

Hiles News
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Hello everyone, hope that you all had a good holiday season. I was glad that we didn't get the worst that we could have gotten in weather to be honest. I just wish that we hadn't gotten the rain. It makes everything so icy and that snow so heavy when either plowing or shoveling. From what I hear though, the snowmobile trails are in good condition, and they are getting a lot of use. With all of the snow hanging on the trees again from the last snowfall, I'm sure they are just beautiful. My daughters Grace and Ceara traveled to Oshkosh over Christmas week with me to visit the Paine Mansion and then had lunch with my other daughter Brianna and her fiancé Chris for lunch. The drive down was so beautiful, as was the nutcracker exhibit at the Paine Mansion. They had a combination of the Nutcracker ballet and nutcrackers in every room of the mansion. The mansion itself was beautiful to view with beautifully decorated Christmas trees and ornate woodwork in every room. The only downfall was that the parking is limited at the Paine Mansion so if you plan to attend anything there, just plan to use the overflow parking. It was a nice reminder that within a few hours drive, there are unique things to see and do, even in winter.

The ice and cold that are here with us to stay for a while, are a good reminder that the Hiles Fire Department Fisheree will be coming up quickly. Put it on your calendars for February 4th to be on Pine Lake or at the Hiles Town Hall for this event that's always a fun time. Raffle prizes will be \$400.00 for first place, \$300.00 for second, \$100.00 for third and \$50.00 for fourth. Prizes will also be given out for the heaviest walleye, northern, bass, bluegill, crappie and perch. Fish need to be registered by 5pm at the Hiles Town Hall. There will also be a gun raffle along with other raffles as well. This fundraiser helps to support our fire department respond to both in Hiles itself, North Hiles, and also to possibly respond to requests for Mutual Aid from other close townships. There have been a lot of changes this past year, but services continue to be provided. Last year, Hiles South responded to 20 calls and Hiles North responded to 18, which was an increase from the following year for both groups. Both groups have added new members, along with a new water boat that was added to the fleet recently that will be available once there's

open water. It will allow a better and quicker response to any boating accident in any of our waters.

Condolences go out to Sue Wagner's family. Sue was a volunteer with the Hiles South Fire Department for many years and was usually helping out at the fundraisers. She is survived by her husband Stanley. At this time, there are no services planned.

Have a wonderful week everyone. Remember too that if you snowplow, please don't push the snow across a road. It can cause accidents with the blowing snow and is prohibited by state law.