

Public Affairs Programming
Second Quarter 2023

Program: Perspective

Air Date: Supposed to Air April 2; Technical Difficulties
Ran April 9

Runtime: Approximately 22 minutes

Guests: Governor Andy Beshear
D-Commonwealth of Kentucky

Sen. Steven West
R-Sponsor/Medical Marijuana Bill

Rep. Jason Nemes
R-Sponsor/Medical Marijuana Bill

Sen. Phil Wheeler
R-Pikeville

Rep. Michael Meredith
R-Sponsor/Sports Betting Bill

Topic: Longshots that shook up the joint

Kentucky lawmakers end their odd-year, so call short-session with a flurry rather than a shout.

After overriding all of Governor Andy Beshear's vetoes--most notably that to a bill that bans gender-change surgery, puberty blockers, hormone supplements and lessons in sexual orientation for transgender children and teenagers--House and Senate leaders made history with measures they knew the Governor would sign: legalizing medical marijuana--rather than simply decriminalizing having it, and allowing betting on sports other than horse racing.

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Air Date: April 16

Run Time: Approximately 26 minutes

Guests: Chief Jacqueline Gwinn Villaroel
Louisville Metro Police

Mayor Craig Greenberg
Metro Louisville-Jefferson County

Gov. Andy Beshear
(D) Commonwealth of Kentucky

U.S. Rep. Morgan McGarvey
(D) Kentucky: 3rd Congressional District

Dr. Jason W. Smith
Chief Medical Officer
University of Louisville Medical Center

Deputy Chief Aaron Crowell
Louisville Metro Police

Topics: Mass Shootings: Thoughts & Prayers Aren't Enough

Today--and for the past two days -- Louisville has been laying to rest three men and two women who lost their lives to a co-worker -- who shot them at work: the Old National Bank building downtown.

Their deaths--by an assault rifle bought only six days prior --make more than 40 lives lost to gun violence in the Derby City --not four months into the year.

This Week's Perspective: the news briefings in the hours after the shootings. What they've said---what they've learned since --what they want done--beyond thoughts and prayers.

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Air Date: April 23

Run Time: Approximately 22 minutes

Guests: The Hon. Linda Gorton
Mayor
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

Commander Matthew Greathouse
Lexington Police

Topic: Integrated Security Cameras: What the Flock Is Going On?

Despite substantial raises in pay and benefits -- Lexington joins a number of Police Departments in the struggle to replace retiring officers and fill openings on the force.

But technology is helping close some of the gaps.

Flock cameras--the so-called license plate readers posted in high-activity neighbors -- have helped recover dozens of stolen cars --and helped identify suspects in several violent crimes.

So much so--that Mayor Linda Gorton has doubled-down in the Urban County Government's investment in them.

Her next Budget--proposes to go 'all-in' --not so much in the dollars invested--but in a commitment to link not only the traffic cams --even your own security camera--or your business's--if you're willing.

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Air Date: April 30

Run Time: Approximately 30 minutes

Guests: Mr. Daniel Cameron
Attorney General/Candidate for Governor
Commonwealth of Kentucky

Dr. Ryan Quarles
Commissioner of Agriculture/Candidate for Governor
Commonwealth of Kentucky

Topic: Primary Considerations

In two weeks and two days, Kentucky Republicans will decide which of twelve candidates will try to stop Andy Beshear from winning a second-term as Governor. But if the polls are right--the race really comes down to three candidates: former UN Ambassador Kelly Craft, Attorney General Daniel Cameron and Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles.

WVLK-- Lexington's News Traffic and Weather Station -- extended invitations to all the candidates running to sit for interviews.

Only Craft has declined.

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Air Date: May 7

Runs: Approximately 30 minutes

Guests: Stephen Marshall
Attorney-at-Law

Jennifer Reynolds
11th District
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council

Topics: Affordable Housing & Landlord-Tenant Disputes

Spiking interest rates have made home mortgages a LOT more expensive--so its no surprise Lexington's housing market's getting tighter.

