

Lancaster Student Among Nominees for U.S. Service Academies Announced by Sen. Paul

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U.S. Senator Rand Paul has announced his nominations for the 2026 class of the nation's service academies, recognizing 55 students from across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Among those selected is Trace Allan Scott of Lancaster, whose nomination places Lancaster in the statewide spotlight as part of

Celtic Angels

From Front

traditional Irish ballads, folk tunes, and modern arrangements. Their performances are accompanied by choreographed Irish dance, offering a combination of live music and rhythmic step dancing that has become a hallmark of the group's touring productions.

Event organizers describe the upcoming performance as an opportunity for audiences to experience the cultural heritage of Ireland through song and dance in an intimate theater setting. The Grand, a historic venue in downtown Lancaster, will host the one-night engagement as part of its ongoing performance season.

In conjunction with the event, the theater has announced a promotional ticket giveaway. Individuals who purchase tickets to the February 28 performance before the day of the show will be automatically entered into a drawing to receive two complimentary regular tickets to any other 2026 show presented at The Grand. The promotion is intended to encourage early ticket purchases while providing patrons with an added incentive to attend additional performances during the upcoming season.

Tickets for the Celtic Angels performance are currently available through the theater's online ticketing platform. Organizers encourage patrons to secure seats in advance due to anticipated demand for the limited engagement.

The February 28 performance is expected to draw audiences seeking a live entertainment experience that highlights Irish musical traditions and dynamic stage presentation.

this year's distinguished group of candidates.

Scott received nominations to both the United States Merchant Marine Academy and the United States Military Academy, reflecting a significant achievement in the highly competitive service academy selection process. Nominations are a critical step for applicants seeking appointments to the academies, which prepare students for leadership roles in the United States Armed Forces and, in the case of the Merchant Marine Academy, service in maritime industries vital to national security and commerce.

In a statement accompanying the announcement, Sen. Paul emphasized the importance of the nomination process and the commitment demonstrated by Kentucky's students. "A very rewarding aspect of being a

United States Senator is the opportunity to nominate young men and women from across the state to attend our nation's prestigious service academies," Paul said. He commended the nominees for their dedication and expressed confidence that those ultimately appointed would represent the Commonwealth with distinction.

For Lancaster, Scott's nomination highlights both individual accomplishment and the broader tradition of military service within Kentucky communities.

As the selection process continues, local residents will be watching closely as one of their own advances toward potential appointment to one of the nation's service academies.



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Saturday Painting Classes February 28 and March 21.

Paint with Rose Saturday, February 28 at 9:30 am. Class fee \$50 and supplies included. Call 859-227-6126 to pre-register.

OR Paint with Bobbie Gayle on Saturday, March 21 from 2 - 4 p.m. Class fee is \$25 and includes all supplies. Call to pre-register for class. 859-304-3057.

Vote For Your Favorite Pet Photo or Art Exhibit at Garrard Library

For \$1 per vote or 5 votes for \$7, you can vote for your favorite pet photo or art at the Garrard County Library. All proceeds will be donated to the Garrard County Animal Shelter.

Garrard Arts Kentucky History & Heritage Photo Contest

Celebrate America 250th 250th Birthday by showcasing your photographs. Entries are due Tuesday, March 10 at Garrard Arts, 206 Lexington Street, Lancaster KY. Photos must depict Kentucky history or heritage. Full contest rules here <https://garrardarts.org/exhibits-%26-contests>

What is the difference between history and heritage? History is what happened in the past. Heritage is what it means to us, how we remember and commemorate, the stories we tell. Heritage is happening now; history occurred in the past. A photo of a historical site or building is history; a photo of the commemoration of a historical event is heritage.

Information About Joining Garrard Arts

To learn more information about joining Garrard Arts and the many opportunities to make art, support the arts, or teach art, visit our website at garrardarts.org or visit the Garrard Arts Center at the historical Wherritt House at 206 Lexington Street in Lancaster. The Garrard Arts Center is open Tuesday through Saturday.

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GARRARD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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The Garrard County Public Library hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Story Time. Stories, songs and crafts for children ages birth through five. Every Wednesday, 10:00. There will be no Story Time March 11 and March 25. The first Wednesday of each month, Story Time will be joined by the Garrard County Extension Office for **Laugh and Learn.** This is a kindergarten readiness program which will include story time, snacks, crafts, and activities that will engage the little ones and provide developmentally supportive play to help prepare them for school. Parents or guardians must be present.

