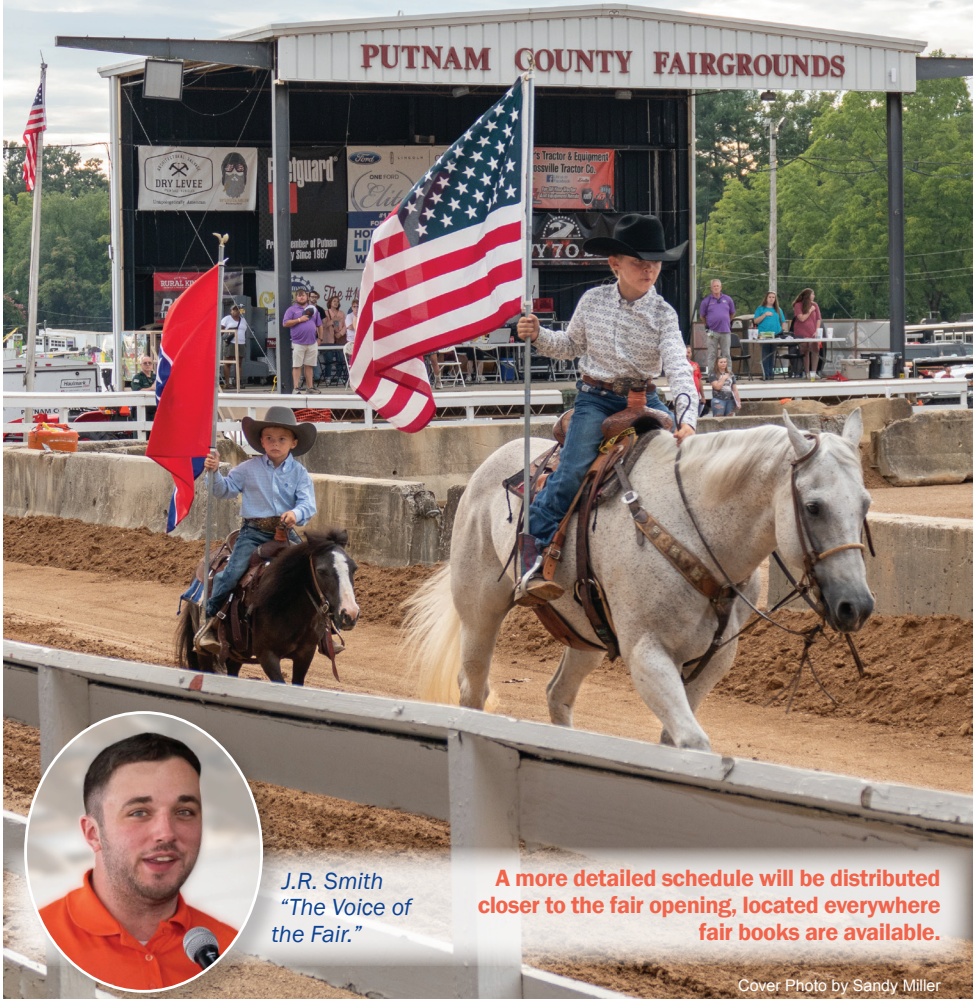


# THE 97<sup>TH</sup> PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL & INDUSTRIAL FAIR

## ABBREVIATED FAIR SCHEDULE

AUGUST 3-12, 2023

Pre -Fair Events  
July 22-23, July 28, 29, 30



J.R. Smith  
"The Voice of  
the Fair."

**A more detailed schedule will be distributed  
closer to the fair opening, located everywhere  
fair books are available.**

**2019 Champion Fair, AAA Division,  
2021 Champion of Champions Fair –  
The #1 Fair in Tennessee &  
2022 Champion of Champions Premier Fair!!!!**

The 97<sup>th</sup> Putnam County Agricultural & Industrial Fair will feature ten (10) outstanding young people involved in Agriculture or Family & Consumer Sciences – each receiving a \$250 scholarship; and honor Six Outstanding Adult Volunteers!

Over 150 Live Demonstrations – Farm Animal of the Day – Expanded “Grand Ma’s Barnyard” – Putnam County Master Gardeners’ Exhibit – Karaoke – Corn Hole Tournament – Greased Pig Catching Contest – Working Blacksmith every night – Antique Tractor Exhibition all ten days by the Middle Tennessee Antique Engine & Tractor Association – great fair food – exhibits galore – More than 50 commercial exhibitors – 14 days and nights of family entertainment and fun.

