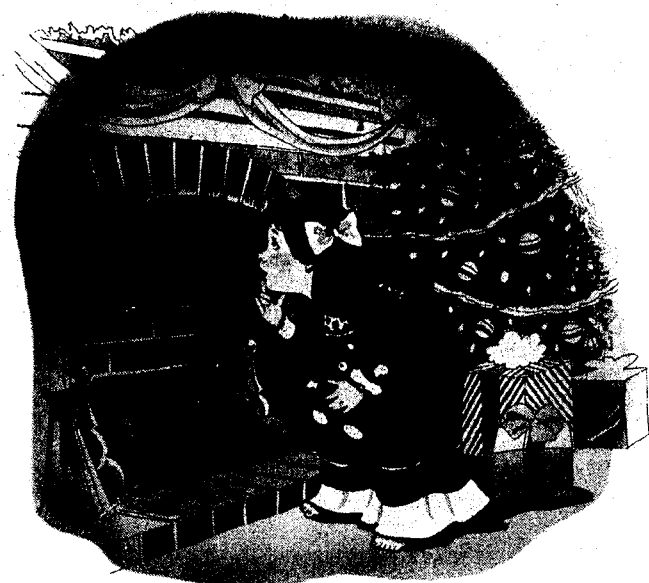


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to wintertime fun
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"Is he here yet?"



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News Briefs

Charlevoix County will be receiving funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for funding emergency food and shelter programs. Any private voluntary and public organization wishing to apply are to contact Vasco Zuchiatti at 547-4471.

If you are in the Christmas Spirit the day before the holiday, the Red Cross is holding a Christmas Eve day, December 24, blood drive at the Petoskey Sub Center on Bay Street for those wishing to give blood. This is a critical time of the year for the blood and the Red Cross needs all they can get. The drive will start at 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

The miniature Vermont farmhouse loaned to the Boyne City Historical Museum will continue to be displayed through the holiday season. Any classes wishing to see the display of the home, decorated up for Christmas, can call 582-2839 to arrange for tours.

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Boyne City High School Band members will be holding two fundraisers at the next two home basketball games in December including the selling of hot dogs and other hot foods at the concession stand. They will also be taking orders for special "Carol-grams" which will be played by band members during the last week of school prior to Christmas. All of the fundraisers are being used by the band members to help pay for a trip to Toronto next spring where the band is to participate in the Festival in the Parks contest.

Boyne Schools to try again

Boyne City School Board members spent an hour and a half discussing what they should do to try to relieve crowding problems in the district Monday night. In the end, they decided to work on getting voters to accept the same package they asked voters to approve earlier this year but were defeated.

Only this time, the board decided to separate out the requests that would have rebuilt the football and track stadium, and construct a new auditorium.

Both the extra curricular facilities and the renovation of classroom space at the elementary, present middle and an addition to the high school for a new middle school will be on the ballot, but will be tied together so that if the sports and auditorium get approved, the classrooms would also have to be, in order to get the new facilities.

But, school officials cautioned, it will cost more.

The millage request they are now looking at is a request for about \$13.6 million which would be paid off with a debt retirement millage of about 2.5 mills in addition to the present two mills. It will take 29 years, six months, to pay off the bond issue using figures presented to the board Monday night.

Reason for the extra cost is the inflation has hit the construction market as materials are costing more for the construction, as well as other increases in interest and bond requirements.

The figures are preliminary while the board fine tunes the separated requests.

If the board approves going again for the bond issue, a tentative time for the election could be next March or April.

Board members have said they are having a hard time trying to figure out what the voters of the district want, as they discussed the merits of tearing down the gym at the present middle school and replacing it with a multi-purpose room. The gym presently does not meet present building codes and would require additional costs if it were remodeled to allow for handicapped entry in order to comply with current state laws, or to just leave it as it is and build a new multi-purpose room on other parts of the school property. Another option being considered is to just leave the structure alone and let the community use it as is without renovation.

