

Public Affairs Programming
Fourth Quarter 2023

Program: Perspective

Air Date: October 8

Run Time: Approximately 29 minutes

Guests: U.S. Rep. Andy Barr
R-Kentucky 6th District

Mr. Bob Babbage
Former State Auditor/Secretary of State
Commonwealth of Kentucky
Principal: Babbage Co-Founder

Topics: Speaker Deposed & Governor Supposed

October ends its first week with the lower Chamber of Congress making history: the House, for the first-time ever deposing its Speaker.

Eight Republicans not merely joining but leading the revolt that tossed California's Kevin McCarthy from the post he won only nine months ago, and only after fifteen ballots.

Kentucky's five Republicans were not among the rebels. Part 1 of Perspective: the view from the voice of Kentucky's 6th's House District speaking even as the votes to dump Speaker McCarthy were cast.

Less than a month until Kentucky decides whether to keep or replace Governor Andy Beshear; and one poll more than has both sides talking.

It shows Beshear with almost the double the lead he's ever polled against his Republican challenger --Attorney General Daniel Cameron.

Forty-nine percent to 33 percent! What gives?

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Air Date: October 15

Run Time: Approximately 30 minutes

Guests: Chief Lawrence Weathers
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Police Department

Mr. Bob Babbage
Former State Auditor/Secretary of State
Commonwealth of Kentucky
Principal: Babbage Co-Founder

Topics: Cop Shops & Governor's Race Horrors

Lexington has hit a milestone that serves as testimony to its growth and to improving the speed and efficiency of public safety: its first Police Substation or sector station outside Man O'War Boulevard.

Veteran's Park--between Tates Creek & Nicholasville Roads.

It's about more than renting versus owning: the new station costs more than 4 million dollars.

Designed to be energy-efficient and secure.

But mostly--Chief Lawrence Weathers says--it's about need.

Now--and for the next Generation.

Kentucky's election is but 4 Tuesdays away.

The most expensive race for Governor in the Commonwealth's history.

For many--a bellweather--a proxy for the race for President next year.

But to look at one poll: you'd believe it over.

Emerson College and WDKY Fox 56 showing incumbent Andy Beshear with a 16- point lead over Republican Challenger Daniel Cameron.

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Air Date: October 22

Run Time: Approximately 27 minutes

Guests: Bob Babbage
Former State Auditor/Secretary of State
Commonwealth of Kentucky

Frank Faulconer
Former Weathercaster: WKYT-TV/WBLG-WTVQ-TV/WKQQ-FM

Topics: Governor's Race Winds Down; Broadcast Legend Called Home

Sixteen days until the Commonwealth decides whether it'll keep Andy Beshear as Governor --or replace him with his Republican challenger--Attorney General Daniel Cameron.

Most of their war for your votes has been an air battle: millions of dollars for dozens of spots--attacking each other's character and stands on the issues.

But this past week--we saw them launch a series of debates--face-to-face. What more are these jousts teaching us about who they are? Or are most minds made up?

Plus: Frank Faulconer's Century. The legacy of a 'Greatest Generation' World War ii veteran -turned Dean of Lexington television & radio.

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Air Date: October 29

Run Time: Approximately 30 minutes

Guests: Ms. Nancy Cox
Former Anchor-Reporter
WLEX-TV Lexington, KY

Ms. Robin Rabbeth-Leach
Former Anchor-Reporter
WLEX-TV Lexington, KY

Mr. Ralph Hacker
Former General Manager
WVLK-AM/FM Lexington, KY

Former Play-by-Play/Color Commentator
University of Kentucky Athletics

Topic: In Memoriam: Sue Wylie

Some collect people the way others collect books. If that's true -- Sue Wylie -- the Queen of Lexington television -- could fill a library.

Her tube career more than fifty years.

Add seventeen on Radio --our own WVLK. Retiring ten years ago -- but never out of sight--out of mind.

Only last Monday-taking the mic and lighting up the phone lines with Jack Pattie.

Wednesday, we would lose her --to a car wreck.

Sue was 90 years old. This week's Perspective -- a tribute to the barrier breaker--who never knew the word No, from those who know her for her friendship--and as a mentor.

