

The Informer

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Mayflower Presses and Gets Cider

On Thursday, October 21st, The Mayflower Community celebrated the fall harvest with a dinner and homemade cider. The events started with an old-fashioned pressing of the apples to make the cider on the Buckley Courtyard veranda.

In the words of Foodservices Director, Scott Gruhn, “The cider press in use was owned and operated by Warren Grant, a long-time Grinnell-Newburg and international school educator and coach.”

“Warren learned the apple cider press process from family members while still a college student and knew that he wanted to plant his own trees some day and continue the cider making tradition. When Warren and wife Terese moved to Grinnell to teach, Warren decided to purchase his own press so he could make cider. He planted trees in their yard and, in addition, helped friend and fellow educator, Ron Deppe, plant trees at his farm.”

“Each fall when the apples were ready, Warren would invite friends, neighbors, and fellow church members to pick and press apples and enjoy the cider. Warren was so well known for his Johnny Appleseed traditions that when he passed away in 2017, family and friends honored Warren by pressing apples for cider. Terese wanted the tradition to continue, so she donated the press to the Deppe family where Warren’s plantings still produce.”

Scott borrowed the press from Ron Deppe, who is married to Scott’s sister Cindy.

The afternoon cider-making resulted in the primary beverage for the 5:00pm social, which was followed by the Mayflower's annual Fall Harvest Dinner. The dinner menu included Apple, Squash, and Roasted Beet Salad; Roasted Pork Loin with a Black Berry Sauce; Roasted Walnuts and Brussel Sprouts; Mashed Sweet Potato; and for desert, Spiced Pumpkin Swiss Roll

Seating in Mayflower's Buckley Dining Room was limited to 60 for COVID-19 precautions. In addition, a large number of residents carried out their order to enjoy the fabulous meal at home.

The dining event was hosted by the Mayflower Residents Association Social Committee, chaired by Harriet Adelberg. The Mayflower Food Services department made the arrangements and provided the food... and cider!

-Bob Mann, Sales & Marketing Director

It's Coming: The Next Mayflower Story Circle

The MRA Story Circle Fall session will be held on **Thursday, November 18th, 6:30pm, Buckley Dining Room**. Seating at round tables will be limited to four people.



A pie dessert will be served, compliments of the MRA.

The theme will be "Serendipity! Happy Coincidences in Our Lives." There will be "traditional tellers," along with newcomers being encouraged to step up with your own tales to tell.

If you have questions or would like to let us know you have a story to share, please give me a call at 641-236-3433.

-Harriet Adelberg, Story Circle Chair

Daylight Saving Reminder!

Daylight Saving Time ends the first Sunday in November. Clocks get



turned back one hour, effective at 2:00am on Sunday, November 7, 2021, when the clock will “fall back” one hour.

Witches and Pumpkins at Mayflower

The Mayflower Community celebrated Halloween in various ways. There were Trick-or-Treat tables, costumed parades, staff costuming, goodie bags, and pumpkin decorating. In the accompanying photo, “witches” Sue Drake (left) and Joyce Wubbels, have finished their assignment of delivering goodies to Health Center and Beebe Assisted Living residents.



-Bob Mann, Sales & Marketing Director



More Mayflower Halloween 2021

Grinnell’s Mayflower Community celebrated Halloween last weekend with a kids parade Friday afternoon and staff dress-up on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. In preparation for the parade, residents in the Health Center and Beebe Assisted Living also dressed up to receive the Trick-or-Treaters. In the accompanying photo, Jacki Hicklin, RN, Mayflower’s Assistant Director of Nursing and Infection Preventionist, is dressed for rain...or possibly infection prevention!

-Bob Mann, Sales & Marketing Director

Lester the Bus Has Drivers Again!

Because of the commitment of five Mayflower volunteer drivers, Lester the Bus can once again be put into service. The first activities are **Wednesday shopping trips**. Lester picks up in the **Beebe**

Circle at 1:30pm and then right after in the **Pearson Circle**. Shoppers are delivered to McNally's, Fareway, Hy-Vee, and Walmart and then picked up in the same order as they are dropped.

There may be other events for which it is appropriate for Lester the Bus to be used for transportation. If you are considering something, be sure to make your reservation with Rita McVey, Facilities Assistant (rmcvey@mayflowerhomes.com or 641-236-6151 x193).



The thoughtful drivers are Sig Barber, Greg Buntz, Judy Hunter, Lyle Roudabush, and Kevin Stutz. **THANK YOU!**

-Rita McVey, Mayflower Facilities Assistant



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 39th 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:

- *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 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).



Grinnell Elks Lodge Veterans Dinner

On Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11, 2021, the local Elks Lodge will be serving a free meal for Grinnell area active Military, Veterans, and their spouse/escort/companion/guest.