**New Things for 2023**

**New Theme & Exhibit – Agriculture Commodities – Scarecrow Contest – Green Thumb Contest – Live Judging includes: Your Favorite Lemon Dessert, Pecan Pie, and Southern Fried Pies  
NEW “Bump and Run” (Motorsport)**

**Daily Happenings**

**Grand Ma’s Barnyard**

**Featuring:**

Antique Engine & Tractor Display  
Spinning and Weaving - Susan Richardson  
Cornbread Shack Cast Iron Cooking - David Clouse  
Feeding the Bottle Calves • Working Blacksmith  
Musical Entertainment on the Back Porch Stage

Exhibits in the  
South Grandstand  
and Cultural Arts Building  
Master Gardeners’ Exhibit

Chicken House  
JUST FOR KIDS  
Veterans’ Walk

Tennessee Wildlife Resources  
Exhibit

Commercial Exhibits  
in the North Grandstand

The Country Store

Live Demonstrations in Grand Ma’s  
Barnyard, the Master Gardeners’  
Exhibit, and the Cultural Arts Bldg.

**GATE ADMISSION**

**Admission \$5 – 5 and under Free**

**Season Ticket – \$30 (purchased at the fair office anytime)**

**Saturday, August 5 Admission Free til Noon**

**Buildings**

**(North and South Grandstands and Cultural Arts Bldg)**

**Open 4PM – 9PM Thursday and Friday**

**12 NOON – 9PM Saturdays and Sunday (Cultural Arts Bldg Opens 10a on Sunday)**

**4PM – 9PM Monday through Friday.**

# Pre-Fair Events

**Saturday, July 22**

Cookeville Community Center

Doors Open at 12 NOON – Admission \$5

**Fairest of the Fair Pageants**

Ms./Mrs. Divisions 1PM

Youth (9-15 yrs) 2PM

Fairest of the Fair 7PM

See [www.putnamcountyfair.org](http://www.putnamcountyfair.org) or Facebook: Putnam County, TN Fair Pageants



**Putnam County Fairgrounds**

Gates Open 12 NOON – Admission Free

**4PM Open Draft Horse & Mule Show – Main Arena**



**Charles E. Sewell World's Greatest Mule Skinner**

**Carl Julian for the second year in a row.**

**Sunday, July 23**

Cookeville Community Center

Doors Open at 1PM – Admission \$5

**Fairest of the Fair Pageants**

Baby (Under 2 yrs) 2PM

Children (2-8 yrs) 4PM

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## Friday, July 28 (6PM), Saturday & Sunday July 29-30 (9AM)



Putnam County  
Fairgrounds  
Admission Free  
Dairy Goat Show  
Big Barn



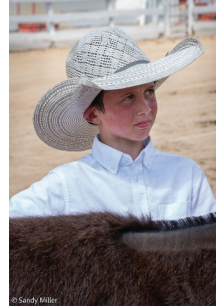
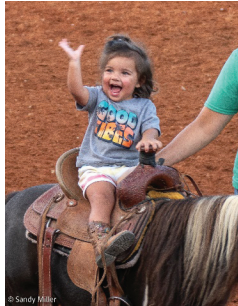
## Saturday, July 29

Gates Open 12 NOON – Admission Free

2PM Middle Tennessee Jr. Rodeo – East Arena

5PM Open to the World Walking Horse Show – Main Arena  
Putnam County Fairgrounds

## Favorite Pictures of Kids at the 2022 Fair



## Message from Putnam County Mayor - Randy Porter

Melanie and I invite you to join us at the 97<sup>th</sup> Putnam County Fair – August 3-12, 2023 – our “Champion of Champions” Fair. Since 1856 residents of Putnam County and the Upper Cumberland have been pausing at this time of year to celebrate the harvest and be a part of the largest community event in our county – the county fair.

The Fair Board has again planned a great program of events, activities, shows, and motorsports for the entire family. Over 150 live demonstrations, 6 horse shows, livestock, and dairy shows – hogs, goats, dairy goats, chickens and sheep.

Over 125 local businesses and individuals have contributed to the support of the fair which allows the fair board to keep admission at \$5. Over 500 volunteers will manage a piece of the fair – and the best junior fair board of 30 young people can’t wait to greet you and tell you about their fair.

Melanie and I hope to see you at the fair – don’t miss the 97<sup>th</sup> Edition of a great county fair right here in your hometown.

*Randy Porter, Putnam County Mayor*



# “Welcome to the 97<sup>th</sup> Putnam County Agricultural & Industrial Fair”

## with James Gang Amusements



Visit our website for a full schedule each day [www.putnamcountyfair.org](http://www.putnamcountyfair.org)

### Thursday, August 3

Gates and Buildings Open at 4PM  
Admission \$5 – Armbands \$15

- 12 NOON Volunteer Luncheon
- Music Barn – (By Invitation Only)
- 5PM Quilt Exhibition
- Cultural Arts Bldg
- 6PM Midway Opens – Armbands \$15
- 7PM Lone Star Rodeo

