

The last I heard, our snow total was 60 inches and counting. Possibly more snow is coming on Tuesday. This weekend, while it definitely didn't seem to snow much at all, before we knew it we had at least 4 to 5 inches more, and the snow on the roofs just keeps adding up. With the warmer temperatures this weekend, many were shoveling snow off of their roofs. If you're out on sleds, make sure to follow the marked trails.

With the warmer temperatures, we have some solid ice, but a lot more that is iffy. It's very slushy on the lakes as well, which means so far I haven't even seen any shacks on Pine Lake. That being said, the fisheree that will be on Saturday February 1st is still on. Food will be served at the Hiles Town Hall from 10am to 6pm along with cold beer and soda. Prizes will be awarded for the first two fish of each group, so hopefully there will be some nice ones even with this unpredictable weather. As usual, there will be raffles throughout the day with the big raffles being drawn for cash prizes, a Yeti cooler full of meat and a \$200 Cabela's Card. Come and have fun and reconnect with old friends. It's always a fun-filled day. And if you'd like to help out with any part of the day, I'm sure that they will put you to work. I think that's a big part of the fun itself. Being able to volunteer time for something that effects your town and family and friends is the best thing .

Speaking of volunteering time, the Girls of Finesse held another fund raiser for the Forest County Sherriff's Department and their K-9 Leo just before Christmas. The girls sang and played Christmas tunes on their instruments and then the night was ended with a nice dinner. The group is made up of Brianna McCarthy who is a sophomore at Lawrence University majoring in Music Education, and juniors Ceara McCarthy, Ally Stepper and Jacinta Wilson. Everyone had a great time and the girls minus Brianna enjoyed meeting Leo and Officer Wilson with what they had raised. While it wasn't a huge amount, every little bit helps our county.

Have a great week everyone. Stay safe in this heavy snow. If you need help, don't be afraid to ask for it either. Hope to see you all on Saturday at the Fisheree