

# Thornton Manor

## February 2024



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### CONDOLENCES:

Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Dolores Christensen and Kenneth Leppert who passed away in January.

### Ash Wednesday

February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Its official name is "Day of Ashes," so called because of the practice of rubbing ashes on one's forehead in a sign of a cross. The ashes symbolize death and repentance.



"God loves us, even in our dustiness"  
 -Unknown

### Happy Birthday

**THORNTON MANOR**  
 Rosanne Sweeney 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Jennifer Sass 24<sup>th</sup>

**THORNTON HEIGHTS**  
 None

**STAFF**  
 Mimi Troendle 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Katelynn Kunert 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Cheldyn Stanley 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Presidents Day

February 19<sup>th</sup>

## Valentine's Day

### WORD SEARCH

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- LOVE  
CUPID  
SWEETHEART  
RED
- VALENTINE  
PINK  
CARDS  
FEBRUARY
- FLOWERS  
CRUSH  
HEARTS  
HUGS
- CANDY  
FRIENDS  
KISSES  
CHOCOLATE

### Happy Groundhog Day!

I don't know about you,  
 but I feel like stretching  
 into an early spring!

February 2<sup>nd</sup>

### SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>

## DEPARTMENT HEADS

**SAM KUHN**

Administrator

**BONNIE WEYMILLER**

Director of Nursing

**CHLOE SEVERSON**

Social Services

**NANCY RETHWISCH**

Office Manager

**CATHY MULHOLLAND**

Food Service

**KAREN ULRICH**

Recreation Therapy Director

**BRENT HARTLEY**

Maintenance and

Environmental Services



*And they call it...  
"Puppy Love."  
Rosie & her dog "Dolly."*



## Yes, 2024 Is a Leap Year! Why We Get an Extra Day (Almost) Every 4 Years.

Time flies, especially in **February**, the shortest month. But every four years (with one exception), we get a reprieve with a bonus day on February 29. The extra day extends a leap year to 366 days and solves a calendar quandary: the fact that it takes 365.2422 days, not an even 365, for the Earth to complete its orbit around the sun.

Without a Leap Day, that would be 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds lost every year.

## Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras refers to events of the Carnival celebration, beginning on or after the Christian feasts of the Epiphany (Three Kings Day) and culminating on the day before Ash Wednesday, which is known as Shrove Tuesday. Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday", reflecting the practice of the last night of eating rich, fatty foods before the ritual Lenten sacrifices and fasting.

**Date: 13 February 2024**

**Significance:** Celebration period before fasting season of Lent

**Celebrations:** Parades, parties

**Frequency:** Annual

# February is International Recreational Therapy Month

Recreational therapists purposely use Recreation (like games, activities, and outings) to help people with illness or other disabling conditions to improve to their highest functioning in these areas:

- 1 Social
- 2 Physical
- 3 Cognitive
- 4 Emotional
- 5 Independence

**HAPPY NEW YEAR:** Residents, tenants, family, and staff kicked off the New Year celebrating with live entertainment by J.R. Brink. We included treats, party favors, Happy Hour with Grasshoppers and champagne as the special drink, and a count down to the New Year 2024 with noise makers.



**THORNTON MANOR DEER HUNT 2024!!**

**IT WAS QUITE THE HUNTING SEASON AT THORNTON MANOR ON JAN. 11<sup>TH</sup>!**

**RESIDENTS AND STAFF PARTICIPATED IN A FAST AND FURIOUS INDOOR DEER HUNT WHERE A FEW "CHOSEN" STAFF WERE THE HUNTED DEER. NERF GUNS AND AMMO PROVIDED BY STAFF WHO ASSISTED RESIDENTS WITH SHOOTING THEIR FAVORITE DEER. THE GAME WARDEN "KIM TIMMERMAN" ISSUED TICKETS TO PARTICIPANTS WITH FINES ON EACH! A LOT OF LAUGHTER, SMILES AND SURPRISES AND A FEW BRUISES FOR THE DEER. GREAT DAY FOR THE HUNT DURING THE BLIZZARD IN IOWA. BRRR..... FUN FOR ALL!**

**"UNTIL NEXT YEAR".**



**Entertainment for the month of February:**

- Feb. 2<sup>ND</sup> Emma Blank at 10am
- Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> Tom Baker at 10:am
- Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> **SATURDAY:**  
Brian Fitzgerald at 10:00am
- Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> "Anything Goes" at 10:00am
- Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> **SUNDAY:**  
Tim The Music Man at 10am
- Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> Joe Cody at 10am



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