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Ideas that Work: 10 Social Marketing Tips

Is social media stealing your sanity? Don't let it! Be genuine, be social, and be ready to WIN!



ASK THE EXPERT

"What if I don't have time to constantly post to social media?"



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SOCIAL MEDIA IS NOT THE ULTIMATE OR ONLY MARKETING YOUR BUSINESS NEEDS, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT!

Social media is not "optional" anymore but more an expectation. So, if you are going to have to do it, do it well. The first thing we need to remember is that social media, is above all else, SOCIAL. While it can be an outlet for learning, mostly people are on social to unwind and mindlessly scroll.

Most realtors are great salespeople. We get it, selling is what you do. The problem is that marketing and sales are NOT the same. They go hand in hand but one feeds the other and you must have both! So in this month's "Ask the Expert" we are focusing on the "Do's" and "Don'ts" of marketing your brand vs selling yourself on social media.



Don't just focus on your listings, pendings, and SOLDS!

Showing your success builds trust betweer yourself and your potential clients. But HOW you showcase that success can be either VERY powerful or very off-putting.

- Focus on building your brand loyalty and trust. Your reputation matters and you bring a lot to the table in every transaction. Show that off.
- Share your wisdom with thought leadership articles on LinkedIn.
- Considering writing long form posts on social.
- Put an emphasis on creating and maintaining a review funnel through Google. This will power the engine that is your "marketing machine" and make for GREAT social media posting fodder!

Find out what works and do more of that on your social channels!

Consider utilizing a free content scheduling service to allow you to pre-create content and have it auto-posted to your platforms.

 Create content that leaves margins. This will allow you crop and create vertical, square or horizontal content from a single piece of media saving you time and effort. (video and photos) Use similar yet varied pieces of content on different days for different platforms.
 Take 1 idea or photo/video and post it in a few different ways tailored to each platform. Simply blanketing every platform with the SAME graphic on Monday will likely not produce the results you want.

Change your perspective on HOW you showcase your listings.

- Tease your listings with video and link to your listing / website.
- Tag other businesses and friends to grow!
- Use the listing photos one at a time to "drip" campaign to your audience. You never know what someone may fall in love with (hint: it's usually NOT the first front photo of the home!)
- Utilize lesser popular functions of social to capture different audiences. For example: stories, reels and posts. Each of these have different algorithms, pull in different viewers and can be optimized in differently.

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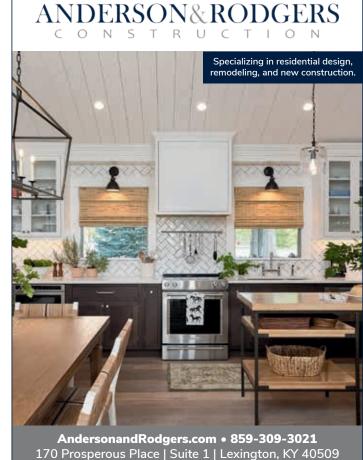
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FULL-TIME REALTOR®, LOVING WIFE AND MOTHER

"When I was younger, my parents thought I'd make a good attorney," laughs REALTOR® Paige Wilson. However, she had other plans. "While in college, there was a reporter who advocated for a loved one by reporting both sides of a hard situation, and that led me to study journalism," she adds.

Paige knew that she wanted to be an advocate for others. However, this preacher's kid, who grew up in a parsonage in Erie, Pennsylvania, one of the snowiest cities in the country, didn't have real estate on the radar initially.

A Carefree Childhood

"I had a great childhood," smiles Paige. She and her two older brothers had six acres to play on with friends. Paige felt grounded with her father as a pastor and her mother as a homemaker. With made-from-scratch meals and skiing every Friday night, Paige has many happy memories growing up.

Paige and her family moved to
Pittsburgh for five years, then to
Wilmore, Kentucky, at the age of 16. It
was here that she started putting down
roots in the community and experienced a bit of a culture shock.

"We went from Pittsburgh to Wilmore, which had two stoplights," Paige reminisces. It was a new chapter for her and her family, and Paige has been in Central Kentucky ever since.





