

Politicians let the jokes and jabs fly at Fancy Farm

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Kentucky Republicans and Democrats shared the stage Saturday at the 146th St. Jerome Fancy Farm Picnic for the time-honored tradition of delivering stump speeches and lobbying insults across the aisle.

While Republicans have dominated the stage recently, more Democrats opted-in to the event this year, leading to roughly two hours of politicians delivering campaign promises and their best attempts at humor.

Some candidates decided to largely forgo jokes, instead using their allotted time to make a pitch to voters or tout their accomplishments in office.

How the zingers landed depended largely on the party of the speaker and what side of the pavilion the listener sat on — Republicans occupy one side, Democrats the other — but the Herald-Leader has rounded up some of the more memorable lines so you can be the judge, too.

U.S. SEN. RAND PAUL

Fresh off of a much-watched COVID-19 Senate hearing with Dr. Anthony Fauci, Sen. Rand Paul turned his attention Saturday to his 2022 Democratic opponent — and the party’s nominee to flip Mitch McConnell’s Senate seat this year — to “the king of the grift,” Charles Booker.

“Man, you are a glutton for punishment,” Paul said. “When you lose this time, please, please, come and run against me again. Please.”

But it was Paul’s comments about Gov. Andy Beshear, who did not attend the picnic due to a conflict with his son’s baseball game, that might be the most discussed.

“Kentucky thrives not because of the direction of a liberal Democrat governor, but because our constitution limits the power of our governors,” Paul said. “Every single one — every single one of his vetoes — were overridden by this Republican legislature. If Andy Beshear is remembered, it will be for being neutered at every turn by the Republican legislature.”

U.S. REP. ANDY BARR

Barr, who is facing off against Booker in the November general election, was back for his second consecutive Fancy Farm.

“I’m so Kentucky, my laptop runs on coal, I believe tobacco is vegetable and Ale-8-One should be in the school lunch program,” Barr said.

Barr said Democrats picked the perfect candidate in Booker — out-of-step with the wants of voters.

“I would call him the (New York City Mayor Zohran) Mamdani of Kentucky, but Mamdani has actually won an election,” Barr said.

In addition to Senate race loss in 2022, Booker lost the 2020 Democratic primary to

Amy McGrath. Before that he served as a representative in the state legislature.

CHARLES BOOKER

In his return to the Fancy Farm stage, Booker focused more on his message than jokes, but he still took a few swipes at his opponent.

“The only person that’s radical in this Senate race is Andy Barr. Andy Barr’s whole idea in this campaign was to put an ad on TV saying it’s a sin to be white. That is crazy! Come on!” Booker said.

“Andy, let me help you: It’s not a sin to be who God created you to be. It’s not a sin to stand in your faith. But, it ought to be a sin to be that desperate!”

Booker also called out Barr’s evolution into a MAGA Republican.

“He’s been a moderate Republican, and now he’s trying to cosplay like he wants to make America great again. Cut the act, Andy Barr,” he said. “Nobody’s buying it. Andy Barr is a weak version of Mitch McConnell and a bootleg version of Donald Trump. Andy Barr is the Nate Morris of Matt Bevins. The man is a joke.”

DREW WILLIAMS

For his repeat visit to Fancy Farm, Williams, the Democratic nominee for Kentucky’s 1st Congressional District, also largely focused on campaign issues, pitching himself as the candidate who’d be there for his constituents. He even delved into granular tax policy at one point.

But Williams did touch on one of the day’s themes of the day: the open secret that his opponent, James Comer, is likely running for governor in 2027.

“I know you would not shortchange our district for your personal aspirations,” he said. “I respect that you are not planning to stick taxpayers with an expensive, multimillion dollar special election, or treat this House seat like your own entitlement if this governor’s race does not go your way. I am glad that you have more integrity than that.”

U.S. REP JAMES COMER

In following up after Williams, Comer noted his opponent was the ambitious type. Comer spoke about a city council race and state representative seat Williams had unsuccessfully run for in the past.

“At least this time, Drew you’re gonna finish second this time. You’re moving up in the world!” Comer said.

He predicted that if Williams wanted to keep seeking higher office, he could try for president next.

“He might be the strongest Democrat from Kentucky,” Comer said. “Since Andy Beshear is only polling 1% in New Hampshire, Drew will only start out one point behind.”

Comer also went after the Democrats vying for governor: Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman and former Bes-

hear senior adviser Rocky Adkins.

For Coleman, he noted the only thing she’s gotten credit for in office is “getting her hairdresser on unemployment” during the pandemic. And since Adkins is “no longer on the government teat,” Comer said he was worried the former adviser would starve.

“Because I’m a Baptist, we’re gonna take up a love offering for Rocky to be able to keep going to Jeff Ruby’s,” Comer said. “They’re passing the plate around. ... Y’all help ol’ Rocky out. That Bordeaux is expensive!”

LT. GOV. JACQUELINE COLEMAN

Following Comer, Coleman came prepared to address a joke about her hairdresser right from the start — a frequent source of GOP criticism. For that reason, she wanted to start with an apology, she said.

“I do want to apologize for helping her during COVID, because it was actually Allison Ball’s hairdresser who needed all the help she could get,” Coleman said, referring to the state auditor and only other woman elected to statewide office.

She also acknowledged Beshear’s absence and apparent presidential ambitions: “I even told him Fancy Farm was in New Hampshire, but it didn’t work.”

Coleman said she and the governor have had a great run, starting with their defeat of Bevin in 2019. And even still, she said, Beshear and Bevin are both making headlines.

“Beshear as a presidential contender, and Bevin as a perennial criminal,” she said, referring to an outstanding arrest warrant for the one-term governor stemming from an ongoing family court battle.

