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## Local businesses affected by flooding

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COOKEVILLE — The employees at F&M Bank in Cookeville did not let the high water from the recent floods stop them from getting their work done. They are the only business in the shopping center at 541 S. Willow Avenue to stay open since the floods wreaked havoc in the area.

"We've kind of been confined to our little teller booth up here, working off one computer, one printer and one telephone, all three of us, but we've been able to serve our customers," Suzanne Harrington, branch manager with F&M Bank, said.

According to Harrington, anywhere from 4-6 inches of water got into the bank's facility. Crews with J&S Construction and Tim Holmes Construction are working to replace drywall and flooring that was victimized by the rising water.

"It (all happened) very quickly," Harrington said of last Wednesday's rainfall. "The water burst through the walls and the back of the building and within 15-20 minutes, there was 6 inches of water in here. The back parking lot had about five feet of water in it."

Sprint opened back up for business Wednesday, whereas Rex Buckner, owner of Marble Slab Creamery, was anticipating opening back up Friday evening.

There is a message for those who call Honey Baked Ham, saying that they are temporarily closed and remodeling due to water damage and "hope to be back open in 7-10 days."

According to Harrington, work at F&M Bank will hopefully be complete by Wednesday.

Honey Baked Ham is hoping to re-open Friday with a new look.

Businesses and residences with flood damage need to report it by calling 646-INFO (4636).



James Cantrell, left, and Danny Fish with Tim Holmes Construction are pictured putting up new drywall at F&M Bank Wednesday, a week after major flooding displaced families and flooded businesses. Another business affected in that same shopping center at the intersection of Willow and Jackson is Marble Slab Creamery. As of Tuesday, owner Rex Buckner was hoping to get that store back up and running by Friday.

Derrick Foster of J&S Construction removes old tile with a jackhammer at Honey Baked Ham Wednesday, a week after flooding hit the area, damaging numerous homes and businesses.