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## The Informer

**October 22nd, 2021**  
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### Monthly Wine and Cheese Event

Due to a schedule conflict, October's Wine & Cheese event will be held on **Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**. (Other than this month, the Wine & Cheese gatherings are scheduled for the last Friday of each month.) The other details are the same:

- 4:30 – 5:30pm
- Buckley Dining Room
- Selection of wines
- Selection of cheeses and crackers
- No charge to residents
- A chance to catch up with other residents

*-Bob Mann on behalf of Scott Gruhn, Director of Foodservices*

### Halloween Soup Supper

Getting Ready for Trick-or-Treaters with  
 Stomach-Warming Soup!

When: Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>  
 What Time: 4:30 to 5:30pm.  
 Where: Buckley Dining Room  
 Menu:



- Chili
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Vegetable Beef Soup
- Cheese & Crackers
- Vegetable Tray
- Cookies and Beverage

Cost: \$5.00

Dress: Come in costume, if you would like.

Reservations: Email [sgruhn@mayflowerhomes.com](mailto:sgruhn@mayflowerhomes.com) or call Buckley kitchen (641-236-6151 x216). Deadline: Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 12:00noon.

*-Hosted by Mayflower Foodservices*



### **Vaccinations Get a Boost at Mayflower**

On Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 131 independent living residents in Grinnell's The Mayflower Community received Pfizer COVID-19 booster shots. The administration of the clinic was performed by Poweshiek County Public Health (PCPH) under the

direction of Director of Shawna Calloway, BSN, RN.

In February 2021, PCPH administered two rounds of the initial Pfizer shots to 198 residents. This clinic followed up with the recently-approved booster for those residents who had not already gotten a booster elsewhere.

Mayflower Health Center and Beebe Assisted Living residents and employees will received their Pfizer booster shots at a clinic on the Mayflower campus scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup> with Hy-Vee Pharmacy.

We look forward to the continued COVID-19 protection of the vaccinations and boosters with Mayflower residents and employees.

*-Bob Mann, Sales & Marketing Director*

## Lester the Bus Is Headed for the Stores Again

More good news! We now have a small group of volunteer drivers for Mayflower's shuttle van, **Lester the Bus**, to restart **Wednesday** store runs. They will pick up at **1:30pm** in the **Beebe Circle** and then the **Pearson Circle** shortly after that.



From here, they go to McNally's, Fareway, Walmart, and Hy-Vee. Then, they return in the original order to pick-up shoppers and their packages. This is subject to the Mayflower riders' preferences, so that stops will be skipped if there is no interest that day.

In the event of bad weather, the trips will be canceled....for the safety of the drivers AND the passengers.

When you get a chance, be sure to thank these volunteer drivers:

- October 27<sup>th</sup> – Kevin Stutz
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sig Barber
- November 10<sup>th</sup> – Lyle Roudabush
- November 17<sup>th</sup> – Lyle Roudabush

*-Bob Mann, Sales & Marketing Director*



## The Metropolitan Opera Is Back at Grinnell College

The Metropolitan Opera will livestream from New York to Grinnell College this fall, reviving a program popular prior to

the pandemic. The Met, founded in 1883 at the corner of Broadway and 39<sup>th</sup> Street in New York and now located since 1966 in the Lincoln Center, produces an annual lineup of "cinema" HD shows that are carried by selected theatres.

The schedule is as follows:

- *Fire Shut Up In My Bones* (Blanchard) October 23, 2021 @ 11:55 AM

- *Eurydice* (Aucoin) December 4, 2021 @ 11:55 AM
- *Cinderella* (Massenet) January 5, 2022 @ 6 PM (Wednesday night)
- *Rigoletto* (Verdi) January 29, 2022 @ 11:55 AM
- *Ariadne Auf Naxos* (R. Strauss) March 12, 2022 @ 11:55 AM
- *Don Carlos* (Verdi) March 26, 2022 @ 11:55 AM
- *Lucia Di Lammermoor* (Donizetti) May 25, 2022 @ 6 PM (Wednesday night)
- *Hamlet* (Dean) June 4, 2022 @ 11:55 AM

This year, tickets must be purchased at the door—\$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. The College also has some season passes available for \$100. To purchase a pass, email Britta Meints at [meintsbr@grinnell.edu](mailto:meintsbr@grinnell.edu) to coordinate payment and pick-up.

