



# ROCK•TALK

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## Upcoming Dates to Remember

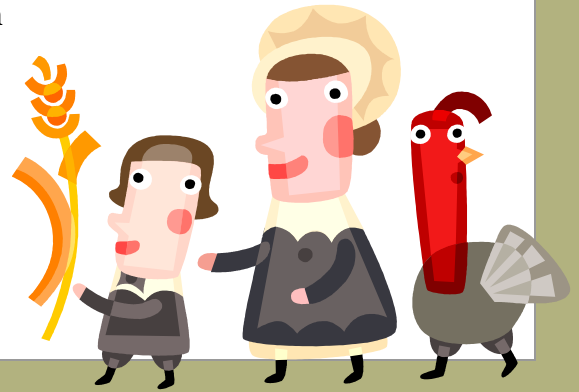
- **Thursday, Nov. 28**  
THANKSGIVING
- **Saturday, Nov. 30**  
**GNA General Meeting**  
Bud & Susie Dew's  
527 Clark Ave.  
7:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, Dec. 8**  
Preserve Council Bluffs  
Holiday Homes Tour
- **Wednesday, Dec. 25**  
Merry Christmas!
- **Tuesday, Dec. 31**  
GNA Fundraiser dinner at  
the Dodge House

## Celebrate Fall with GNA Neighbors!

Come share in the fun while you get to know your neighbors at the Gibraltar Neighborhood Association's November meeting! We'll be meeting at the home of Bud and Susie Dew, 527 Clark Avenue, and the meeting date is **Saturday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m.**

Please bring a snack to share or your favorite beverage, as we'll enjoy some social time after the meeting! Everyone is certain to be in a festive mood with the holidays fast approaching! Come and learn about all the great stuff happening in our neighborhood. Meetings are always more fun with lots of folks there!

We look forward to seeing you! ■



## Gibraltar Neighborhood Assn. Inc. Mission

Seeks to develop, implement and promote an comprehensive plan that: **strengthens** neighborhood relationships and communication, **creates** strategies to make our neighborhood safe, **promotes** activities that assure our neighborhood is one of clean and well-kept properties, **encourages** ideas and community involvement, and **ensures** that we will leave our neighborhood better than when we moved here. ■

## Gibraltar Neighborhood Assn. Vision Statement

Gibraltar Neighborhood is a clean, safe neighborhood that offers an interesting mix of well-kept homes within one of the Historic areas of Council Bluffs, and provides its residents with a place to live where neighbors look out for one another and are proud of their neighborhood. ■

## Kirn Park Project

When was the last time you stopped by Kirn Park? The city has been making great progress and things are really looking ship-shape. From new grass, new port-a-potty shelter, freshly-poured parking area and more, the park is really shining. As mentioned previously, this has been a great project and shows what can happen when neighborhoods come together and work with the city.

Check out the photos on this page, or better yet, stop by the park and admire the handy work before the snow flies! ■

***THANK YOU to our GNA newsletter delivery & distribution team:***  
*Harold Compton, Matt Rennie, Chris Gorman and Steve Gorman. Without you, our Newsletter would not be possible!!!!*



The GNA Book Club is a fun, social gathering where we get together and share a bit of news, a bit to eat, a glass of wine and discuss our latest book assignment. We are currently reading **“Sycamore Row”** by **John Grisham**. If you enjoy reading, contact Patti Hannan at 712-323-8600 for more info. We’d love to see you at our next meeting! ■

## Our Past, Present and Future: Folsom Everest

*To prepare for GNA's future, we must know our past.*

In this edition of Rock Talk we will meet a well known attorney from Council Bluffs, **Folsom Everest**. "Among the able, learned and thoroughly experienced lawyers practicing at the bar of Council Bluffs, few have a larger following or are held in higher public confidence than Folsom Everest. Aside from any consideration that may be given him because of his membership in an old and honored family of the Hawkeye State, his personal accomplishments have been such as to entitle him to esteem among men who recognize and appreciate his worthy qualities of others."

Mr. Everest was born at Grinnell, Iowa, November 21, 1894. Folsom Everest acquired his early education in the public schools of Council Bluffs, following which he was sent to the Peddie School, in New Jersey, one of the old and cultured educational institutions of the East. Upon his graduation he returned to Grinnell, and when the United States became embroiled in the great World War raging in Europe, in 1917, he enlisted in the United States army and was sent for intensive training to Camp Cody, Deming, New Mexico, where he remained for nine months. He then went to Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, where he became commander of the Eight Hundred and Eighty-first Air Squadron, but was transferred to the Eighty-fourth Division, and in August, 1918, went to France with that division as a first lieutenant in the Three Hundred and Ninth Ammunition Train. He served in France until the signing of the armistice, and in 1919 returned to the United States. In 1920 he joined the National Guard and was commissioned captain of Company L, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Infantry, and in 1923 took command of the Third Battalion of that regiment. In November, 1924, he was made lieutenant-colonel and adjutant of the Thirty-fourth regiment. In November, 1924, he was made lieutenant-colonel and adjutant of the Thirty-fourth Division, and still retains this rank.

