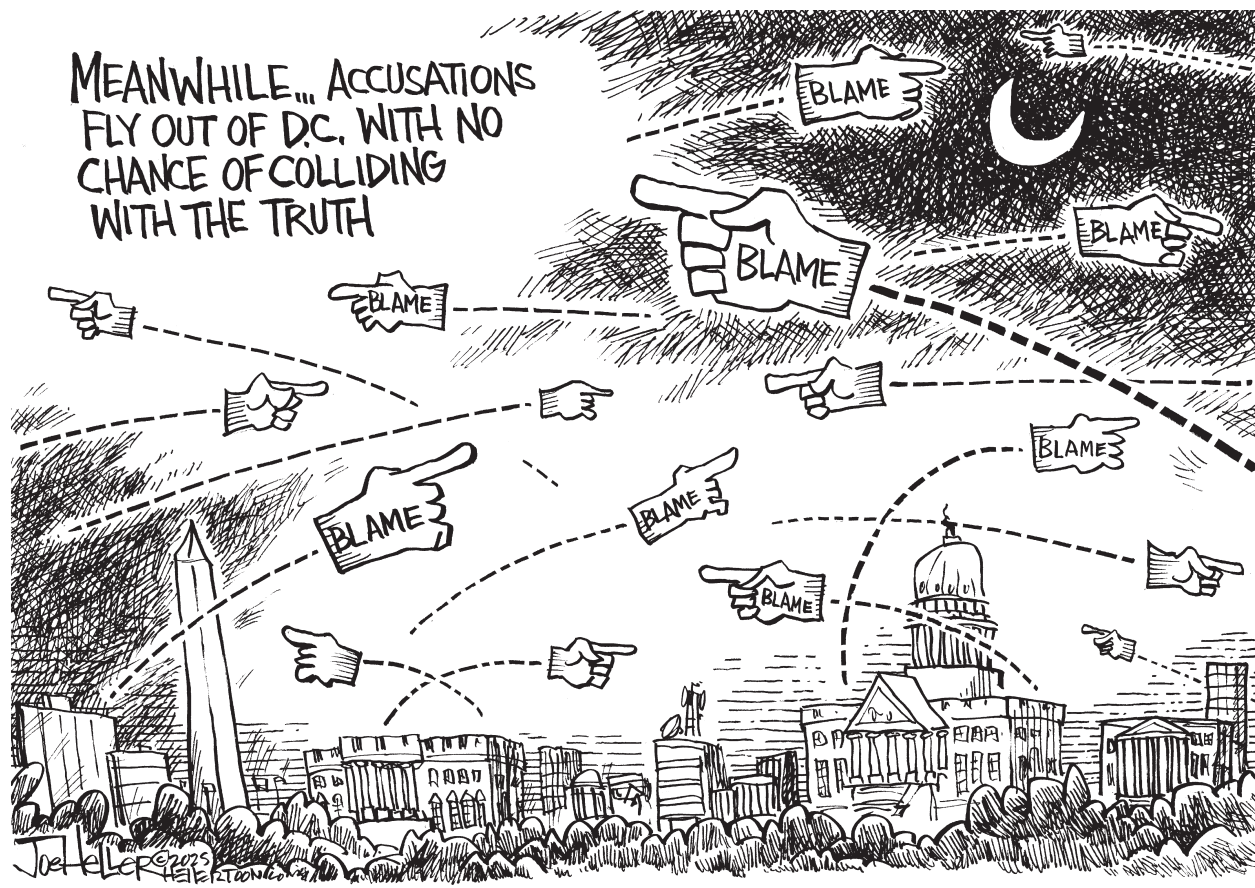


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OPINION

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Lindsey Wilson College Selected for National Effort Dedicated to Student Success

Lindsey Wilson College has joined a national effort to improve college students' success.

The college has joined the Gardner Institute's Transforming the Foundational Postsecondary Experience initiative. Launched in fall 2023, Transforming the Foundational Postsecondary Experience aims to close performance gaps and improve student success in ways that move toward eliminating factors such as ZIP codes as the best predictors of who graduates.

with the Gardner Institute to improve our student success efforts," said Lindsey Wilson Vice President for Academic Affairs Ray Lutgring. "Our mission calls for us to ensure that every Lindsey Wilson student has the opportunity to be successful, no matter the challenges they face. The Gardner Institute will help us identify and remove any roadblocks preventing our students from graduating."

