

November is flying by as fast as the rest of the year has. It's hard to believe that the opening of deer hunting season in Wisconsin is next Friday. And with that comes the annual Chili Supper at the Christ Lutheran Church in Hiles on November 23rd. It will be from 4 to 7 pm. I'm not sure how many years it has been going on in total, but I know it's been going on for many years. Come and enjoy chili with all of the fixings, desserts and beverages. It is a free will offering. Everyone is welcome to attend. It's always a fun night to hear the stories from both recent hunts and from long ago. There is one thing though that I do miss seeing the last few years, and that is the buck pole. Many families would have their buck poles full by the end of the hunting season, and I remember riding around with my Dad checking them out. It was always fun to see who had the most and who had the biggest. The best memories though of hunting season always involve family and friends. My Uncle Francis would come up for the hunting season with his boys and friends, and would join the rest of the Tauer boys. I'm sure more stories were told than actual hunting but it was always the best time. And as it's a time for memories tonight, I'll share another one. Fall was a great time of year growing up, Crops were coming in and I would get to help with getting the oats into the elevator and then getting them into the oat shed. Fall was also the time of year that Dad would make sauerkraut. Now he learned how to make it from his Dad (and I'm sure Grandma had a say in it too, and he taught me to make it. Every year I use the same kraut cutter that he would and make it the same way as he did in my big crock. This year, I just finished canning 31 quarts of sauerkraut that will make everyone happy. It's always funny how it ferments until it's just right, and everyone tastes it to make sure it is. It's wonderful traditions like these that I enjoy passing on to my children. I always feel like he's watching over me as I make it and it always turns out the best. As we get close to Thanksgiving, may you enjoy the memories that you have made over the years, and may you make new ones with your friends and family as the holidays approach. Have a great week everyone! Good luck and have a safe hunting season!