The meal will consist of pork loin, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, vegetable, roll, and dessert. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the meal will be served via curbside delivery from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.

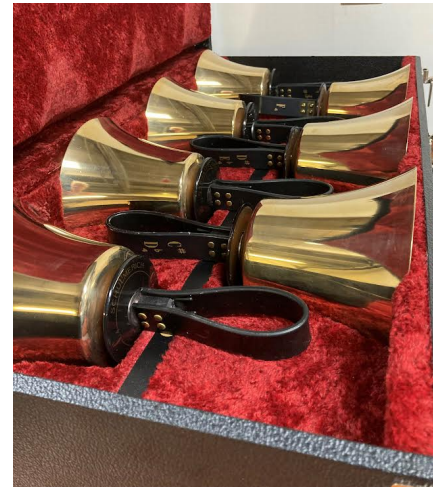
Reservations will be required and can be made by calling the Lodge at 641-236-3520 and leaving your name, phone number, and number of meals needed or by e-mailing the same information to ELKS1266@windstream.net. Deadline for reservations will be 10/31/2021.

Non-Veterans may purchase this meal for \$15 by calling and reserving your meal by the same methods noted above and by the same deadline.

The Grinnell Elks wish to thank you for your service and sacrifice. "As long as there are Veterans, The Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks will never forget you."

The Beautiful Bells Are Ringing Again!

Mayflower independent living residents have started ringing the handbells again, just in time for the holidays! The group gathers in the Edwards Craft Room (lower level) each Monday morning at 10:30 am for one hour of ringing. We are not trying to be perfect for a concert; we just want to play the bells for fun! If you would like to join us, please come to our next Monday morning bell ringing practice time. You are welcome even if you have never rung bells before. Come give it a try! If you have questions, please contact either Dot Anderson (bobdot3435@outlook.com or 641-236-382) or Dorothy Noer (jdnoer@gmail.com or 712-420-1337).



-Karen Phillips Mayflower Handbell Choir Director

Chair Yoga via Video

Local yoga class leader, Kim Wemer, who taught chair yoga classes at Mayflower prior to the pandemic, has been doing a virtual yoga class. Held twice a week (since September 2021), the classes are available on YouTube. Here is a link to her most recent chair yoga class: <https://youtu.be/DGluRFz4zsk>



Kim says, "If you choose to indulge just have a solid armless chair with some space around it and a computer screen large enough to view the class. Optional items would be a yoga strap or belt and loose comfortable clothing. You also might try removing your shoes and socks to connect to the earth with more sensation. You don't even have to walk to class!"

-Bob Mann, Sales & Marketing Director



The Mayflower residents Koffee and Konversation group meets every Friday in the J & B Bistro at 10:00am. Appointed discussion leaders bring a specific topic for group sharing. On Friday, November 12th, Bob Mann, Mayflower Sales & Marketing Director, and Doug Lockin, Mayflower Planned Giving consultant, will be present to answer questions or comments having to do with the possible future construction of “Watertown Square South.”

-Jo Entwisle, Koffee & Konversation Member

German Artifacts in the Mayflower Treasure 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



Mayflower Residents Association

MRA Announcements

HYBRID Mayflower Residents Association Council Meeting

The Mayflower Trustees were successful in holding a recent meeting in hybrid form, with some Trustees attending in person at the Drake Community Library (to take advantage of its “OWL” capabilities) and others joining by Zoom.

The Mayflower Residents Association officers hope to be comparably successful with the next Council meeting on **November 15th at 2:00 pm**. We will provide the option either to meet **in-person in the Kiesel Theatre** or to participate by **Zoom**. Committee chairs will be reporting on recent activities and future plans. All Mayflower residents are invited to attend, although only Council members are allowed to vote.

A Zoom link for this meeting and other relevant material will be sent closer to the meeting time. If this experiment proves successful, we will also use a hybrid presentation for the December 6th MRA Town meeting.

The Executive Committee will be bringing a proposed amendment of the MRA Bylaws to the Council Meeting. Currently, Article VIII Financial Organization, Section 2 reads as follows: “The Finance Committee shall prepare an annual budget to be presented to the Council at the spring Town Meeting. This budget will be presented and voted on at the spring Town Meeting.”

The new proposed wording is as follows: “The Finance Committee shall prepare an annual budget to be presented to the Council at its spring meeting. This budget will be presented and voted on at the spring Town Meeting.”

This amendment clarifies that the MRA budget process entails two steps. The Finance Committee first presents a proposed budget to the Council and, subject to amendment and approval by the Council, subsequently presents it to the spring Town Meeting.

