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The weekend has come and gone, as have the hopes of all Packers fans that we would have something to cheer for at the Super Bowl in a few weeks. The season ended much better than where it started, so I'm optimistic for next year, but maybe with a few changes like kicker and defensive coordinator?

Happily, the frigid temperatures have passed as well and with a high in the low 20's Friday, being outside is much more manageable with warmer weather on the agenda.

Make sure to put on your calendars the Hiles Fire Department Fisheree the first Saturday in n February. If you liked the good at the end of summer picnic, you'll be happy once again. Ben and Frankie's tacos will be served along with the accompanying goodies, along with beer and soda. Big raffles this year are a Vexlar fish finder and a Pit Boss grill. As always, cash will be raffled as usual, along with prizes for the biggest fish in 6 categories. This year, all proceeds will go towards new turnout gear for our fire department, and towards starting an area dive team for water rescues. Come, have fun and support a great cause. Our town is very lucky to have such a great department.

Have a great week everyone! Enjoy the milder temperatures but watch out for ice! Keep in your prayers Ray Nery, Ed Dancik and Mary Murray along with their families, and anyone else that's having a hard time at this point.