In some Zip Codes--rents more than 18 percent higher this year than last.

That's raised both the pressure for affordable housing--and tensions between landlords and tenants.

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Air Date: May 14

Run Time: Approximately 22 minutes

Guests: Governor Andy Beshear
Commonwealth of Kentucky

Dr. Steven Stack
Commissioner of Public Health
Commonwealth of Kentucky

Topics: COVID 19: National Emergency No More?

Three days ago, for the first time in more than three years and three months--COVID is no longer America's national emergency.

The number of new infections deemed few enough -- the risks for its speed of spreading determined low enough -- that the Centers for Disease Control and Kentucky's Department of Public Health no longer will track them daily --or even weekly.

That also means: the vaccinations, the boosters--that have been free--won't be, once the stockpiles are exhausted.

And many of those who found health coverage through Medicaid--280-thousand in the Commonwealth alone -- no longer will qualify; income too high.

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Air Date: May 21

Run Time: Approximately 30 minute

Guests: Bob Quick
President: Commerce Lexington

Brittany Roethemeier
Fayette Alliance

Topic: No Horsing Around: Expand or Hold the Urban Service Area?

No question: Lexington's self-proclaimed status as the Horse Capitol of the World-- draws folks here.

And helps attract business and jobs.

But protecting those horse farms has meant a delicate balance, and a spirited debate-- in how and where Lexington grows.

This week's Perspective: the push to expand the Urban Service Area, which supporters call a gotta- do--to grow.

And the Push-Back: from those saying we can keep Lexington-Lexington, by better using land we're not using now.

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Air Date: May 28

Run Time: Approximately 24 Minutes

Guests: News staff of WLEX-TV Channel 18 (NBC) Lexington, KY

 Anchors: Dia Davidson, Nancy Cox, Sean Moody, Angie Beavin

 Reporters: Michael Berk, Ricky Sayer, Leigh Searcy

Topic: DEATH OF A DEPUTY

A Scott County Deputy--four years on the force--after eight years in the Army --gunned down during a traffic stop.

His alleged killer--believed to have fled--held an elderly couple at gunpoint to steal their van--only to drive to Lexington and critically wound another man-- to steal his SUV before he was captured.

Six days later--all that his fellow law officers--and much of Central Kentucky can process--is: Deputy Caleb Conley has a wife--and two young children-- and he won't be coming home.

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Air Date: June 4

Run Time: Approximately 30 minutes

Guests: SGT Robert Tackett
Scott County Sheriff's Department

Jolene Conley
Mother of Slain Deputy

Rachel Conley
Wife of Slain Deputy

Mike Justice
Chaplain
Scott County Sheriff's Office

Topic: Death in The Family: Remembering Deputy Caleb Conley

Tomorrow will make two weeks since Scott County lost its first Deputy in the line of duty.

Caleb Conley--shot & killed during a traffic stop.

He'd been on the force four years--after serving in the Army Reserves for 8 years--including time in Iraq.

He leaves a wife and two young children.

This past Thursday--friends, citizens, first responders and fellow law officers filled Scott County High School for his funeral.

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Air Date: June 11

Run Time: Approximately 30 minutes

Guests: Chief Lawrence Weathers
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Police

Gov. Andy Beshear
(D) Commonwealth of Kentucky

Topics: Lexington Law Enforcement/State of the Commonwealth

Calendar Summer still may be more than a week away.
But the temperatures and tempers have risen.

More people out make law enforcement more of a challenge.

Last summer -- Lexington recorded 10 of its record number of 47 homicides between June and September.

This June--begins with fewer than half: 9 deaths by violence--as compared to 21 last year.

Police Chief Lawrence Weathers talks of the tools and tactics to keep Lexington Safe.

Later: With the Governor's election only five months away--news conferences involving incumbent Andy Beshear--and his Republican challenger--Attorney General Daniel Cameron can play like commercials--if you're not careful.

