

The Informer

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Mayflower Puzzle: Fun and Education

He did it again! Mayflower Community resident, John Noer, has completed another puzzle. This is a 4,000-piece jigsaw accomplishment entitled “Animals of the World.” Made in Taiwan by Yo Gong Fang, the puzzle features fun cartoon characters superimposed on an accurate map of the world.



John is working with Jim Beckman, owner of Grinnell’s Beckman Gallery, who will back and frame the puzzle. Then, John will present it to Brian Conway, principal of Grinnell Community School’s Davis Elementary School. John understands that Davis will use the map for instructional purposes.

Everybody wins!

-Bob Mann, Mayflower Sales & Marketing Director

Let Them Eat Pie...At Mayflower!

In a take-off of Marie-Antoinette’s famous quote during the French Revolution, Mayflower suggested on Wednesday, February 9th, “Let them eat pie!” Baked in the Mayflower kitchen, it was a treat.

Residents were invited to a “Pie Pick-Up” event to choose pie slices on tables filled



with a variety of pies. The choices included French silk, mincemeat, raspberry, sour cream raisin, apple, blueberry, and pecan.

In the accompanying photo, cook Rosie Mumm displays a piece of sour cream raisin to Foodservices staff member, Tawnya Rotz.

Even though close socialization is limited at this time due to the high COVID-19 positivity rate in Poweshiek County, residents were still able to “eat pie!”

-Bob Mann, Mayflower Sales & Marketing Director

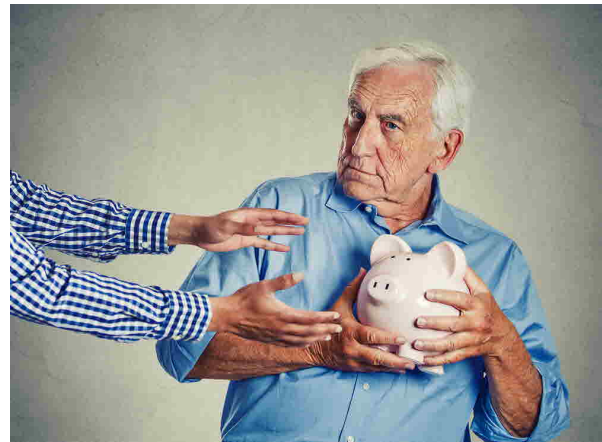


The Mayflower Log

Find [The Mayflower Log here](#) for some quality reading during this cold and snowy winter season.

Financial Elder Scams

Unfortunately, scammers tend to prey on older adults and take their money, before you may realize it's too late. Scammers are well-trained and smart in the sense of knowing what to say to gain trust from people they don't know or hope to "connect" with.



Be cautious when you take a phone call or open direct mail from someone you don't know. Make sure you monitor your financial accounts regularly. And, if something feels off, trust your instinct and double-check the source before sending or giving away your assets.

Here are a few ways you can stay and secure and reduce the risk of becoming a target to a scammer:

- Never give your personal information out to anyone who contacts you over the phone, mail or Internet without security

checks.

- Always shred your bank statements or any papers with financial information when finished with them.
- Do not respond to offers you do not understand or that do not apply to you.
 - Watch for language such as broken sentences, incorrect punctuation and jumbled words.
- Be aware of "free" offers.
- Make sure you know the caller. Sometimes scammers can pose as grandchildren or loved ones.

Stay safe online and over the phone, and never give your financial information to someone you can't verify, can't verify themselves, or a person or "company" you haven't heard of before.

If you don't understand, ask questions. You have a right to know where your money is going, and if the person contacting you is a trusted and legitimate source, they will verify that information for you.

-Temesha Derby, Informer Editor

Free COVID-19 Supplies

3 Free Face Masks. The federal government will be giving away N-95 respirator face masks that will be distributed from the Strategic National Stockpile. They will be available for pick-up only. Grinnell's Hy-Vee and Walmart pharmacies are expecting them if they have not already arrived.



4 Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests. As previously announced, the federal government has launched its website, <https://www.covidtests.gov/>, for free at-home COVID-19 test kits. Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order four free tests. Orders ship in seven to 12 days.

-Bob Mann, Sales and Marketing Director



The Metropolitan Opera is livestreaming from New York to Grinnell College, 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 for 2022 is as follows:

- *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

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 wear your mask while indoors.

-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).

Resident News

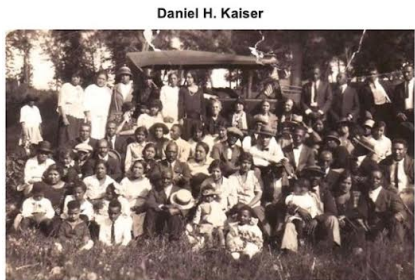


Local Writer's Book for Sale at Mayflower

Mayflower resident, Dan Kaiser, is professor emeritus at Grinnell College where he has specialized in Russian history and demographic history since joining the faculty in 1979. Recently, Dan wrote *Grinnell Stories: African-Americans of Early Grinnell*, which has been

published by the Grinnell Historical Museum.

