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## DINNER & DRINKS

by Kelsey Linnemeyer, Marketing  
& Events Coordinator

Although the weather was cold and bleak, the Kilcare Lodge at the final Dinner Series Event of 2021 was warm and inviting. Guests arrived to a candlelit dining room and were greeted with a drink to kick off the evening. This past month's collaborator, Dan Oskey, stood front and center as he prepared the other cocktail pairings for the remainder of the evening.

Dan Oskey is the Founder and Chief Operator of Tattersall Distilling Company. Founded in 2014, Tattersall is one of the most highly acclaimed and fastest growing craft distilleries in the country. With a focus on using the best ingredients available, sourced locally whenever possible, Tattersall makes more than 30 all-natural, award-winning spirits, liqueurs, and ready-to-drink cocktails. After spending the last 6 years in NE Minneapolis, Tattersall

recently opened a new distillery in River Falls, Wisconsin. The company expanded and moved into a new territory due to Minnesota's restrictive liquor laws. MN is the only state in the country that still has 3.2% ABV beer and that limits what large craft brewers can and cannot sell. Distilleries, like Tattersall, can't sell full-sized bottles and once the operation gets "too big", they can't operate a cocktail room. With all these restrictions working against Tattersall's expanding business, they were essentially forced to move out of state. Their new location is home to a full-service restaurant and cocktail bar, an outdoor patio with fire pits and lawn games, a large amphitheater for concerts and weddings, an expansive ballroom for up to 420 people, and a retail space. There they will have no limits on their production capacity.





# ABOVE AND BEYOND: RYAN CHRISTOPHERSON

by *Tiffany Fesenmaier,*  
Membership Coordinator



There's a saying that goes "he's one of the good ones," and for the winner of the Above and Beyond award this month, the saying should actually be "he's one of the best ones."

He greets you with a big smile, can tell you jokes that leave your stomach hurting from laughter, and as the Assistant General Manager and Golf Pro, he always has his door open for anyone that needs him to lend an ear or seeking advice. His name is Ryan Christopherson, and I can't think of anyone more deserving of this award than him.

I first met Ryan when I owned and operated a local gift shop and embroidery business. He walked into my store with the biggest smile on his face and told me about the local school golf team he was sponsoring. After chatting with him for a bit, I wanted to help as well. I then tried to bargain with him on exchanging embroidery for golf lessons. I have no coordination at all, and he made me feel like he could work miracles and teach me!

I could sit here and tell you the history of his life and what brought him to Voyager Village, but I would like to spend more time telling you about one of the greatest gifts that Voyager ever received. Ryan has been with Voyager Village since 2016. When I started working here Memorial Day weekend, I was so excited to be able to work with the man that I liked so much from my shop. However, it wasn't long until I realized that Ryan was much more than just the AGM or Golf Pro, he was the face of Voyager Village.

I remember when we had the fundraiser this year for the First Responders, and I had written an article on its founder Steve Austin, he told me "Ryan goes above and beyond with hosting this event, and he is so respected in this community. He does everything with passion and integrity." I could not agree more. Watching him interact with the members or local business owners is so fun. Have you been to an activity that he hosted in the bar at the clubhouse? Well, if you haven't, you've missed out. He can work a room and has the quickest comebacks to anyone.

However, don't get caught up in a debate with him, because this man comes with his guns fully loaded. I still have not won one yet! There is also this side of Ryan that only the employees and managers know, and we are blessed with. He has an open-door policy like none I have ever seen before. He could be so busy, swamped, but if you stand in that door and he looks up and sees your face, he knows you need him, and tells you to come on in, shut the door and talk. By the end of that discussion, you will either be laughing or feeling better for sure.