Governor Beshear has had one major announcement this week: an adjustment in Medicaid rates, to help Seniors.

He also takes questions ranging from the Supreme Court ruling that Alabama's re-districting maps violate the Constitution--to the wording of Kentucky's law limiting if not banning care and school lessons for transgender children and Teenagers.

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Air Date: June 18

Run Time: Approximately 25 minutes

Guests: Governor Andy Beshear
(D) Commonwealth of Kentucky

Mr. Van Ingram
Director
Office of Drug Control Policy

Ms. Janet Gates
Executive Director
Franklin County Women's & Families' Shelter

Ms. Tara Mosely Hyde
CEO: People Advocating Recovery

U.S. Rep. Andy Barr
® Kentucky: 6th District

Topics: Overdoses, Espionage & Impeachments

Kentucky's Addiction to opioids took more than 21-hundred lives again last year.

Yes, again.

But the 'point of hope 'is --that's the first time in four years that the number hasn't grown from the previous year.

The Commonwealth has gotten a large scare of the settlements from drug makers and pharmacy chains--now, more than a billion dollars--spread over the next 15 to 20 years but the debate rages on the best way to spend it.

Law enforcement?

Treatment?

Job training?

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Topics: Continued

Part One of Perspective this week: where Kentucky stands.
Governor Andy Beshear--regarding the changes made the past four years.

The Head of the Office of Drug Control Policy--Van Ingram --regarding why fentanyl has been so devastating--and a challenge to fight,
Janet Gates Executive Director of the Franklin County Women And Family Shelter--on the programs available there.

And Tara Moseley Hyde--CEO of PAR--People Advocating Recovery--recounting her own journey to get and stay clean--and how to help others in the Battle.

Part Two of Perspective: Central Kentucky's voice in the U.S. House--Sixth District Representative Andy Barr-- focuses on the challenges as his fellow members of Congress see them

He also weighs in on the issues of the moment--from Former President Trump's indictment regarding his handling of classified documents--to efforts to impeach or indict President Joe Biden.

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Air Date: June 25

Run Time: Aproximately 23½ minutes

Guests: Gov. Andy Beshear
(D) Kentucky

Mr. William Clay Ford
Executive Chairman
Ford Motor Company

Jeff Flock
Business Correspondent
Fox News

Callers/texters to WVLK-AM/FM Thursday June 22

Topic: Is Kentucky 'Charged' Enough Re:Electric Vehicles?

How ready is Kentucky to become what Governor Andy Beshear boasts: the electric vehicle capital of the country?

Ford AND Toyota are betting billions --of their own and Uncle Sam's money.
The former: to make batteries at two new plants going up in Hardin County.

The latter: to build a full-size SUV at its largest assembly plant in the world:
Georgetown.

Both set to start rolling in late 20-25 to early 20-26.

But 'ready' is a relative term.

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Air Date: July 2

Run Time: Approximately 29 Minutes

Guests: Dr. Wilfred Reilly
Associate Professor: Political Science

Kenny Xu

President: 'Color Us United'

Author: 'An Inconvenient Minority':

The Harvard Admissions Case & the Attack on Asian-American Excellence

Topic: The Supreme Court Rejects Affirmative Action: Confirmative Reaction?

President Biden calls it a misconception that Affirmative Action allows unqualified students admission to colleges and universities at the expense of qualified students; that the decision by the Supreme Court to reject race as a factor to consider is 'not the action of a normal Court.'

The vote: 6 to 3 along ideological lines; former President Donald Trump's nominees tipping the balance. Mr. Trump calls the ruling 'a great day for America--that People with extraordinary ability and everything else necessary for success--including future greatness for our country--finally are being rewarded.'

Former President Barack Obama says Affirmative Action allowed students such as he and his wife to prove they belonged-but now it's up to everybody to give young people the opportunities they deserve.

How to deliver that?

Governor Andy Beshear believes it'll require some thinking--and or rethinking. Do merit and diversity necessarily conflict?

