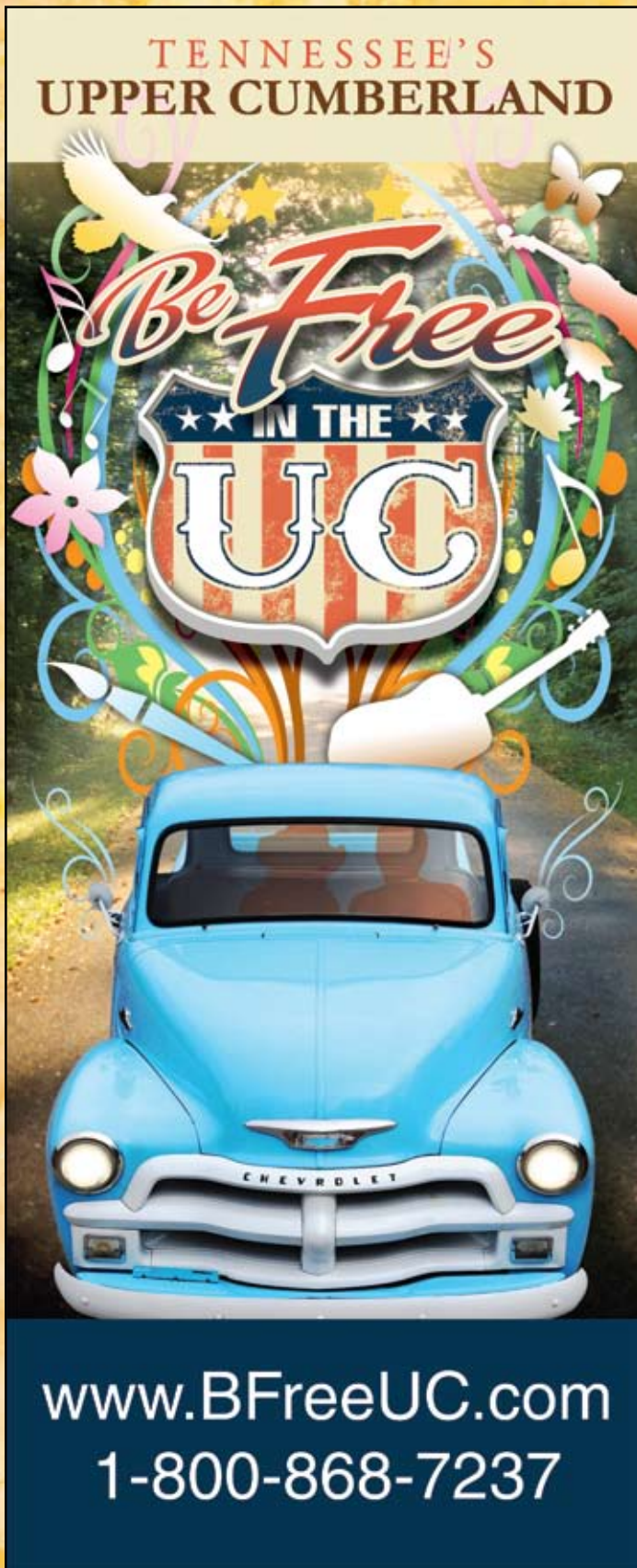


DeKalb County Fair

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Before the dawn of the Civil War, the **DeKalb County Fair** was chartered by a special act of the Tennessee State Legislature on April 15, 1856. It was to be located in the small town of Alexandria near the banks of Hickman Creek across from the current location of the downtown square. Another note of interest for those who enjoy history: it is said that during the Civil War, the fairgrounds also served as an encampment location for Confederate General John Hunt Morgan's Kentucky Raiders unit prior to their expedition into Ohio in 1863. With such a rich and colorful history of over 150 years, it is no

wonder that this fair is fondly referred to as "**The Grandpa Fair of the South**". This award winning fair is the longest running county fair in the region. There is always a great line up of things to see and do – pageants, shows, rides and exhibits to name a few. There is something for almost every age and taste. An amazing thing happens at county fairs; almost everyone allows their inner youth to shine through. Communities come together to enjoy a week of fun and excitement. People visit with friends that they haven't seen in some time and get away from the everyday routine that sometimes gets to be boring during the "dog days of summer". Who can help but to have a great time with all the fond memories that come flooding back with all the sites, smells, and unmistakable sounds filling the evening air! The exhibits and agricultural shows that celebrate rural living are showcased during the fair – prized animals, garden delights, canned goods, handcrafts, art, and so much more. Beauty pageants and a vintage fashion show, talent show (DeKalb Idol), truck and tractor pull, demolition derby, and concerts are just a few of the other events that have added to the evening line up of things to do in years past. 2010 offered a \$1,000 Cash Giveaway each evening. There was also an impressive collection of rides, games, and types of food to enjoy. **The dates for 2011 are July 18-23; mark your calendar now** to experience this special piece of Americana. You can learn more by calling 615-529-FAIR or visit their website at www.DeKalbCountyFair.net. Make plans this year to come experience one of the most historic fairs in Tennessee – the DeKalb County Fair in Alexandria, TN. **Ya'll Come and Have a Great Time!**

