



## Holiday Deadline

Due to July 4th Holiday, the deadline for the July 9th edition of The Cumberland County News will be Thursday, July 3, at noon.

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Amy Morgan, left, showed off the new short bus purchased with River Festivus funds at the local school district's recent auction. She said the group had been wanting for years to purchase a shuttle, especially to take kayak and canoe racers to the starting line during River Festivus. Now that they have one, there are so many uses for the vehicle she said.

### River Festivus Planning Coming Together

#### By Greg Wells CCN—Editor

Planners, organizers, promoters and volunteers gathered 16 June at the Welcome Center on Hill Street, and the topic was August's River Festivus.

The generosity in support for the River Festivus was highlighted at last week's

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## **City Passes Budget Twice Last Week**

New position at parks and raises included in new budget



Members of the Burkesville city Council met twice last week to finish up the budget, the interlocal agreement for emergency service's 911 dispatching, and other last-minute considerations.

By Greg Wells CCN—Editor

At the second meeting of the Burkesville City Council last week, questions regarding the nature of spending outlined in the budget were raised by council members Connie Cravens and Shawn Riddle.

Mayor Laurel Irby told them that any expenditures from the budget would have to be approved by the council, so they would have oversight of the spending within the line items.

Council members

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## **Ribbon Cutting at Park**



Members of the River Festival Committee examine the inside of the new shuttle bus. The bus was offered at no charge to the Cumberland County Tourism Commission for use in local events as well as a traveling billboard for tourism events. The commission accepted the gift and will start seeking bids for a vinyl wrap on the vehicle, as well as designs/photos to be used in promoting the county and local events.

Those involved in the design and construction of the new sidewalks and bridge at the park's parking lot on Upper River Street were joined by those who helped secure the state grant and City approval for the new construction, as well as local leaders and their families. They joined together June 20 to celebrate the opening of the bridge with a ribbon cutting. Cutting the ribbon was the bridge's designer, Jeff Neathery, and holding it for him was the lead welder, Jamie Tucker, kneeling.

# **Independence Day Packed with Events**

Schedule of events for the 4th of July Celebration in Burkesville has been firmed up and goes as follows:

8am— 5K run/walk, sponsored by Cumberland County 4-H, with registration starting at 7am, and the event is on the walking track at Veterans Park.

8- Veterans' Breakfast at

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Burkesville Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Noon— Cornhole Tournament at Cumberland County Fairboard Building.

Noon— Vendors and food trucks open in the area of the Pavilion.

1pm— All American Pie Contest at the Log Cabin. 2-5— Face painting with Kaitlyn Owen in Veterans Park.

2— Children's Games and Crafts, organized by the Civics Club, in the park. Free to enter with cash prizes.

3— Touch a Truck, emergency vehicle interactive display, in the area of the walking track. 5:30— Register for the Bike Parade at First & Farmers National Bank parking lot.

6— Bike Parade travels to the park, stick around for prizes from the sponsor, Wade Flowers State Farm Insurance.

6:30— Patriotic song medley from the Paul Smith Stage. 6:45— Pet Show at the Riverboat Stage, presented by the Civics Club.

6:45— DJ music from Ken Amburgey at Paul Smith Stage.

9pm— Fireworks from the Alpine Motel, visible all through town.

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