Dan agreed to present information from the book at the monthly Mayflower Residents Association Forum on February 8th. However, due to the current COVID-19 status in the Grinnell area, that presentation has been postponed to March 8th.



Daniel H. Kaiser

Grinnell Stories:
*African Americans
of Early Grinnell*

Grinnell, IA: Grinnell Historical Museum, 2020

To celebrate February as Black History Month, Dan had planned to make a few copies of his book available at the Forum gathering. There is already one copy in the Mayflower Library.

Thinking that residents may want to read their own copy of the book before Dan presents in March, he will be putting out a few copies on the Pearson Library table. The cost will be \$20.00 payable to the Grinnell Historical Museum. (It is also

available at the Pioneer Bookstore for \$25.00.) All proceeds go to the Museum, especially important as they have had to be closed now for over a year.

To buy a copy, put your check in the secured deposit box located on the support pole across from the Receptionist Desk. And, come hear Dan on March 8th!



February Forum

The Mayflower Residents Association Forum Committee is postponing the next program to **Tuesday, March 8th, 2:00-3:30pm in the Kiesel**

Theatre (lower level of the Pearson building). The presenter will be our own resident, **Dan Kaiser**, Professor of History Emeritus at Grinnell College and author of *Grinnell Stories: African Americans of Early Grinnell* (2020).

Sharing important aspects of Grinnell's history, Dan will speak about some of the challenges in researching Grinnell's African Americans and the importance of doing so. In addition, Dan will read brief selections from his book as well as answer questions.

Previous presenters have included Janet Stutz, Grinnell-Newburg Community Schools Superintendent, Officer Jon Soubayi of the Grinnell Police Department, Rachael Kinnick, Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce President/CEO, and Henry Wilhelm, President of Grinnell's Wilhelm Imaging Research, Inc.

-Gerry Guenther, MRA Forum Chair

Special Forum Announced

The Mayflower Residents Association Forum Committee announces a special added session has now been postponed.

Mark your calendar and get ready for some mid-winter laughter and intellectual stimulation. On **Wednesday, April 6th, 2:00-3:30pm**, in the **Kiesel Theatre**, **Dustin Dixon**, PhD, one of the brightest literary scholars/teachers at Grinnell College, will be here to engage us in a discussion of Aristophanes' comedy, *The Knights*.

The play is both a satire on the political and social life of Athens during the Peloponnesian War (5th century BCE) and a diatribe against a populist politician who manipulates the political and legal system for personal gain. Does that theme strike you as timely?

Come for the presentation. Learn, laugh, and stay for some wine and cheese.

-Bob Butterfield, MRA Forum Committee Member

Mayflower March Chapel Service Schedule

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:
March 1st: Rev. Daniel Rinehart



Worship

March 8th: Rev. Wendy Abrahamson, Senior Pastor,
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Grinnell

March 15th: Kamal Hammouda, Former Iman at Grinnell College

March 22th: Rev. Anthony Nieuwsma, Pastor at Friends Church,
Grinnell

March 29th: Diane Eberhart, Grinnell Resident, with Jean Libbey and
Joyce Wubbels, Mayflower Residents, presenting a meditative service
with music and scripture

***Wanted:** Volunteer musicians, and persons willing to serve on the
Mayflower Residents Association Spiritual Life Committee. If
interested, please contact Dorothy Noer, Spiritual Life Committee
Chair, at 712-420-1337 or email jdnoer@gmail.com.*

Treasure Chest February Display

The cold and COVID-19 have reminded Ginny and me of our childhoods when we spent time indoors listening to our parents read to us (or reading to ourselves). Therefore, in February, we will display our favorite books from childhood. They might jog some of your own memories of favorites from your own childhood.

If you still have these books, a display later this year might include a showing of favorite childhood books of Mayflower residents. Please contact us if you have favorites to display



In coming months, please be watching for displays of old dolls, old shoes, watches, model pedal cars, and more. If you or anyone you know has a collection of items of interest, please let us know. The display cabinet is located in Pearson in the library area and is secured with a padlock.

Treasure Chest Committee: Sue Drake, Chair (236 9243), Doug Cameron (641 990 3656), Karen Packard (236 1082), and Janis Peak

(236 8993).

