "Haney's Appledale Farm" page, @haneysfarm on Instagram, or @haneysappledalefarm on TikTok.

While some family members attended the "Moose Lake" screening at the Virginia Theater in Somerset the night before it aired on TV, the Haneys otherwise didn't make a big deal out of the occasion with a viewing party or anything like that. Fame is unlikely to go to the heads of a local family operation like Haney's Appledale Farms, but those associated with it are happy to see how the seeds planted by access to modern media are allowing the business to keep branching out.

"Everybody says they like (the movie) a lot," said Haney. "They're happy to be able to see a movie that has a national reach and be able to say, 'Hey, I know that place, I've see it. I recognize that. It's actually been really positive feedback so far."

PUBLIC NOTICE
MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

In order to comply with the orders of the Pulaski Circuit Court, the Commissioner will sell the property described in the following action on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2026** at the hour of **1:00 p.m**. This sale will be held at 207 S. RICHARDSON DRIVE, SOMERSET, KY 42501, (GODBY AUCTION CENTER BUILDING, **PLEASE DO NOT CALL GODBY REALTY WITH QUESTIONS; THEY VOLUNTARILY AUCTIONEER FOR THE MASTER COMMISSIONER**). Said property shall be sold to raise the amounts hereinafter set forth, together with interest and the costs of the action, and (unless otherwise indicated) upon the following terms and conditions:

• At the time of sale the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. **In the event the successful bidder desires or elects to credit the balance, he or she will be required to post bond and furnish an acceptable surety thereon**. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and **bear interest at the plaintiff's judgment rate per** annum from the date of sale until paid. **IN THE EVENT THAT THE PURCHASER IS NOT PAYING THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE PROPERTY ON THE DATE OF SALE, ANOTHER PERSON MUST BE PRESENT ON THE PURCHASER'S BEHALF TO SIGN AS SURETY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE PURCHASE PRICE.**

• Risk of loss of improvements shall be on the purchaser from date of sale.

• The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for the current tax year **(2026)** and all subsequent years. All other delinquent taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds **if properly claimed in writing and the holder(s) thereof is a party to the foreclosure. The Master Commissioner warrants only such title as is referred by Court order and does not guarantee that all taxes are paid.**

• The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon, excepting easements and restrictions of record in the Pulaski County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the defendant(s).

• **Redemption Clause.** If the above-described real property does not bring 2/3 of the appraisal value, there will be a Redemption Clause in the purchaser's deed. Pursuant to Krs 426.530, a lien is retained in favor of the
Defendant. The defendant may redeem the real estate within 6 months from the date of the sale herein, by
Paying the original purchase money and 10% per annum interest thereon, and any reasonable costs
Incurred by the purchaser after the sale for maintenance or repair of the property, including but not
Limited to utility expenses, insurance, association fees, taxes, and the costs to conform the property
To the minimum standards of: (a) the local nuisance code as de fined in KRS 82.700; and (b) local
Ordianances as defined in KRS 65.8805. The defendant shall pay the redemption money to the Clerk of
The Pulaski Circuit Court. Upon payment by the defedannt, the Master Commissioner shall convey
The real proeperty to the defendant.

1. **303 BEECH GROVE ROAD, SCIENCE HILL, Amount to be raised, $97,573.48, PVA # 036-0-0-66.2**
(The Mobile Home is Included in this Sale)!!
2. **1933 ANTIOCH CHURCH ROAD, BURNSIDE, Amount to be raised, $5,304.53, PVA #079-7-1-15.1**
3. **88 TODD BLVD., SOMERSET, Amount to be raised, $176,476.94, PVA # 050-5-2-29**
4. **3022 HWY. 235, NANCY, Amount to be raised, $286,638.22, PVA # 031-4-0-09**
5. **HWY. 1247, SOMERSET, Amount to be raised, $4,338.00, PVA # 045-8-1-88.1**
6. **STEVEN ROAD, SOMERSET, Amount to be raised, $3,798.76, PVA # 078-5-4-24**
7. **20 ROSE HILL ROAD, SOMERSET, Amount to be raised, $3,158.88, PVA # 076-6-0-25**
8. **265 JESSE SEARS ROAD, SOMERSET, Amount to be raised, $167,519.54, PVA # 117-0-0-12.1**
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10. **90 DOBBS TAYLOR LANE, SCIENCE HILL, Amount to be raised, $ 149,372.29, PVA # 057-6-0-15.2**
(The Mobile Home is included in this sale)!
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