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Village CRIER



December 2011/January 2012/February 2012

It's time to bring
the Caribbean to you!

Voyager Village Presents
The Caribbean Pool Bash!

Is cabin fever setting in?
Looking for a good time at the club?

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Join us as we set sail to crystal blue waters,
Margaretville, and Some Great Caribbean Music!

Voyager Village Pool • Saturday, January 28th
5:00-9:00 pm • 6:00-7:00 Hors D' Oeuvres

Admission \$10.00 per person
(Ages 21 and over)

(The pool will close Friday, January 27th at 11:30 am and
will remain closed until 5 pm Saturday, January 28th).

RSVP:

Please Call Linda @ 715-259-3910 x21 or
E-mail: voyagervillage@centurytel.net

SPACE FOR THIS EVENT IS LIMITED!

A Letter from Your General Manager

With "Old Man Winter," upon us, there is time to reflect on some good things and not so good things that Voyager went through during 2011. All of us can agree what happened July 1st was a tragic day in Voyager's history. Thirty minutes of torment comes years of rebuilding. Through the summer season the storm left many residents dazed and confused, which put their time of enjoying their club further down on the priority list. This fall we started to see some normalcy with some of the membership and event participation gradually came back.

Ryder and Solheim Cups were a tremendous success filling the fields in each tournament and the Captain's dinners were fantastic. Fall Fest was a new event this fall with hopes of drawing locals to the club to partake in festivities like hayrides, leaf pile hunts, and treats for all ages to enjoy. My reasoning to have an event such as this was to help support the local food shelf and bring many residents of Burnett County out to Voyager Village. The event was a tremendous success raising \$140 cash and over 250 pounds of food for the local food shelf. We had over 250 kids attend and close to 500 people attend overall. A special thanks to management and staff for helping create this great event, E & R Committee for donating money for the decorations, and volunteers Lenny and Sue Oslund, George Vespa and Joanne Maddux.

Speaking of new events! We are adding a holiday event called "Christmas in the Village." The event will be on Sunday, December 11th from noon to 3:30 pm. More details about this event will be on the website and E-news. The New Years Eve dinner, followed the next day by the ever popular New Years Day Paddle Party will be on the schedule again this year. We will be breaking in our new pool on January 28th with the "Caribbean Pool Party" with music and hors d'oeuvres. For a list of all the winter events please see the schedule in this Crier and stayed tuned for details about these winter gatherings.

This past fall we added some things to the clubhouse for the membership. The first thing we added were card swipes to the pool door giving access to the membership without checking in. Cards are available in

the POA office to members and the extended hours are noted on the website and around the clubhouse. The second thing added, courtesy of the Art and Crafts Committee, will be an elliptical machine, exercise balls with mats, free weights, adjustable bench, and a 32 inch television for the fitness room. We will continue to add commercial grade equipment to the fitness room the next couple of years and give the membership a first class swim and fitness facility! A big thank you goes out to Steve Johnson for heading up the pool project and making the new swim and fitness center a very nice amenity.

Restaurant update: This is my time to tell members that the Food and Beverage operation is being looked at very closely for obvious reasons. I am confident during the off season the operation will make a drastic turn to the good. With our networking and hard work, I feel we have found two fantastic people to improve the current operation. Ben Thoen will be our new Food and Beverage Director and Drew Bartell will be our new Lead Cook. I am personally excited to have these two gentlemen on board with the experience, education and passion they have for the industry. This is a good time for the two of them to step in and make necessary changes before April 1st and give this membership the service and consistency in food quality you all deserve!

I would like to thank my staff and management team for their hard work this past summer and fall, your dedication to Voyager through the tough spring and July 1st storm truly make me proud to be associated with such a great club.

Enjoy the Holiday Season, and thank you for your support.

Gabe Cessna

The POA office
will be closed Saturday,
December 24th.

Coming Events

New Years Eve Dinner
& DJ/Karaoke
December 31

Paddle Party
January 1

XCOUNTRY Voyagers Ski
Club Clinic
January 7

XCOUNTRY Voyagers Ski
Club Soup Kitchen
January 7

Pool Party
(Sponsored by the
Ent/Rec Committee)
January 28

Quarterly Board
Meeting
February 18

Music "The Porch
Dogs"
February 18

Swing Into Spring
May 19

President's Remarks

It's that time of the year when many activities are winding down and we can look forward to the busy Holiday Season. Be sure to check the Web Site for all the various happenings here at your club.

