

Hiles News

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It is hard to believe that it is June 1st and our heat was going on and off this weekend. And of course being Wisconsin, at times the air was on as well.

This weekend was a joyous time for three Hiles families. Even though the graduation process was very different than normal, it was special in a much different way. My son James McCarthy; Luke Bukovic, the son of Amy and Brian Bukovic; and Brittany West, the daughter of Candy and Ray West all graduated from the Crandon School District. They received their awards and diplomas and then were escorted through town by the Forest County Sheriff's Department and the Crandon Fire Department. Many people lined the sidewalks of downtown Crandon to celebrate our seniors, and as their banners were flying on the light poles-it was special in its own way. Congratulations to our seniors, may you continue to shine through all of your days. A bigger celebration for the graduates is planned for July 18th at this time but with the way things are changing, who knows what will happen then. At least they were honored in a very special way this year.

Someone else celebrating for a very different reason is our own Cathy Votis. After 32 years of serving the Town of Hiles as Town Clerk (Treasurer also for a while too), Cathy has decided it was time to retire. Her last day with the town was officially May 31st 2020. She will be moving on to greener pastures and spending more time with her family. Cathy, we will miss you. You take a lot of knowledge and history along with you! You have served our town well over the years and helped us in many different ways. Enjoy your retirement! Filling her shoes will be Jane Micolichek. Jane has been Deputy Clerk for the Town of Hiles and is looking forward to making the job her own. So congratulations to both ladies.

And if you get a chance, check out the new handicapped accessible dock that's been put in by the Mill Pond. It was part of a grant from last year from the Forest County Potawatomi. We sat down there last Saturday and it was wonderful. The only bad thing that I have to say is that I saw a pine snake swimming in the water. I guess he was welcoming the dock but as I haven't seen one do that in my 50+ years in Hiles, I could have lived without seeing that. The kids started screaming of course, he looked at us and continued to swim happily away. I think he was as stunned by us as we were of him. I'm sure many will enjoy this spot for years to come.

Even as times change, our town continues to grow and improve. Some steps forward, some steps back of course, but hopefully, better for the most part. At this point there's talk of a cell tower going in on the corner across from the gas station and the motel. Some are not happy because of the proximity and coverage, and possible problems because of the tower itself. Some are for it because coverage is definitely needed for our town, and some just want it to be in the best spot for all. I will keep you posted as I learn more as well.

Have a great week, stock up on your bug lotion because the bugs and ticks are hot and heavy, and enjoy the weather!