

A Great County Fair for 92 Years...



***"Kids, Country and the County Fair --
Making Lifetime Memories..."***

A rich history ... Putnam County was re-established as a Tennessee County in 1854 and our first Putnam County Fair was held two years later in 1856 just north of the square on C. E. Wilson's property on Dixie Avenue.

The fair was not held during the Civil War. Six years after the Civil War in 1871 the fair board purchased six acres of land for \$60. This site was still known as the old fairgrounds in 1909 when Dixie College acquired the property.

In 1895, five years after the railroad came to Cookeville, a new fairground was built next to the railroad near 10th Street and Washington Ave. The fair had its own railroad spur, which would bring fair goers from as far away as Nashville and Harriman. In 1932 another site became the fairgrounds at 4th Street and Maple Avenue.

The fair stayed there for 24 years until a big fire broke out during the 1956 fair and burned several buildings. The next year we moved to our present location on Jefferson Ave. and we have been in this location for 59 years.

With the 88th Putnam County Fair the board set out to create the fair of our memories and each year we have moved closer and closer to that dream. The 92nd Putnam County Fair

will be the fifth year of "Making Lifetime Memories..." as the theme and we expect it to be another award winning fair.

The 2018 fair offers the largest premium offering in history -- \$120,000, that's -- \$120,000 offered in premiums, cash and awards. We hope that will provide the incentive for more people to bring entries and be part of this year's fair.

This year's line-up is by far the biggest and most diverse in our fair's history...so big, we have to have four events before the fair opens ... the Open Walking Horse Show and Team Roping two weeks before the fair; the Little Miss Fairest of the Fair Pageant on July 28 at the Cookeville Community Center; and the Fairest of the Fair Pageant on Wednesday night, August 1 before the fair opens the next day.

The fair opens with a new Antique Tractor Pulling event and Team Roping event, followed by the Lonestar Rodeo, and then the ever popular Truck and Tractor Pull.

Sunday is Demolition Derby Day at the Fair, the County Horse Show a long-time tradition on Tuesday night, Motorcycle Races on Wednesday, Lawn Mower Races on Thursday evening, a second Truck and Tractor Pull on the final Friday night and then Monster Trucks will close the fair.

Seven nights of motor sports at your request but balanced with traditional fair events pageants, rodeo, horse shows, petting zoo, livestock and dairy shows, along with an outstanding exhibit by Putnam County Master Gardeners. A full ten days of events and activities for the entire family in a safe and clean environment ... a great county fair.

Come join us and help us as we celebrate the 92nd edition of the Putnam County Agricultural & Industrial Fair.