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Wilson County-Tennessee State Fair celebrates America 250 with patriotic attractions and activities at fair, August 13-22

LEBANON, TN – The Wilson County-Tennessee State Fair will celebrate America's 250th anniversary during the 2026 Fair, August 13-22, with a variety of patriotic attractions, exhibits, competitions, and special events honoring the nation's history, heritage and the people who have helped shape it.

As part of the Fair's 2026 theme, **"Tennessee Voices and Volunteers Celebrating America 250!"** fairgoers will experience a unique tribute to our nation's semi-quincentennial throughout the fairgrounds.

Visitors will discover patriotic displays and themed activities across the fairgrounds, including a breathtaking **Field of Flags**, special photo opportunities and patriotic decorations celebrating the red, white and blue. Many of the Fair's exhibits and competitions will be featuring a "Most Patriotic" category, encouraging participants to showcase their creativity and American pride through art, crafts, photography, floral displays and more.

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The celebration will officially begin with a special **America 250 Grand Opening Ceremony** on Thursday, August 13, at 6:00 p.m. in front of the **Made in Tennessee Building**. Fairgoers are invited to join community leaders, volunteers and special guests as the Wilson County-Tennessee State Fair kicks off ten days of patriotic festivities and family fun.

Meet America's fastest stock car built by legendary engine builder



The American flag is raised during last year's Fair Grand Opening Ceremony. Fairgoers are invited to attend a special America 250 Grand Opening on August 13, 2026, as the Fair begins its ten-day celebration of the nation's 250th anniversary. (Photo/Courtesy: Wilson County-Tennessee State Fair)



Experience America's story like never before in the Freedom Truck, an incredible traveling exhibit that brings the nation's past to life through immersive, interactive displays at the Wilson County-Tennessee State Fair. Don't miss this unique opportunity to celebrate America250 and explore the moments that shaped our country. (Photo/Courtesy: Wilson County-Tennessee State Fair)



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Joey Arrington. This car set the stock car land speed record at 253 mph on the **Space Shuttle Landing** facility at Cape Canaveral. Drive special simulators so you can experience the thrill of speed.

Stroll the fairgrounds to find more areas dedicated to celebrating America 250. Take a trip down **Freedom Way** that begins at the **Freedom Gate** and finishes at the **Checkerboard Gate**. **Experience** many opportunities to learn, have fun, take photos and make memories along this special road.

Fiddlers Grove will also bring history to life with their recently carved work of art next to the **General Store**. This specialty chainsaw carved eagle surrounded by an American flag and the Grove's signature fiddle is incredibly eye catching and patriotic! Fairgoers can also be part of creating a wooden American flag when they visit **Town Hall**. This flag will become a permanent part of Fiddlers Grove as it will hang on the side of the General Store.

The **America 250** celebration will complement the Fair's wide variety of attractions, including livestock shows, exhibits, educational programs, live entertainment, historical demonstrations, carnival rides and agricultural experiences.

For more information, visit wilsoncountytntatefair.com

We'll see YOU at the Fair!

Tennessee bridge named in honor of President Donald J. Trump ...



U.S. Sen. and TN gubernatorial candidate Marsha Blackburn (second from right), U.S. Secretary Treasury Scott Bessent (first from left), join other special guests to name bridge in honor of Pres. Trump. (Photo/Courtesy: Office of Sen. Blackburn)

DANDRIDGE, Tenn.- On July 9, 2026, U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) joined U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent for the unveiling of the Donald J. Trump Bridge in Jefferson County alongside members of the Trump family, U.S. Representative Tim Burchett (R-Tenn.), State Representative Jeremy Faison, and State Senator Jessie

Seal:

"Hundreds of thousands of people use our corridor each and every day, and the Donald J. Trump Bridge will help ensure our infrastructure meets the needs of East Tennesseans and keeps Americans moving," said Senator Blackburn. "Following the devastating damage caused by Hur-

ricane Helene less than two years ago, this project is a testament to the incredible progress East Tennessee communities have made to rebuild stronger than ever. I am grateful to President Trump, Secretary Bessent, and the Tennessee Department of Transportation for strengthening this crucial artery of our nation's transportation system."

Cong. McGuire introduces Birthright Citizenship Clarification Act to codify President Trump's executive Order

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 9, 2026 — Rep. John McGuire, R-Va., introduced the Birthright Citizenship Clarification Act, legislation to codify the core policy of President Donald Trump's executive order ending the abuse of birthright citizenship.

The bill follows President Trump's call to act on the statutory path identified by Justice Brett Kavanaugh in the Supreme Court's birthright citizenship decision *Trump v. Barbara*. In his opinion, Kavanaugh made clear that the legal obstacle was not the Fourteenth Amendment itself, but a conflict with existing federal law that Congress has the authority to amend.

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"The Institute for Legislative Analysis is proud to have worked with Congressman McGuire and his team to quickly bring the Birthright Citizenship Clarification Act before Congress," said Ryan McGowan, CEO of the Institute for Legislative Analysis. "This bill was carefully crafted to follow the instructions provided by Justice Kavanaugh while still implementing every goal President Trump sought in his executive order. Calls to fix this crisis through a constitutional amendment do not acknowledge politi-

cal reality. This bill represents the most feasible path for conservatives to actually stop birth tourism and restore the proper meaning of American citizenship."

"As Justices Thomas, Alito and Gorsuch made clear, President Trump's executive order was consistent with the Citizenship Clause and the Supreme Court's 1898 decision in *United States v. Wong Kim Ark*," said Fred McGrath, President of the Institute for Legislative Analysis. "Justice Kavanaugh has made clear that Congress holds the authority to resolve the statutory conflict. By moving through Congress, the Birthright Citizenship Clarification Act directly addresses that concern. If this legislation faces another court challenge, we are confident it would meet the constitutional standard recognized by the Court's conservative justices."

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