

MY VIEWS

Kentucky's summer State Fair tradition

The Kentucky State Fair is one of the places where the Commonwealth comes together. Each August, the fairgrounds fill with laughter, the aroma of delicious food, cheers from livestock competitions, and the unmistakable pride of Kentuckians showcasing the very best of our communities. Our fair is a living and breathing display of who we are as people. We get to see the traditions, craftsmanship, music, history, and culture that define Kentucky take center stage.

For over a century, the Kentucky State Fair has served as a gathering place where the spirit of the Commonwealth comes alive. It has grown from a small agricultural event into a dynamic celebration that showcases everything uniquely Kentucky – from our farming communities to the creativity of our artisans and the excitement of live entertainment. Even as the fair has expanded and evolved, the fair has remained true to its original purpose: a place where Kentuckians of all backgrounds can connect, honor those who cultivate our land, and celebrate the resilience that shapes our state’s story.

Agriculture has always been at the heart of the Kentucky State Fair. It remains the backbone of our economy, contributing billions of dollars each year, and providing tens of thousands of jobs across the Commonwealth. At the fair generations of farmers and families display their finest livestock, crops, and

craftmanship, reminding us of the dedication that keeps Kentucky’s agricultural sector strong. The exhibits aren’t just competitions – they’re a celebration of the hard work and pride that continue to drive one of Kentucky’s more important industries.

Beyond traditions, the fair plays a meaningful role in Kentucky’s economy. Each year, thousands of visitors travel into Louisville, supporting local hotels, restaurants, and businesses across the region. The fair also showcases Kentucky’s entrepreneurial spirit providing a platform for small businesses and vendors to share their carefully crafted products to a statewide audience. A powerful reminder that innovation continues to thrive in Kentucky.

Of course, the Kentucky State Fair is also a celebration on our rich culture. From music echoing across the grounds to hand-crafted quilts and family recipes, the fair captures the spirit of Kentucky creativity. A place where memories are made, traditions are shared, and the diverse stories of our people come together.

This year’s fair brings a special spotlight to America250, with a celebration unique to Kentucky. The United We Stand exhibit invites visitors to dive into the Commonwealth’s role in shaping America’s story, highlighting the people, places, and moments that connect Kentucky to our shared national heritage. Fairgoers can explore Ken-

tucky history and trivia, watch live mural paintings, and compete in America250 events in cakes, quilts, and much more. Alongside this, horse shows, concerts, and countless family-friendly activities ensure that there’s something for everyone to enjoy.

The Kentucky State Fair is more than an event on our calendars – it’s a celebration of our people, traditions, and industries that define the Commonwealth. It reminds us that Kentuckians are united by our values of hard work, family, faith, and freedom. I hope to see you there experiencing the very best of our great state all in one place!

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via email at Thomas.Huff@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature’s website at legislature.ky.gov.

There is an old saying that jobs go where roads lead them. Not only is it true, but the same can be said for nearly every part of our daily lives. Reliable roads, bridges, airports, railways, and waterways connect Kentuckians to family, health care, education, church, and the goods and products they need. But transportation is about more than the infrastructure itself. It also depends on the laws, regulations, and safety standards that provide the guardrails for how our transportation systems are built, maintained, and used. The Kentucky House Transportation Committee has jurisdiction over these topics. The committee is

among the busiest, as members continue to put pressure on the Transportation Cabinet to address issues like access to driver’s licensing services. In addition to those efforts, here are some of the bills and resolutions that cleared the House Transportation Committee to become law during the 2026 Regular Session.

Common Sense Vehicle Title Reform - HB 144 clarifies that cosmetic repairs, which affect only a vehicle’s appearance, are not included when determining whether a title must be surrendered. Vehicles that qualify under this exclusion will receive a salvage title rather than be considered a total loss.

Protecting Drivers and Pedestrians - HB 189 prohibits a person from sitting, kneeling, reclining, standing, or remaining physically stationary in any portion of a state-maintained right-of-way that is not designated for pedestrian use, with a few exceptions. Violators be fined between \$20 and \$100 for each offense as outlined in Kentucky law.

Maintaining Roads for Safety and Investment - HB 293 protects roads by requiring that vehicles operating on a highway with an iron, steel, or wooden wheel be equipped with a rubberized strip on the portion of the wheel that contacts the highway.

Improving Railroad Crossing Safety - HB 311 requires railroad companies to remove obstructive vegetation at railroad crossings and establishes procedures for state or local governments to address the issue if the railroad fails to act.

Exploring Cost-Effective Maintenance Solutions -

HB 622 creates a pilot program to evaluate the use of “chip seal” surface treatment on county gravel roads. Beginning July 1, 2026 and running through June 30, 2030, the Department of Rural and Municipal Aid oversee the project.

Ensuring Fairness in Part Reimbursement Standards - HB 648 requires manufacturers, component manufacturers, and distributors to reimburse heavy-duty truck dealers for the cost of parts, including shipping, handling, taxes, and any other related out-of-pocket expenses, plus a gross profit margin of 30%.

