



For Immediate Release

**Eighth Annual Fun Run Sponsored by Averitt Back on Course
After Brief Detour; Cash Prizes to be Offered Winners
Run Popular Event of Cookeville Fall FunFest presented by U.S. Cellular Slated for
September 5-6**

Cookeville, TN (7-28-08) – Road construction created a one-time-only detour for runners in the 2007 Fun Run Sponsored by Averitt, but organizers for the popular event, part of the **Cookeville Fall FunFest presented by U.S. Cellular**, report that the certified course is back on track. Entries are now being accepted for the **Eighth Annual Fun Run Sponsored by Averitt**, which kicks off Saturday, September 6th's events at the **13th Annual Cookeville Fall FunFest presented by U.S. Cellular slated for September 5-6, 2008**. For the first time, the overall male and female winners will each receive a cash prize of \$50.

The 5k/10k run begins promptly at 7:00 a.m., although packet pick-up begins a half hour earlier at 6:30 a.m. The event is designed to appeal to runners and walkers of every level whether a running enthusiast, recreational jogger, health walker or one who just wants to enjoy the streets of beautiful downtown Cookeville. Officially certified as exactly 5k and exactly 10k, the race enjoys a quick downhill start at Dixie and Broad Streets and a straight flat push to the finish at the same point.

Both the 5k and 10k will feature state-of-the-art timing and placement in multiple categories of all ages. All run participants will receive a commemorative t-shirt and goody bags. Top finishers in each division will receive awards.

Entry fee for individual runners is \$15 for early birds, \$20 after August 25th and \$25 on race day. Team entry fee for groups of four is \$60 pre-race and \$65 on race day. For more information or to download an application, go to www.fallfunfest.com or call Cara Sheets or Jen Boswell at 931-520-5297, cara@cookeville-tn.org or jen@cookeville-tn.org. Applications are also available at the CityScape Office; 345 S. Jefferson Street, Suite 303.

Fun Run organizers Cary Sheets and Jen Boswell credit the ROTC department at Tennessee Tech University, the City of Cookeville Police Department and a host of volunteers for giving their time to insure the success of this event. Fun Run is sponsored by Averitt, Cookeville Regional Medical Center and Kicks 106.9.

One of the premier fall events on the Upper Cumberland Plateau, Fall FunFest presented by U.S. Cellular offers a variety of events for the entire family, including The Cookeville CookOff, a championship barbeque cook-off--a Family Fun Zone, Teen World, 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 FunFest presented by U.S Cellular is owned and operated 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, Kroger, Averitt, AUI LLC, Tennessee Lottery, Premier Diagnostic Imaging, N2TheNet, Streamliner Creative, Cookeville Regional Medical Center, JWC Broadcasting, Stone Steel, First Tennessee, American Bank and Trust, and Progressive Savings Bank, Clarion Inn, Putnam County Clean Commission, Herald-Citizen, Lamar Outdoor Advertising, BB&T Legge Insurance and Comcast Spotlight.

Fall FunFest presented by U.S. Cellular is a Litter Free event.

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.

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