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Politicians let the jokes and jabs fly at Fancy Farm

BY TESSA DUVALL
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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 accom-

plishments 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 over-ridden by this Republican legislature. If Andy Beshear is remembered, it will be for being neutered at every turn by the Republican legislature."

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Conference slate awaits Moore, WKU teammates

BOWLING GREEN — Conference USA has released its full 2026-27 men's basketball schedule, including WKU's conference slate for the upcoming season.

With 10 teams in the league, each program will play a home-and-away series against every opponent, totaling 18 conference games.

The Hilltoppers will open conference play on Dec. 31 with a road matchup against reigning CUSA Tournament Champion Kennesaw State in Kennesaw, Georgia. WKU will then begin the new year with another road contest at Jax State on Jan. 2.

WKU's home conference schedule tips off on Jan. 7 against New Mexico State, followed by a matchup with Sam Houston on Jan. 9 at E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Tops then hit the road for games at Delaware on Jan. 14 and at defending Regular-Season Champion Liberty on Jan. 16.

The Hilltoppers return home for a three-game homestand, hosting Missouri State on Jan. 21, FIU on Jan. 23 and Middle Tennessee on Jan. 30.

February begins with a two-game road swing, as WKU travels to Sam Houston on Feb. 4 and New Mexico State on Feb. 6.

The Tops then return home to face Liberty on Feb. 11 and Delaware on Feb. 13, completing the season series with both programs.

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Photos courtesy of WKU Men's Basketball

Redshirt junior guard Teagan Moore is set to lead Western Kentucky University in the 2026-27 men's college basketball season. Moore is an Owen County High School graduate.

Owen County real estate transfers

Owen County real estate transfers for the month of July:

*Master Commissioner Cobb to Kentucky Housing Corporation, Cdeed, 3105 Gratz Rd., lot 238, Hide-A-Way Hills

*Kenneth White to John Pittman, Cdeed, lots 1584, 1585, 1586 and 1587 Elk Lake Shores Subdivision

*Clayton P. Clifton to Kentucky Housing Corporation, Cdeed, 1585 Squiresville Road.

*John L. Howard to Charles Wilkinson, deed, house and lot on southwest side of Adams St.

*Ubrikkian Industries, LLC to Ian Boyd, deed, a parcel of land on north side of twin Creek Rd.

*Lauren Elizabeth Brown co-trustee to Janice A. Pettibone, deed, lot 953, Elk Lake Shores Subdivision

*Janice A. Pettibone to Lauren E. Brown co-trustee, deed, lot 953, Elk Lake Shores Subdivision

*Alvin Ray Malcomb to Kevin Ray Malcomb, deed, 2 parcels of land on KY Route 36

*Alvin Ray Malcomb to Kevin Ray Malcomb, deed, 16.906 acres on south side of KY Route 227

*Sandra M. Bauman to Megan Bowlespie, deed, tract 67, Wild Wood Acres Subdivision, 5.702 acres

*Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (FHA CA) to Elizabeth P. Arvin, deed, 207 Roland Ave., house and lot

*Dean W. Neal to Steven W. Aulbach, deed, 995 Pete Towles Rd., 30.35 acres

*Darryl Traylor to Evan J. Ropp, deed, lots 25 and 26 in Green Acres Subdivision, section 2

*Wyatt Lee McDonald to Kerry B. Sipple, deed, 2 tracts of land in Monterey

*Michael K. Hudgins to Haas & Haas Properties, LLC, deed, land on Minor Branch in Scott and Owen counties

*Christy L. Ricketts to Ronald Lewis Monroe Jr., deed, lots 4 and 5 on US

Hwy. 127

*Tim Embry to Renee Mullins, deed, lot 24, unit 101, Perry Park Subdivision

*Thomas G. Alig Jr., to Perry Park Resort Owners Association, Inc., deed, lot 1, Riverlake Subdivision, unit 3A

*Joel T. Clark to Steven W. Aulbach, deed, 1145 Lyons Lane, 72.5996 acres

*The Cornett Family trust to Briar Rucker, deed, 311 E. Adair St., lot 5, High Lawn Addition

*Douglas A. Laumann to Scott Thayer, deed, 395 Blanche Davis Rd., lot 16, Cedar Hill Subdivision

*Halloween Express, LLC to Hex Newco NC, LLC, deed, house and two lots in the city of Owenton

*Jonathan J. England to Countryside Properties, LLC, deed, 11.5752 acres on west side of Leaning Oak Rd.

*Diane Humphrey to Jamielynn H. Moore, deed, tract 17 Rose Farm Division, 6.3603 acres

*Mark Baum to Michael Scott Dempsey, deed, 480 Dudley Pike

*Jason Day to Dwight Schadle, deed, 5415 Hwy. 127N, 2 tracts of land

*James E. Knochelman to Brian Joseph Knochelman, deed, 75 Clifford Lane, tract 8, Calendar Road Land Division, 4.6236 acres

*Sharon Gilbert to Jennifer Boyington, deed, 5105 Georgetown Road, 2 lots in the town of Hesler

*Holly Mullins to Steven Tyler Klette, deed, 4025 Hwy. 127 South, 10 acres

*Richard T. Combs II to Richard T. Combs Jr., deed, tracts 4 and 5 on east side of Kincaid Lane

*Holiday Lake Condo Association to Holiday Lake Riverview Condo Association, deed, 905 Inverness Rd., Perry Park, unit 11, all of tract 1 and part of tract 2

*Rebecca P. Smith to Barry G. Smith, deed, lots 305 and 306, Riverlake Subdivision, unit 3

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Forward, march!

Band prepares to kick off upcoming season

BY ANN CARTER
CORRESPONDENT

After weeks of band camp, with members putting in as many as 13 hours a day, five days a week, the Owen County Marching Band is ready to kick off its 2026 season.

Under the direction of Cade Jenkins, the band will make its first competition appearance on Sat-

urday, Sept. 12, at Beechwood High School in Fort Mitchell.

The band will also perform their halftime program, "Beacon: Love Lights the Way," on Patterson Field and play pep band music in the stands throughout the first home football game at the newly renovated complex.

The public can follow their "journey" this season on their Facebook page "OC Marching Rebels Friends of the Band" where they will be sharing details on upcoming competitions, games, community performances, and parades.

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