



# ROCK•TALK

*the newsletter of*

The Gibraltar Neighborhood Association, Inc.

## New MURAL for the Genealogical Society Building!

We are excited to announce our photographic mural project with the Genealogical Society is moving forward! The 712 Initiative is generously providing the funding for neighborhood projects that make an impact to the look and feel of our surroundings, and have a broad scope. This 12 x 100 ft mural is sure to stop people in their tracks as they walk, bike and drive down south main.

We have come up with a “mashup” concept for the mural which will include images (both old and new) that represent our town and neighborhood. (See the example below right of a similar concept.)

We’ve received a multiple image submissions in response to our Gibraltar facebook post; if you have an image or idea about what you’d like to see included, our deadline is early April!! This could be ANYTHING – people, places, events, current or historic! *Please note that submitting does not guarantee it will be included in the final piece. All submissions will be compiled and reviewed by the Genealogical Society + GNA representatives.* Our very own Cory Peters has volunteered her Photoshop talents to craft an original piece of art from your photos!

If you have PIX or IDEAS for the icons/people/places/etc. you think should be included:

1. Post images directly on our Gibraltar Neighborhood Facebook page by either scanning or snapping a photo with your phone.
2. Email images to [GNAmural2019@gmail.com](mailto:GNAmural2019@gmail.com)



Example of “mash-up” collage we will be creating, about Gibraltar and Council Bluffs!



Genealogical Society building at 4th & Worth streets; mural will be applied to this south-facing wall.

### MAY 2019 Gibraltar Meeting

When: **Friday, May 10**

Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Where: **Brian Weidemeir and Dennis Fellhauer’s home: 527 Bluff Street**

*Thank you to Dennis & Brian for opening their beautiful 1920’s home for our meeting!*

*Get to know your neighbors while we discuss the latest news and continue to lay plans for projects in the upcoming year.*

***We hope to see you there!***

### Like us on Facebook!

In our ongoing effort to provide great communication to ALL our neighbors, the Gibraltar Neighborhood now has a **Facebook** page!

If you are a Facebook user, PLEASE search for “Gibraltar Neighborhood Association” and “like” our page!



You can use our page to pose questions, keep in touch with neighbors, alert folks to things going on in our ’hood, and learn more about upcoming events and such. *We look forward to seeing you on Facebook!*



Administrative Assistant MURPH helps Turner type up the Prez Letter!

## FROM PRESIDENT MORGAN!

Greetings Neighbors,

It's amazing what a little sunshine will do for your perspective. Murph and I were taking a stroll around the hood the other day and for the first time in a long while I busted out my favorite pair of jorts (jean shorts) and thought to myself – 'it's going to be a good year!' Huge shout out to all of you reading this that resisted the urge to up and move to Sedona or some other southern town during this record year of precipitation. And to those of you with family and friends affected by the floods – please let us know if there is anything we can do. Mother Nature always wins... but in the wake of her force, I am always encouraged by the response of our fellow human beings. I recently heard of a great kindness next-door in the Fairmount Park neighborhood where a displaced family is staying in an RV while this turbulent time passes. This goes against city code – but now is the time to look out for one another, make an exception, and be a good neighbor.

**SPRING FEVER!** While we wait for the last of the snow to melt (and we here in the shade of Clark Ave. are always last to *thaw*) we are eagerly looking at fun ways to fill up our calendar. We are very lucky to live in an area where there is so much going on, and much of it accessible to everyone! If you're bored – it's your own darn fault. J.J. Murphy wanted to share a few events he hopes to see you at:

**Council Bluffs Farmer's Market** – Kicking off May 2<sup>nd</sup> the Council Bluffs Farmers Market will be in full swing every Thursday evening through September. The market is put on by The 712 Initiative, hosts seasonal vendors all selling a wide variety of products, including fruits and vegetables, eggs, honey, jams and jellies, prepared food items, baked goods, arts, crafts, and wares. The market is coupled with local musicians, yoga in the park and a kids zone. Celebrate CB festivities continue at the Farmers Market on May 16 with a Super Hero Night, presented by O'Con Comics and Pop Culture Expo!