Please note that the Grinnell College campus **activity level** is Blue, meaning masks are required for individuals two years and older at all times when indoors. Please confirm the campus activity level or event website prior to your visit on campus as conditions may change.

For additional information about the opera presentation, go to the Met website: <https://www.metopera.org/season/in-cinemas/>.

*-Bob Mann on behalf of Britta Meints, M. Ed., Guest Housing & Special Programming Coordinator, Conference Operations and Events, Joe Rosenfield Center, Grinnell College (641-269-3235).*



### Saturday Afternoon Entertainment at Mayflower

So, what do you do on a Saturday afternoon in Mayflower's Health Center when the University of Iowa is playing football on T.V.? Well, of course, you play Bingo! With many residents watching the game, that means more prizes for the players. And, if you have an inkling about the upset by Purdue in process, Bingo might be more exciting!

Volunteer Shauna Butauski spent the morning running in the IMT Des Moines Marathon with her friend, Mayflower Community Life and Wellness Coordinator, Jessica Hasenyager. Shauna thought calling Bingo would be a great way to cool down! Phyllis, Norma, and Katie would agree.

*-Bob Mann, Sales & Marketing Director*

## Drumming for Fun at Mayflower

Mayflower Health Center residents participated in a social drumming activity last week. It was organized by Community Life and Wellness Coordinator, Tracy Woolfolk, and led by volunteers Dorothy Noer and Jo Entwisle, both Mayflower independent living residents.



Leading the rhythm-making session, Dorothy picked up from the work she did a few years ago with Mayflower's array of various size and shape drums. This was a throwback to the social drumming sessions in which her husband, John Noer, and she participated while living in Chicago.

From left, Jo Entwisle, Dorothy Noer, Jean Carpenter, Jeanette Tisdale, and Norma Veldboom.

Health Center resident, Wilma Graden, selected songs and helped lead the session. When the drumming died down, resident Jeanette Tisdale played a selection of songs on the piano.

*-Bob Mann, Sales & Marketing Director*



## Guidance Available for Medicare Choices

Local SHIIP-SMP counselor and Mayflower resident, Kathy Szary is sharing information with you about the Medicare open enrollment period.

The Senior Health Insurance Information Program—Senior Medicare Patrol (SHIIP-SMP), a function of the State of Iowa Insurance Department trains counselors to provide Iowa senior citizens free of charge, current information about Medicare and Medicare Advantage drug coverage plans. Kathy has been providing this service to Grinnell-area residents for the last five years.

Between October 15<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>, the “open enrollment period,” Medicare recipients may choose their drug coverage plan for the coming year. Referred to as “Part D” of the original Medicare plan or Medicare Advantage, various options have differing coverage, premiums, co-payments, and deductibles.

The SHIIP-SMP counselors assist beneficiaries in determining which plan is best for them. Kathy says, “The program has a great track record for saving Iowans money and helping them with Medicare questions and problems. In 2019, the program saved Iowa Medicare beneficiaries more than \$36 million dollars.”

To **schedule an appointment** to discuss your Medicare open enrollment options, please **call Kathy Szary at 641-990-8508 or email her at szarykathy@gmail.com**. Feel free to have a family member, caregiver, or friend accompany you. **Bring your Medicare card and prescription bottles** and wear a **mask**. Appointments are held on Mondays in the MRA Conference Room located in the Pearson building.

*-Kathy Szary*

### “Mad Hatters” Tea Party at Mayflower

On Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, the Community Life and Wellness staff at The Mayflower Community hosted a “Mad Hatter’s Tea Party.” The specially-brewed tea and scrumptious molasses cookies were prepared by Mayflower’s Foodservices department, led by Jacob Staroska, Supervisor. Lovely China teacups were borrowed from Scott Gruhn’s fine collection. The movie, “Alice in Wonderland,” followed at the Health Center. Beebe residents also had a tea party.