The July 1st storm played havoc with the ski and snowmobile trails. The loggers and club members are working to have them ready for winter. If you have time and would like to volunteer, contact any member to help in these endeavors.

A number of changes have taken place at the Village and more are in store. We are in the process of hiring a Food and Beverage person. Interviews have been conducted by the management team, board members and people from the membership with expertise in this area. I am really enthused about some of the candidates and am confident you will be, too.

The logging has been progressing very well.

Tom and Jerry Party

**December 24th
Noon to 3 p.m.**

Stop by the Legends Bar
for a complimentary
Tom & Jerry.

The kitchen will not be
open.

The Legends Bar will
close promptly at 3 p.m.

***The Legends Bar &
Grille and Restaurant
will not be open
Christmas Day.***

Now that the leaves are gone, one can really understand the magnitude of the cleanup process. The various towns have had their resources strapped. We owe a great big thank you to the town boards, and to the National Guard for their help in this operation. Thanks, also, to our members who took the bull by the horns and did their cleanup. We have to work together. What would we have done without Steve Johnson, his crew and all volunteers?

You will find an article addressing the importance to respond to the Covenants Revision proposal in another area of the Crier. It is certainly to the members benefit to participate. The recommended revisions will maintain the integrity and preservation of our investments. They will give the members more control and bring certain items more compatible with existing times.

Many of the snowbirds have already gone to their winter homes, and more in the near future. I'm sure they will enjoy this time as will the many of us who like the winter season here.

Thanks to Dave Lawrence for his crusade to get a new eagle for us. It is truly awesome.

My hope is that everyone will have a Great Holiday Season with their families and friends. Stay healthy.

Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Prosperous New Year.

Elra L. Johnson, President

Easter Egg Hunt

The Entertainment & Recreation Committee is looking for a couple of people to watch over the Easter Egg Hunt which, in the past has been held on Easter Sunday.

This has been a fun and well attended event, so we would like to keep it going.

For more information call
Sue at 715-259-3132

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From the Superintendent

As the year comes to an end, I like to look back and review what had happened and use this information to help me in the future. For me, the year was filled with many challenges. My first thoughts were the spring was too cold, the summer was too hot and the fall too dry. I am not too excited to barrel into winter but judging the year so far tells me to make sure that my truck has an ice scraper in it!

This summer was extremely challenging and I'm sure most of us thought we had hit rock bottom at some point along the way. I, personally, was challenged from having shoulder surgery in the spring, to the pool project, followed by the storm and a whole host of hurdles along the way. What could I learn from that which would be useful for the future is the million dollar question I had to ask myself.

For me, the light bulb went off this past weekend. There are times when I struggle trying to come up with ideas for my next Crier article but suddenly all of the information was right in front of me.

I was walking into the woods with my middle son to go hunting when we heard an

ambulance in the background. Next thing I knew, I am staring out over the lake looking at the sun rise over the trees and my solitude is broken by the sounds of a helicopter heading to Voyager's air strip to pick up someone that was not having a good day. Almost daily my sons ask me at supper, "How was your day today, Daddy?" As I reflected that morning, I realized that I had answered that question wrong too many times this year. I looked at the day for what was wrong not right. I should have dwelled on all the family, friends, co-workers and members that were behind me with their support. I plan on making a change and I hope I can inspire you to join me too.

Start by doing something you like and stick with it. Yesterday, as I sat in the blind with one of my three wonderful boys he told me that we sure didn't fish much this year. I'm going to change that and some other things. I hope that you find time to utilize Voyager for something fun too. It was nice to see all of the kids for the Halloween event and I hope each of you have a nice holiday season.

