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MEDIA ADVISORY

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Trolley Line Trail Ribbon-Cutting and Public Art Dedication on Monday

DUBUQUE, Iowa – A ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony for the new Eagle Point Park Trolley Line Trail and the trail's wayside rest area and public art will be held at **5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 17**. The event will be held at the wayside, which is half-way up the hike/bike trail.

The trail follows the original trolley line, from Shiras Avenue to the park's first turn-around with the large bald eagle statue, where trolleys changed direction for the return trip and unloaded and loaded passengers. The public art is an Eagle Scout project completed by Ian Carstens, a senior at Hempstead High School. He received a Mediacom grant and donations to place recycled brick street pavers on the wayside and create three concrete pillars that were covered with handmade tiles. Each pillar has a mosaic design that relates to the park: gold fish in the pond, an eagle with the Mississippi River in its talons, and a depiction of the old trolley line.

In addition to Carstens, speakers for the event include Mayor Roy D. Buol, Dubuque Park and Recreation Advisory Commission Vice Chair Mark Noble, Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission Chair Geri Shafer, and Justin Wilson, Dubuque District Executive of the Northeast Iowa Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Parking is available at the Ham House parking lot and the Parks Division will provide transportation to the site for those who need it.

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