

Spring is in the air again this morning. It's in the low 50's, the birds are singing and the sun is shining. When I look out my window, all I see is mud and snow. But at least I don't see standing water. I think that's why the possibility of a major storm later this week makes me so unhappy. Depending how the storm tracks, we could get anywhere from 8 to 10 inches to 12 plus. At least our roofs are completely free of snow so hopefully no more buildings will fall because of the heavy weight of the snow. As I think about this past winter and the work that goes into taking care of all of the snow that we received, (one total I was was almost 110 inches for Rhinelander), I have to say thank you again to Mike and Bill and whoever else pitched in to keep our roads drive-able. While Mother Nature challenged them, and tested them almost daily, they did a great job. Even now, they are still trying to break up the possible ice jam areas and cleaning up where they can. Coming up on Tuesday, April 16th is the town meeting at 6pm with the Annual Town Meeting to begin directly after that. This meeting will be the perfect time to come and find out what is going on in our town, and also to bring up any issues that are bothering you. If you haven't gone to any other one, this one would be a great place to start. How else will you learn the workings of our town inside and out? What are the expenditures that the town is looking at for the upcoming year? Where are the town's priorities? What are your priorities that you would like the town to look at. One thing that we are seeing on a national level, and even in our own school district, is that problems seem to arise out of nowhere and all of a sudden they are at a crisis level. But what it boils down too is very few people actually attend the meetings so they hear about problems or changes second hand. So by the time the news reaches everyone, what actually comes out is sometimes very different from what actually occurred or is said. Because of that, I think that there is more disrespect and gossip going on than actual conversations and exchanging of ideas. Our town needs to continue to work together to keep our town healthy and alive. Why do people want to live in Hiles or visit Hiles? Because of who we are and what we have to offer. Our town is unique in many ways, and that is what myself and many others enjoy. So if you can, please come to this meeting, and continue to put the others on your calendars. A couple of things to remember is our Memorial Day Celebration which will be on Sunday, May 26th at about noon, and the Hiles Trap Shoot which will be on July 20th. Keep your eyes open for music on a few Sunday nights throughout the summer, and other activities as they come up. Have a great week everyone. Enjoy spring, even if it's coming a little bit at a time.