-Doug Cameron, *Treasure Chest* (cameronv641@gmail.com)

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Movies

2pm Kiesel Theatre

February 26th: *For the Love of Ivy* (1968). Romantic comedy starring Sidney Poitier, Abbey Lincoln, Beau Bridges, Carroll O'Connor. Ivy Moore has worked as a maid for the Austin family of Long Island, NY. She announces her decision to leave her job to improve her situation. The Austins are desperate to keep her. The Austin teenagers arrange a blind date hoping for romance, which eventually happens. G. 101 minutes. English subtitles.

March 5th: *The Note* (2007). Following a tragic plane crash, Peyton MacGruder, a newspaper columnist, discovers a note written by one of the passengers on board during their final moments. She sets out on a quest to find the addressee of the note. Based on a novel by Angela Hunt. Stars Genie Francis and Ted McGinley. Not rated. 87 minutes. English subtitles.

March 12th: *Philomena* (2013). Judi Dench stars in the story of Philomena Lee, mother to a boy conceived out of wedlock and given up for adoption. Nearly 50 years later, Philomena meets Martin Sixsmith (Steve Coogan), a former BBC reporter looking for his next big story. Together, they embark on a journey to locate her long lost son. As the pieces of the puzzle come together, the unlikely travel companions form a comic and heartwarming friendship. PG-13. 98 minutes. English subtitles.

Book List

Title and Author

Lady Clementine by Marie Benedict

Thick as Thieves by Sandra James Brown

Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American Heroes in WWII (LP) by Daniel Brown

The Country Guesthouse (LP) by Robyn Carr

The Mitford Murders by Jessica Fellows

Go Tell All the Bees That I am Gone by Diana Gabalon

A Solitude of Wolverines by Alice Henderson
The Ninth Decade: An Octogenarian's Dream by Carl Klaus
Broken Ground by Val McDermid
The Memoirs of Stockholm Sven by Nathaniel Ian Miller
Our Country Friends by Gary Shteyngart
Mr. Rosenbaum Dreams in English by Natasha Solomons
Flying Angels (LP) by Daniel Steele
When Harry Met Minnie: A True Story of Love and Friendship (LP) by Martha Teicher

LP= Large Print

Book Reviews

***The Good Son* by Jacqueline Mitchard**

Stefan was just seventeen when he went to prison for the murder of his girlfriend, Belinda. Three years later, he's released to a world that refuses to let him move on. Belinda's mother, once Thea's good friend, galvanizes the community to rally against him to protest in her daughter's memory. The media paints Stefan as a symbol of white privilege and indifferent justice. Neighbors, employers, even some family members turn away.

Thea struggles to understand her son. At times, he is the sweet boy he has always been; at others, he is a young man tormented by guilt and almost broken by his time in prison. But as his efforts to make amends meet escalating resistance and threats, Thea suspects more forces are at play than just community outrage. And if there is so much she never knew about her own son, what other secrets has she yet to uncover—especially about the night Belinda died?

This is a story of love (sometimes obsessive, sometimes unconditional), forgiveness and redemption. It begins by asking deep family questions and turns into a “can't turn the pages fast enough” thriller.

-MRA Library Committee Member

***The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles**

The *Lincoln Highway* feels more like an old-fashioned adventure story than a modern novel. There is a varied cast of characters, but

central to the plot is a young man just returning to rural Nebraska from a juvenile work farm in Kansas, as well as a younger brother in his care after the death of their father.

The plot advances in the form of stories told by various characters about what has happened in the long past and in the last few days or hours. The brothers intend to head west to try to find their mother, who had left the family years before, but circumstances keep getting in the way. You may need to suspend your disbelief in places, but if you like a rollicking adventure story, this is your book.

-MRA Library Committee Member

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

Below are the upcoming "trips."

February 22nd

- Malaysia Islands
- U.S., California and Arizona
- U.S., Michigan and Wisconsin Parklands

March 1st

- U.S., Alaska and The Inside Passage
- Austria
- Switzerland, Lake Geneva Region

March 15th

- U.S., Alaska and Glacier Bay
- U.S., Lincoln Highway (Route 30)

March 22nd

- U.S., Midwest Journey

March 29th

- Canada, Ontario and Moose Factory Island
- Spain, Barcelona and Catalunya
- U.S., Iowa and Ridgeway "Picture Perfect"



-Shane Estes, Armchair Travels Committee Chair

Informer Submission Deadlines

- Submission deadline: February 25th for publication March 4th.
- Submission deadline: March 11th for publication March 18th.
- Submission deadline: 25th for publication April 1st.



[Submit here.](#)

Residents' Birthdays

Addy Hanson on February 19th

Phyllis Munitz and Dorothy Williams on February 21st

Dale Lippincott on February 23rd

Leo Lease on February 24th

George Drake on February 25th

Phyllis Saunders and Jeanette Tisdale on March 4th

Lyle Roudabush on March 7th

In Memoriam:

Gordon R. VanDonselaar

Date of Birth: September 17th, 1931

Date of Death: February 15th, 2022

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