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## HILES NEWS

There is a new wonderful sight to see when you are driving through Hiles. The new Hiles electronic sign has been fully installed and catches your eyes immediately. If you haven't had a chance to see it yet, you will be amazed. I definitely was. The LED part of the sign currently has a big American Flag on it that looks like it's waving gently in the breeze. Underneath, it the rest of the sign depicts a night on the lake in the Northwoods. This sign joins the new Welcome to Hiles sign and the new tourist kiosk that was built by the Tech Ed classes at the Crandon School District that made it's debut last year. Also popping up at all of the intersection signs are the violet byway signs. They brighten the drive as well. The funding for this project is coming from the room taxes over the next four years, along with yearly grants from the Forest County Tourism Commission.

Hiles is the first community in Forest County that is entered when coming south on Highway 32, and as such, is very involved with the new Nicolet Wolf River Scenic Byway. Hiles was chosen to be at the beginning of this project because of the investment that has been made in extending a welcome out to visitors. Make sure to mark on your calendars August 22nd at 4:00 pm as that is when the dedication ceremony will be held at the Hiles Town Hall. Deputy Secretary of Tourism Sarah Klavas will be one of the invited special guests, as will elected officials from other towns along the new scenic byway. Everyone is welcome to attend and celebrate Hiles' role in the new scenic byway. This project has been accomplished through much hard work by many involved, and can only be a benefit to our town. Many area groups have been involved in this project from the Town Board of Hiles, the Hiles Planning Committee, the Forest County Economic Development Partnership and the Forest County UW Extension. They all deserve a high five and a job well done!

This weekend was a beautiful weekend, although a hint of fall could be felt already last week. The nights dipped down into the high 30's, and I swear that there are a few leaves that have started to turn. Luckily though, there is still a lot of fun in the sun left to be had.

Please keep in your prayers those in our town who are fighting health issues. Also remember there families, as they are fighting right along with them.

Have a good week!

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