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Air Date: November 5

Run Time: Approximately 28 minutes, 30 seconds

Guests: Mr. Michael Adams
® Secretary of State
Commonwealth of Kentucky

Mr. Bob Babbage
Principal, Babbage Co-Founder
Lexington-Frankfort, Kentucky

Topics: Voting Early, Poll-Sitting Often

Three days of early voting ended.

The Commonwealth only two days away from deciding whether to stick with Andy Beshear for a second term as Governor -- or replace him with its current Attorney General --Republican Daniel Cameron.

What appeared to be Beshear in a walk about two-and-a-half weeks ago--looks like anybody's race.

One poll's sixteen-point margin now zero: dead heat.

This week's Perspective looks at the Governor's race shaping up like no other.

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Air Date: November 12

Runs: Approximately 22 minutes

Guests: Gov. Andy Beshear
(D) Commonwealth of Kentucky

Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman
(D) Commonwealth of Kentucky

Topics: The Second Coming: A Rx for Dodging Gridlock

The most expensive Governor's race in Kentucky's history --the 74 million dollar mud brawl -- is over.

Governor Andy Beshear--winning re-election by 67-thousand votes--roughly six percentage points --over his Republican challenger: Attorney General Daniel Cameron.

A far-cry from his 5-thousand vote upset squeaker that put Matt Bevin out of office. But far fewer people who could have voted--voting: 38 percent last Tuesday versus 42 percent four years ago.

Republicans swept the five other Statewide Constitutional Offices: Attorney General -- Secretary of State -Treasurer-Auditor and Agriculture Commissioner.

They hold 80 of the 100 seats in the House.
31 of the 38 in the Senate.

This Weeks Perspective: How does Governor Beshear dodge gridlock--and make his second term work?
What does this election say--if anything--about the race for the White House next year?

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Air Date: November 19

Run Time: Approximately 30 minutes

Guests: Ms. Brynna Reed
BUILD Lexington
(Building a United Interfaith Lexington Through Direct Action)

Mr. Austin Simms
Executive Director
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Housing Authority

Topics: No Thank-less Tasks: Elder Care & Fair Housing

In four days--we'll gather with family to celebrate a holiday that once was unique to America.

Thanksgiving is--as its name implies --an opportunity to count our Blessings.

But it also starts the Countdown to a New Year--to draft our goals as to how to make life better.

BUILD--the acronym for the 26 congregations who make up Building a United Interfaith Lexington through Direct Action --has decided its mission will concentrate on Elder Care.

Housing may be one of the bigger challenges for elder care--in a town where affordable housing already is a premium. Hundreds in a variety of age brackets count on federal housing vouchers --but a number of landlords don't accept them.

The Urban County Council is considering a proposal that would ban landlords from deciding who qualifies as a tenant --based on sources of income.

Some landlords are pushing back.

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Air Date: November 26

Run Time: Approximately 30 minutes

Guests: Dr. Wilfred Reilly
Assistant Professor of Political Sciences
Kentucky State University
Frankfort, KY

Mr. Bob Babbage
Principal, Babbage Co-Founder
Lexington, KY

Topics: Education Reform & Behind the Beshear Win

Thanksgiving offers us opportunities not only to gather with family and take stock of our blessings--but how we define family.

Are advantages inherent in the traditional--nuclear-two-parent family? Disadvantages to single-parent households ?

How do they factor into achievement? What factors do race--economic background play in education? Are some findings regarding education reform foregone conclusions?

Not three weeks since Kentucky voted to keep Andy Beshear in Frankfort for another four years as Governor - and theories abound not only as to how he did it; but what lessons it might hold for the race for the White House next year.

One place to start: the counties where he won--or outperformed his showing in his squeaker upset four years prior.

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Air Date: December 3

Runtime: Approximately 29-and-one-half minutes

Guests: Ms. Tiffany Brown
Equity & Implementation Officer
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

Ms. Nancy Galvagni
President
Kentucky Hospital Association

Topic(s): Rx Food & Caregiver Deserts

Three weeks and a day until Christmas -- but some folks in Lexington already have a better opportunity to make their own meals--holiday or not—without having to worry about how to get to the grocery.

Lexington's Mobile Market will bring the groceries to them.

