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There is nothing like the feeling of supporting an area group that does so much for our area. Saturday, even though that wind was pretty bitter (I actually bagged my groceries inside of Aldis instead of at my car) many people were out and about in support of the Hiles Fire Department. Lots of nice fish were brought in, raffles were won, and many laughs were to be heard all afternoon long. The Hiles Fire Department Fisheree is a long-standing day of fun, and even when people move away, many still come back for the day to show their support. For the cash raffle winners, Terry Scheller won first place, Deb Kurzynskie won second, Theresa Varivou won third with Bryce Tauer winning the fourth place. Abby Pease and Jim Ambrosius were the winners of the two shotguns. Craig Cottello was the winner of the ice auger. There were quite a few entries for fish too on Saturday. For Perch, 1st place went to Peter Leitzn at 7oz 9.75 inches with Becky Schuett coming in 2nd at 5oz and 9.5 inches. For crappies, Patrick Leon took first place at 12oz 11.12 inches with Morgan Wickman at 11oz 11.75 inches. For Bluegill, Johnathon Kevilus was first at 7oz 9inches and Todd Brass second at 6oz 8.5 inches. In northern, Dooger had 1st place at 7lbs 7oz and 30.5 inches with Robert Hines at 2nd place with 7lbs 2oz and 31 inches. In walleye, Dooger again took 1st place with a 1lb 5oz and 15.5 inches being the only walley coming in on Saturday. Finishing up bragging rights is Tom Hines at 4lbs 13oz and 19.75 inches for bass with Scott Farrington at 4lbx 13oz and 19.75 inches. Many area businesses donated items for bucket raffles and those were a lot of fun as well with some great prizes.

Congratulations go out to Lane and Stephanie Bruno who welcomed Wesley William into their family and to Michael and Josephine Straley who welcomed little Fable into their families. Wonderful to see young families growing so well in Hiles.

Have a wonderful week. It sounds like this week temperatures will in the 30's so a great time again to be out and about having fun. And as you can definitely tell that the days are getting longer, I'm personally hoping that the groundhog is wrong this year!