

The Informer

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Mayflower Residents Welcome New Neighbors

On Monday, September 25th, current residents of The Mayflower Community's Harwich Terrace South subdivision welcomed future new neighbors at a luncheon in the J&B Bistro. Harwich Terrace South are the patio homes located south of 1st

Avenue between Broad and Park streets.

Brice Hughes and Jonna Jensen of Burlington will be moving to the former Gayle and Lois Strickler home. Chris and Jean Nolte will be moving from Winterset to the Vicki Vinall home.

Brice is a retired UCC pastor. Jonna is a retired UCC Conference Minister. Chris is the former Grinnell Chamber Exec and hospital development director. Jean is the former part-owner of Grinnell's Thorndike Motors and an avid quilter.

-Bob Mann, Mayflower Sales & Marketing Director

UnLOCKING the Power of Philanthropy: Legacy Giving Ideas from Your Friends and Neighbors

Mayflower is aware of twenty-three households (individuals or couples) who have created 30 unique legacy gift provisions to serve current and future

Mayflower seniors. (Four households have created multiple provisions.) As a final installment to this legacy giving series, I celebrate the creativity these individuals employed and the impacts they will make.



One Mayflower household plans to donate the “retained equity” in their Harwich Terrace patio home to the Mayflower Foundation’s “Human Needs Endowment Fund” when they move from their home. This donation will entitle them to a significant income tax deduction and produce a perpetual stream of annual income to serve Mayflower residents in need. A “forever” legacy, indeed!

Another household creatively used a life insurance policy with a “contingent” beneficiary designation. The policy proceeds will pass to Mayflower if certain family circumstances occur. If policy proceeds do flow to Mayflower, they will be used where needed most at the time. If they don’t pass to Mayflower, a family need will have been met. A great legacy plan, no matter which way it goes!

Another household recently “accelerated” a provision in their will by making an equivalent lifetime gift. They created a valuable income tax deduction from a situation where no estate tax deduction will exist. Their gift was contributed to the “Human Needs Endowment Fund,” establishing another “forever” legacy of income to care for Mayflower residents in need.

Multiple households named Mayflower as a beneficiary of their wills. These provisions were creatively planned to provide maximum flexibility if personal needs change. The givers’ legacies include the “Human Needs Endowment Fund” and the “Jack & Jackie Morrison Maintenance Fund,” while several give Mayflower the flexibility to “use as needed.” Each will have a powerful impact on Mayflower residents.

Other households chose to name Mayflower as beneficiary for all or part of an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). By directing these “taxable assets” to Mayflower, these households will eliminate income taxes that would have been required of their heirs (if inheriting the same asset). Like the other legacies created, they will touch a variety of Mayflower residents.

Still other households made the “charitable gift annuity” their provision of choice. Using this unique gift plan, these donors made a

lifetime gift to Mayflower and in return are receiving annual annuity payments for life. They created an income tax deduction at the time of their gift; they are receiving partially tax-free income for themselves. They have turned a less productive asset into a nice income stream. At the end of their lives, the “remainders” of their gifts stay with Mayflower to serve residents as part of their lasting legacies.

These provisions come in “all shapes and sizes.” Only the charitable gift annuity has a modest minimum requirement, yet it is the one chosen most by these Mayflower households. It would be my pleasure to hear your questions or comments, or to discuss any specific plan.

-Doug Lockin, CPA, Mayflower Gift Planning Specialist

Grinnell College Students Volunteer at Mayflower

On Saturday, September 23rd, Grinnell College student volunteers spent time with residents of The Mayflower Community doing rock painting. They divided up and engaged in the Health Center, Beebe Assisted Living, and on the Buckley Patio with independent living residents.



When Grinnell College students volunteer their time at Mayflower, residents are enriched by not only the event but also by the engagement with these talented, thoughtful young people.

-Leslie Jaworski, Mayflower Community Life Director



Grinnell College Student Leads Artwork with Mayflower Residents

In two recent sessions, volunteering in The Mayflower Community with Health Center residents, Grinnell College student, Gracie Song, led artwork in Zentangle and cut-and-paste.

Zentangle is a miniature abstract work of art created by a collection of patterns. There are no rules for Zentangle. There are steps to guide you as Gracie demonstrated, but at the end of the day the Zentangle Method is all about putting pen to paper and creating art. If you are doing that and having fun, then the rest does not matter.

