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PATS offers Jubilee bus rides[Print Page](#)**By PETER BAUMANN**
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Laramie residents and visitors worried about parking during this weekend's Jubilee Days festivities can breathe a sigh of relief — the Eppson Center Public Assisted Transportation Service will be offering rides for \$1 from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. every 30 minutes today through Sunday from the parking lot at 15th Street and Spring Creek to First and University, Eppson Center community relations director Melodie Edwards said.

"We were working with Laramie Main Street, and it was their suggestion, but we thought it was a great idea," Edwards said. "It's always so hard to find parking downtown during Jubilee Days. In general, people like to be able to just walk to the festival, and this will give people from all over town the opportunity to catch the bus and get to the festival without having to deal with traffic and congestion."

While finding a good parking space in downtown Laramie is often easier said than done, Edwards said she hopes the bus service this year will help alleviate some of the headaches associated with heavy downtown traffic during Jubilee Days by getting people from the satellite parking to downtown in 15 minutes or less.

"People can go and park, catch the bus and just jump off right in the middle of the festival without having to deal with any of the trouble of finding a park space or walking long distances," Edwards said. "This is kind of a new thing for us. We've been working a lot with downtown and with special events like this, but we're going to be offering this kind of thing more often."

Although she is uncertain how many people will use the bus service during this year's Jubilee Days, Edwards said it's a great chance for people to take a look at the newly decorated buses and see what Laramie's public transportation is like.

"We're trying to encourage people to use this bus system, so this is really an opportunity for us to spread the word and get people to look for the new lettering that we put on this particular bus," Edwards said. "We can fit 14 people on the bus at any time, so we'd love it if we had those buses full all day."

If buses do fill up, Edwards added that it should be less than 30 minutes before the bus is back to pick up another group of people.

The bus being used is also handicapped accessible, so anyone needing a ride can be accommodated, Edwards said.

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