

## The Informer

December 4, 2020: **Visit us on Facebook!**

### Giving Thanks at Mayflower

Thanksgiving Day 2020 in The Mayflower Community was full of appreciation, even with all the struggles of 2020. The highlight was the home-delivered meals to Mayflower residents. Independent living residents ordered 125 specially prepared turkey and ham dinners with all the fixins. Health Center and Beebe Assisted Living residents dined with the same menu.



Food Service Director, Scott Gruhn, reminisced on this, his 25<sup>th</sup> Mayflower Thanksgiving dinner. He recalls the first one he oversaw in 1989 when residents and their guests dined on eight-foot Monroe tables in a space about half the size of the current Buckley Dining Room. Over the years, the space expanded and became grander with carpeting and cherry wood decor.

Scott has served as Mayflower's Food Service Director, first from 1989 to 1993 and now from 2000 to the present.

This year...Write off the in-person Thanksgiving meal! Out of precaution, no meals were served in the Dining Room.

But, oh the food! The diners' reports were uniformly favorable. After asking which restaurant prepared the delivered meal and being told that it was the Mayflower Kitchen, one resident observed, "How do they do it?! It was delicious!"

Another resident wrote this thank-you note this morning: "Thank you for the staff's delicious Thanksgiving dinner. I've written Scott, noting Mayflower's special dinners are ALWAYS special, but am aware that this year dealing with restrictions of the coronavirus, the entire project was extra challenging. And, a special thank-you for all who delivered the dinners. Everything was delicious.....and as a single, I not only enjoyed Thanksgiving Day noon dinner, but also leftovers for supper AND for lunch the following day. I love leftovers, especially food prepared by Scott and his staff."

Residents John and Dorothy Noer wrote this morning that the dinner was "not surprising, but very delicious. It was tasty and filling. Hot food was hot and cold was cold." John and Dorothy went on to report, "There were fifteen adults, two preschoolers, and seven dogs at our Thanksgiving get-together on Thursday evening. We ate, conversed, and played games for three

hours. It was great to see family we hadn't been with for quite some time."

John went on to write (before we could panic about the large crowd in a confined Mayflower space!), "By the way, we were in the following locations: Grinnell, Boston, Park Forest IL, Bourbonnais IL, Sullivan MO, Gulf Port MS, and Taiwan. It was a zoom gathering!"

Establishing new routines in this difficult period is critical to staying upbeat!

*-Bob Mann, Sales & Marketing Director*

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### **Let Them Eat Pie!**

The Mayflower Community superb baker, Teresa Nicklas-Beck, has been doing what we do for Thanksgiving...baking pies. She displays a couple of them in the accompanying photo, with a lot more (including pecan!) in the background.

Along with the first-class Thanksgiving Day meal that will be delivered by Mayflower staff to the doors of independent living residents, there will be pie. In addition, many residents order pies to take to Thanksgiving gatherings (social-distanced with face masks!). That is an easy way to be a local hero....delivering the pie.

*-Bob Mann, Sales & Marketing Director*



### **UnLOCKIN the Power of Philanthropy:**

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### **"Human Needs" and Other "Funds" Facts**

From January 1, 2008 to the present, 4,095 gifts totaling \$821,270 have been contributed to the Mayflower Foundation's "Human Needs Endowment Fund" (HNEF). (Note: I share these specific statistics because generous contributions to this fund prior to 2008 were not recorded in a permanent donor database.)

### **Serving Residents in Need**

Donors to the HNEF provide care for Mayflower residents whose funds are exhausted. The HNEF is an endowment fund held by the Mayflower Foundation with a current balance near \$1,900,000. The Foundation invests your HNEF gifts and makes an annual distribution to Mayflower for resident care.

A second HNEF was established with the Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation in recent years and has a current balance near \$500,000. This fund gives Iowa taxpayers the unique opportunity to support Mayflower residents in need while benefiting from an "Endow Iowa" tax credit.

Mayflower's VISION is to see the collective balance of both "Human Needs" endowments reach

\$8,000,000. At this level, annual distributions of \$400,000 would fully support Mayflower's average annual costs to care for residents with financial need. I welcome a conversation if you wish to explore this visionary opportunity.

A gift to Mayflower's "Residents Assistance Fund" (RAF) is another way to help residents with financial need. The RAF is not an endowment; your gift is fully spent in the year it is received to care for residents.