### 2023 Fair Volunteer Honorees:



Craig Bussell



Melanie Bussell



Bill & Sandy Miller



Judy Ramsey



Lori Love



### Friday, August 4

Gates Open and Buildings at 4PM  
Admission \$5 – Armbands \$23

- 5PM Quilt Exhibition
- Cultural Arts Bldg
- 5PM Open Hog Show – Big Barn
- 6PM Midway Opens
- Armbands \$23
- 7PM Lone Star Rodeo
- Main Arena

## Saturday, August 5

Gates & Buildings Open 7AM

Free Admission til NOON

12 NOON Admission \$5

8AM - 12 NOON - Entry Day at the Fair -

Follow signs for entries to Northeast Gate

Buildings close for Judging

12 NOON to 3PM

8AM - 4PM Poultry & Rabbits Entry Day

9AM Open Halter & Western Horse Show -  
Main Arena

1PM Live Judging - Tent near the Fair  
Office

2PM Open Western Horse Show  
(continued) - East Arena

4PM Midway Opens - \$23 Armbands

4PM Open Goat Show - Big Barn

7:30PM Monster Trucks - Main Arena



## Sunday, August 6

Gates and Buildings Open - 12 NOON

Admission \$5 - Armbands \$23

9AM - Pacesetters Day at the Fair (by  
invitation only) - Music Barn

12 Noon - Sheep Show  
Big Barn

3PM Midway Opens  
\$23 Armbands

6PM Demolition Derby  
Main Arena

## Monday, August 7

9AM Senior Citizen Day at the Fair - Music Barn

11:30AM - 1PM - Cultural Arts Bldg and South  
Grandstand Open for Seniors

Gates and Buildings Open at 4PM

Admission \$5 - Armbands \$20

6PM Midway Opens - \$20 Armbands

6:30PM Wild Horse and Mule Show - East Arena

NEW 6:30PM "Bump & Run" - Main Arena





## Tuesday, August 8

North Gate Open at 2PM

Admission \$5

Gates & Buildings Open at 4PM -  
Armbands \$20

9AM Special Children's Day at the Fair  
(by invitation only) – Music Barn  
6PM Open Dairy Show – Big Barn  
6PM Midway Opens – \$20 Armbands  
5PM Motorcycle Practice – Main Arena  
6PM Motorcycle Races – Main Arena

## Wednesday, August 9

North Gate Open at 2PM –

Admission \$5 – Armbands \$20

Gates and Buildings Open 4PM –  
Admission \$5

5PM Motorcycle Practice  
– Main Arena

6PM Midway Opens  
– \$20 Armbands

6PM Motorcycle Races  
– Main Arena



## Thursday, August 10

Gates and Buildings Open at 4PM –  
Admission \$5

6PM Midway Opens  
\$20 Armbands

6:30PM Putnam County Horse Show  
Main Arena



## Friday, August 11

Gates and Buildings Open at 4PM –  
Admission \$5 – Armbands \$23

6PM Midway Opens – \$23 Armbands

7PM Truck & Tractor Pull – Main Arena



## Saturday, August 12

Gates Open at 8AM – Admission \$5 –  
Armbands \$23

9AM – 2PM Antique Tractor Pull –  
Main Arena

9AM – 4-H & Youth Horse Show –  
East Arena

Buildings Open at 12 Noon

4PM Open Beef Show – Big Barn  
4PM Midway Opens

7PM Demolition Derby – Main Arena



## Sunday, August 13

Gates Open at 12 Noon

1PM – 2:30PM

Pick Up Checks and Entries

Outside Fair Office (Weather Permitting)  
In the Fair Office if weather is threatening.

2:30PM – 4PM Pick Up Checks & Things  
That Did Not Sell at the Country Store

Rain Date – Sunday, August 13

6PM – Main Arena



“The Best Fairground Crew in the World”

## MIDWAY RIDES/ARMBANDS

Thursday, August 3 – \$15 armband sold 6p – 10p Good til 11p  
Friday, August 4 – \$23 armband sold 6p – 10p Good til 11p  
Saturday, August 5 – \$23 armband sold 4p – 10p Good til 11p  
Sunday, August 6 – \$23 armband sold 3p til 10p Good til 11p  
Monday, August 7 – \$20 armband sold 6p til 10p Good til 11p  
Tuesday, August 8 – \$20 armband sold 6p til 10p Good til 11p  
Wednesday, August 9 – \$20 Armband sold 6p til 10p Good til 11p  
Thursday, August 10 – \$20 armband sold 6p til 10p Good til 11p  
Friday, August 11 – \$23 armband sold 6p til 10p Good til 11p  
Saturday, August 12 – \$23 armband sold 4p – 10p Good til 11p

*Midway/Ride Tickets \$1 each – many rides take 3-5 tickets*

Events subject to change without notice.

We cannot control the weather; therefore, we do not give rain checks or refunds  
when Mother Nature interferes with our events.

Pets are not allowed on the fairgrounds during the duration of the PCF  
or any PCF event(s).

Service animals are always welcome.

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