Thank you for your support!
Steven Johnson, CGCS



Monday CLOSED • Tuesday CLOSED
Wednesday Bar 4 – 9 pm • Thursday Bar 4 – 9 pm
Friday Bar 11 am – 11 pm • Saturday Bar 11 am – 11 pm
Sunday Bar 9 am – 9 pm

Dining Room Menu available Friday – Sunday 5 – 9 pm

Grille Menu & Specials Available
Kitchen open Wednesday – Thursday 4 - 8 pm
Friday - Saturday 11 am - 9 pm
Sunday 9 am - 9 pm

*Game Night
Game Night will not
be held during the
months of January,
February and March.
See you in April.*

Voyager Village Member Key Card Access Winter Fitness and Pool Hours

Monday	8am-4pm
Tuesday	8am-4pm
Wednesday	8am-8pm
Thursday	8am-8pm
Friday	8am-8pm
Saturday	8am-8pm
Sunday	8am-8pm

Lap Swimming
Monday-Friday
9am-10am

Water Aerobics
Monday-Friday
10am-11:30am

*Christmas Eve Closed
*Christmas Day Closed All Day



Airport Safety

The airport at Voyager Village is designated by the FAA as a private airport. The FAA does not control what we do with the airport or how we use it. This subject has come up a number of times relative to runway incursions by things other than aircraft.

Our airport is not only used by members. We also welcome the flying public. The airstrip at Voyager is an amenity that is primarily for planes but is also used by walkers, maintenance vehicles, emergency vehicles, deer and most frequently by golfers. These can all present obstacles to planes landing or taking off.

Pilots maintain separation from each other, most often by radio communication.

They depend on our awareness to prevent us from being obstacles on the runway.

Errant golf balls hit across the runway are out of bounds and the rules of golf say that the shot should be replayed, not hit back across the runway. These balls can be retrieved safely if we take precautions of checking for aircraft.

Landing planes are at reduced power and can't always be heard in time. It is helpful to look at the windsock or some other evidence of wind direction. Planes generally land and take off into the wind. If an aircraft is approaching, move outside the runway lights and wait until it clears. Don't tee off if a plane is within range. A golf ball can damage a propeller or the tender skin of an airplane.

Pilots on final approach occasionally find it necessary to pull up and "go around." While this is not popular with pilots, it is an accepted and safe maneuver and they generally have more time to make the decision than a driver in traffic.

We as Voyager members have a duty to respect airstrip safety and to inform the golfing public to do so.

Our airport has been in use for 40 years and there is no record of a runway incursion accident. Let's keep it that way.

Bob Ellson

New Year's Day Paddle Party Sunday, January 1, 2012

Mark your calendars for this great event.

The Clubhouse will open at 12 Noon.
There will be a special menu available
throughout the day.

The selling of paddles will begin at 1 pm
for your chance to win many exciting prizes.
Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the afternoon
for a Food Basket, Good Spirits basket and a Quilt.
The drawing will be held right after the final spin.

Everyone is welcome, so bring a friend and
come for an afternoon of fun, food and drinks.

To volunteer, call Sharon, 715-259-7449

Ski Club News

FREE CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLINIC

Saturday, January 7

Voyager Village

Clubhouse/Upper Level

10 am – Noon

Bring your friends, bring
the kids.

Get more out of cross country
skiing by learning
the finer points and
have more fun!

Free group lessons with
individual attention from
a certified ski instructor.

Join us for the lessons,
a roaring bonfire
and beautifully groomed trails.



SOUP'S ON!

Enjoy hot, homemade soups
to benefit the maintenance of
Voyager Ski Trails



SKI CLUB FUND-RAISER

Saturday, January 7

Noon to 1:30 PM

Eat In or Take Out

At The Golf Course

Maintenance Building at
29191 Hanscom Lake Trailway

Voyager Ski Trails are
maintained solely by the
Voyager Village Ski Club.

We appreciate your donations!

Directions: Kilcare Road to
29191 Hanscom Lake Trailway

Review of the Declaration of Covenant and Restrictions

Review of the Declaration of Covenant and Restrictions for Voyager Village has been in progress for a little over two years. The first meeting of the ad hoc review committee was held on August 28, 2009.

Over the course of the last two years, several meetings have been held along with dialogue and advice from an attorney and a representative from the Burnett County Zoning Department which resulted in a draft of the Restated Declaration. The Committee and the Board of Directors now feel they have a document which can be presented to the membership to vote on.