Dr. Seuss Party. Join us for a Dr. Seuss-inspired party with a read-aloud, themed crafts and games, and cupcake decorating (and eating!). **Space is limited to 20 kids and registration is required.** Call or stop by the library to register. Thursday, March 5, 4:00-5:00.

Teen Space Activities. Join us on Mondays for activities and snacks in the teen space. "Speed Date" a Book. Black-out Poetry, Monday, March 2, 3:30-5:00 and Board Games,

Monday, March 9, 3:30-5:00. **Grades 6-12 only.**

Pokemon Club. Whether you're a veteran or a newbie, join our monthly club for Pokemon battles, activities, and snacks. Never played before? No worries. Each new player will get a beginner's card kit from the library. **Grades 4-8.** Thursday, February 26, 3:30-5:00.

Tween Gaming. Join us after school and bring a friend. **Grades 4-8.** Friday, March 6 3:30-4:30.

Teen Bookshelf Craft. Join us for a DIY session to create a unique miniature bookshelf or curiosity cabinet. Supplies will be provided to design a tiny world with items like moss, mushrooms and trinkets. Ideal for fans of dark academia and nature. **Grades 6-12 only.** Wednesday, March 11, 3:30-4:30.

Thursday Book Club. The March selection is *The Moonlight School* by Suzanne Woods Fisher. Copies are available at the library. Thursday, March 19, 2:45-3:45. **Ages 18 and up.**

Chocolate Treat Day. Celebrate Valentine's Day by making some chocolate treats, perfect for yourself or a loved

one. Create chocolate hearts, strawberries, chocolate-dipped cookies, and a small treat box to take home. **Registration is required and spots are limited** so call or stop by the library to sign up. All ages are welcome but younger children should be accompanied by a supervising adult. Saturday, February 28, 11:00-12:00.

Craft Day for Adults. Ready to welcome the spring sun? Join us at the library to create a stunning, rustic sun-catcher using chicken wire and vibrant, glass beads. This project combines industrial textures with delicate light for a beautiful home accent. Due to the intricate nature of the materials and the tools involved, this session is strictly for adults. **Registration is required.** Saturday, March 7, 10:30-1:30.

Popul Driver Licensing Event for renewing a license or upgrading to a Real ID. Written and road tests are not available. Appointments can be made on the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet website starting February 24. Tuesday, March 10, 9:30-12:00 and 1:00-3:00.

Free Faxing is digital and self-serve. **Notary services (free), copying and printing** (ask library staff for cost) are available. **Print jobs may also be emailed to garrardlibprint@gmail.com.** We also offer **Mobile Printing** which allows you to print directly from your phone.

Paint Lick News

Readers, it's snowing again, just lightly, but the flakes are huge this Monday morning of February 23. A day of remembrance for the Lear family as it was Bill Jr's birthday. Another one lost in that big family and Bill is missed everyday. The good news this morning is that we all woke up in God's love and too, the sun is gonna shine again sometime today.

The next few days should be a bit warmer but please don't take our weather up a notch until after our Easter holiday on April 5th. For the almanac tells me the last quarter moon is the second week in March....then we can look forward Spring like days. Still, we should have snow squalls over the Rocky Mountains and it will shower the upper

Ohio Valley with the same. So don't turn out those warm coats just yet. You will need them.

Just a reminder folks, we volunteers at the Friends of Paint Lick have the long sleeved shirts with a view of Paint Lick on front. We try and keep this area alive and since we've come through hard times before we will do it again as "we press on regardless." You can call us at 858-925-2417 on Tuesdays and Thursdays or come by for a visit in support of this small community and we usually have hot coffee waiting. We have still more coats and hoodies to pass out since this weather is so unpredictable. We have sheets, some bedding with a tub full of miscellaneous items.

Last week, the maintenance for Copperhead Env. is busy as a bee and thoughts in of Spring plantings are already taking hold

so I cleaned around my front porch and it's looking better with the "buttercups" bursting through already. A sure sign of Spring. Now for a most intriguing tidbit on Sunday before church, I noticed a red cardinal perched in Granny Ray's, Mock Orange Tree that sits in our corner yard. That beautiful red bird was still there on the same branch when I came home and he hung around out there until he or she noticed my coming forward with bread crumbs. It took flight but was back on that branch when I looked out again a bit after 4 p.m. So I had the best of the best company in a beautiful ♥ cardinal and it made my day.

Happy birthday to another special niece, Mrs Penny C. Denney on February 28th.

Stay warm and May God Bless.