### **Other "Funds" Facts**

The Mayflower Foundation holds three funds in addition to the HNEF. Your gift(s) to any of these will similarly support Mayflower residents or staff.

- The Mayflower Employee Education Fund (MEEF)

An endowment fund with annual distributions providing educational and advancement opportunities for Mayflower staff.

- The Montgomery Church Leaders Fund (MCLF)

An endowment fund with annual distributions supporting the housing needs of retired clergy.

- The Mission and Vision Fund

A non-endowment fund with a current balance near \$2,000,000. Though not an endowment, the fund is invested and annual distributions are used to care for residents in need, or for projects that benefit all residents or staff. Mayflower's VISION is to see this fund grow to \$5,000,000 and distribute \$200,000 annually in support of resident and staff wellness initiatives.

All other charitable "funds" at Mayflower are established to accomplish special projects that benefit residents or staff. A current "special project" is the Open Dining renovation planned for Beebe Assisted Living. Throughout 2020, generous gifts were received to help with derecho damage and PPE and COVID-19 testing supplies. In recent years, gifts to special project funds made possible: a) Open Dining renovations in the Health Center and Buckley Dining Rooms, b) the Obermiller (fitness) Center, c) numerous campus gardens, d) resident transportation vehicles, and many others.

As year-end approaches, your support will be impactful. Gifts of cash (checks) are always welcome, or a quick "gift planning" conversation might uncover alternatives that provide you extra benefits. I welcome hearing from you; any conversation we have is without cost or the obligation to make a gift.

Here is a "glossary" of the fund details shared above:

Gifts payable to Mayflower Foundation 616 Broad St., Grinnell, Iowa 50112

Noting your choice of funds in the memo:

HNEF – Human Needs Endowment Fund

MEEF – Mayflower Employee Education Fund

MCLF – Montgomery Church Leaders Fund

M/V – Mission and Vision Fund

Gifts payable to Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation 1510 Penrose St., Grinnell, Iowa 50112

Noting "Mayflower HNEF" in the memo

Gifts payable to Mayflower Homes, Inc. 616 Broad St., Grinnell, Iowa 50112

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RAF – Residents Assistance Fund

Open Dining

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### Treasure Chest:

The December Treasure Chest is a display of nutcrackers from Anne Lannom, a former teacher in Grinnell and Iowa City.



Have you heard the saying, "**from soup to nuts?**" Nuts were a delicacy in ancient times and were often served as dessert. Affluent Romans ate all kinds of nuts, except for acorns, which they considered only acceptable for the poor.

There are three kinds of construction when making nutcrackers: percussion, lever (direct & indirect pressure), and screw type.

As in all antique collecting, several factors must be considered in evaluating whether or not to add a particular piece to a collection. These factors are age, rarity, condition, quality and beauty or aesthetic appeal.

Check out the collection in the Pearson Library this month; don't miss it!

*-Doug Cameron, Treasure Chest Committee*

### Meeting Her Great Granddaughter Virtually

Last week Wilma Graden, a resident of The Mayflower Community, was blessed to meet her great granddaughter, Everly by way of FaceTime in the Health Center.



She chatted with her daughter Lori Lockhart, grandson Keegan, his wife Kelsey, and newborn great-granddaughter Everly. As the photo shows, Wilma is a very proud great grandma!

Staying connected during challenging times!

*-Bob Mann, Sales & Marketing Director*

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### John Noer's Puzzle is Complete!

For those of you who have been following the story of John's 40,000-piece puzzle, he has now completed this endeavor!

This latest puzzle depicted 10 different scenes from various Disney movies. Throughout his life, John has completed more puzzles than he dare count. After completing a 9,000-



piece puzzle, which now hangs in the Carmen Center, Steve Langerud located this 40,000-piece puzzle online, which was made by Ravensburger, the same creator of the underwater 9,000-piece that had captivated John.

Steve asked John if he was up to the challenge, and if you know John; he was! Steve and John split the cost of the puzzle, which was purchased from Amazon. When it arrived, John got to work immediately. Steve and John had another idea that while John was completing the puzzle, he wouldn't shave his beard! Finally, after 21 months of puzzling, John put the last piece of the puzzle in last week and shaved his beard.

He's debating on where to put his 40,000-piece puzzle for display in Grinnell.

If you have any interest in **learning more about puzzles**, get ahold of John!

