

The Informer

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Mayflower Parades on the 4th of July

A standing committee of Mayflower Community residents organized a multiple-floats entry for Grinnell's annual 4th of July Parade.

The City's parade began at Davis School on the corner of Hamilton and Broad. It proceeded north on Broad right through the west side of the Mayflower campus and on downtown to the north side of

Grinnell.

The Mayflower entourage followed Mayor (and Mayflower resident) Dan Agnew riding in a convertible driven by wife Nancy Agnew.

Here are the individual Mayflower "floats" that participated:

- The Mayflower Ship – Built for the parade two years ago by residents, Dan Agnew, Darwin Kinne, Lyle Roudabush, and Dick Vogel, the ship was mounted on a trailer pulled by Lyle's pick-up truck. "Waves" and signs were installed just before the parade started.
- Golf Carts – Four red-white-and-blue decorated Mayflower Facility Department carts followed the ship.
- Three-Wheeled All-Abilities® Bikes – The side-by-side unit was ridden by Rick and Sue Ramsey. On the rickshaw unit, Mayflower Executive Director, Steve Langerud, peddled with residents John and Dorothy Noer enjoying the ride on the front.

- Bubble Gator (Mayflower's 4-wheeled ATV with bubble-makers mounted in back) – Bubbles streamed out the back all along the route.
- Flags – All Mayflower residents were provided flags to wave as the parade passed through the Mayflower campus.

Fun was had by all.

-Bob Mann, Sales & Marketing Director

The Mayflower Beans Are Growing Right Along

The special Mayflower beans, descendants from the Mayflower ship beans, which were planted earlier in the Spring, are doing quite well just south of The Mayflower Community's Watertower Square building.

As you can see from these photos, the beans perched prominently in the middle of the Mayflower residents' garden are beginning to climb their trellises.

-Bob Mann, Sales & Marketing Director



A Month of Vicarious Travels in Mayflower's Kiesel Theatre

Here are the Armchair Travel "trips" scheduled for viewing during the month of May on Tuesdays at 2pm in our Kiesel Theatre. No reservation is necessary.

Tuesday, July 20th

- Canada, Ottawa, Ontario
- France, Riviera, Uniquely Chic
- Mexico, Baja
- Poland, Rediscovered



Tuesday, July 27th

- England, Bath & South Wales
- Turkey, Istanbul
- Belgium, Brussels

-Shane Estes, Armchair Travels Committee Chair

New Alzheimer's Drug Approved by FDA **excerpt from ABC NEWS**

Biogen's "Aduhelm" is the first Alzheimer's medication in nearly 20 years. Its Food and Drug Administration approval earlier this month triggered backlash from many experts and doctors. Three resigned over the FDA's decision.

Aducanumab is the only drug that U.S. regulators have said can likely treat the underlying disease, rather than manage symptoms such as anxiety and insomnia. It's made by the Massachusetts-based company Biogen and will be sold under the name Aduhelm.

Aduhelm does not reverse mental decline. It only slowed it in one study that was marred by hard-to-interpret results. The data were so murky that the FDA ultimately granted the drug conditional approval based on a different measure: it's ability to get rid of harmful clumps of plaque in the brains of patients with early forms of the disease.

The FDA approval isn't limited to those early patients. Anyone with Alzheimer's — at least theoretically — could get prescribed the drug. But advocacy groups like the Alzheimer's Association and many doctors say the focus should be patients with an early diagnosis, like those helped in the study.

About 40 percent of patients getting the full drug dose in Biogen's studies had swelling or tiny bleeds in the brain. While the side effects usually resolved, in rare cases they led to more severe bleeding that could potentially cause brain injury or other dangerous complications.

Monitoring patients on the drug involves regular brain scans. That's on top of a different type of scan to tell if patients have the brain plaque targeted by the drug. Running all those tests could easily approach \$10,000 the first year, according to physicians.

Insurers will likely require prior approval of those scans, which could delay care. And depending on coverage, patients still might be liable for thousands of dollars annually from the scans and treatments due to deductibles and other out-of-pocket costs.

The drug will cost \$56,000 a year, according to Biogen. The drug is given as an infusion every four weeks at a cost of \$4,312 per infusion, based on the average weight of a patient with mild cognitive impairment or mild dementia.

Informer Submission Deadlines

- Submission deadline: July 23rd for publication July 30th.
- Submission deadline: August 6th for publication August 13th.
- Submission deadline: August 20th for publication August 27th.



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Residents' Birthdays

Esther Bethel on July 17th
Dan Kaiser & Deena Wellborn on July 20th
Cindy Crandon & Norma Veldboom on July 21st
Harley Henry on July 22nd
Ed Adkins on July 26th
Harriet Adelberg on July 31st

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