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## HILES NEWS

A third week with a disappointing loss by the Packers! Not happy with that game at all, and the next few weeks will be a tough road for them. I sure hope that they shape up!

Last week was the big election. I know that most of us are glad that the election is finally over, because the calls and the political ads have stopped. And, while some will be unhappy with who won and who lost, I think the fact that 259 of 281 registered voters in the Town of Hiles voted, it shows how important this election was to almost everyone. Now I just hope that the healing can begin and people will do what's best for our country as a whole.

A few updates on the November Hiles Planning Committee meeting: The new LED sign will be discussed at the November Town Board meeting. Funding from the room Tax and tourist Grant will cover the cost of the sign over the next few years, and it definitely would be a benefit to the town. One of the hardest parts of advertising events sometimes to be honest, is that not everyone is reached. There will always be someone who doesn't know about what's going on. One of the things that I notice in Three Lakes at their Chamber of Commerce, and likewise in Crandon, is the large sign that has all of the upcoming events listed, and this can be for the town, for school, or many other things. The list is endless of the possibilities with a sign similar possibly to the ones that both Chambers have. If it's a big enough sign, it will be able to be read as people are driving by. Now, you actually have to stop and look at what it says.

Other updates are that more funding is now in place for ATV trails between Crandon and Monico. The more interest gained, the more it opens the possibilities of expanding the ATV trails and creating an ATV/snowmobile trailhead here in Hiles. The Scenic Byway is also nearly set to go. The Forest County Economic Development Partnership will start running ads soon to promote it. Keep your eyes out for the new ads! And at upcoming meetings, some issues that are on future agendas are things like shoreline zoning and the Hiles Comprehensive 10 year plan. If you are interested in any of these, or want to attend one of the meetings to see what's it all about, please feel free to attend. The meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30, and the next one will be on December 13th. It is normally followed by the Town Board of Hiles meeting on the second Wednesday at 7pm.

And on a happier note personally, one of our cats has been missing for at least a year and a half. We thought that we had seen her around Hiles, but we were never able to locate her. Lo and behold, on Friday night as I was driving home, Amber Wilson flagged me down. They had found our cat, Kendra. She let me bring her home. She was definitely hungry, but we were so glad to see her. Thanks to Amber and Trent and the kids for letting me know about her! And thanks to whomever has been helping her during this time. Hopefully, she'll stay home for a while!

Have a great week all! Please feel free to contact me if you have anything you would like shared in the town news.

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