When you walk into the golf shop, you will see his employees laughing so hard sometimes that there are tears in their eyes, or listening to him tell a story, and if there are guests shopping, they are at a complete standstill focused on his every word. Members and customers come in with big smiles on their face greeting Ryan, and if he isn't in the shop when they come in their first question is, "is Ryan in today?" Suzie who works in the golf shop said, "It's not fun to just stand at that counter all day, but Ryan will come work with you, give you positive encouragement, and it always felt like I was working for my big brother rather than a manager."

So, my friends, when Ryan came and told us the last week of December that he would be leaving Voyager Village and starting a new career back where his family is, my heart sunk. What? How do we say goodbye to a man that has been such a huge part of the success

of Voyager, a mentor and a friend? Steve Johnson, the General Manager, told me, "There is so much that Ryan does that no one knows about behind the scenes. So much time he will put into a project to make everything go off just right, and if he ever misses anything, he learns from it and makes it better the next time. I am not just losing an employee, I am losing a friend."

There are so many stories that many of you could share about moments or encounters with Ryan, or how he was the first to step up and offer his help. These are my thoughts, and I

think they are ones shared by many members of our community. However, we will be throwing him a goodbye party and will send out the information as soon as we know the details. Please come join us in saying goodbye and send him off with your well wishes.

Ryan, you are "one of the Best ones" and you will be missed more than you know. We will be wishing you nothing but success and happiness on your new journey. You are truly the face of Voyager Village and there will never be another like you.





# GOODBYE LETTER

by Ryan Christopherson, Assistant General Manager, Director of Golf and Recreation, and friend

Well, my time here at Voyager has come to an end. I have accepted the position of General Manager at Evansville Golf Club in Evansville, WI. My family and I struggled with this decision for quite a while, but when it came down to what was the biggest deciding factor, it was being closer to family.

Meegan and I want to thank all the members for making us feel right at home here at Voyager. Being here for six years, the time went by so fast but according to some (Lisa Kuffel) it feels like 10! We have made a lot of memories here and will never forget Voyager...EVER! From getting married, to giving back to the community in many different ways and getting to know all the wonderful people and staff, is something I will be taking with me in memories.

I think looking back, I learned so much here from being put in positions I wasn't ready for or just taking the reigns on things when everyone else backed off. It made me grow as a person and it has made me better in the long run and I will always be grateful.

I want to give a special thank you to Steve Johnson for hiring me and bringing me to this special place. We have had our ups and downs, but he is one of

the most caring, loyal, and the most genuine person that I have met. I will miss my good friend. Another person is Nancy Brandt in the POA office, I honestly don't know what I would have done here without her. She is a special person with a huge heart, and I will miss our daily conversations and laughs. I have worked side by side with these two for the last six years and they were part of the best times.

To all the Golf Shop staff, what can I say but THANK YOU! You made it so much fun to come to work...I think some days, we never stopped laughing. You all made me look good and made it a fun and exciting place to be. I will miss my Tuesday Night Men's league, the "laughs" after golf, it was the highlight of the week. Between playing with the members and just letting our guard down to have a couple "adult beverages" with the crew...FUN TIMES! And finally, all the other employees that make up this motley crew that got along so well, I will miss all of you. From each department, I have never worked anywhere where we all got along (for the most part) and had such good times at the Christmas party and the Employee Appreciation events!

Thank you again for a great six years. I know Voyager is in good hands with the staff that is here. I am expecting great things from this staff and will be keeping an eye on things from Evansville.

Best wishes!



# EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS PARTY

We had our party for the employees of Voyager Village in December, and it was a huge success! Here are some pictures from the evening. Thank you, Ryan Christopherson and Brent Linnemeyer, for all your hard work and making the night so much fun. Thank you to Geoffrey George for making the most fabulous dinner and desserts. Thank you to all the management team for showing so much appreciation to your employees and making Voyager Village a great place to work!





**VOYAGER VILLAGE**



**Member Maintenance**

Offering driveway plows, yard cleanup, tree pruning/removal, home wellness checks, and snowman building services to all Voyager Members this winter. Submit a work request form through our website on the Member Resources page to schedule your member maintenance services, or pick up a form from the POA office.