The board is looking at that option because of the costs involved since it is the location where asbestos was used in the construction of the building many years ago. Present laws would require the removal of the asbestos if any renovations are to be done to the structure.

The proposed bond issue would see the present middle school

become an upper elementary school while a new middle school would be constructed as an addition to the high school. Some facilities, such as a school kitchen would be used for both schools.

The second attempt to pass a millage issue is the result of a Facilities Utilization Committee that has been looking at ways to reduce the classroom pressure in the elementary and middle school

levels. They came to the same conclusion even after the first bond proposal went down to defeat and presented several proposals to

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Skiers lined up to take lessons for the first weekend of skiing at Boyne Mountain last weekend as over 800 members of ski clubs visited the area to learn new techniques or just to ski with the group. The clubs were from the Detroit area. Skiing should be in better

shape this weekend as the snowmakers have been working every night or every time the temperature gets low enough to freeze water. Boyne opened last weekend with five slopes.

Man found dead in BC alley

Boyne City Police have tentatively listed the death of 26 year old David Allen Lambert, as a homicide after the young man was found dead in the alley between South Lake Street and South Park Street late Friday afternoon.

A preliminary autopsy showed Lambert died of internal bleeding and complications following a stab wound he received about two weeks ago. Lambert was treated for the wound at Northern Michigan Hospital November 25, but refused to inform the police of the incident. The hospital told Lambert to report the incident to the Boyne Police Department but he refused, according to Randy Howard, Assistant Police Chief.

Charlevoix County Prosecutor Kraag Lieberman said Lambert refused to press charges against the person who stabbed him.

Lieberman said his office is investigating the matter and may bring criminal charges against the person who stabbed Lambert.

Lambert lived at 115 Pine Street in Boyne City. When found in the alley, he was taken by ambulance to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Lieberman said he is awaiting the final autopsy report from Dr. J. Douglas Gay, who is expected to complete his written report this week.

The investigation into the matter is continuing as police are interviewing Lambert's friends and acquaintances, but so far no one has been charged with the crime related to the case.

Lambert had been working at Pippen's Restaurant as a prep cook.

New housing complex opens in East Jordan

Two new subsidized apartment complexes are available for rent under the guidelines of the Farmers Home Administration in East Jordan with the opening of the 24 unit family project and the

16 unit complex for the elderly located on Erie Street.

The project, called the Highland Apartments were completed with

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BC asks rejection of license

Boyne City Commissioners decided to send another letter to the Liquor Control Commission (LCC) asking that they consider some other request for a liquor license instead of the one being asked by Glen's Market on Lake Street.

The city received a request from the LCC last week to investigate all of the facilities of the request from Glen's Market number 5 who again asked to be considered for a package liquor license.

Glen's made the same request in

1985 but the city at that time decided the two stores selling package liquor were adequately serving the community and asked that one of the new licenses not be granted.

The new licenses have been given out by the LCC for tourist areas. They are allowed to grant 12 requests a year for northern Michigan.

Glen's in Charlevoix also asked for a license and the city commissioner in that community agreed with letting them have a license.

The granting of a license though, is not conditioned by the city fathers giving their approval. However, in the case of Glen's request in 1985, it was felt that the letter from the city did have some input into the license request which was never approved.

The commissioners Tuesday agreed to send out a similar letter as before saying that the city is already served by enough package liquor stores and there is no need for additional outlets.

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Opinions

Don't complain, get involved

When a member of the Boyne City retail board presented objections to a proposed change in the city sign ordinance, we wondered where the retail board has been for the many, many months the city planning board has been considering such a change.

The changes have been reported in this newspaper for at least the last three months as well as other newspapers in the area. Evidently, the retailers don't read, except those things that they think will harm their business.

The retail board in the past, or at least some of the retail community stood by quietly when a proposed marina was presented. They did not want to take sides with the issue fearing that it would harm their businesses.

If that is the case, then why are they becoming active to another proposal within the community that many others think is a change that is needed to help control the look of the city.

