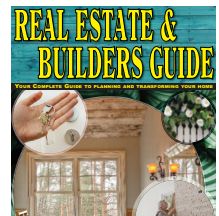




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Boating safety reminders for the Fourth of July

Stengl: 'A little bit of a lack of education'

By Brian Jopek
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Heading into the Fourth of July weekend, the importance of topics such as boater safety obviously becomes paramount in an area such as Minocqua.

"We have a lot of issues with jet skis too close to shore, too close to other watercraft," Minocqua police chief Dave Jaeger said. "There a lot

of individuals out there operating without their boating safety certificate."

According to state law, anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1989, is to have a boating safety certificate.

Jaeger said many of the calls that have come through regarding boating issues are related to people from outside the area.

"Some of them are locals but usually ... it's out-of-towners," he said. "People don't know the lakes that they're operating on, they're going

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Tomlanovich files open records request with Manitowish Waters

At issue is whether or not there's a master trail plan for the town

By Brian Jopek
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Vilas County supervisor Holly Tomlanovich, the chair of an ad hoc committee formed by former Vilas County board chairman Ron De Bruyne in late January of this year, has filed an open records request with the town of Manitowish Waters.

She made that announcement during a meeting Monday of the ad hoc committee at the Vilas County court-

house in Eagle River.

Tomlanovich's request is with regard to a master trail plan the town has that essentially outlines a possible route for all terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility task vehicles (UTV) that would connect to other routes and be a way for ATV/UTV enthusiasts to get to Iron County and ultimately, into the upper peninsula of Michigan.

The Manitowish Waters town board is one of four, the others being Boulder Junction, Plum Lake and Winchester, that have been against any attempt by Vilas County to open stretches of county roads going through their towns.

Each town board has indicated it's

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Freedom from sea to shining sea

Independence Day returns to the Northwoods

Jake Schexnaydre
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"The greatness of America lies not in being more enlightened than any other nation, but rather in her ability to repair her faults." — Alexis de Tocqueville

In spite of everything that has transpired in this country, especially in recent times, we as Americans have always found the resolve to maintain our sense of freedom.

Many people use Independence Day as a perfectly innocent excuse to host barbecues and go on fun vacations, but even so, it's important to remember what led us to this moment.

On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was ratified. Ever since then, it has become a stepping stone to establishing America not

only as a free nation, but also as one of the most powerful and recognizable nations in the world.

Of course, the country isn't without its setbacks and adversities. It has experienced numerous battles, divisive political issues, and tragedies that have shook America to its very core. However, there is one thing that today's Americans share with their ancestors: the resolve to continue.

From the Revolutionary War to the current issues impacting this country, only by picking ourselves back up and moving forward can we see this country change for the better. If we don't preserve our past and use it to shape our future, then saying that we would be doing our forefathers a disservice would be a massive understatement.

Regardless where your political allegiances lie, the fact remains that we are still one nation, and we should strive to continue as thus, now and into our shared future.