Upon his return from France Mr. Everest entered Creighton University, where he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Law as a member of the class of March, 1921. Shortly thereafter he successfully passed the bar examination and was admitted to practice. After practicing alone for about five years, in 1926, he became a member of the firm Tinley, Mitchell, Ross & Mitchell. This was one of the strongest legal combinations of Council Bluffs and Mr. Everest had been identified with much important litigation, in which he showed himself capable and thorough, a master of principles and precedents and a man thoroughly familiar with courtroom procedure. He was a valued member of the Pottawattamie County Bar Association, the Iowa State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. His religious connection was with the Congregational Church, and he held memberships in the Masons, B.P.O. Elks, No.531, National Sojourners and American Legion. He always displayed his civic pride in a practical manner, and was a member of the Greater Council Bluffs Association and the Rotary Club. A Republican in his political views, he attended most of the Republican conventions and was something of an influence in his party.

On June 14, 1921, Mr. Everest was united in marriage with Miss Elsie Tinley, daughter of Emmet Tinley, a prominent lawyer in Council Bluffs, a member of the firm of Tinley, Mitchell. They had three children: Mary Rose, born in 1923; Frances, born in 1924; and Emmet Tinley, born in 1926. Mrs. Everest was an active member of the Episcopal Church.

Jeremiah Folsom, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Everest, came to Iowa in 1856, and bought land from the Government, where he was engaged in agriculture for many years. At the time of his arrival, and for years afterward, the plains of Iowa and the military company at Council Bluffs which was the predecessor of Company L, One Hundred and Sixty-eight Infantry, the oldest in the Iowa National Guard, to fight the hostile Indians. This infantry has fought in every American war since. An interesting fact is that Mr. Folsom's Grandson, Mr. Emmet Tinley Everest, would later become its commander. We will meet Emmet Tinley Everest in our next edition of Rock Talk.

## More GNA News

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

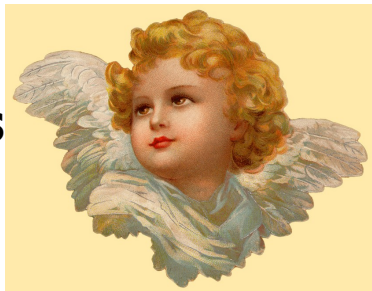
Dec. 31, 2012, the GNA sponsored a New Year's Eve Prime Rib Dinner as a fund raiser for the Dodge House. It proved to be such a successful event the GNA will again host a New Years Eve Prime Rib Dinner at the Dodge House in 2013.



**PLEASE consider helping with this event!!** The GNA is asking for volunteers to help with the preparation for the event this

year. We will need help with decorations, table set up etc. Won't you please help? Contact any GNA Board Member for more information. ■

### CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE!



Looking for a one-of-a-kind gift for the upcoming holidays? Then you won't want to miss the amazing boutique on December!

Held in a beautifully restored Victorian home at 206 Park Avenue, the boutique will feature original works from 15 area artists! Shop for holiday and home décor, wearable art, soaps, lavender and much more.

Hours are **Dec. 7-8, 2013 from 10:00 to 5:00** each day (however, this home is included in the Preserve Council Bluffs Christmas Homes Tour on December 8, so expect crowds on that day). There is also a "meet the artists" preview on Dec. 6 from 6:00 to 9:00, featuring wine and hors d'oeuvres.

It's a one-of-a-kind holiday shopping experience—don't miss it! Call Sharon at 323-5912 for more information. ■

## Welcome to the Neighborhood

In case you haven't checked it out yet, make it a point to stop by the Mad Ox bakery in the Ogden Place (215 W. Broadway) and sample some of their delicious goodies!

Owners Matthew and Karris Mattox (hence the clever tie-in to the business name) focus on wedding and specialty cakes, breads, croissants, donuts, cupcakes and dessert bars, including their special turtle candy, from which a portion of the proceeds are donated to cancer research in honor of Matthew's father, Mike Mattox.

Dealing with his own illness, the elder Mattox, a Council Bluffs firefighter for a quarter of a century, told the couple to follow their dreams. They were inspired to open the bakery, and are happy to be part of the community.

They have daily lunch specials Monday thru Friday in addition to their baked goods and coffees. Hours and days of operation vary, so call first and check them out online at [www.madoxbakery.com](http://www.madoxbakery.com). Stop by and support this new venture! ■



### NEED SNOW REMOVAL HELP?

Are you ready for the snow?? If not, call GNA's hard-working neighborhood teen **Seth Rennie** for a free estimate, budget-happy prices and excellent service! You can reach Seth at **712-325-0018**. ■

## Dodge House Events

The holidays are upon us and with it comes an incredibly special time of year at the Dodge House — the decorated Christmas trees! Be sure to mark some time on your busy calendar to stop by the Dodge House for one of these events!

**November 24th** from 1:00 - 5:00 PM: Opening Day for public to view decorated trees

**December 5, 12, 19:** "Family Nights" \$10 will allow your family (2 adults & children) to see the Historic General Dodge House from 6 - 8PM

**December 5:** "Meet Santa" from 6 - 8PM in the Beresheim House; remember to bring your camera to capture the moment.

**December 7:** Christmas Coffee & Cocoa; call 712-322-2406 for ticket prices.

**December 8:** "Day with the Dodges" 1 - 4PM, encounter costumed characters as you stroll through the Historic General Dodge House.