# ANCHORS AWEIGH!

by Michael Hussey, chairman of the Lakes and Beaches Committee



Hello from the Lakes Committee. Our committee was formed over the past few months at the request of the Voyager Village Board to enhance the member experience through the preservation and enhancement of our lakes, beaches, docks and boat launches. Our committee consists of six Voyager Village members and our board liaison.

Our mission is to help preserve the natural beauty of our lakes and beaches and enhance the value of our natural amenities to benefit members. We expect

our focus to include: understanding members' desire for amenities, communicating our available resources, enhancing security and amenities at our beaches, expanding available boat docks for member rental, water quality, and preservation of shoreline and wildlife.

Did you know Voyager Village owns shoreline on thirteen lakes? They are: Bartash, Bass, Birch Island, Bogey, Cadotte, Corwick, Crystal, Culbertson, Hanscom, Little Bear, Loon, Ridge Trace and Shoal.



## TOYS FOR TOTS

As the holiday spirit filled the Village, we once again partnered with a charity to give back to the community. This December, we collected new, unwrapped toys for Marine Corps Toys for Tots. The primary goal was to help bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to America's less fortunate children one gift at a time. This year, we donated over 30 toys to economically disadvantaged children. Thank you to everyone who helped us give back and bring the spirit of Christmas into children's lives. We hope to continue to grow our donation for years to come.



## NIGHTSHADES: AVOIDING THE LET-DOWNS

by Geoffrey George, Voyager Village Executive Chef

We all enjoy our meat and potatoes, and our pasta and marinara. But did you know that these aren't the best foods to be consuming, especially in the winter? When the daylight hours are shortened and our energy levels have dipped down, it's best to eat a variety of different vegetables. Certain Nightshade foods to avoid are:

- Eggplants
- Potatoes (except sweet potatoes)

- Tomatoes
- Peppers (red, green, yellow, chili)
- Red spices
- Hot sauces

Good substitutes for these include sweet potatoes, mushrooms, carrots, celery, and cauliflower. Avoid refined breads, pastas and grains. Tomatoes are the only fruits used in cooking that is a nightshade, and has low dietary benefits as well. Eat well, eat healthy!



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ASK THE BOARD  
PRESIDENT

This month, Voyager Village Board President Dave Heiss answers a question regarding the new SirenTel development in Voyager Village, and more about getting involved with the POA.

Could you provide an update on the timing of the announced high speed internet collaboration with SirenTel? Will this be available for all Voyager Village homes?

SirenTel began the installation of fiber optics cable several months ago. This is a SirenTel project and even though Voyager has been very supportive of this effort, it is not a collaboration. When SirenTel was applying for a state grant to fund the project, Voyager Members conducted a successful mail campaign that in part helped obtain the grant. Sid Sherstad is the President of SirenTel and can be reached at 715-349-2224. Not all of Voyager is included in the first wave of installation, but there are more grants that will become available to SirenTel in the future. For specifics about where fiber optics will be available, and the timelines, you should visit SirenTel's website or reach out to Sid at the above number.

How did you become involved with the Board of Directors at

VV? I would like to get more involved with the organization but don't know the best way to go about that. Thanks!

We encourage every member of Voyager to consider running for the Board and appreciate your interest. Volunteers have always been an important part of what has made Voyager the successful community it is today. Prior to getting on the Board, I was involved with many volunteer projects. I was also President of the Men's Golf League and on the Townhome's Board (they are located across from the clubhouse). These types of activities are important to demonstrate leadership and management abilities to other members (after all they vote to elect Board Members). In addition to Voyager initiatives, being able to communicate professional experiences that will be valuable while a Board Member are important. The Voyager Board is a Management Board and any experience in Finance, Marketing, Sales, Management, Planning, etc. will be looked at as an asset to the members. My background included many of these areas. Should you continue to be interested, applications are available in the P.O.A. office.

