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Representatives from Putnam 1st Mercantile, Parkview Elementary and the Cookeville Museum witnessed the raising of the clocktower at the bank's new building on Jackson Ave. in Cookeville. From left are Robin Cowan, bank network administrator; Tonya Reeder, customer service manager; Brian Horne, A.E.I. architect firm; Jim Raines, bank president; Larry Vickers, bank CEO; Moe Patel, bank director; Sharon Griggs, Parkview Elementary principal; David Maxwell, bank executive vice president; David Stites, J&S Construction; Judy Duke, Cookeville History Museum administrator; Evnetta Jenkins, Friends of the History Museum chairman and president; Ann Mainord, bank deposit operations; Vickie Hamilton, bank loan operation manager. In the front row are Parkview Elementary students Molly Jo Simpson, Katie Marness and Callie Jack McCaleb.

Clocktower raising draws a crowd

COOKEVILLE — The staff and friends of Putnam 1st Mercantile Bank were on hand to witness the raising of a replica of the 1900s Putnam Courthouse clock tower at the construction site of the Putnam 1st Mercantile Bank on Jackson Street.

"It is important to us for this bank to represent the best of Putnam County's past as well as the future. One way is to place a clocktower that is representative of the old courthouse clocktower on our

building to signify the importance of Cookeville's history to our community. Keeping that spirit alive is crucial to the future of Cookeville," said David Maxwell, EVP of the bank.

Maxwell, whose family has been in Putnam County for over 200 years, wanted the community based bank to represent a piece of county's history.

Sharon Griggs, teachers and students of Parkview Elementary School and Judy Dukes and Eunetta Jenkins of the

Cookeville Museum were also on hand to help celebrate the event.

The Cookeville Museum opened recently and has many exhibits that help illustrate life in old Cookeville which includes an actual part of the clock face that stood on the Putnam County Courthouse. Putnam 1st Mercantile Bank is a Cookeville based community bank that opened in November of 2005 and has grown to over \$50 million since then.