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HILES NEWS

Despite the rain, the dedication to the new Nicolet-Wolf River Scenic Byway was a success! The rain let up in time to cut the ribbon. A good crowd filled the Hiles Town Hall, with many of them having ridden a trolley from Crandon that was provided for and driven by the owners of the Hometown Trolley in Crandon. The bright blue trolley traveled up to Hiles and was a sight to see. Many dignitaries from both the Town of Hiles, Forest County and the State of Wisconsin were also present for the dedication. Deputy Secretary of Tourism Sarah Klavas attended and it was easy to see why she has the position that she is in as she embodied not only enthusiasm for tourism in Wisconsin, but especially the excitement for the new byway. Knowing what I do know about what went into the long process of it becoming a by-way, it was still amazing to hear how many steps were involved along the way, and the years of planning that it took to accomplish. And all of the hard work that was done by many along the way. I'm very proud that Hiles was the town to start it off, as it shows what good can happen when groups work together for the betterment of all. If you would like to see more about what the 5th and final scenic byway in the State of Wisconsin holds, you can check out the website at www.nicolet-wolfriver-scenicbyway.com. Information on the website includes an interactive map of the byway, photos of different activities throughout the different areas, and even trails and historical sites along the way. So the next time someone tells you they are bored, or don't know what they can do here, just set them straight. The possibilities are truly endless!

On Wednesday, a sad goodbye was said to Judy-McKay Burkey. Her memory will definitely live on in all of us. Family and friends came together to celebrate her life, and while the tears were plentiful, so were the stories of how she affected all of us. One story about her holding up another's pants as they ran on a call will never be forgotten. It made us smile along with the tears. Our sympathies and prayers go out to Vic and the rest of the family.

Have a good week! Not sure where the summer went, but it's Labor Day weekend and Brush Run. Be on the look out for buses and kids going back to school. Also, if you hear a lot of hooting and hollering, don't worry; it's just the parents that are rejoicing!

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