According to the original Declaration which became effective on September 23, 1970, Article X, Section 3. Duration of Covenants and Restrictions:

“The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land, and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Association, any Owner, their respective heirs, successors, and assigns for a term of forty-five (45) years from the date this declaration is recorded.

After the expiration of said forty-five-year term, the covenants and restrictions shall be automatically extended for successive periods of fifteen (15) years, unless an instrument signed by the then-owners of two-thirds (2/3) of the Lots and Living Units has been recorded, agreeing to terminate or modify the covenants and restrictions. However, no such agreement to terminate or modify shall be effective unless made and recorded three (3) years in advance of the effective date of such termination or modification, and unless written notice of the proposed agreement is sent to every Owner at least ninety (90) days in advance of any action taken.”

The restated Declaration of covenants and Restrictions will be mailed to property owners in January of 2012 along with an explanation, consent form and a prepaid return envelope. When you receive the mailing, your Board of Directors and the ad hoc committee urge you to take the time to sign and return the consent form. It is imperative that you vote for the revisions as the current Covenants require that a document signed by the owners of two-thirds of the lots or living units be recorded by September 23, 2012 or the Declaration of

Covenants and Restrictions as they are now written will renew on September 23, 2015 for another 15 years.

The restated version of the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions and the original version are available on the web

site and by mail upon request. Go to www.voyagervillage.com.

Elra Johnson, President
Tom Heenan, Vice President
and Chair of the
Ad Hoc Committee

An Update from Your Real Estate Company

As previously planned we moved the real estate office to a newly constructed office that is located between the Pro-Shop and the Swimming Pool. The new office is easily accessible through the double door entry across from the Gazebo. An inside door from the realty office provides access to the new conference room, so we have space for larger groups of prospective buyers that sometimes visit. Larry Wiemken built three custom map display boards for the new office walls. The display frames were constructed of Oak and finished to match the rest of the office woodwork. They really look great! Please feel free to stop by to say hello and to see our new digs.

The Wisconsin REALTORS Association (WRA) recently announced the Year to Date, 2011 Housing Statistics through October and so far, home sales volume is up for this year. During the first ten months there were 407 homes sold in Burnett County at a median price of \$130,000. That's more homes than were sold for each of the entire years of 2010 and 2009. The current median price of \$130,000 has been holding steady since 2009 but that median price level is down about 16% from the median price of \$154,700 in 2008.

Lot sales remain anemic although interest still exists for perpetual camping lots. Fortunately, the great majority of our lots in the perpetual camping additions did not sustain significant damage from the July storm so I expect the values to hold. Many of the building lots around the Village sustained significant damage and are certainly less marketable in their present condition. But after the cleanup by the logging crews and some regeneration from Ma Nature, they'll gradually improve.

In February, 2012 we'll be exhibiting at the RV Vacation & Camping Show in the Minneapolis Convention Center. We still have an excellent inventory of lots homes and cabins available and expect to attract several prospects in the coming year. If you know of friends, relatives or associates who may be in the market for homes, cabins or land, please ask them to give us a call.

Thank you for your support,

Dave Anderson
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-Edith Sitwell

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BLACK AND BLEU RIBEYE STEAK

Hand cut 14 ounce ribeye steak, blackened and covered with sautéed mushrooms and bleu cheese.

STEAK AND SHRIMP

8 ounce flatiron steak served with two jumbo beer battered shrimp.

CRAB LEG PLATTER

One pound of sweet snow crab served with a garlic herbed butter.

GARLIC HERBED STUFFED SHRIMP

Five jumbo shrimp filled with garlic herbed cream cheese, wrapped in apple smoked bacon, lightly breaded and baked.

GULF SHRIMP DINNER

Five jumbo shrimp, beer battered and deep fried to a golden brown.

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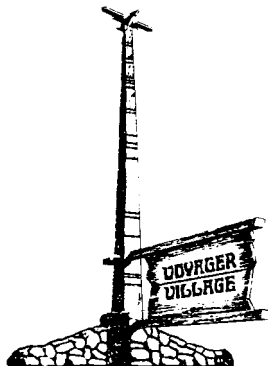
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