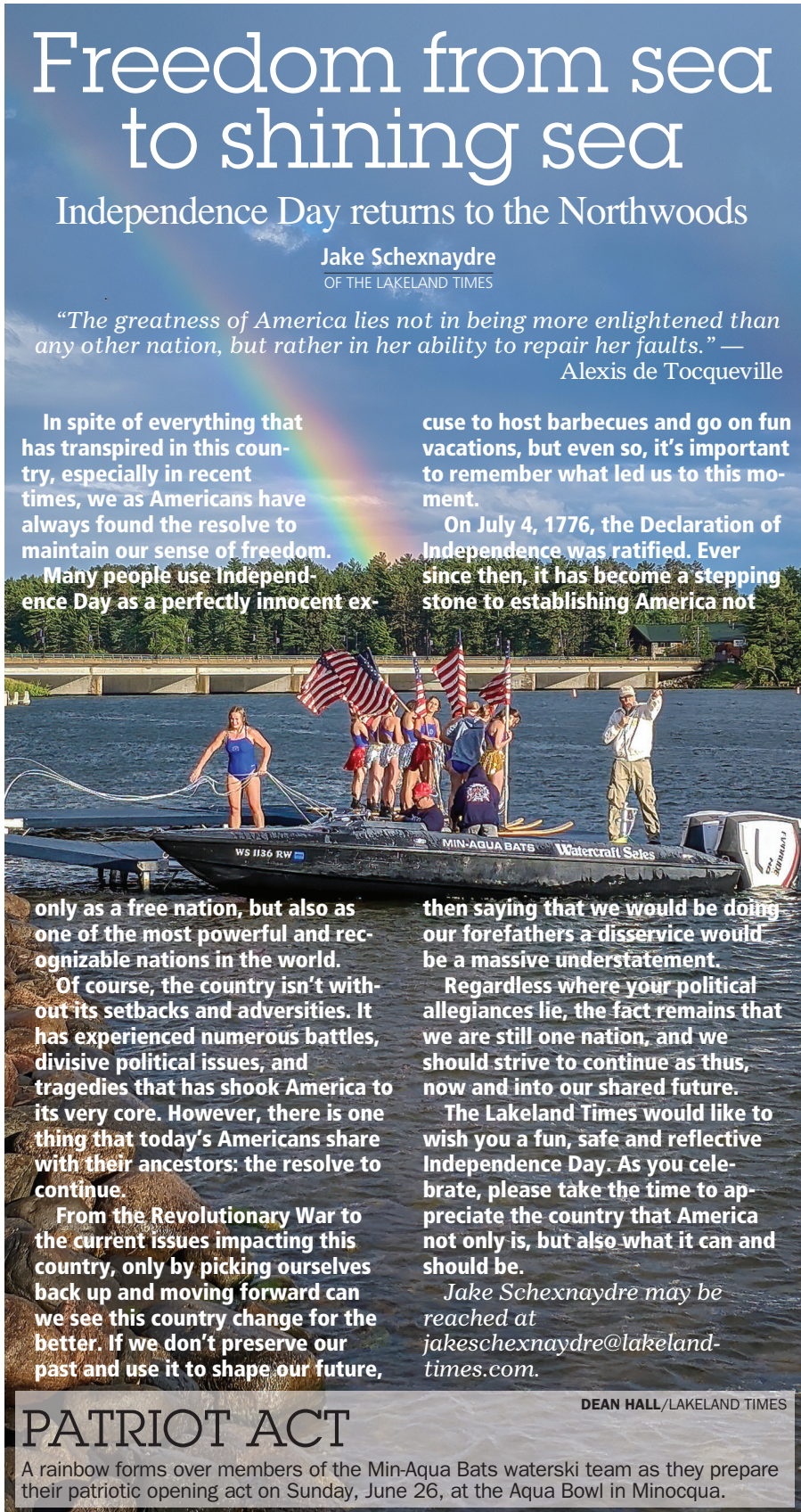
The Lakeland Times would like to wish you a fun, safe and reflective Independence Day. As you celebrate, please take the time to appreciate the country that America not only is, but also what it can and should be.

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PATRIOT ACT

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A rainbow forms over members of the Min-Aqua Bats waterski team as they prepare their patriotic opening act on Sunday, June 26, at the Aqua Bowl in Minocqua.



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'The Lakeland Times' brings home 18 awards

Takes second place in General Excellence for Division C

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The Wisconsin Newspaper Association (WNA) Foundation 2021 Better Newspaper Contest was held in person in Madison for the first time in three years. *The Lakeland Times* took home many awards, including second place in the General Excellence category.

The Times took home a total of 18 awards as a part of Division C Friday, June 24 at The Concourse in Madison. The entries were judged by members of the West Virginia Press Association.

Here is what the judges said on *The Times*' second place finish for General Excellence: 'A great job of covering an area of many communities. This paper does what a community newspaper should do.'

"It's always great to be recognized by your peers for your hard work," *Lakeland Times* publisher Gregg Walker said. "Awards come from a great staff and journalists that care for their communities and that is what we have. I'm super proud of their accomplishments and so should our readers."

The Times was awarded five first place awards.

Chris Frame, Yvonne Immel, Buzzy Mode and Tony Loomis won Best Large Ad for 'Redman Realty Beef-A-Rama'.

"It's nice to see the efforts by our production department recognized on the hard work they put in on all the ads that come through the production department," Loomis said.

For Best Use of Color, *The Times* took home first place. Again, it was Frame, Immel, Mode and Loomis taking home first place for their 'Lakeside Docks Sunset.' The judge's comments read: 'BEAUTIFUL ad — would make anyone stop to look!'

Dean Hall and Heather Holmes com-

bined to take home a first place award for the Best Use of Local Photography category for 'Wake Responsibly.'

"Working with Dean Hall on the Best Use of Photography was fun," Holmes said. "Dean has an untouchable talent and he is a true professional. Creating the ad was easy with such an incredible photograph."

"I was very pleased to share a first place award with Heather Holmes for the advertising award Best Use of Local Photography. We shared third place for the Bill Payne Award for the same advertisement," Hall said. "I think we both knew it was a likely winner when we came up with the idea. The icing on the cake is that the wake boarder is our publisher's son."

It was another first place win for Best Niche Product. Holmes, Frame, Immel and Mode won with their entry 'Northern Highland-American Legion Sate Forset Visitor's Guide 2021.' The judge's

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