

Hiles News
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September is going by as fast as the rest of the year has although that just doesn't seem possible. We've already had at least one frost, and I'm not sure if my pumpkins are going to make it to that beautiful golden color. I have to admit too that we did start up our outside wood burner last weekend when the temperatures got down to 31 degrees. We've had so much rain too that the amount of water standing in the woods is definitely not what it normally is this time of year. As I rode along Adkins this weekend, there's water standing everywhere and lots of ruts in the woods. What I also noticed this week, especially the last few days, is that the colors are very, very vibrant. I am already noticing the vibrant reds and yellows on the trees, along with some pretty deep maroons. With the mornings being cooler, those spikes of colors come through so strongly. Even though there's not a ton of color, it's already worth the ride around.

As this year continues to speed by, reach out to those that are having a hard time with the changes that are with us because of COVID. Give your friends and family a call, if nothing else, to let them know that you are thinking about them. One friend that I was talking to the other day was saying that it feels like a year of our lives has just disappeared because of not really being able to get out and do things as they normally would. Church and friends have been limited for many along with social activities. Sometimes it doesn't take much to brighten someone's day!

Keep in your prayers Dave and Mary Houle, and others who are having health issues. Also remember Darlene Wolf's family in your prayers as well as she passed away September 2nd. She leaves behind her husband Gerald of 55 years, and her children Kristine, Michael and Steven and their families. They retired to Hiles in 1999 and very much enjoyed the years since.

And in closing, I'd like to wish a very happy birthday to my aunt, Rita Tauer. On Saturday she turned 99. She was married to my dad's brother, Francis. She is such a blessing to all of us. So if you get a chance wish her a happy birthday even if it's a little late. I know she will enjoy that!

Have a great week everyone! If you have anything that you'd like to see in the paper, please feel free to let me know!

For the community:

From Ron Krueger on Facebook:

Next Saturday (September 19th) we are invited to assist the Forest Service resurfacing a trail up at the Argonne Experimental Forest north of Hiles. This trail was originally created with significant efforts of private citizens in Hiles so it seems a very appropriate project to revitalize a partnership with the Forest Service.

The work day is scheduled from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, but participants do NOT need to commit to the whole day – show up whenever. The work will be strenuous, but we will take it easy and rest as much as anybody wants/needs to. You will be required to sign a standard release form. USFS is requiring only people 18 years and older participate. USFS will be providing some tools but you may bring your own shovel, rake and/or wheelbarrow – please make sure they are in sound working order. Wear appropriate clothing and PPE – solid boots, gloves, eye protection, etc. Bring water, snack, bug dope, sunscreen, etc. I am not sure exactly what the mask protocol will be for this type of work but please make sure you have one just in case.

The site is accessed as follows: Take HWY 32 approximately 1 ½ north of Hiles and turn right on Experimental Road (FR 2184). Proceed approximately 1 ½ additional miles and turn right on FR 3905. The trailhead will be within about 1/8 mile.

Please share this to ANYBODY else who may be interested in working or simply spreading the word! Feel free to message me with any specific questions.