The signage change, which would ban any future interior lit signage, has several businessmen in approval, one saying that when he was in a Victorian community out west, the wooden signage in that community helped add to the flavor.

He said he hoped Boyne City would have such an ordinance as he thought it helps the look of the community.

While some members of the downtown area agree, others do not. But that is not the question or the answer.

Our problem with those who haven't spent the time to read the articles, or became involved in helping create the proposed change, is that they should not attempt to create new changes at the last minute.

It is too late. Those involved with signage should have been there from the first to help write an ordinance that would be for the good of all; the residents and the business community.

But most of all, the retailers should be active participants in government, local government.

This community's government has bent over backwards to encourage a strong retail area in the downtown of Boyne City.

Now it is time the business owners became involved in helping to guide the local government by joining the planning board, the parks and recreation and other boards of the city that are trying to make this community a better place to live.

Then they can become part of the solution, and not after the fact detractors.

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Remembrances



Just before the new Presbyterian Church was finished, sometime in the teens, members were proud that they had one of the best looking and solidly built churches in Boyne City. Today, although

some parts have been remodeled for easier access, the church looks almost the same as it did in this picture.

Jottings

WITH JIM SILBAR

After many trips around, through and back and forth in town, I have decided the thing that is needed the most is a new sign.

Not just any kind of sign, a sign that signifies almost everything.

We need one of those time and temperature blinking kind. Like you see at banks in many other communities. Just blinking the time, and then the temperature.

I say this because, even though I wear a watch, have a clock in the car, and listen to the radio announcer say it frequently, I like to know what the time is, or the temperature is so I will know how cold it really is outside the warm confines of the vehicle.

Better yet would be one of those signs, only larger of course, like you see in the Sportsman Bar where a message travels across the screen.

The message, like in the big cities, could be news bulletins, or even stock market quotations. The messages follow a light pattern as it moves across the sign.

Now my reasons for having such signage as this could be manifold.

First, it could show our children what life may be like in the big city before they move there to get away from the folks. And to get away from the folks' rules about times to be home, things to be done like taking out the trash, hauling wood or mowing the lawn.

It would also inoculate them against standing in the middle of a busy road and reading the messages the first time they see such a sign. After all, it is a little safer on our streets than in the downtown sections of most big towns.

It could also add something to the community as far as lighting safety. As the message moves, lights come on and off to make the letters that are read.

Now we could try to... what, you mean I can't get that type of sign? Because it is lit from the interior?

Now wait a minute, there are no lights on the interior. They are all on the exterior. The only thing on the interior is the miles of wiring that the computer uses to tell the lights to turn on or off.

So I think I am still safe from the law.

And yes, I think we do need all of the lights just to compete with all of the Christmas lights around the city this time of the year. In

fact, Bill Grimm, one of the City Commissioners told everybody that they should take their wives or girl friends out for a drive around town to see all of the lights. Even those lit from the interior sitting on lawns or on roofs.

Or are they above the law?

And another yes, for those two lights the city has that are constantly turning red, yellow and green, much in the Christmas spirit, every 30 seconds or so. They are lit from the interior also.

We need all of that light so aircraft pilots can look down upon the

city and tell the passengers, "Those lights coming from that town off the left wing are from Boyne City, which used to be called the best kept secret of the north but is now known as the city that celebrates the Christmas season heartily."

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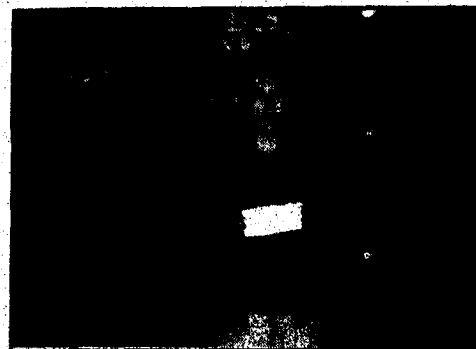
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