

Farmer's Market returns in Dandridge

From Staff Reports

The arrival of summer heralds the return of the Farmer's Market in Dandridge. The market opened its third season Saturday with a ribbon cutting.

Jefferson County commissioner Phil Kindred addressed the crowd of shoppers reminding them of the importance of the market.

"As much as 75 percent of the county is rural," Kindred said. "This provides an important venue for the farmers to sell their products."

Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Don Cason was on hand and remarked on the vital role the market plays in the economy of Jefferson County.

"Jefferson County is in the process of building a better future," Cason said. "Agriculture is part of our heritage and part of where we need to be."

Jonathan Rhea of the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Office addressed the shoppers and reminded them the UT Extension Office will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2010.

The department was implemented by UT to assist and educate farmers and carry out valuable research and development.

Shoppers browsed the many booths choosing from a vast selec-



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Music was provided by Minstrel Ministries. Shoppers were able to browse many booths feature vast selections of foods.

tion of fresh fruits, vegetables, jams, jellies, spices, fresh eggs, home made breads and cookbooks.

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"This is a fine example of the good ol' American entrepreneurial spirit," said County Commissioner Frank Clamon. "Agriculture has al-

ways been a major industry in the county since our founding fathers first settled the region."

Last year the Farmer's Market contributed more than \$60,000 to the Jefferson County economy.

The Farmer's Market will open each Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. until late fall.