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Kansas State Fair general manager Bryan Schulz opens the 2025 fair. He said fairgoers should plan ahead, with this year expected to be even busier, including the partial reopening of the Bison Arena. EVERT NELSON/THE CAPITAL-JOURNAL

Make the most of Kansas State Fair

See what’s new and what’s changed from last year

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If people are wanting to take in as much as possible at this year’s Kansas State Fair, including a look inside the partially renovated Bison Arena, they should plan ahead.

That’s the advice that Bryan Schulz, general manager of the fair, gives everyone heading to Hutchinson.

“That’s because there’s just so much stuff going on,” he said.

From free stage events to trying new fair foods, taking in a ride on the Midway or visiting the traveling United States 250th anniversary rolling museum, when people, particularly families with youths, only have limited time, Schulz said it’s key to get their timing together.

“They might have three hours, but it might take an hour and a half to wrangle them together and do this or that,” he

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The interior of the Bison Arena sits empty in preparation for the 2026 Kansas State Fair. Part of the arena will be open after more than five years of repair and renovations and will feature events and exhibits at this year's fair.

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Iran says threatened sanctions will fail

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DUBAI – Iran’s foreign minister dismissed the threat of new U.S. sanctions as a sign of desperation on Aug. 23 and said the expected new measures would fail to defeat Tehran.

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, who is due to hold a press conference at 2 p.m. ET on Aug. 24, has threatened to impose “the toughest sanctions in history” on Iran. Iran’s economy is already under major pressure from international sanctions, its infrastructure has been hit repeatedly and thousands of people have been killed in air strikes on the Islamic Republic since the United States and Israel launched attacks on Feb. 28.

But Tehran remains defiant after nearly six months of war and has brought shipping to a virtual standstill in the Strait of Hormuz, refusing to allow unauthorized oil tankers to transit a waterway that is vital for global oil shipments. The effective blockade of the strait has pushed up global oil prices.



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Describing what he said were “repetitive scenarios,” Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said in a video posted on Telegram: “The fact that they [U.S. leaders] have moved on from military operations ... to bring up the same old plans shows that they are desperate.”

He said Washington must speak to Iran respectfully to find “a solution based on justice and honor.”

“We have never been afraid,” he added. “All of their actions – whether blockades or other military moves they have made – have failed, and this new issue of theirs will fail as well.”

President Donald Trump has warned of economic consequences against any country that provides “any type of lifeline to Iran” and Bessent has urged cooperation with Washington by China, which buys more than 80% of Iran’s shipped oil, according to 2025 data from analytics firm Kpler. China has urged diplomacy.

Pakistan’s army chief to visit

Iran said Pakistan’s army chief, Asim Munir, would visit Tehran on Aug. 24 as part of efforts to restore

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