**Walk, Hike, & Bike on the Trails**– If you haven't had the chance to experience it, Council Bluffs has a robust system of trails that connect West Broadway, Lake Manawa, all the way to the Wabash Trace. The Wabash Trace Nature Trail is a converted railroad right-of-way running 63 miles and over 72 bridges through the scenic Southwest Iowa countryside *IT'S GOREGEOUS*. The corridor was purchased in 1989 and the trail was completed and dedicated in 1997. Establishment of the trail has required dedication from individuals, families, businesses, service organizations, and local, state, and federal grant programs. And, you know, Taco Ride!

**Neighborhood Socials** – I wouldn't be doing my duty as president if I don't HIGHLY endorse our GNA socials! You guys, I know I'm a little biased, but we have a great little community here. Whether it is one of our planned events, taking a walk with one another, or just an informal gathering - make a little time for your neighbor. I've also seen a few SOLD signs and new families walking about. **If you are reading this, and you're new to the 'hood – WELCOME!** We hope to see you at one our upcoming meetings or socials (located at the end of the letter) - - come meet some of the other nice folks here in Gibraltar!

**AND MUCH MORE** – If you haven't checked it out, the Council Bluffs Visitor's Bureau is a great resource for finding upcoming events OR promoting your own! Check them out at [www.unleashcb.com](http://www.unleashcb.com)

That's all the news for now! Looking forward to seeing you all out in the sunshine.

**Turner**  
GNA President



## Ice Cream Social

### Meeting, Tour & Ice Cream Social!

In celebration of the Dodge House's 150th Anniversary, we are hosting a special event in conjunction with our July Meeting!

When: **Wednesday, July 10th**

Meeting time: 5:30 – 6:00 pm

**Tour & Ice Cream:** 6:00–7:30 pm

Where: **The Dodge House**

605 Third Street

*Your Gibraltar Neighborhood Association has made a donation to the Dodge House in honor of their momentous 150th Anniversary, and the Dodge House has kindly agreed to let our meeting attendees tour the house for **free** after our meeting!*

*PLUS, before or after your house tour, enjoy a **FREE** ice cream treat on the Dodge House front porch, courtesy of your Gibraltar Neighborhood Association!*

**Come to the meeting (news, discussion, voice your concerns, etc.), then tour the AMAZING Dodge House! PLUS, enjoy a summer ice cream treat while you get to know your neighbors!**

**FAMILIES WELCOME! SEE YOU THERE!**

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



## 150 YEARS

**The  
General Dodge House  
is celebrating its  
150th Anniversary!**

### 1869 - 2019

**Watch for upcoming events throughout the year on the Dodge House website and facebook pages.**

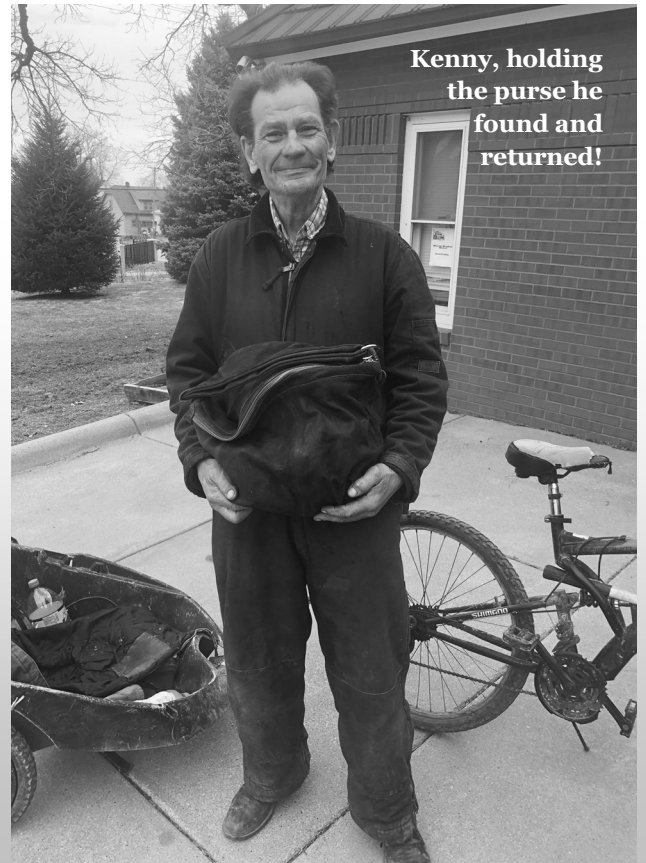
# GOOD DEEDS in the Gibraltar Neighborhood!

