

Letter to the Editor:

I am writing in response to the letter from Nick Kaufman in the March 6 edition of the Three Lakes News and anyone else considering boycotting the businesses in Three Lakes to protest the recent all-terrain vehicle (ATV) ordinance which was passed two weeks ago.

I would like to give a different perspective of what a boycott could do to this town.

At this time, Three Lakes has the best volunteer fire department, emergency medical technicians (EMT) and ambulance crew in the North Woods. Some of these people own businesses or work for businesses in Three Lakes.

If a boycott of Three Lakes businesses were to close two, three or four of these businesses, the volunteers working would have to go elsewhere for work. Then, if your house is on fire and Herb, Dave, Carl or any of the other volunteers are working elsewhere, there are not enough people to operate our fire equipment and you would have to wait for a response from Eagle River or Sugar Camp. Do you think your house will still be standing?

Another thought is in a medical emergency. If Nancy, Ted, Herb or any of the other EMTs are out of town working, the response from St. Mary's in Rhinelander would be a long one. Would your loved one survive?

If your husband, wife or child is trapped in your wrecked car and Lee, who operates the Jaws of Life, is not around to get them out quickly, how long do you want them to wait? These are just a few of the things that could happen.

It would be nice if everyone would take a breath and think about what is being proposed. I think that if this ATV ordinance is allowed to develop for a year, after which it will be reviewed, people

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would find out it's not the end of Three Lakes. Other towns have been through this same opposition and, to my knowledge, none of these towns have shut the ATV access down. All these towns have enjoyed an economic boost because of the ATVs. So let's give this a chance.

In closing, if you really love Three Lakes, then please come here, spend some money in our business and help Three Lakes survive these tough economic times.

A concerned Three Lakes citizen,

Ed Starke

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