The Kentucky schools in the new cohort – Lindsey Wilson, Bellarmine University, Kentucky State University, Simmons College of Kentucky and Thomas More University – are participating in the work in conjunction with efforts underway with the Kentucky Student Success Collaborative and support from Lumina Foundation.

The initiative is partially funded by support from Ascendium Education Group, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, ECMC Foundation, Lumina Foundation and The Kresge Foundation.

The Gardner Institute initiative started with 11 schools, and Lindsey Wilson is among nine additional schools – five of which are from Kentucky – chosen to participate in the project. The nine additional schools collectively enroll over 19,000 undergraduate students. Nearly half (47%) of the students receive a federal Pell Grant; about one-third (33.4%) of the students identify as either African American, Hispanic, Indigenous or two or more races.

"Colleges and universities must have high expectations for their students. They must also have high expectations for how they teach and support the students they serve," said Gardner Institute Chief Executive Officer Andrew (Drew) Koch. "These nine institutions join the 11 colleges and universities in the first cohort in making a long-term commitment to focusing on what they control, who they serve, and building a more effective undergraduate

"Lindsey Wilson is proud to be working

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Extension Notes

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Agriculture and Natural Resources

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New Field Guide Offers Tools to Combat Kentucky's Invasive Plants

Source: Dr. Ellen Crocker, Department of Forestry and Natural Resources Assistant Professor

The University of Kentucky Department of Forestry and Natural Resources has released a Field Guide to Kentucky's Invasive Plants, a comprehensive resource aimed at helping landowners, conservationists and forestry professionals identify and manage invasive plant species across the state.

This guide provides detailed profiles of the most prevalent invasive trees, shrubs, vines, grasses and herbaceous plants that threaten Kentucky's ecosystems. Each species is presented with full-color photographs, information about its origins, distribution, threats to native biodiversity and effective control

methods. From the hardy Callery pear to the pervasive kudzu vine, the guide highlights the threats these species pose to forests, fields and waterways.

The book also emphasizes practical management techniques, offering guidance on hand removal, herbicide application and integrated approaches tailored to site-specific conditions. Special attention is given to balancing ecological health with practical land management goals, ensuring that users can address invasive species responsibly and effectively.

The Field Guide draws on a wealth of expertise from contributors across specific regions, including the board members of the Kentucky Invasive

Plant Council. It builds on an earlier pocket guide with updated content and new species profiles, reflecting the evolving landscape of invasive plant management.

Key features include:

- Species profiles: Clear descriptions and images to help with identification.
- Control strategies: Step-by-step recommendations, from manual removal to chemical treatments.
- Regional relevance: Focused on the invasive plants most common to Kentucky and neighboring states.

Whether you're a landowner grappling with autumn olive or a forest manager tackling multiflora rose, this guide serves as a practical reference for maintaining healthy ecosystems. As invasive plants spread, these resources are critical in equipping communities with the knowledge and tools to protect their natural heritage.

To obtain your field guide visit <https://forestry.ca.uky.edu/articles/for177-field-guide-kentuckys-invasive-plants> or contact your local Russell County Extension

office.

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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, February 21, 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 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.
- 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: 85 Rose Street, Russell Springs, Kentucky 42642 Map No. 020-90-11-009.00
CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK v. STEVEN RAGLE, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF STEVEN RAGLE, RUSSELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, CITY OF RUSSELL SPRINGS, KENTUCKY.
Civil Action No. 24-CI-00183. Amount to be raised: \$133,645.00.

SALE NO. 2
Property Address: 201 Primrose Street, Russell Springs, Kentucky 42642 Map No. 043-20-04-004.00 (includes 2020 CMH manufactured home, Serial No. CAP033506TNAB)
VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC. vs. LACY MICHELLE DUDGEON a/k/a LACY M. DUDGEON a/k/a LACY DUDGEON; JAMES L. DUDGEON a/k/a JAMES DUDGEON; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF RUSSELL, BY AND ON BEHALF OF SECRETARY OF REVENUE.
Civil Action No. 24-CI-00125. Amount to be raised: \$109,592.15

SALE NO. 3
Property Address: 262 Lakeway Drive, Russell Springs, Kentucky 42642 Map No. 033-50-02-005.00
MID-SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP v. JODY BRYANT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF JODY BRYANT; TRACY BRYANT; CUMBERLAND LAKE SHELL, INC., THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF RUSSELL AND CITY OF RUSSELL SPRINGS, KENTUCKY
Civil Action No. 19-CI-00194 Principal amount(s) to be raised: \$12,952.76 and \$54,437.67

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