Got a question? Forms for submitting questions and comments for consideration in this column can be found on our website at <https://www.voyagervillage.com/member-resources/> or at the POA Office.

WORD FROM A&E

from Tom Heenan, chairman of Architectural & Environmental Committee

Happy New Year from the A & E committee! I hope all of you are enjoying this new year already and had a wonderful holiday! As a committee, we would like to spend the next few months picking a topic relevant to the committee and try to answer some of our most frequently asked questions and clearing up confusions with understanding the covenants.

This month, we're talking about combining lots. In the 2020

Restated Declaration of Covenants Article V; section 9: "Whenever two or more contiguous lots are owned by the same owner, and the owner desires to use two or more lots as a consolidated site for a single-family residence or a consolidated site in the Perpetual Camping Area, he/she shall first apply to the AECC for approval according to the policies and procedures to combine lots established by the AECC. If approval for a consolidated site is granted by the AECC, and a single-family residence is constructed on the consolidated site or a consolidated site for camping is approved, then an approved,

septic system shall be installed on the consolidated site, and the consolidated site shall be treated in all respects as a single lot for the purpose of applying this 2020 Restated Declaration including, but not limited to, Section 1 of Article VII which governs assessments. The consolidated site shall be considered a single lot for assessments".

A maximum of four (4) contiguous lots may be combined, except fewer lots will be allowed where the combined acreage does not exceed six (6) acres.



The Architectural and Environmental Control Committee is currently looking for new alternates and a full-fledged member to be on the A&E committee. The Architectural and Environmental Control Committee ("AECC") is established for the purpose of protecting and preserving the values, amenities, and qualities of Voyager Village. Architectural and environmental control shall be administered by the AECC. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact the Tiffany in the POA office for an application. [Tiffany@voyagervillage.com](mailto:Tiffany@voyagervillage.com) or 715-733-7004



OUT AND ABOUT

by Steve Johnson, General Manager and Director of Grounds, CGCS

Many of my Out and About articles over the years have been about nature and promoting all to look around to see, hear, and feel the beauty of the Northwoods. Today's article is a little different, and a little bittersweet.

Ryan Christopherson, the man who has been with Voyager and next to my side for the past six years promoting all kinds of indoor and outdoor activities since his arrival, is leaving us.

I was fortunate to be a part of the hiring team that searched to fill the role of Golf and

Recreation Director. Ryan was in Oregon at the time, and we zoomed the interview, which was a much newer concept back then. I still remember that smile and laugh and how calm and easy he was to talk too. I remember thinking to myself, "we need to hire that man, that's the personality we need; he is a PGA Golf Pro, and he wants to come home to the Packers and to his family."

Home for Ryan was central Wisconsin. His dad worked for the same company as my dad for a while. He started his career at Lake Arrowhead, and mine began just twenty miles away at Bull's Eye Country Club. Although somehow our paths had yet to cross, that day I met Ryan the world seemed a little smaller and the hopes of a successful partnership a little more likely.

The team that Ryan and I had was special. We always had each other's back (mine being a size smaller or so), and between us we made golf, Fall Fest and so many other activities special. Everything that Ryan did here at Voyager, he took a special little part of himself and imbued that thing with it. Ryan is someone who is special in most minds and one who will leave an everlasting impression of kindness to all he met. Yes, Ryan is a big man, but he carried a little stick because he knew he could win over even the angriest customer with just simple words and his large heart. Ryan's job description has never quit growing the whole time he was here, and he always was willing to pitch in and just get it done. Ryan's integrity and work ethic is one for all staff to model and will be missed by us all.

When Ryan and I sat down the other day, he told me the fateful news that he had accepted another job as a General Manager at a club closer to home and his family. At that moment, I thought of a couple of things. You can never be too close to home and family, and that I'm truly losing more than a wonderful team member. I will truly miss talking to my good friend almost every day and that laugh that left such an impression on me since the day I met him.