Modernizing the Motor Vehicle Commission - SB 30 updates membership and administrative procedures governing the Motor Vehicle Commission and creates a fund aimed at ensuring better regulatory oversight. The measure allows the Commission to carry forward licensing fees to fund.

Improving Convenience of Motor Vehicle Licensing - SB 110 modernizes Kentucky’s vehicle services by updating KAVIS, expanding electronic titling and lien systems, and improving convenience through digital title storage and electronic notifications for vehicle owners.

Cracking Down on Stolen Metal - SB 291 targets the resale market for stolen metals by creating a statewide licensing system for secondary metal recyclers, requiring background checks and transaction reporting to help law enforcement prevent theft and recover stolen materials.

Honoring Outstanding Kentuckians - SJR 139 designates honorary names for roads and bridges across the Commonwealth.

In addition to the House Transportation Committee, the Budget Review Subcommittee on Transportation focuses on funding for transportation infrastructure – including roads, bridges, airports, riverports, and rail. Since this was a budget session, this subcommittee’s agenda was filled with allocating billions to projects at the state and local level, including:

Providing For Transportation Programs and Services - HB 501 allocates \$3.25 billion in both fiscal years to fund Kentucky Transportation Cabinet activities, not including the six-year road plan. Line Item Vetoed. Overridden.

Prioritizing Transportation Infrastructure - HB 502 provides a \$4.2 billion two-year roadmap for the construction and maintenance of Kentucky’s transportation infrastructure.

Planning Future Projects - HJR 75 provides for the final four years of the new six-year road plan.

Providing Local Road Assistance - HJR 76 funds the Local Assistance Road Plan (LARP) with local projects that earned top ratings of 8, 9, and 10, including \$68.2 million dedicated to county and city road resurfacing projects - bringing critical improvements to communities across the Commonwealth.

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ESPN co-founder Rasmussen dies at 93 from the effects of Parkinson's disease

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LAND O’ LAKES, Fla. — Bill Rasmussen, who co-founded ESPN in 1979 after being fired from a public relations job in the World Hockey Association, died Tuesday. He was 93.

ESPN historian Mike Soltys said Rasmussen died at his Florida home from the effects of Parkinson’s disease. Rasmussen announced in 2019 that he had been diagnosed with the degenerative disease in 2014.

“Bill was a remarkable man — a visionary and an innovator who conceived the

idea of a network entirely devoted to sports,” ESPN chairman Jimmy Pitaro said in a statement. “Quite simply, none of us would be here today if it wasn’t for Bill’s passion and all the hard work and entrepreneurial spirit he put into building ESPN in the late 1970s — key aspects of our company culture that still carry on to this day.”

Rasmussen and his son Scott came up with the idea of a network carrying sports around the clock, and it would revolutionize Americans’ TV-watching habits. But the pair didn’t stick around long. They were

forced out after only a year by ESPN majority owner Getty Oil.

Bill Rasmussen’s original idea was a cable channel covering only Connecticut sports. Many cable operators in the state were skeptical, but someone suggested buying satellite time to reach a national audience.

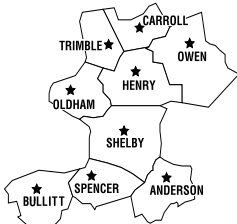
ESPN was launched on Sept. 7, 1979. George Grande welcomed viewers to the first “SportsCenter” broadcast before the network’s first live event, a slow-pitch softball game between the Kentucky Bourbons and the Milwaukee Schlitz.

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277 ACRE FARM IN 5 PARCELS, 4700 SQ FT HOME, TENANT HOME, BARNs,
LONG ROAD FRONTAGE, BUILDING PARCELS, SHELBY COUNTY, KY



LOCATION: 6995 LaGrange Road, Shelbyville, KY 40065

REAL ESTATE: **PARCEL 1:** 78 Acre parcel with 1,242 square foot modular home/tenant house, barn, and machinery shed. The home has three bedrooms and two baths. The land is mostly cleared and currently in crops and hay.

PARCEL 2: 3,700 finished square foot custom 5-bedroom 2.5 bath home on 5 acres, 36 x 50 metal barn/shop/storage building. This Quality home has many added features including a walk-out basement, attached two-car garage, large primary suite with whirlpool tub and walk-in shower, spacious kitchen, enclosed sunroom, large laundry area on main floor, and a family room with brick fireplace.

PARCEL 3: 179-acre crop farm with long road frontage, good crop and hay land, and access from LaGrange Road as well as Clore Jackson via an easement.

PARCEL 4: 6 acre building site on Clore Jackson Road. This is a nice building site for your rural residential home or an ideal tract to add to tract 3 for even more potential.

PARCEL 5: 8 acre building site on Clore Jackson Road. As well as Tract 4, this tract is ideal for building or to use in combination with other tracts.

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