Katie Rollins

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IN RE: ESTATE OF COLLIS RAY, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that by order of the Garrard District Court, Lancaster, Kentucky in probate number 26-P-0010 dated February 18, 2026, Marian Statom was appointed Executor of the estate of Collis Ray. All claims against the estate of Collis Ray deceased, must be presented to Marian Statom, 1566 Old Danville

Road, Lancaster, KY 40444, Executor of the Estate of Collis Ray or to the attorney Chris A. Whitworth, P.O. Box 363, Lancaster, KY 40444 within 6 months after February 16, 2026. /s/Dana Hensley, Circuit Clerk Garrard District Court Garrard Justice Center 54 Stanford Street Lancaster, KY 40444 (2-26-1tc)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY GARRARD DISTRICT COURT PROBATE NO. 26-P-0008 NOTICE TO

CREDITORS
IN RE: ESTATE OF WILMA JEAN STEAGALL, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that by order of the Garrard District Court, Lancaster, Kentucky in probate number 26-P-0008 dated February 19, 2026, Timothy Steagall was appointed Executor of the estate of Wilma Jean Steagall. All claims against the estate of Wilma Jean Steagall deceased, must be presented to Timothy Steagall,

1990 Mt. Hebron Road, Lancaster, KY 40444, Executor of the Estate of Wilma Jean Steagall or to the attorney Johnny Bolton, P.O. Box 611, Lancaster, KY 40444 within 6 months after February 19, 2026. /s/Dana Hensley, Circuit Clerk Garrard District Court Garrard Justice Center 54 Stanford Street Lancaster, KY 40444 (2-26-1tc)

INVITATION TO BID BITUMINOUS CONCRETE BASE AND OR / SURFACE IN PLACE

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Garrard County Fiscal Court for Bituminous Concrete Base and or/Surface in Place: Bids will be opened at 6:00 p.m. during the regularly scheduled Fiscal Court Meeting on March 9, 2026. Bids must be received in the office of the County Judge Executive's Office at 15 Public Square, Suite 3, Lancaster, KY 40444 by 4:00 p.m. on March 9, 2026. Bids will be for a period of approximately one year from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. The Garrard County Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Specifications for Bituminous Concrete Base and/or Surface in Place Bid Sheets can be picked up at County Judge Executive Office at 15 Public Square, Lancaster, KY 40444 or on Garrard County Website (under the BIDS & News Tab) at WWW.GARRARDCOUNTYKY.GOV.

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Bituminous Concrete Base and/or surface in place

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Garrard County Fiscal Court for rock and gravel for the Garrard County Road Department.

Bids will be opened on March 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM during the regularly scheduled fiscal court meeting. Bids must be received in the office of the County Judge Executive at 15 Public Square Lancaster, KY, Suite 3, by 4:00 p.m. on March 9, 2026.

Rock & Gravel Specifications:
The following items are to be bid:

- DGA
- 2's
- 9's
- 57's
- 11's
- Rip Rap
- Waste
- CIS

Bids will be for a period of approximately one-year from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. Rock will be picked up at the quarry by the Garrard County Road Department. The Garrard County Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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- Paul and Suzanne Wells at 4129 White Lick Road, Paint Lick..... 10-26
- Tammy Fowler, 749 Nina Ridge Road..... 10-26
- Mike and Pam Falthergill, 111 Lynnwood Drive..... 6-26
- Chris and Joy Falthergill, 317 Richmond Street..... 6-26
- Mary Alice (Paul) Drew, 810 Carry Nation Road Property..... 6-26
- Kathy Tuggle & Paula Tudor - Jim Clark Road..... 11-26
- David M. and Rose Walker, 1163 Wolf Trail Road..... 2-27
- The Kenton Property, 795 and 719 C Valley Drive, Berea..... 7-26
- Grover Drew Farm, Carry Nation Road..... 3-26
- Doug and Anna Graves, 319 Richmond Road, Loop 2..... 8-26

- The Brenda Farms, 4870 Harmons Lick Road & Hamilton Valley Road..... 10-26
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- Noah Wagoner and Kelsey Perkins, 10997 Buckeye Road..... 11-25
- Mary and George Watkins Property at 2961 Gabbard Road..... 11-25
- Hugh and Amy Johnson, 6198 Lexington Road..... 6-26
- Dale Marie Hellard - Barbara French & William Randall Causey Farms at 2178 Hamilton Valley Road, 2636 Hamilton Valley Road And 1454 Hamilton Valley Road..... 8-26
- Frank and Althea Rice, 390 Leavell Ridge Road, 372 Leavell Ridge Road and Rice Farm at Three Forks, all of Lancaster, KY..... 10-26

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