Beebe residents gather in the lounge for tea and cookies. Pictured along with various Mayflower residents are members of the Community Life and Wellness department, Leslie Jaworski, Director and Jessica Hasenyager, Coordinator; RN Stephanie Crawford; CNA Katie Butcher; and Foodservices Director Scott Gruhn.

*-Bob Mann, Sales & Marketing Director*

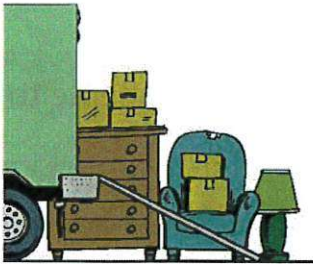
## Furry Pet Provides Comfort at Mayflower



On Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, Mayflower Community CNA, Darlene Larson, brought her kitten Thor to visit Health Center residents. Thor was rescued outside the Health Center a few months ago when, during a rainstorm, Darlene heard his cries. The tiny kitten was hiding in the peony bushes. Darlene guesses that he was only a few weeks old. Darlene lovingly adopted Thor.

A very good-natured kitten, he snuggled with residents. Thor is fully vaccinated and has had his front claws removed. He is now an indoor cat! Community Life and Wellness Coordinator, Tracy Woolfolk, provided the attached photography.

*-Bob Mann, Sales & Marketing Director*



### Transition Treks

Mayflower independent living transition activity since last posting:

#### Moved In:

- Paul and Sharon Torno from Scandia Park, New Mexico to 526 State Street
- John DeRooi from Grinnell to Altemeier #205
- Rich Adams from Buckley #101 to Harwich Terrace 530 State Street

#### Moves in Process:

- Charlie and Mari Duke from Grinnell to 711 Park Street upon completion of remodeling
- Mary Smith from Buckley #213 to Buckley #312
- Carol Grant from Pearson #208 to Buckley #32

**Plans in Process** – Construction of new Harwich Terrace patio home at Hamilton and State.

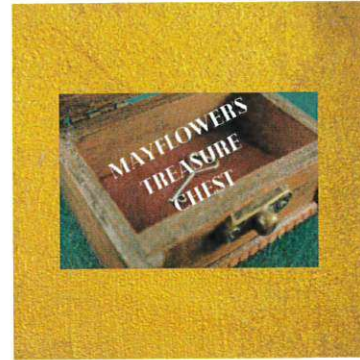
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Sales & Marketing Director ([bmann@mayflowerhomes.com](mailto:bmann@mayflowerhomes.com))

"I wish we had moved sooner!"

## German Artifacts in the Mayflower Treasurer Chest

The Mayflower Residents Association's "Treasure Chest" display for the month of November will be a variety of craft items from Germany. The beautiful six-and-a-half foot tall curio cabinet that houses rotating collections is located in the Mayflower Community Pearson building lobby.



The November display will be a vintage collection of decorative items made in Germany. My parents, Forrest V. and Betty Schwengels, were stationed with the U.S. Air Force in Wiesbaden, Germany from 1946 to 1949. Things were pretty dismal for the German people after the war and the Schwengels frequented favorite craftspeople to help them make a living.

As part of the display, you will see hand-carved wood, porcelain, and German silver items. The best items they brought back with them were two additional children (a boy and girl) born there who joined their older brother. I was 3 months old when I returned to the States.

Betty Schwengels lived in The Mayflower Community from 2001 until her passing in 2005, first in a Pearson apartment and later in Beebe Assisted Living and the Health Center.

*-Suzanne Schwengels, Mayflower Residents Association Treasure Chest Committee*

**MRA Announcements**





*Mayflower Residents Association*

## Mayflower Residents Thank Employees

Representing all Mayflower residents, the Mayflower Residents Association (MRA) decided to do something to show appreciation for the continued and extra work Mayflower employees must do every day to keep us safe during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Photos depicting various staff members at work were combined with the signatures of most residents to create six "Thank You For Keeping Us Safe" posters.

