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HILES NEWS

On Saturday morning, a person who was near and dear to many of our hearts in the Town of Hiles died. Judy McKay Burkey died after fighting the good fight against cancer. Throughout it all, she never gave up, and was always Judy. Hugs and I love you's and Hi my friend were heard as they always had been. Judy had been the Town of Hiles treasurer 28 years. Along with that, she spent much of her time rescuing and fostering animals, along with rescuing and fostering people as well as she was with both the Crandon Rescue Squad and the Town of Hiles Fire Department for almost as long. If there was a need to fill, Judy filled it. I always knew that if I needed something, she would be there, along with her husband Vic. She had responded multiple times to my home for both my parents and children, and her heart was always the first thing that you saw and felt. Judy was also a Graphic Artist and had her own sign business, Frontier Sign that was run out of the old Frontier Bar that she and Vic purchased when they moved to Hiles. She not only touched the lives of Town of Hiles residents, but also many visitors throughout the years both in Hiles and in Forest County. There are some who wouldn't be with us today if not for her and her hard work.

Judy leaves behind her husband Vic Burkey, her daughter Laurie Chapple of Crandon, and granddaughter Jess McKay along with sisters and brothers and grandchildren and many friends. She was greatly loved, and will be greatly missed.

This Tuesday will be the dedication of the Nicolet Wolf River Scenic Byway. Next week I will have updates as to how it went.

As school is getting closer to starting here, some of our summer residents are getting ready to close up and head back home for the winter. May you have a good winter, and return to us next summer.

Have a great week all, enjoy the last days of summer. Keep in your prayers Judy's family and friends, and anyone else that is in need of prayers.

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