



# Independence Village of Pella

March 2026 Monthly Newsletter

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## Tulip Time is Almost Here!

Excitement is beginning to bloom as we look ahead to the annual Tulip Time Festival, when our town comes alive with vibrant tulips, beautiful Dutch costumes, music, and community celebration.

We are especially thrilled to announce that members of the Tulip Court will be visiting us in April! Their visit will bring a touch of Dutch tradition, elegance, and hometown pride right to our community. Stay tuned for more details next month. It's going to be a wonderful way to welcome spring together!

## March Birthdays

- 3/1 Danis H.
- 3/1 Gary F.
- 3/3 Nelva F.
- 3/9 Mary H.
- 3/17 Ruth B.
- 3/26 Virgie K.
- 3/28 Dorothy T.
- 3/29 Karen V.
- 3/29 Ben W.
- 3/30 Virginia C.



## A Celebration of Heritage & Cheer: St Patrick's Day

Each year on March 17th, we celebrate St. Patrick's Day — a holiday honoring St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. What began as a religious feast day has grown into a joyful celebration of Irish culture, heritage, and community spirit all around the world.

Traditions include wearing green, decorating with shamrocks, and enjoying festive food and music. The shamrock is said to have been used by St. Patrick to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity, and it has since become a symbol of Irish pride. Over time, parades, Irish dancing, and gatherings filled with laughter and storytelling have become part of the celebration.

Whether you have Irish roots or simply enjoy the fun of the day, St. Patrick's Day is a wonderful opportunity to come together, share smiles, and maybe even enjoy a little "luck of the Irish!"



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## Don't miss this month's exciting events!

Root Beer Floats

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Date: Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Location: Lobby



Ruth's 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Party

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Date: Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Location: AL Dining Room



Living History Farms Presentation

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Date: Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Location: Lobby



Spring Wooden Wreaths

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Date: Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Location: Family Room



## Reminders

AL Resident Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the Theater.

IL Resident Council Meeting

Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in the AL Dining Room.

Celebrating Women in PT and OT

Presentation with Debbie  
Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the AL Dining Room

Entertainment: Kevin Morgan

Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Lobby.

## Shopping Trips & Outings

 IVP Weekly Shopping Group

Mondays

 Time: 10:00 AM

 Location: Walmart

Thursdays

 Time: 1:00 PM

 Location: Fareway or HyVee

Please note: We alternate stores each week.

 Sign-up sheets are available at the sign-up window.

Outing to the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum & Lunch

Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

Sign-up sheet will be placed at sign-up window the week prior.



## March at Independence Village: Welcoming Spring with Joy & Connection

As the days grow a little longer and the sunshine shines a little brighter, we can feel the promise of spring just around the corner! March is a beautiful time of transition — a season of renewal, fresh beginnings, and plenty of reasons to gather together here at Independence Village.

We are eagerly awaiting the first signs of blooming flowers and warmer afternoons, and our calendar is blossoming right along with the season! This month brings exciting activities filled with creativity, celebration, learning, and laughter. From festive gatherings and themed celebrations to engaging presentations and hands-on crafts, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

We look forward to celebrating special milestones, sharing sweet treats, and making memories together. Whether it's a lively game of bingo, painting colorful spring décor, enjoying a delicious social event, or welcoming special guest presenters, March is sure to keep our community buzzing with energy and connection. Spring reminds us that growth is always possible, joy can be found in simple moments, and friendship makes every season brighter. Thank you for being such a vibrant and valued part of our Independence Village family. Let's step into this new season together with gratitude, excitement, and plenty of smiles!

Here's to sunshine, new beginnings, and a wonderful month ahead!

Sincerely,  
Independence Village of Pella Leadership Team