These were artfully arranged by resident, Nancy Guenther, with local business, Total Choice, producing the final product. The posters have been placed in areas visible to staff: Pearson Lounge, Buckley Dining Room, Vosburg building, Housekeeping department, Beebe Assisted Living, and the Health Center.



In addition, each staff person received a five-dollar Dari Barn gift certificate from the MRA to further express our gratitude for their work.

As their lunch shift was about to end, three Foodservices employees taking a look at the poster were photographed by resident Bill Pollak. Pictured left to right are Sharon Gersdorf, Tawnya Rotz, and Teresa Nicklas-Beck.

### SAVE THE DATE for Upcoming MRA Meetings

The MRA Executive Committee has set dates for the next **Council Meeting** as **Monday, November 15, 2021**, and the **Fall Town Meeting** as **Monday, December 6, 2021**. These will be Zoom meetings that start at 2:00 pm. Agendas will be sent closer to these meeting times, but keeping those dates in mind as you make other commitments should help avoid unnecessary conflicts. The meetings will be recorded so that those unable to attend can view them later.

Committee chairs will be giving oral reports on committee activities at the Council Meeting. While only Council members may vote at

that meeting, all MRA members are welcome to attend.

To prepare for the Town Meeting, committee chairs and officers should submit their annual written reports by December 1, so that the MRA President can compile them together to be circulated to all MRA members prior to the Town Meeting. The Fall Town Meeting is the annual meeting of the MRA, when we elect officers for the coming year. Additionally, Mayflower administrators will inform us of important issues that affect life at Mayflower. I hope you will be able to attend.

*-Jack Mutti, MRA President*

### **Mayflower's Forums Are Back!**

The Mayflower Residents Association Forum Committee is excited to announce that they are restarting the regular monthly Forum presentations. The Forum is a once-a-month presentation of a topic of interest in the local community. Beginning in November, the Forums will occur on the second 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 2:00-3:30pm in the Kiesel Theatre, lower level of the Pearson building. Typically, the program will be a speaker presentation with time for questions and answers.

The first Forum was held last Wednesday. It featured Grinnell-Newburg Community Schools Superintendent, Janet Stutz, PhD. Her planned remarks included "Challenges of COVID-19, Past, Present, and Future" as well as "The New Normal in the Schools."

The next Forum will be **Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm** when Officer John Soubayi, of the Grinnell Police Department, will present "The Holiday Season is Fertile Ground for Scams."

Future Forums are being planned. Mark the second Tuesday of each month at 2:00pm for The Forum in the Kiesel Theatre and watch for those dates and topics.

*-Gerry Guenther, MRA Forum Chair*

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### **Mayflower Chapel Services Schedule**

The Spiritual Life Committee of the Mayflower Residents Association presents weekly Chapel Services:

# Worship

- Tuesday mornings
- 10:00 to 10:30am
- Kiesel Theatre

The worship leaders for upcoming services are:

- Oct 26<sup>th</sup> – Jack Mutti, Mayflower resident
- Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> – Special All-Saints Day Service (leader: Dorothy Noer)
- Nov 9<sup>th</sup> – Wendy Abrahamson, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Grinnell
- Nov 16<sup>th</sup> – Pastor, Grinnell United Methodist Church
- Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> – John Noer, retired pastor and Mayflower resident

Volunteer pianists, guitarists, or other musicians are needed. Please contact me if you are interested: Email [jdnoer@gmail.com](mailto:jdnoer@gmail.com) or call 712-420-1337.