*-excerpt from Grinnell Herald Register*

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### Mayflower Christmas Dinner Menu (December 25, 2020)

- Roast Beef Tenderloin
- Baked Ham
- Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
- Green Bean Casserole and Scalloped Corn
- Cranberry-Pear Salad and Fruit Compote
- Dinner Roll
- Cheesecake

All items on the menu will be served as a complete meal. If there are preferences, please indicate when you make your reservation.

All means will be deliver to resident homes without delivery charge.

Cost is \$14.00 per person, deliver times: 11am-1pm. Indicate your time when you make a reservations.

For reservations: Call Buckley kitchen (641-236-6151 x216) or email Scott Gruhn (sgruhn@mayflowerhomes.com)

Reservation deadline: Monday, December 21, by noon.

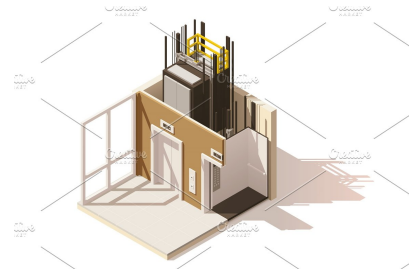
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### Available Residencies:

Apartments	Size	Entrance Fee	Features
Buckley #320	592 ft <sup>2</sup>	\$ 51,750	One-bedroom. Vinyl wood floor plank. East balcony.
Buckley #101	681 ft <sup>2</sup>	63,750	Two-bedroom. First floor. Two exposures.
Buckley #318	887 ft <sup>2</sup>	73,750	One-bedroom. LVP flooring. 1½ baths. East-facing balcony.
Altemeier #205	892 ft <sup>2</sup>	67,750	One-bedroom. Long great room. Washer/dryer. Two exposures.
Buckley #203	990 ft <sup>2</sup>	74,500	One-bedroom. 1½ bath. Office/den. Eat-at island. Courtyard balcony.
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Harwich Terrace Patio Home	Size	Selling Price	Features
630 Park St.	1,274 ft <sup>2</sup>	\$ 174,500	Two-bedroom. 2 baths. New flooring. Full basement. Big back yard.

### New Beebe Building Elevator

The Beebe elevator is now back in service. In fact, one employee observed, “It looks so nice, it seems like you are in a Marriott Hotel!”



### December Movies

#### December 12: Julia

-Depicts the relationship between two friends and unexpected consequences

#### December 19: Roman Holiday

-Touring European princess, Ann (Audrey Hepburn) takes off for a night in Rome. A sedative prescribed by her doctor kicks in and she's found by an American reporter; soon a romance begins.

Call Deb Jack, receptionist, at 641-236-6151 on Monday after 10am if you would like to attend. Call Dec 7th to view *Julia* and Dec 14th to view *Roman Holiday*.

### Informer Submission Deadlines

Submission deadline: Dec. 11 for publication on Dec. 18

Submission deadline: Wed, Dec. 23 for publication Dec. 31

Submission deadline: January 1, 2021 for publication January 8, 2021

Submission deadline: Jan 15 for publication Jan 22

Submission deadline: Jan 29 for publication Feb 5

### Booklist for December:

*Aunt Dimity & the Heart of Gold* by Nancy Atherton

*Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman

*A Few of the Girls* by Maeve Binchy

*Stuck in Manistique* by Dennis Cuesta

*Akin* (LP) by Emma Donoghue

*The Evening and the Morning* by Ken Follett

*The Searcher* by Tana French

*The Jane Austen Society* (LP) by Natalie Jenner

*Enemy Women* by Paulette Jiles

*The Dutch Wife* by Ellen Keith

*Egnog Murder* by Leslie Meier

*Cut and Run* by Fern Michaels  
*The Book of Two Ways* (2 copies) by Jodi Picoult  
*Jack* by Marilynne Robinson  
*Bark at Night* by Rosenfelt David  
*The Return* (LP) by Nicholas Sparks  
*Royal* (LP) by Danielle Steel



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### **Residents' Birthdays**

Mary Schumann on Dec. 7  
Gaye Van Hamme on Dec. 8  
Bill Wissmiller on Dec. 11  
Judy Nehring on Dec. 14  
Joyce Hintermeister on Dec. 15  
Margery Graves on Dec. 16  
Lorna Caulkins on Dec. 17  
Netia Worley on Dec. 19

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