

**For Immediate Release**

**One Big Neighborhood Theme of WCTE-TV's Stations of Imagination  
At Cookeville's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall FunFest September 8-9**

**Cookeville, TN (8-3-06)** -- *Sesame Workshop's* Walkaround Zoe and Noddy from the PBS series *Make Way for Noddy* will make a special appearance in WCTE-TV's popular Stations of Imagination during the **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookeville Fall FunFest** September 8-9, 2006. The popular attraction kicks off at 10:00 a.m. Saturday with numerous activity booths, family-oriented entertainment and an opportunity for kids to meet their favorite PBS characters, and will continue until 5:00 p.m. The PBS member station is sponsoring the event for the 11<sup>th</sup> year.

With a theme of One Big Neighborhood, the area will be sectioned into special streets such as Amigos Street, Golden Eagle Boulevard, Big Tree Village, Sandbox Lane, Grassy Cove, Safety Avenue and Hands on Crafts Lane. Each street will feature free hands-on activities for kids. WCTE will also sponsor a sneak preview Stations of Imagination stage on Friday night from 5:30-8:00 p.m. and the main kids' stage on Saturday which will feature dancers, magicians and child-oriented musical performances. The headliner on both Friday and Saturday is Joel Reese, the Singing Cowboy. He will perform at 7:00 p.m. Friday and 11:00 a.m. Saturday. WCTE is also sponsoring a songwriting contest, open to students K-12, the subject of which will be One Big Neighborhood. According to WCTE's Cindy Putman, Reese will put the two winning songs to music and perform them during the event.

In what has become an annual tradition, Wah Lum Kuug Fu dragon will kick-off the day's events on the Courthouse Square at 9:30 a.m.

One of the premier fall events on the Upper Cumberland Plateau, Fall FunFest offers a variety of events for the entire family, including The Cookeville CookOff, sponsored by Corona--a championship barbeque cook-off--a Family Fun Zone, sponsored by Cookeville Wal-Mart and Sam's Club, Teen World, a 5k/10k Eloqui Fun Run, and TACA arts and crafts area. A variety of musical entertainment will perform on three stages, and local and regional vendors will offer food and concessions. Past performers have included Delbert McClinton, Marcia Ball, Jonell Mosser and the Fabulous Thunderbirds. Admission to the event is free.

Fall Fun Fest is presented by CityScape, Cookeville's local "Main Street" organization that works to preserve, protect and promote the heart and soul of Cookeville – its downtown. CityScape is a group of concerned citizens working hand in hand with partners such as the City of Cookeville, local merchants and property owners to develop downtown as a destination for business and pleasure.

Event sponsors include Coca-Cola, Bi-Lo, Eloqui Wireless, Corona, Premier Diagnostic Imaging, N2TheNet, Streamliner Creative, Putnam County Clean Commission, JWC Broadcasting, Stone Brothers Welding, Cookeville Regional Medical

Center, Comcast Spotlight, Baymont Inn & Suites, BB&T/Legge Insurance, Cookeville Wal-Mart and Sam's Club, Full Throttle, Herald-Citizen, Lamar Outdoor Advertising and Cookeville Chamber of Commerce.

Cookeville is located approximately 1.5 miles off I-40, at exit #287 (Cookeville/Sparta).

For more information, visit the Fun Fest website, [www.fallfunfest.com](http://www.fallfunfest.com).

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