-Jack Mutti, Mayflower Residents Association 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 2nd 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 9th 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

Mayflower Chapel Services Schedule

Worship

The Spiritual Life Committee of
the Mayflower Residents

Association presents weekly Chapel Services:

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

The worship leaders for upcoming services are:

- November 9th – Wendy Abrahamson, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Grinnell
- November 16th – Pastor, Grinnell United Methodist Church
- November 23rd – John Noer, retired pastor and Mayflower resident
- November 30th – Fr. Scott Foley, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Grinnell

Volunteer pianists, guitarists, or other musicians are needed. Please contact me if you are interested: Email 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 ²	\$ 38,500	Studio. To be updated. East facing.
Buckley #110	592 ft ²	53,250	One-bedroom. To be updated. Outside door. East-facing. Two exposures.
Pearson #208	600 ft ²	43,000	One-bedroom. Luxury vinyl wood floor plank. Two exposures.
Buckley #101	681 ft ²	63,750	Two-bedroom. First floor. Two exposures. Plenty of kitchen storage space.
Buckley #201	681 ft ²	63,750	Two-bedroom. Second floor. Two exposures. Plenty of kitchen storage space.
Buckley #312 SOLD	365 ft ²		Studio. Completely remodeled. Luxury vinyl wood floor plank. East balcony.
Buckley #320 SOLD	600 ft ²		One-bedroom. Luxury vinyl wood floor plank. Balcony.
Pearson #105 HOLD	825 ft ²		One-bedroom. Luxury vinyl wood floor plank. Deck.
Edwards #3 HOLD	997 ft ²		Two-bedroom. Washer/dryer. Open kitchen/dining room.
Montgomery #4 SOLD	1,214 ft ²		Two-bedroom. To be remodeled. Secret Garden door and deck.
Harwich Terrace Patio Home	Size	Selling Price	Features
630 Park St. SOLD*	1,274 ft ²		Two-bedroom. 2 baths. New flooring. Full basement. Big back yard.
711 Park St. SOLD*	1,425 ft ²		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 Moriarty
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

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

November 16th

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

November 23rd

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

November 30th

- U.S., Alaska, Brooks Range
- Estonia
- England, London Mod & Trad

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

Movies Return to the Kiesel Theatre on Saturdays at 2pm

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.

November 13th: *My House ion Umbria* (2003) A train, traveling gently through the rolling hills of the Italian country side, explodes. There are only four survivors: "The General," an elderly English gentleman; Werner, a young German; Aimee, an orphaned eight-year old girl; and Emily Delahunty, an English novelist who invites them all to her home to recuperate. They find themselves attempting to rework the torn fabric of their lives. Will the magic of Emily's house bring happiness? Or, will happiness prove elusive as the answers to the questions that bind them together? Not rated. 103 minutes. English subtitles.

November 20th: *Sliding Doors* (1998) Funny and touching. One girl, two parallel lives. Gwyneth Paltrow plays London publicist Helen Quilley, effortlessly sliding between parallel story lines that show what happens if she does or does not catch a morning train back to her apartment. Deception, trust, friendship, comedy. All comes into focus as the two stories shift back and forth. PG-13. 99 minutes. English captions.

November 27th: *Staying On* (1981) This delightful drama, based on the award-winning novel by Paul Scott (*The Jewell in the Crown*) reunites Trevor Howard and Celia Johnson for the first time since *Brief Encounter*. Retired Indian Army Col. Tucker Smalley and his wife Lucy made the decision to stay on in India after the British withdrew in 1947. Residing peacefully in a bungalow annex of the run-down Smith's Hotel, their peace is about to be disturbed by hotel owner, Mrs. Bhoolabhoy, whose plans for the hotel and their bungalow will permanently change one corner of India that had remained previously England. Stunningly filmed at the hill station of Shimla at the foot of the Himalayas, a once-popular British retreat. Not rated. 90 minutes.

October Poem

A DAY FOR VETERANS

Some days my husband at ninety-six
Remembers World War II,
Remembers the aftermath of killing,

The terror for Gentile and Jew.

It was still chaos when he arrived—
This war He didn't help fight.
Others who survived were forever changed—
Lots of wrongs don't make a right!

He did his job and then came home
To a family and country in grief;
Sometimes it takes years to understand
And heal, experience relief.

This Veterans' Day, we honor both those Who died
and those who came home;
And we wish we never had to send again
Our youth to another war zone!

-Pasha Buck, Resident

Informer Submission Deadlines

- Submission deadline: November 12th
for publication November 19th.
- Submission deadline: November 26th
for publication December 3rd.
- Submission deadline: December 10th for publication December
17th.



[Submit here.](#)

Residents' Birthdays

Jack Mutti on November 5th
Paul Munyon on November 6th
Chris Hunter on November 13th
Dorothy Martinek on November 14th
Jack Gustafason on November 17th
Jeannane Schild on November 18th
Sharon Torno on November 21st
Delores Montgomery & Larry Robertson on November 22nd

In Memoriam:

Dorothy T. Inouye

Birth: 09/15/1923

Passing: 10/22/2021

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