It's first step toward creating oases to parts of the Urban County that have become de facto food deserts, other than the snack aisles at corner convenience stores.

Lack of options can beget some less-than-desirable outcomes; we are, in a lot of ways-- what we eat.

But Kentucky's Health challenges go beyond our diets.

The pandemic pushed Kentucky's shortage of caregivers beyond critical levels--despite pushes to raise pay--recruit more --and retain those trained and experienced.

How has--how can the Commonwealth meet needs that seem to keep growing?

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Program: Perspective

Air Date: December 10

Run Time: Approximately 24 minutes

Guests: Governor Andy Beshear
(D) Commonwealth of Kentucky

Mr. Kenneth Catron Jr.
Mayor
Monticello, Kentucky

Topics: End of Term, Start of Term

Two days until Andy Beshear swears in for his second term as Governor of Kentucky.

Then three-weeks until lawmakers convene their long-session: haggling Budgets and a number of issues upon which he's expected to clash with the 4-to-1 Republican Super-majorities in both Chambers.

So how does he close out his first term: little different a number of news conferences he conducted during and after the COVID pandemic:
details on new jobs coming: the ongoing challenges to rebuild from Western Kentucky's tornadoes two years ago-- and Eastern Kentucky's floods only a year and a half distant.

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Air Date: December 17

Run Time: Approximately 29 minutes

Guests: Governor Andy Beshear
(D) Commonwealth of Kentucky

Mr. Bob Babbage
Principal: Babbage Co-Founder

Topics: 2nd terms & the end of the line

The second full week of December has yielded full plates in both Frankfort and DC.

From Kentucky's Supreme Court ruling denying the challenge to new District lines ---to former President Donald Trump's back-out of testifying in New York's trial alleging financial fraud.

From Hunter Biden's defiance of a Congressional subpoena--to the Republican's point man in Kentucky's Upper Chamber--Floor Leader Damon Thayer--announcing this Senate term is his last.

This day's Perspective focuses on the way forward: Governor Andy Beshear's first news conference of his second term --and the broader picture in the Commonwealth and across the country--with former Auditor and Secretary of State turned Political Advisor and Advocate --Bob Babbage.

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Air Date: December 24

Run Time: Approximately 27 minutes

Guests: Gov. Andy Beshear
(D) Commonwealth of Kentucky

Mr. Jonathan Miller
(D) Former Treasurer
Commonwealth of Kentucky

Sen. Karen Berg, MD
(D) Louisville

Topics: Rx: Anti-Semitism & Public Safety

On the eve of the day we honor the birth of the Prince of Peace: Israel's War in Gaza has made Jews more targets more often in Kentucky and across the Country.

Synagogues in Lexington and Louisville--among those facing bomb threats, week before last.

Governor Andy Beshear says it's time the Commonwealth take a stand---and vows that a new Anti-Semitism Task Force will do more than deliver a white paper--that gathers dust, rather than prompts action in the General Assembly.

Today's Perspective--lays out the Governor's plan--as well as his vision for schools and for public protection in his next two-year budget--to begin his second term.

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Air Date: December 31

Run Time: Approximately 25 minutes, 45 seconds

Guests: Mr. Jim Waters
Bluegrass Institute For Public Policy Solutions

Mr. Trey Greyson
Former Secretary of State
Commonwealth of Kentucky
Attorney; Frost, Brown & Todd
Principal, Civic Point

Topic: Tempers & Temperatures: Forecasting the 2024 General Assembly

A New Year brings a new term for Governor Andy Beshear--as well as the longer term for State lawmakers.

Sixty days to work together --to craft the plan for how to spend our tax and fee dollars for the next two years. A Democratic chief Executive facing 4 to 1 Republican super-majorities in both Chambers: the former, calling for statewide pre-school and substantial raises for teachers and all public school employees.

The latter --demanding accountability -- and what they call School Choice, but that Kentucky's Courts have called Unconstitutional.

A Governor who sees more and more secure juvenile facilities and more, better paid caseworkers as a key to preventing crime.
Versus Legislative leaders who favor longer sentences, and tougher standards for bail and for home incarceration.

In this Commonwealth where sports betting has been legal barely more than three months--what are the odds in Kentucky's blood sport—politics -- as to which side would get its way?