**December 24:** special hours 10 - 2PM to view the trees (\*close early for Christmas Eve!)

**December 31:** special hours 10 - 2PM last day to view the trees (\*close early for New Year's Eve)

Also on New Year's Eve, the GNA is hosting the second annual Prime Rib Dinner!! Get your reservations in NOW for this fun event (contact Paulette Brandt for details)!! ■



## Be Aware of Identity Theft

Neighborhood Watchers, once you put your trash out for collection you lose your expectation of privacy. It is not against the law for someone to go through your trash (unless they are making a mess then it is a different story). This is why we talk about shredding any type of paperwork that may have your name on it. Dumpster diving is one of many ways a person can get your personal information. It is better to shred and then to be sorry.

All a thief needs is your Social Security number to commit identity theft. But once you know the facts and some preventive measures you can take, you can win the fight against identity theft! Identity thieves commit their crime in several ways:

- They dig through garbage cans or communal dumpsters in search of cancelled checks, credit card and bank statements, and preapproved credit card offers.
- They steal credit card payments and other outgoing mail from private, curbside mailboxes.
- They hack into computers that contain personal records and steal the data.
- They file a change of address form in the victim's name to divert mail and gather personal and financial data.

### Clues That Someone Has Stolen Your Information

- You see withdrawals from your bank account that you can't explain.
- You don't get your bills or other mail.
- Merchants refuse your checks.
- Debt collectors call you about debts that aren't yours.
- You find unfamiliar accounts or charges on your credit report.
- Medical providers bill you for services you didn't use.
- Your health plan rejects your legitimate medical claim because the records show you've reached your benefits limit.
- A health plan won't cover you because your medical records show a condition you don't have.
- The IRS notifies you that more than one tax return was filed in your name, or that you have income from an employer you don't work for.
- You get notice that your information was compromised by a data breach at a company where you do business or have an account. ■

## GNA General Meeting Minutes, September 22, 2013

The GNA's Fall General Meeting was held September 22, 2013. All who attended participated in a pot luck. A short business meeting was held after the pot luck and the following was discussed.

\*It was proposed that the number of the GNA Board be reduced from 9 to 5. All voted in favor. A second vote will be held on line as an email.

\*The Kirn Gym apartment residents like the GNA and what the Association is doing for our area.

\*The Historical Homes for the Holidays is an annual fundraiser for Preserve Council Bluffs and will be held December 8, 2013 from 1 P.M. – 5 P.M. There are members who have volunteered to be on the tour. Volunteers are needed to be at the homes

\*Mary Madison shared the "Cookie Crumbs" group will be sending Christmas boxes to our troops and asks that members bake a dozen cookies, donate toothpaste, deodorant etc. to be sent on November 11, 2013. Mary moved we support this great cause and Steve Gorman seconded it. All voted yes.

Meeting was adjourned with everyone attending saying they enjoyed the picnic and being able to visit with neighbors they don't see everyday.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Matis, Secretary



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We welcome your input!

Please contact us with suggestions on content you want to see covered. ■

**RECIPE: Layered Salad** – Liz Matis

Put 1 to 2 Tblsp each of salt & sugar in the bottom of a salad bowl. Add 1 C. grated Swiss cheese over the salt & sugar. Next, fry 1/2 lb. bacon, fried crisp and crumble. Add on top of cheese. Hard boil 6 eggs, slice and place over bacon. Add torn or shredded lettuce over eggs, plus some more salt & sugar. Sprinkle one box frozen peas (not cooked) over lettuce. Thinly slice 1 red onion and place over peas. Mix 1/2 pt. sour cream with 1 C. mayonnaise. Pour over salad and put more grated cheese to top. Let set overnight in the refrigerator.



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**The Historical Society NEEDS YOU!!**

Our GNA is one of the largest historical neighborhoods in the city of Council Bluffs. The **Historical Society of Pottawattamie County** is a group of people with a common goal as stated in their Mission: "to preserve the past for current and future generations." The Historical Society has been instrumental in saving many of the historical sites in our county, and they are looking for new members who also seek to preserve our community's history. They have General Meetings just like the GNA does, and you can choose to attend when you want. They would really like to get members of our GNA involved with their group. Liz Matis was just appointed to their Board, and she sees so many things that we have in common. Contact Liz at 323-6400 or call Ed Richie at the Squirrel Cage Jail at 402-612-8144 for more information. Just tell him you saw this in the GNA Rock Talk and would like more information on becoming a member. He is there Tuesday - Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. They have several membership levels from which to choose. **Won't you please consider joining the Historical Society of Pottawattamie County to help preserve our county's wonderful heritage?**

**Gibraltar Neighborhood Association: Membership Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Become a Gibraltar Neighborhood Association Member!!** Yearly dues are \$25 per household. In order to be eligible to vote for board candidates and other issues, you must be a paid association member. Make checks payable to and mail payment to:

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