“I really cannot imagine how embarrassed I would be if we lost to a guy like that,” Coleman said before turning to look at Comer. (In 2015, Comer lost the GOP nomination to Bevin by 83 votes.)

ROCKY ADKINS

Adkins used his time to go after Republican policies “that have hurt people over the last several months,” often repeating the line, “I think that’s wrong. How ‘bout you?”

He then pivoted to address Kentucky’s economic wins in recent years, which Adkins attributed to the Beshear administration.

“I like that kind of leadership. How about you?”

Also speaking at the event were state Sen. Jason Howell, state Rep. Kim Holloway, Kentucky Party U.S. Senate candidate Christopher Campbell, Coleman, Metcalf, Ball and Adams. Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell had planned to attend but had to attend a funeral in Hodgenville that afternoon.



AUSTIN ANTHONY/Kentucky Lantern

Secretary of State Michael Adams used the Fancy Farm stage Saturday to announce he would not be running for governor in 2027 and supports Congressman James Comer.



GREG LAMB/Paxton Media Group

Democrat Charles Booker, left, and Republican U.S. Rep. Andy Barr shake hands prior to giving their Fancy Farm speeches on Saturday. Both are seeking the U.S. Senate seat of Mitch McConnell who is retiring at the end of his term.

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Campbellsville Independent School System
Annual Notice To Parents Rights Under FERPA For Elementary and Secondary Institutions
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and “eligible students” (students over 18 years of age or students who are attending a post-secondary institution) certain rights with respect to the student’s education needs. They are:

(1) The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within forty-five (45) days of the day the District receives a request for access.
Parents or eligible students should submit to the school Principal/designee a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The Principal will make the arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the record(s) may be inspected.
(1) The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student’s privacy or other rights.

Parents or eligible students may ask the District to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate, misleading or in violation of privacy or other rights. They should write the school’s Principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate, misleading or in violation of privacy or other rights.

If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise him/her of the right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

(2) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.
Exceptions that permit disclosure without consent include:
a. Disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A “school official” is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school Board; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his/her tasks.
A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility to the District.
b. Upon request, disclosure of education records without parent/eligible student notice or consent to officials of another school district or post-secondary institution in which a student seeks or intends to enroll or is already enrolled or to other entities authorized by law so long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student’s enrollment or transfer.
c. Disclosure information to those whose knowledge of such information is necessary to respond to an actual, impending, or imminent articulable and significant health/safety threat.
(3) The right to notify the District in writing to withhold information the Board has designated as directory information as listed in the annual directory information notice the District provides to parents/eligible students. To exercise this right, parents/eligible students shall notify the District by the deadline designated by the District.
(4) The right to prohibit the disclosure of personally identifiable information concerning the student to recruiting representatives of the U.S. Armed Forces and its service academies, the Kentucky Air National Guard, and the Kentucky Army National Guard.
Unless the parent or secondary school student requests in writing that the District not release information, the student’s name, address, and telephone number (if listed) shall be released to Armed Forces recruiters upon their request.
(5) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA.
The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:
Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-8520

PRESS RELEASE

Campbellsville Independent School District will be participating in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. As part of this program, CISD will offer healthy meals every school day at NO COST to the students due to the implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision for school year 2026-2027. Students will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a household application.

For more information, you may call Tawana Eastridge at 270-465-4162 or e-mail at Tawana.Eastridge@cville.kyschools.us

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Pursuant to a Judgment and Order of Sale entered on July 8, 2026, in the Taylor Circuit Court Civil Action No. 26-CI-00174, styled Village Capital & Investment, LLC versus Billy O. Curtis, et al, the Master Commissioner of the Taylor Circuit Court will sell at public outcry the following real property at:

**3576 Elkhorn Road, Campbellsville, Kentucky, 42718
PVA Map # 52-069**

The sale will be conducted at the front door of the Taylor County Courthouse, Campbellsville, Kentucky, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 11th, 2026. The real property will be sold to the highest and best bidder or bidders. At the time of sale the successful bidder(s) shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit of 30 days. Amount to be raised: \$291,602.64 plus interest at the judgment rate. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the successful bidder(s) shall execute a bond at the time of sale, with sufficient surety approved by the Master Commissioner prior to the sale, to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of sale until paid. If Plaintiff is the successful bidder(s) in lieu of a deposit the Plaintiff shall be permitted to bid on credit up to the total Judgment amount.

**CRAIG COX,
TAYLOR CIRCUIT COURT
MASTER COMMISSIONER**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Pursuant to a Judgment and Order of Sale entered on June 24, 2026, in the Taylor Circuit Court Civil Action No. 26-CI-00016, styled Everett Lake Holdings, LLC vs Unknown Heirs of Doris Lewis, et al, the Master Commissioner of the Taylor Circuit Court will sell at public outcry the following real property at:

**3707 Bengal Road, Campbellsville, Kentucky 42718
PVA Man# 18-018A**

The sale will be conducted at the front door of the Taylor County Courthouse, Campbellsville, Kentucky, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 11, 2026. The real property will be sold to the highest and best bidder or bidders. At the time of sale the successful bidder(s) shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit of 30 days. Amount to be raised: \$9,688.50 plus interest at the judgment rate. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the successful bidder(s) shall execute a bond at the time of sale, with sufficient surety approved by the Master Commissioner prior to the sale, to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of sale until paid. If Plaintiff is the successful bidder(s) in lieu of a deposit the Plaintiff shall be permitted to bid on credit up to the total Judgment amount.

**CRAIG COX,
TAYLOR CIRCUIT COURT
MASTER COMMISSIONER**