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Chimney Swift dedication a big hit

Friday afternoon, June 11, was scorching hot and unbearably humid, but that didn't deter anyone from the celebrating the dedication of Fox Valley's first Chimney Swift Tower with Batavia Enterprises. Batavia Mayor Jeffrey Schielke opened the ceremony explaining why the tower exists and, when considering Linnea Miller's passions, how perfect the site is. Linnea, the late 3rd Ward Batavia Alderwoman and Batavia's Citizen of the Year, was a major advocate for the bike path, loved nature, and worked hard to move Batavia towards a better and more beautiful downtown area. The tower is located next to the river on the bike path off of Shumway Avenue and was dedicated in her honor.

Dan Stellato, President of Batavia Enterprises, followed Schielke's speech with a humorous story detailing Linnea Miller's passion for the Chimney Swifts. At the Batavia Chamber's Ole Award dinner in 2009, after discussions of razing the Batavia Bowl began, Linnea walked up to Stellato, grabbed his tie, pulled him close and said, "I know you have to knock the building down, but if you expect to get my vote, you better find a new home for the Chimney Swifts." To which Stellato replied, "What's a Chimney Swift?" The crowd, including her husband Buzz Miller, chuckled at the thought and those who knew Linnea laughed harder because they knew that her passion for these birds had no limit. Stellato then presented Buzz with the exact tie that Linnea forcefully tugged upon.

Austin Dempsey, Vice President of Batavia Enterprises, concluded the dedication with a toast to the memory of Linnea Miller and the legacy she left behind.



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