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HILES NEWS

This past weekend had some of the prettiest scenes yet this winter. Saturday morning, we woke up to the beautiful hoar frost. It covered everything in sight, and unlike some days, it lasted all day long. The next morning, we woke up to more snow that flocked those same trees. It was a welcome back to winter as the wind blew and drifted, and made it a good day to stay inside-and watch the Packer's lose unfortunately. That led to more unfortunate circumstances for Mike McCarthy-who is finding himself unemployed for Christmas time. I think many were surprised by the timing of the firing, not the actual firing itself. Hopefully, the team can re-group the rest of this season and build for the future.

Saturday night was the annual Fireman's Dinner at the Hiles Town Hall. Close to 100 people came with both old and new smiling faces joining together in enjoyment of the fun evening. Santa Claus also came, and listened to the Christmas wishes of both young and old. There is nothing more precious than watching a child's face light up at the sight of Santa Claus. And for us older ones, the smiles were just as big as we told Santa our grown-up dreams. The food, as usual, was wonderful-with one of the favorite dishes this year including sauerkraut and tiny meatballs with a slightly sweet taste. This year's entertainment was two of our local girls, Ceara McCarthy and Kelsey Wilson, along with two of their bandmates, Brad Shepard and Serra Laubert. All four generously donated their time and played Christmas songs to get us in the mood. The Red Hatter's were also delighted with the amazing donations that everyone brought for the Frederick House-which is the homeless shelter in Rhinelander that serves a multi-county area. These donations will greatly help out those that are in need this time of year.

Don't forget that on Saturday December 15th the Hiles Museum will be open from noon until 4 pm. Soup and coffee will be available along with Christmas cookies and bars. Please bring your friends and check out the Museum. It will be a well-spent afternoon.

And even though it's a little ways off, you can put the Fisheree on your calendar. It will be Saturday February 2nd. Raffle tickets are already on sale as well. If you're looking for some, catch up with one of the members of the Hiles Fire Department. Cash prizes this year will be 1st place \$400, 2nd place \$200, 3rd place \$100 and 4th place \$50. Also will be door prizes, games and prizes for the heaviest fish for Walleye, Northern, Bass, Bluegill, Crappie and Perch. As from what I hear the early walleyes are hitting and ice is already more than 9 inches on Pine Lake, it will be a great ice-fishing season!

Have a great week. Stay warm as it's supposed to get below zero this weekend at night.

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