Finding Her Path

Paige's path to real estate wasn't a straight line. "Graduating from college in 2010 meant I wasn't entering the job market at the best time, and recently married, I was looking for a job with stability and health insurance," she explains. She began her career in banking and later became a business manager for a local non-profit. "I really thrived in the non-profit role, but I knew I wanted my own business." While on maternity leave with her first child, Paige worked on her real estate license, earning it in 2015.

"We purchased a new home when I was expecting our second child, and even though I was licensed, we hired a REALTOR® because I was in escrow," she recalls, adding her agent encouraged her to activate her license. Paige took his advice and activated her license later that year. The following year, after the birth of her youngest child, she dove into real estate full time.

Today, she works with her real estate partner, Stacy Duke. "We partnered

mid-pandemic," she says. "Two people are better than one, and having Stacy as a real estate partner has helped both of us grow our businesses." Stacy was an easy choice when Paige needed help. They knew one another through Stacy's family, and while Stacy was a new agent, she was ready to jump in quickly. "She's been a blessing to work with," Paige reflects.

Overcoming Challenges

Like any career, real estate came with its challenges. "In real estate, no two days are the same, and I love that," Paige shares. "It's constantly changing, and I'm always learning something new. I know more about water lines than I ever thought possible after a recent experience!"

One of the early challenges Paige faced was finding the right brokerage to support her growth. "There are so many different companies and models. It took me a little while to find the right company fit, but once I did, my business started to thrive," she says.

In 2020, Paige faced another challenge when her husband, Chris, had a fluke farming accident, resulting in an unexpected surgery. "With social distancing, we didn't have much day-to-day help. I took on full-time farming, fulltime real estate, and full-time caregiver for Chris. Plus, we had three kids six and under," she recalls. "It was a lot at the time, but God carried us through it, and today Chris is 100% healed." Paige finished 2020 nearly doubling her business from the prior year.

This experience gave her empathy for others. "You never know what someone is going through," she candidly comments. "I always try to care for my clients the same way I would want someone to care for my parents or my grandmother." Putting others first is what Paige does best.

Life on the Farm

Outside of work, Paige and her family homestead on their farm in Garrard County, raising chickens, turkeys, lamb, beef, and honeybees. "It's a lot of fun," says Paige. They share a large garden with a neighboring family, and raise as much of their own food as possible.

A woman of faith, Paige gives God the glory for her success in real estate. She also takes time to be mindful of His blessings, including incorporating work-life balance. "We read The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry in 2022, and we have incorporated Sabbath into our rhythm of life," she says. Twenty-four hours of rest is important for this hustling real estate professional. "I don't completely shut off my phone because I'm a REALTOR®, but there is an intentional unplugging and focus on my family," she comments.

Paige and Chris, who became a fulltime homeschool teacher and farmer in 2019, are blessed with three children: Zeke (10), Elsie Jo (8), and Gabe (6). They also have some adorable dogs, cats and pet ducks on the farm.

"I wasn't looking to be the breadwinner when I went into real estate," she laughs. "I quickly figured out that I loved it, and this career has changed our lives for the better."

"I love seeing the kids run to greet me as I pull up to the house. They yank open the door and start telling me all about their day while we walk inside together." Real estate has provided work-life balance. "Real estate has given us a really sweet rhythm of life because it's not 9-5." Now Paige can take her children to the library on a weekday morning, or take a field trip with the whole family. "I don't miss a basketball game or a softball game," she points out. She wouldn't have it any other way.

They love to travel and try to connect their trips with their children's homeschool lessons. "The National Parks are our favorite vacations," she says. "While we love to travel, there is nowhere else I'd rather come home to than Central Kentucky."



In her personal life, Paige and her family strive to live with an abundance mindset. "We work like it depends on us, but we know it's all God's provision," she shares.

Grateful for the Journey

As someone who works by referral, Paige feels grateful for the opportunity to work with people she knows and trusts every day. "This career is not something I take lightly," she reflects. "My goal is to help my clients reach their goals, advocating for them through the process, and helping them to navigate the ever-changing market."