We are all excited for Ryan and his new adventure, and we certainly wish him the best and will miss him.

To Mr. Christopherson: good luck. I know that they are getting someone special walking through their front doors. We certainly did.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday, January 6th – Restaurant Closed
- Thursday, January 20th – Board Meeting, 3pm at Voyager Room
- Luminary Cross Country Ski Event – Date TBD, Weather Dependent





VOYAGER VILLAGE WANTS  
YOU TO HELP PICK OUR

# Above and Beyond Nominees

Send us your nominations for someone who goes above and beyond in our community, and they might be chosen for our Above & Beyond feature!

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VOYAGER VILLAGE

## NOMINATING FOR ABOVE AND BEYOND

Our "Above and Beyond" column was established to help inspire our readers by sharing the stories and accomplishments of our community members that go "above and beyond". The subjects of our articles are individuals who have made outstanding contributions in their daily lives to our area and

demonstrate positive behaviors that we would like to recognize. However, our writing staff by no means can see everything that goes on, and so we invite you to submit nominations for our column to recognize. Please submit details about their efforts via the form on our website, [www.voyagervillage.com](http://www.voyagervillage.com).

In describing the rationale for why we should consider them for our monthly column, please include how the nominee goes "above and beyond". In our everyday life, it seems that

negativity tends to grab the attention more than positivity; let's give the recognition that the shining examples of our community deserve!

Nominations do not need to reside in Voyager Village but should be local. Nominations might include local businesses, charities, volunteers, veterans, whoever you think goes above and beyond.

## VOYAGER VILLAGE 2022 PHOTO CONTEST



Visit our Website for rules and submission info.

## WEEKLY BAR AND GRILL ACTIVITIES

**Sunday:** NFL Watch Party - Broadcasting all games, all day + food and drink specials! Giveaways during Packers and Vikings games and free shots at every touchdown. Broasted Chicken Special, 4pm - Quarter or half chicken served with coleslaw and choice of potato.

**Tuesday:** Corn Hole League (Open House), 3pm  
DJ Trivia, 6pm

**Wednesday:** Date Night, 4pm - Join every Wednesday evening for our Surf & Turf special!

**Thursday:** Wing Night, 4pm - 99 cent bone-in wings served with choice of two sauces. Trivia/Pictionary (alternating every week), 6pm

**Friday:** Friday Night Fish Fry, 4pm - All you can eat beer battered or broiled haddock served with coleslaw and choice of potato.

**Saturday:** Meat Raffle., 3pm  
Prime Rib Special, 4pm - 12oz or 16oz prime rib served with choice of vegetable and choice of potato.



## NANCY'S CORNER

by Nancy Brandt, POA Office Manager

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and had time to enjoy family and friends. As I reflect on 2021, I think about what a wonderful year we had. I am so excited for what 2022 has in store for us and seeing all your faces when you return.

Just a quick reminder, that we changed our fiscal year this year to January 1st through December 31st. With that being said, the assessments are due on January 1st. If you did not receive a letter in the mail on the new assessments from us, or have any question, concerns, or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to Kamee in the POA office at 715-733-7002.

Our office hours will continue to stay the same, Monday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during the winter and if you leave a message before or after those hours, we will get back to you as soon as we can.

In closing, it is with a very sad heart that I say goodbye to my work husband, Ryan. Ryan has been my mentor, friend, and confidant for the past 6 years. Under his leadership, I have grown not only as a manager but also as a person. It is bittersweet for me to say goodbye to Ryan, however, I am very happy for him to have landed his dream job that he has always strived for: General Manager. Congrats to Ryan and best wished to him and his family.



# SEEKING COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

The board of directors has decided to reinstate the nominating committee. We are asking for volunteers to participate on this committee. The primary responsibility is to solicit qualified candidates to run for the Voyager Village

Board of Directors. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Tiffany in the POA office for an application.

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