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## HILES NEWS

In the fall of 2013, Hiles was named as the Mushroom Capitol of Wisconsin, and since then, over 325 varieties of mushrooms have been found in our forests. This weekend was the latest gathering of mushroom enthusiasts from all over. Forays into the forest to find mushrooms, meet and greet with experts, and meeting new friends abounded. Interest in it was higher than ever, and all who attended enjoyed learning about the different types of mushrooms. This group just continues to grow, it's exciting to see where it will go.

Last week I picked up my daughter from UWGB band camp. It gave me a chance to see some areas that I normally wouldn't, as my GPS took me a different way. After a few words to the GPS, I enjoyed the roads and saw many old farms and pretty scenery. Now that the Scenic Byway signs are up and the byway is close to being complete, I think about how many people will end up our way when they least expect it, and I hope that they will enjoy our community as much as we enjoy others when traveling. Sometimes the roads we take are not the ones we think that we intend on taking, but once we're on a new path, we see many different sights and realize that even though it's a different path than we intended, it was the right one all along.

This last weekend was a hot one, but it was also a great weekend for getting out in the forests looking for mushrooms, or out on the water on boats or kayaks. It did seem that the mosquitoes were a little better, but the deer flies made up for it. We took the kayaks out on Sunday, and then ended up swimming along shore of Whitefish Lake on Highway 32, and the best part of that was the laughter from the children. A simple thing, a little bit of time, and a lot of joy! So don't forget to get out there and enjoy what's all around us.

Please keep in your prayers Judy Burkey and her family, and all others in our town who are fighting serious illnesses. Stop by and say hi, bring a dish, say a prayer, or just spend time in friendship with them. Maybe ask others, how can I help?

Have a good week all, please feel free to contact me if there is something that you would like to see in the paper. I'd love to hear from you! My email is [sunshine@newnorth.net](mailto:sunshine@newnorth.net); my phone number is 715-649-3227.

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