

## Tri-State Exhibition Center Opens New Exhibit Hall

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Wednesday, February 4, 2009, for the new exhibit hall at the Tri-State Exhibition Center in McDonald, Tennessee. County Commissioner and Tri-State Exhibition Center Board member, Louie Alford, County Commissioner, Jim Smith, County Mayor, D. Gary Davis, Cleveland City Mayor, Tom Rowland, and Foothills Country Fair organizer, Nancy Alford, were just a few of the many in attendance for the ribbon cutting. Also in attendance were Amanda Ledford and Mike Fowler of Sys-Tech, Inc., the company that built the new exhibit hall.

The new building is 4,800 square feet and is the first indoor facility for Tri-State. In order to build the exhibit hall, the Tennessee Department of Agriculture awarded a \$100,000 grant to the Foothills Country Fair, and Bradley County and the City of Cleveland each donated \$50,000 to match the grant.

The new facility is equipped with central heat

and air, a catering kitchen, restrooms, telephone lines, and internet access. The main purpose of the building is to provide a clean and dry place to display quilts and arts during the Foothills Country Fair.

With the addition of the newly built indoor exhibit hall, Tri-State expects an increase in participation for future fairs. The new exhibit hall will also give

Bradley County another large building that will be available for rent to the public for exhibits, educational meetings, dinners, family reunions, wedding receptions, etc. Anyone wishing to obtain information on the renting process, can call (423) 476-9310, e-mail [info@tsec.org](mailto:info@tsec.org), [tristate@tsec.org](mailto:tristate@tsec.org), or visit the Tri-State website at [www.tsec.org](http://www.tsec.org).



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