Gracie brought this feeling of experimentation and enjoyment to Mayflower.

-Tracy Woolfolk, Community Life Coordinator

September Wine & Cheese Gathering

The next Wine and Cheese event will be **Friday, September 29th. 4:30-5:30pm (today!) Buckley Dining Room**. Come and enjoy Mayflower resident conversation...and refreshments!



In addition, Becky Neal and Karen Phillips, members of the MRA Information Resources Committee, will be at a Dining Room table to assist with computing/phone issues.

Resident News

Resident Writers Group

You are welcome to join the Mayflower Resident Writers Group if you enjoy writing and sharing fiction, non-fiction, fantasy, memoirs, and essays. The group meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the Anchor Room (north end of Buckley Dining Room). At each meeting, two participants read their pieces and the other participants respond. The next meeting is Monday, October 9th. For more information, contact Marge Graves (641-236-0081 or mgravesB315@gmail.com) or Betty Moffett (641-236-5246 or moffettbetty@mediacombb.net).

Special Reading at Mayflower

On Thursday evening, September 14th,



Mayflower resident, Sandy Moffett, offered readings to a resident audience, sprinkled with some employees. Professor Emeritus in Theatre, Dance, and Performance Studies at Grinnell College, Sandy joined the faculty in 1971 and still teaches and directs when called upon. In addition, he writes songs and short stories.

His Thursday evening readings were from the pre-publication edition of his new novel, *Emmi*. The selected pieces tied in his love and knowledge of nature to the unfolding characters and their developing relationships.

After about 45 minutes of reading, Sandy entertained questions. He anticipates the published book will be available soon. This was a very interesting time together.

Sandy is also devoted to conservation and prairie restoration and has been responsible for the restoration and preservation of nearly 900 acres of native grassland and woodland in Poweshiek and Mahaska Counties. And, you likely know his name as a member of the local icon, Too Many String Band.

-Leslie Jaworski, Community Life Director

Book of Gene Rohr's Poetry

Would you like to own a book of Gene Rohr's Poems? Mayflower Resident and Poetry Club member, Tom Moore, has compiled the poetry work of late resident, Gene Rohr. The two were working on this when Gene Passed. Tom has spent time on the keyboard finishing the compilation and says, "Reading and re-reading the (approximately) 170 poems in the collection has been ample compensation. During his last decade, Gene threw himself into the craft and study of poetry and he left us this gift that I find remarkable and rewarding. The whole seems greater than the sum of its parts, even though each part stands awfully well on its own."



Now, Tom is ready to go to the printer. If you would like to order one or more copies, please email him (TomMoore1819@gmail.com) by October 18th with the desired number you'd like. Let him know if you are willing to defray the cost of producing your books, which should be about \$20, depending on the size of the order.

Bob Mann, Mayflower Sales & Marketing Director

Available Mayflower Homes

Traditional Apartments

- o Buckley #211. 931 sq.ft. Large 1-bdrm. 1½-bath. Pocket office. Two exposures. Outside door and deck. \$78,750
- o Altemeier #105. 892 sq.ft. 1-bdrm. 1-bath. Large great room. Kitchen dining space. Washer/dryer. Two exposures. \$67,750
- o Edwards #1. 732 sq.ft. 1-bdrm. All LVP flooring. Open living room/kitchen. Washer/dryer. Outside deck. \$64,500
- o Buckley #310. 693 sq.ft. Two-bedroom/one bath. Balcony. \$63,750
- o Buckley #201. 681 sq.ft. Two-bedroom/one bath. Balcony. \$63,750
- o Buckley #101. 681 sq.ft. Two-bedroom/one bath. Walk-out door and small patio. \$64,750
- o Pearson #212. 600 sq.ft. One-bedroom. All LVP flooring. Open kitchen. \$45,500
- o Buckley #320. 592 sq.ft. One-bedroom. Two exposures. Laminate floor. Balcony. \$53,750



Watertown Square Apartments – None available

Harwich Terrace Patio Homes – Four homes in the process of sale to members of the Mayflower Wait-List.

Note: “LVP flooring” is luxury vinyl wood floor plank or tile. Waterproof. Durable.

