

What a beautiful Monday today is. You can see the fall coming, but the temperatures are supposed to be warmer this week; right now it's 75. The colors that are out are brilliant reds and yellows, and the highways are starting to become tunnels of colors in some areas. Wild rice is also being harvested in the Mill Pond.

But the sad truth is that winter is coming, so along with enjoying the last few days of summer, I'm also seeing signs of preparation for winter. A few trucks have their plows on already, firewood is being cut and stacked and brought inside for many, and the time to make sauerkraut is coming quickly. One thing that it's time for as well is chimney cleaning. One of the perks of living in our small town is that our local Hiles Fire Department still cleans out chimneys. Now as I've heard the Farmer's Almanac is forecasting more snow and more cold (YIKES!) our furnaces will be getting quite the work out soon enough. The Hiles Fire Department would much rather visit you now and take care of your chimney, versus seeing you in the dead of winter when it's -25. To get on the list, please give any members of the fire department a call to get on their list. They will be doing the cleaning on upcoming Saturdays.

It's also time to start planning for the annual Harvest Dinner that's put on by the Hiles Service Club. The Harvest Dinner will be on October 12th at the Hiles Town Hall. Bring a dish or dessert to pass, and dinner usually starts about 5pm. It's a great time to come together as a town and to enjoy each other's company. The smiles and stories that are shared are just part of the many blessings that comes from living in our small town.

Have a wonderful week my friends. Enjoy the colors that are starting to surround us, and don't forget to check on your neighbor to see if they might need a hand in getting ready for winter!