*-Dorothy Noer, Spiritual Life Committee Chair*

## Available Apartments & Patio Homes

*As of October 11, 2021*

Apartments	Size	Entrance Fee	Features
Buckley #213	498 ft <sup>2</sup>	\$ 38,500	Studio. To be updated. East facing.
Buckley #110	592 ft <sup>2</sup>	53,250	One-bedroom. To be updated. Outside door. East-facing. Two exposures.
Pearson #208	600 ft <sup>2</sup>	43,000	One-bedroom. Luxury vinyl wood floor plank. Two exposures.
Buckley #101	681 ft <sup>2</sup>	63,750	Two-bedroom. First floor. Two exposures. Plenty of kitchen storage space.
Buckley #201	681 ft <sup>2</sup>	63,750	Two-bedroom. Second floor. Two exposures. Plenty of kitchen storage space.
Buckley #312 <b>SOLD</b>	365 ft <sup>2</sup>		Studio. Completely remodeled. Luxury vinyl wood floor plank. East balcony.
Buckley #320 <b>SOLD</b>	600 ft <sup>2</sup>		One-bedroom. Luxury vinyl wood floor plank. Balcony.
Pearson #105 <b>HOLD</b>	825 ft <sup>2</sup>		One-bedroom. Luxury vinyl wood floor plank. Deck.
Edwards #3 <b>HOLD</b>	997 ft <sup>2</sup>		Two-bedroom. Washer/dryer. Open kitchen/dining room.
Montgomery #4 <b>SOLD</b>	1,214 ft <sup>2</sup>		Two-bedroom. To be remodeled. Secret Garden door and deck.
Harwich Terrace Patio Home	Size	Selling Price	Features
630 Park St. <b>SOLD*</b>	1,274 ft <sup>2</sup>		Two-bedroom. 2 baths. New flooring. Full basement. Big back yard.
711 Park St. <b>SOLD*</b>	1,425 ft <sup>2</sup>		Two-bedroom. 2 baths. Sun room. Open kitchen. Engineered wood flooring.

**\*in the process of remodel**

## Book List Title and Author

*Daughter of a Daughter of a Queen* by Sara Bird  
*Red Bones* (Bk 3) by Ann Cleeves  
*Blue Lightning* (Bk 4) by Ann Cleeves  
*Dead Water* (Bk 5) by Ann Cleeves  
*State of Terror* by Hillary Clinton & Louise Penny  
*The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fionna Davis  
*Collapse* by Jared Diamond  
*Sooley* (LP) by John Grisham  
*Matrix* by Lauren Groff  
*Our Souls at Night* (LP) by Kent Haruf  
*A Slow Fire Burning* by Paula Hopkins  
*Apples Never Fall* by Liane Moriarity  
*Anger and Forgiveness* by Martha Nussbaum  
*The Vixen* by Francine Prose  
*Finding Ashley* (LP) by Danielle Steel  
*Nighthawking* by Russ Thomas  
*We Begin at the End* by Chris Whitaker  
*Harlem Shuffle* (LP) by Colson Whitehead

\*LP= Large Print

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## Book Reviews

***American Fire* by Monica Hesse.** The arsons started on a cold November midnight and didn't stop for months. Vigilante groups sprang up, patrolling the rural Virginia coast with cameras and camouflage.

The culprit, and the path that led to these crimes, is a story of twenty-first-century America. *Washington Post* reporter Monica Hesse first drove down to the reeling county to cover a hearing for Charlie Smith, a struggling mechanic who upon his capture had promptly pleaded guilty to sixty-seven counts of arson.

During a year of investigating, Hesse uncovered the motives of Charlie and his accomplice, girlfriend Tonya Bundrick, a woman of strength and an inscrutable past. One hundred years ago, Accomack was the richest rural county in the nation.

Slowly it has been drained of its industry as well as its wealth and population. The result evokes the soul of rural America—a land half gutted before the fires even began.

***Early Morning Riser* by Katherine Heiny.** Don't miss the one-liners - some of which are hilarious!

Jane first meets Duncan in her pajamas. Despite the fact that he is known as the local lothario, Jane also succumbs to his charm.

Jane will share with you some of the events which occur in her career as a second grade teacher, including guest speakers and a visit to the farm. In her role of teacher, she considers Christmas gift giving and receiving somewhat like the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Jimmy, a man the town considers a slow learner, helps Duncan in his workshop. With the death of his mother and the loss of his home, circumstances dictate Jimmy will come to live with Duncan, Jane, and their two daughters. This change of lifestyle will bring Jane to realize a new depth of happiness.