Book List

Final Witness (large print) by James Scott Bell

The Indigo Girl by Natasha Boyd
The Kingmaker's Daughter by Phillippa Gregory
On Mystic Lake by Kristin Hannah
Into the Water by Paula Hawkins
The River We Remember (large print) by Kent William Krueger
The Only Survivors (large print) by Megan Miranda
A Theory of Relativity by Jacquelyn Mitchard
The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison
Tom Lake by Anne Patchett
About My Mother by Peggy Rowe
To Name the Bigger Lie by Sarah Viren
Hang the Moon (large print) by Jeanette Walls

Book Reviews

“The River We Remember”
by William Kent Kruger (large print)

William Kent Krueger is the author of the Cork O’Connor series, but he also has written several stand-alone novels such as “This Tender Land” and “Ordinary Grace” (in the Mayflower Library). This is another stand-alone set in rural southern Minnesota in 1958. It begins with the unexplained death of a wealthy landowner. As Sheriff Brody Dern begins his investigation the town teeters on the edge of violence and Brody is determined to keep peace and solve the crime while dealing with post-war issues and his own past.

Tom Lake
by Ann Patchett

In this beautiful and moving novel about family, love, and growing up, Ann Patchett once again proves herself to be one of America’s finest writers.

In the spring of 2020, Lara’s three daughters return to the family’s orchard in northern Michigan. While harvesting cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance years before at a theater company called Tom Lake. As Lara recalls the past, her daughters examine their own lives and their relationship with their mother and

are forced to reframe their understanding of the world they thought they knew.

Tom Lake is a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives our parents led before they were our parents. It explores what it means to be happy even when the world is falling apart. As in all her novels, Ann Patchett combines compelling narrative with piercing insight into family dynamics. The result is a rich and luminous story.

-Members of MRA Library Committee

2023 Armchair Travels



Coming Armchair Travel videos (Kiesel Theatre; 2:00-3:30pm):

October 5th

U.S., The Park to Park Highway 2
The Story of Christmas

October 12th

The Story of New Year's
Battle for the Bible

October 19th

U.S., New Mexico Volcanos
Argentina/Chile, Patagonia

October 26th

Bermuda
U.S., South Dakota, Wounded Knee
Spain, Basque Country

-Shane Estes, Resident

Kiesel Theatre Movie Showings

The Saturday Afternoon Movies Are Back (2:00pm)!

September 30th: *The Gods Must Be Crazy* (1980). For five thousand years, things have stayed pretty much the same for Xi (Nixau) and his fellow Bushmen. Then one day, an empty Coke bottle drops magically from the sky, and life goes topsy-turvy in the face of this generous “gift

of the Gods”. When Xi sets off to return the mystical present, he encounters a romantic microbiologist, a schoolteacher, and a band of terrorists, all enmeshed in a plot so insane, it could only happen in the “civilized” world. An original and thought-provoking comedy. PG. 109 minutes. English subtitles.

October 9: *Billy Elliott* (1984). Billy Elliott is the heartwarming story of a young boy from a working-class family who discovers a passion that will change his life forever. Eleven-year-old miner’s son Billy Elliot is on his way to boxing lessons when he stumbles upon a ballet class. Billy secretly joins the class, knowing that his blue-collar family would never understand. When his father discovers his son’s ambition, Billy must fight for his dreams and his destiny. R. 111 minutes. English subtitles.

October 14: *Kramer vs. Kramer* (1966). a ground-breaking drama about the heartbreak of divorce and the struggle between work and family. Young husband and father Ted Kramer (Dustin Hoffman) loves his family and his job, which is where he spends most of his time. When he returns home late one evening from work, his wife Joanna (Meryl Streep) confronts him and leaves him, forcing Ted to become the sole caregiver for their six-year-old son. Just as Ted adapts to his new role and begins to feel like a fulfilled parent, Joanna returns. And now she wants her son back. PG-12. 105 minutes. English subtitles.

October 21: *The Art of Racing in the Rainis* (2019). A heartwarming tale narrated by a witty and philosophical dog named Enzo (voiced by Kevin Costner). Through his unique insight into the human condition, Enzo helps his owners—racecar driver Denny Swift (Milo Ventimiglia), his wife Eve (Amanda Seyfried) and daughter Zoe—navigate life with a refreshing perspective on friendship, family, and unconditional love. PG. 109 minutes. 109 minutes.

