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in real estate is a family tradition dating back to his late uncle.

“Our family history with Uncle Curtis goes back to 1965 in this business,” Wilson said.

Wilson discovered his own passion for real estate in college and gained his real estate license thirty years ago.

“When I started taking real estate classes in college, I found it very interesting, so I got my real estate license in 1995,” he said.

Wilson is the owner, principal broker and principal auctioneer of Golden Rule-Wilson Real Estate and Auction-with offices in both Russell Springs and Columbia.

Golden Rule is consistently in the running for awards locally, statewide and even nationally.

Wilson says while he hasn’t added up the awards they’ve earned, he would estimate that they’ve won between thirty-five and forty state and national advertising/marketing awards.

Recently, Golden Rule took home the state award for best radio advertisement in 2025, and other recent awards include best real estate advertisement across multiple categories.

The company has also locally won best real estate auctioneer in recent years.

“We take a lot of pride in our marketing awards,” said Wilson. “I think that’s helped us to stay on the forefront and the cutting edge of

real estate.”

While Wilson may be the front-man for Golden Rule, the success the company has experienced wouldn’t be possible without all of his team members and his family.

“Our wonderful agents and staff deserve a lot of the credit, because in this business, it’s not as much of an individual effort,” Wilson said. “Anybody that works for our company, we consider them to be honest, trustworthy and professional.”

Their team includes not only real estate agents and auctioneers; it includes office staff, clean-up and set-up crews, photography crews and their supportive families.

“Everyone pitches in and works together to get the job done right. It all starts and ends with hard work, and that’s what my parents taught me from an early age.”

Being a real estate agent isn’t the easiest job in the world, with agents not always working on a strict nine-to-five schedule.

“A lot of times people who are looking at properties have to go after they get off work,” said Wilson. “A lot of times you work all day and then meet people for appointments at night and after work hours to show them properties. It takes a lot of perseverance to be in the real estate business for a long time.”

Wilson’s favorite part of the job is getting to know and helping to meet the needs of his clients.

“Sometimes selling

property is not just the act of selling property,” said Wilson. “Sometimes there are a lot of emotional decisions involved.”

Wilson’s passion for real estate has been passed on to his kids.

“Simon, my son was licensed about two-and-a-half years ago,” said Wilson. “Gracie, my daughter, helps with both our live and online auctions and is considering pursuing it as well.”

Simon went to college for several semesters, but real estate was just in his blood.

Tagging along with his dad, Simon was involved in the family business from an early age

“I always loved real estate,” Simon said. “I always went with Dad to things like listing appointments when I was a little kid. As soon as I started driving, I started putting up signs and putting out brochures.”

Simon says his dad is the same person on the job as he is at home.

“We always joke around saying he works 24/7,” said Simon. “He’s just funny and goofy all the time. He really loves what he does.”

Chris is extremely happy Simon chose to follow in his footsteps.

“Anytime that you have a family-owned business, you’re excited to see another generation be interested in that business,” said Chris.

For the Wilson family, real estate isn’t just a job-it’s a tradition and a passion.

South Kentucky RECC announces results of recent 2025 Board of Directors Election



CATHY CREW EPPERSON (Tommy Wilson Photography)

South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (SKRECC) is pleased to announce the results of its 2025 Board of Directors election.

As a member-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperative, South Kentucky RECC is governed by a seven-member board elected by the very members they serve—upholding the cooperative principle of democratic member control.

This year, members had the opportunity to vote online via SmartHub from May 23 through June 6, or in person during SKRECC’s Annual Membership Days, held June 10–12 at five convenient voting locations across the service area.

After a successful and secure election process, the SKRECC Credentials and Elections Committee has certified the

official results for the District 1 seat, which covers southwestern Pulaski County.

Incumbent Cathy Crew Epperson has been re-elected to continue representing District 1.

Epperson received 2532 votes, while challenger Rick Barker received 2333 votes.

Kevin Newton, President and CEO of South Kentucky RECC, shared his appreciation for the democratic process: “Member participation is the cornerstone of cooperative leadership. We’re grateful to all who voted and to the candidates who stepped up to serve. These elections reflect the strength of our cooperative values and the dedication of our community.”

South Kentucky RECC extends sincere thanks to all members who participated in this year’s election and

encourages continued engagement in shaping the future of the cooperative.

Epperson will officially begin her four-year term in July 2025.

About South Kentucky RECC:

South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (“South Kentucky”) is an electric distribution cooperative providing approximately 70,000 meters with retail electric power in eleven Kentucky and two Tennessee counties. South Kentucky was formed as a non-profit rural electric cooperative corporation in 1938 and is owned solely by its retail electric customers. South Kentucky is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of seven individuals representing an equal number of districts within its service territory.

Russell County Farm Bureau Women’s Committee salutes local dairy farmers

Kevin Bernard
Dante Carpenter
Andy and Margrit Ciccarelli
Davis Curry
Wayne and Samuel Gosser
Mike Hatcher
Christy Lawless

Timothy McGowan
Kenny and Tyler Popplewell
Shane and Spencer Roy
Trent and Ben Roy
Ross Russell
Larry and Brenda Smith
Brently and Tammy West

June is Dairy Month in Russell County!

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, June 27, 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:

- A) 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 t 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.
- B) 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.
- C) 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 entered in each separate action)

SALE NO. 1

Property Address: 502 Bluebird Drive, Russell Springs, Kentucky 42642 Map No. 033-50-11-033.00 METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY V. BRIAN POPPLEWELL, AKA BRYAN POPPLEWELL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE (if any) OF BRIAN POPPLEWELL AKA BRYAN POPPLEWELL; LVNV FUNDING, LLC; COLUMBIA MEDICAL EQUIPMENT; RUSSELL COUNTY HOSPITAL and COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF RUSSELL Civil Action No. 24-CI-00284. Amount to be raised: \$46,801.70

M GAIL WILSON, MASTER COMMISSIONER, RUSSELL CIRCUIT COURT

ADVANCE NOTICE

OLD-FASHIONED, LIVE ON-THE-FARM ABSOLUTE ESTATE AUCTION

SATURDAY, JULY 12TH at 10 A.M. CDT

Auction Held for
The Hollis “Cee”
and Kay Stephens
Estate

Location:
2822 East Hwy. 80,
Russell Springs, KY in the
Fairview Community near
the Intersection of East
Hwy. 80 and KY 910.



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Over 112 Acres, m/l, to Choose From offered in 35 Tracts & ANY Combinations! Property also has a Fixer Upper Brick House, Mobile Home with Addition and Pond. Property is located in the desirable Fairview Community and Salem District just 2 miles from Russell Springs, KY and just minutes to Lake Cumberland!

Further terms & details soon available.
For immediate info, contact selling agents.