With her unwavering commitment to her clients and her positive outlook on life, Paige Wilson is truly an agent on fire—dedicated to making a difference, one real estate transaction at a time.





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Real Estate lives by and a directive that
serves as a North Star both in her career
and personal life. It's not just a slogan. It's
not some sort of feel-good catchphrase. It
is something that, for Holtegel, has been
passed down from generation to generation
and is engrained in her very being.

"I've had really good teachers my entire life," Holtegel said. "My dad was a state trooper in Indiana and an inventor. He always taught me the value of dreams and how to see things better or in a different light. Having an open mind is certainly something I want to take with me. Having the openness and confidence to walk into a place where I don't know anyone and be certain I can bring something to the table is extremely important to me, but it doesn't mean anything if you aren't good to others.

So that's the principle that drives us. Be good to somebody and it comes back tenfold. My parents' generation was so good to each other that we can all learn from that. You're valuable. I just want to engrain that in everybody – my family, clients and everybody."

Holtegel didn't get her start in real estate until she was 50 and after she had moved to Lexington from Columbus, Ohio. She truly believes her path to this career has given her a unique perspective on her own career and how she works with her clients. Holtegel started her career in a guidance department as a registrar at a central Ohio high school. After moving to Lexington with her husband, Brett, Holtegel continued on that path in admissions at Transylvania University – a place and community she still holds close to her heart. But, with the encouragement of Brett, Holtegel took some time away to get to know Lexington and the central Kentucky community after the move. That turned into a revelation for Holtegel.

"I really was happy with my life experience prior to becoming an agent," Holtegel said. "We had moved several times – I had been in eight houses prior to getting into real estate – so I was familiar with the transactional portion of the experience, but I wanted to put my own touch on it. After we moved here in 2011, I fell in love with Lexington and the culture. I got to know my neighbors, went to local events and spent time out in the community. By combining that and doing good by people, I realized my desire to pursue a career in real estate would be a great fit for me."





But it wasn't just that for Hotegel to set herself apart. She sees a strong correlation between her prior work experience in guidance and this one in real estate.

"You're being a broker to what they want and it's very similar to that

a blessing to provide that constant customer service."

That sense of family is something that has translated over to Holtegel personally. She loves having family dinner at her house every Sunday and lives a short drive from her

pride in being able to help clients her reach their goals.

"One of the best parts of the job is seeing people get what they never dreamt they could obtain," Holtegel said. "That could mean selling, too, and not always buying. Seeing that home or whether they want a pool through until the end, servicing all



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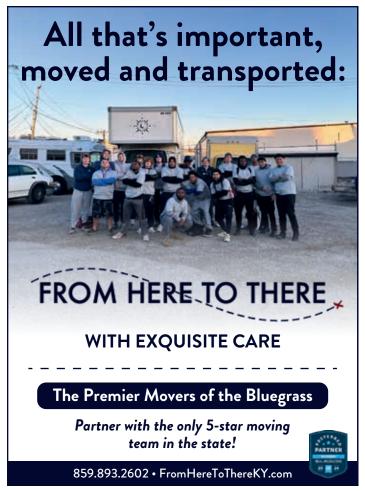


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Eric C. Bumm





Eric C. Bumm, a proud Owensboro, Kentucky native, attributes much of his success to his upbringing in a large family and the values instilled by his parents. After attending the University of Kentucky, he excelled in cheerleading, eventually coaching at various institutions, including the University of Texas and in Germany. His transition to real estate in 2012 was inspired by a desire for a meaningful career change, guided by his mentor, T. Lvnn Williamson.

Now a REALTOR® at The Brokerage Real Estate Advisors, Eric enjoys helping clients navigate the home buying process and is committed to enhancing his community through real estate projects. He's currently involved in developing new housing options in Jessamine County. Balancing work and family life with his wife, Dr. Jessica Popplewell, and their two daughters, Eric emphasizes time management and communication. Outside of work, he enjoys traveling, supporting local businesses, and cheering on the University of Kentucky sports teams. Eric's dedication to his family and community makes him a respected figure in real estate and beyond.

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