October 28: *All About Eve* (1950). From the moment she glimpses her idol at the stage door, Eve Harrington (Anne Baxter) moves relentlessly towards her goal: taking the reins of power from the great actress Margo Channing (Bette Davis). The cunning Eve maneuvers her way into Margo’s Broadway role, becomes a sensation and even causes turmoil in the lives of Margo’s director boyfriend (Gary Merrill), her playwright (Hugh Marlowe) and his wife (Celeste Holm). Black & White. NR. 138 minutes. English subtitles.

Mayflower Worship Opportunities

Worship

These two worship opportunities are offered by the Mayflower Residents Association Spiritual Life Committee:

Weekly Devotions. Tuesdays. 11:00 – 11:40am. Carman Center. Prayer; scripture; stories. Relax; reflect; renew. Leader: Rev. Bonnie Lipton. No registration required.

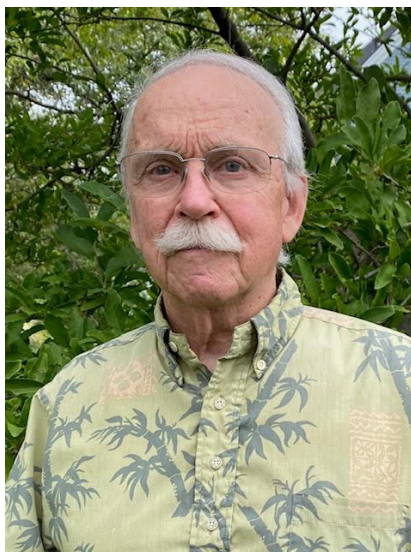
Bible Study. 1st and 3rd Thursdays. 11:00am – 11:45am. Health Center Fireside Room (2nd floor). Leader: Rev. Anne Sunday. All are welcome; no sign-up required.

-Pat Lipton, MRA Spiritual Life Committee Chair

“People of The Bible” Discussion Session

Resident Marilyn Schuler is leading a session entitled, “People of the Bible,” on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. 11:00-11:45am. Fireside Room (2nd floor of the Health Center). All are welcome. Please contact Marilyn Schuler (641-891-7760 or mschuler107@gmail.com) with questions.

-Rev. Anne Sunday, Resident



MRA Forum

“The Evolution of a Song”

Roger Vetter, Professor Emeritus

Tuesday, October 10, 2023. 2:00-3:30pm.

Kiesel Theatre

The Mayflower Residents Association sponsors a monthly Forum where information of interest to Mayflower residents is presented and followed by a question-and-answer time. The presenter for October’s Forum will be Roger Vetter, Grinnell College Music Professor Emeritus and Mayflower Wait-List member.

According to Roger, he may be described as “fish-catch exaggerator, morally-deprived pool shark, trash talk guru, in-Vetter-ate junk collector, all-around nice guy.” In other words, this should be a fun time!

-Bob Butterfield, MRA Events Committee Chair

LYCEUM SCHEDULE

Thursday Evenings, 7:00pm

Carman Center

Guests of Residents Welcome

October 5th: Mark Laver, saxophonist and ethnomusicologist and associate professor of music at Grinnell College

October 12th: Too Many String Band, local iconic group of songwriters, vocalists, and string instrumentalists, four of whom are Mayflower residents

October 19th: To be Determined

October 26th: Mark and Brandi Janssen, The Prairie Fiddle, Solon IA, traditional music singers, songwriters, and multi-instrumentalists

-Bob Butterfield, MRA Events Committee Chair

Birthdays

Robert Estes on September 29th

Darwin Kinne and Dick Vogel on September 30th

Brice Hughes on October 1st

Lyle Kuehl on October 4th

Nancy Agnew on October 5th

Nancy Guenther on October 5th

Sandy Beyer on October 8th

Helen Lippincott on October 9th

Ruth Robertson on October 9th

Carolyn Roudabush on October 10th

Janice Logan on October 11th

Suzanne Redenius on October 12th

Margaret Rorvig on October 15th (103!)

Judi Barber on October 16th

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