

# Ready, set, *SLIDE*



Cookeville will open its 1,000-foot slide along Broad Street this weekend. Cost to slide the nearly quarter mile length is \$10 for a pair of turns. The event is Saturday and Sunday.

The City of Cookeville's fourth annual Red, White and Boom Independence Day celebration kicks off June 30-July 1 with SlideCKVL, a 1,000-foot waterslide along Broad Street.

"SlideCKVL will be the biggest two-day water party of the summer," Cookeville Mayor Ricky Shelton said. "There will be music, dancing, food, drinks and even some swag for sale so you can soak up the sun in style."

The waterslide will begin near the Courthouse Square in downtown Cookeville. Saturday's hours are 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sunday's hours are noon-8 p.m.

"This event has grown each year, and we expect attendance this year to be the biggest ever," Shelton said.

Tickets are \$10 for a double-slider armband (two slides, either day); \$20 for a five-slider armband (one person can slide five times or five people can slide one time, either day); or \$25 for an unlimited-slider armband (unlimited slides both days). An inflatable tube is included.

They may be purchased in advance at the Cookeville Performing Arts Center, 10 E. Broad St., Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., or [www.cpactn.com](http://www.cpactn.com) (with \$3 convenience fee). They may also be purchased onsite (cash or credit card).

Tickets will be exchanged for armbands and inflatable tubes at the check-in and registration area next to Borden's Jewelry throughout the event.

All sliders must be at least three years old, sign an injury release form and slide on an inflatable tube. Lap riding is not permitted.

For more information, call CPAC at 931-528-1313.

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## Parsley earns his degree from FHU

A Dekalb County student was among the approximately 300 receiving degrees from Freed-Hardeman University May 12. Cole Parsley of Smithville was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Bible.

Tennessee Commissioner of Education Candace McQueen addressed the graduates at commencement exercises in Loyd Auditorium. Urging them to see themselves as leaders because of their attainment, she said, "Although, nine out of 10 individuals in the United States earn a high school diploma or GED, only one-third of them earn a college degree," she said.

"You are expected to provide leadership," McQueen said. "You have been trained and taught to lead by Freed-Hardeman University." She urged graduates to become servant leaders by modeling what Jesus did. "Being a leader is now your calling," she stressed.

McQueen cited her mother, a teacher-leader, and her father, a gospel preacher, as her personal examples of leadership. She also provided examples of leadership among the 2018 graduates and alumni, saying, "Servant leaders are sitting right here today."

## Thankful for recent rains

Dry Creek community has been pretty quiet this week other than the extreme heat. We welcome the cooler temperatures and rain. The local gardens were beginning to suffer from the extreme temperatures. Some of the bean pants had bottom leaves drying up and the corn leaves had turned inward like they do in times of drought. Gardens require a lot of time and money, so we thank the good Lord for these recent rains.

We send out congratulations to Kenzie France, granddaughter of Jeanette France, on her recent sport's honor.

We believe all the hay has been cut and put in the barns for winter feeding. It required working in some extremely hot conditions, but it got done. The farmers always try to get three cuttings out of a summer crop of hay, so maybe these rains will help bring on the next cutting.

We send out Happy 41st Anniversary wishes to



by LOUISE FRAZIER

Jerald and Lisa Cripps on June 24th. They married at the Dry Creek Baptist Church, Bill Owens was the pastor. It was a very hot day and the church was full. Unfortunately, the church didn't have the best air condition back then, but it was a beautiful ceremony. Sally Hale Baskin play her guitar and sang The Wedding Song by Peter, Paul, and Mary. (Google that song and listen to it...beautiful) It is hard to believe how time has flown by and 41 years later they have three sons and daughter in laws with six precious grandchildren. God has truly blessed our family.

It is hard for most of us to be still and focus on God, but the scripture clearly says we need this to self-examine, praise and listen.

**PSALM 46: 10** - "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

*DeKalb County*  
**CANDIDATE FORUM**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2018**  
**5:30 PM TO 8:30 PM**

*Hear from & meet the candidates for the upcoming August 2 Election!*

**Meet & Greet: 5:30 - 6:00PM**  
**Forum: 6:00 - 8:30PM**

*All Local, State and Federal Candidates are invited.*

**DeKalb Community Complex**  
**South Congress Blvd., Smithville**

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