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HILES NEWS

Snow, rain, sun and fog. All of these have been present these last two weeks. I was surprised, although I really shouldn't be, as to how much water is still in the swamps. Last weekend, I went for ride up the Fire Tower roads. I had my camera handy of course, and just enjoyed the ride. The snow was still on the trees and the fallen leaves covered the woods. It was definitely another reminder of how beautiful our town and the surrounding area is. Obviously I wasn't the only one out and about that day, as I passed quite a few trucks parked on side roads. Looked like the hunters were out and about.

Tuesday was another enjoyable day as it was Halloween, and the weather decided to cooperate. I was able to go to the school to watch the kid's Halloween parade, and then took the littler ones trick or treating. I didn't see any tricks played, but I did see a lot of happy faces, on both the kids and the adults that they were visiting.

If anyone needs to have their EMR or Emergency Medical Responder's refresher, please contact Amber Wilson. She will be setting one up in the future. And if anyone is interested in becoming one, or interested in joining our Fire Department, please contact Amber as well. We are always in need of both responders and fire fighters. An EMR, or first responder, is someone who's completed the Emergency Medical Responder's course and is certified to provide pre-hospital treatment in the case of a medical emergency. Usually, these are the first people to respond when you call 911, especially in our rural area. Our nearest hospitals are both at least 45 minutes away, and sometimes it takes about 15-20 minutes for the ambulance to arrive to the emergency. The majority of us have called them a time or two, and it is always comforting to have someone that you know and trust respond so quickly. Amber's phone number is 715-649-3828. A good thing to remember is that there is a spot for everyone. Young or old, big or small, everyone can help in whatever way that they can. Many hands are needed to make everything run smoothly. Please consider donating some of your time to help with either of these causes, because in the long run, the one that you are helping is really yourself, because one never knows when one will need help of some kind.

Although it seems like Christmas is far away, we are already hearing Christmas music and seeing Black Friday ads. So it shouldn't surprise me that the annual Hiles Fire Department Christmas dinner is coming up soon on December 2nd. Santa will be there for those who have been nice, and also for those who have been naughty! Put it on your calendars, bring a dish to pass, and celebrate with family and friends.

Have a great week. Stay warm!

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