A heartwarming story, guaranteed to brighten your day.

*-MRA Library Committee*

**Armchair Travels  
in Mayflower's Kiesel Theatre  
2:00pm on Tuesdays**

October 26th

- Zambia, River Adventure
- Switzerland, Christmas
- Czech Republic, Beyond Prague

November 2nd

- Argentina/Chile, Patagonia
- U.S., Alaska, Katmai Coast
- Italy, Out of Rome

November 16th

- Sicily
- Holland & Belgium, River Cruising
- Europe, River Cruising

November 23rd



- Spain, Andalucía Biking
- Croatia, Dalmation Coast
- Madagascar

While some construction is in process in the Kiesel Theatre, Armchair Travels will meet in the J&B Bistro until further notice.

*-Shane Estes, Armchair Travels Committee Chair*

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### **Movies Return to the Kiesel Theatre on Saturdays at 2pm**

October 23rd: *Marvin's Room* (2011) Seventeen years ago, fiercely independent Lee (Meryl Streep) left home and her kindhearted sister Bessie (Diane Keaton) to care for their father, Marvin. Now, Lee is returning with her teenage son (Leonardo DiCaprio) for a homecoming that's sure to upset the entire household. PG-12. 100 minutes.

October 30th: *Mary Poppins Returns* (2018) Now an adult with three children, bank teller Michael Banks learns that his house will be repossessed in five days unless he can pay back a loan. All cause seems lost when Michael and his sister receive a surprise visit of a lifetime when Mary Poppins- their beloved childhood nanny- arrives to save the day and take the Banks family on a magical, fun-filled adventure. Stars Emily Blunt, Lin-Manual Miranda, Dick Van Dyke, Meryl Streep. PG. 95 minutes.

November 6th: *Tommy's Honor* (2016) The inspirational, true story "old" Tom and "young" Tommy Morris, the real-life father and son duo that revolutionized the modern game of golf. Set against the early days of the sport, the film follows the challenging and complex relationship between the two as they grow into golf legends. PG. 110 minutes. English subtitles.

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### **October Poem**

#### **Leaves**

Red, orange, and yellow-  
plus a hint of brown.  
Leaves falling, falling, falling  
upon the newly chilled ground.

A red leaf brushes past my shoulder  
and I wonder how it happened so fast that we got older.

I miss dancing under the night sky-  
dreaming of fall and seasons changing, together.

An orange leaf tangles itself into my hair  
and I wonder where your adventures have dared.

The orange leaf's travels come and go with the seasons-  
and I can't help but reminisce when we traveled like the wind.

A yellow leaf lands upon my shoe  
and I wonder how many yellow moons shine upon you-  
how many stars kiss your eyes  
and how many nights you miss our "goodbye."

A brown leaf remains stuck to my jacket-  
like creamed coffee gone cold- forgotten, hopeful, tragic.  
I sit and I wonder how many cups we've missed sharing together  
and I hope wherever you are, the "coffee" is much better.

Fall, fall, falling  
together- (fell)  
then apart,  
like Leaves in (our) Autumn.

*-Temesha Derby*

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### **Informer Submission Deadlines**

- Submission deadline: October 29th for publication November 5th.
- Submission deadline: November 12th for publication November 19th.
- Submission deadline: November 26th for publication December 3rd.



**[Submit here.](#)**

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### **Residents' Birthdays**

Dick Weeks on October 22nd  
 Doris Cline & Kathy Locey on October 24th  
 Bill Case & Jean Wissmiller on October 26th  
 Gail Greenwald & Christine Tinker on October 29th  
 Nancy Hendrickson & Sis Vogel on October 30th  
 Sue Drake & Debi Olson on November 1st  
 Esther Adkins on November 2nd  
 Greg Buntz, John Graves & Carmen Raffety on November 3rd  
 Sue Chasin on November 4th  
 Jack Mutti on November 5th  
 Paul Munyon on November 6th

**In Memoriam:**

Dorothy Delk  
 Birth: 09/21/1920  
 Passing: 10/19/2021

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