Meet Kenny! Kenny is a Gibraltar resident who has overcome some tough times in his past; he's often faced with financial challenges and seeking new ways to make ends meet. You might see him out and about, collecting cans & bottles for redemption, or enjoying some fresh air while riding his bike (which is his only mode of transportation).

Last Summer, Kenny's bike was stolen. Gibraltar residents Jim & Alicia Brady had gotten to know Kenny over the past couple years, and were fortunate enough to be in a position where they could help Kenny by *replacing his bicycle*.

A few weeks ago, Kenny found a purse in an alleyway in our neighborhood. It would have been incredibly easy for him to pocket the money and credit cards, or take ANY of the items from the purse. Instead, he knocked on Jim & Alicia's door and asked them for help in returning the purse to its rightful owner (which they did promptly).

We're so proud of Kenny, the Bradys, and the many other wonderful people who make our Gibraltar neighborhood GREAT! Human kindness and decency seems to be in short supply these days, ***but here's a shining example of it!***



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# GNA General Meeting Minutes - March 15, 2019

Thank you to the 15 individuals who joined us at Jim and Alicia Brady's house for the GNA meeting. We missed all of you who were unable to attend, and hope to see you at future meetings.

Upcoming Meetings – discussed tentative dates/locations. May 10, 2019, meeting will be held at Dennis Fellhauer and Brian Wedemeier's Home.

The meeting centered around the speaker, Brandon Garrett. Mr. Garrett is the director of community development for Council Bluffs. Mr. Garrett spent about an hour answering questions from the individuals who attended the meeting. Mr. Garrett discussed the process of checking on rental homes (there is not much that can be done about *exteriors*, but there are options to enter a home if the conditions are suspected to be dangerous), the differences between Lincoln, NE and Council Bluffs, IA (he previously worked in Lincoln, NE), weeds in the brick streets (he believes that we homeowners are responsible for weed control – just be careful about using chemicals), and his hopes and dreams for the art district that is developing on the southwest side of downtown Council Bluffs (he thinks it will increase property values and make the area more desirable).

Meeting hosts Jim and Alecia Brady provided some delicious snacks for all to enjoy after the meeting finished. New Gibraltar resident baby Mary Charlotte Brooks also made her first neighborhood appearance and was held by several members — she really enjoyed Jim and Alicia's beautiful stained glass. Multiple members also commented on the ongoing baby boom in the neighborhood — there are at least four babies under six months of age in the neighborhood at the moment.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting!

Respectfully Submitted,  
David, Anna, & baby Mary Brooks

## Make Sure You Get the LATEST Updates!

It can be DIFFICULT to get in touch with all our neighbors when the need arises! Maybe there's a last-minute meeting change... Maybe there's an urgent need to get together? Maybe the ice cream truck broke down on the corner and they're handing out FREE ICE CREAM!! Haha!

Whatever the message and urgency, one of the BEST ways to keep in touch is by registering on the FREE NextDoor website. Join our neighborhood group at [www.Gibraltar.Nextdoor.com](http://www.Gibraltar.Nextdoor.com) and keep informed! **THANK YOU!**

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would not be possible!!!!*



**GNA's Book  
Club** is a fun,

social gathering where we get together and share a bit of news, a glass of wine and discuss our latest book. We always have a blast when we get together, so consider making this part of your neighborhood involvement! For more info, contact Patti Hannan at 712-323-8600. We'd love to see you at our next book club (wine club? heehee) meeting! ■

*From the Rock Talk editor: Kate Brewer, Gibraltar resident and author, has graciously volunteered to contribute her creative talents to our newsletter! I know you'll enjoy reading her short stories as much as I do! I can't wait for more! — Cory Peters*

## The Lady Who Ate Concrete

By Kate Brewer

“To call Eustace Martinez ‘accident-prone’ would be like calling the Titanic ‘less than buoyant.’ She was, in essence, a mess. A sweet mess - always the first to welcome new neighbors with her signature enchilada casserole; never complained about having to fix the suspension on her 1992 Miata year after year, done in by persistent potholes - but a mess nonetheless.

She hadn’t been fond of her nickname as a kid, ‘dirt face Eustace,’ for obvious reasons. She wasn’t sure how much of it came from her frequent tumbles and how much had to do with her darker skin, but either way it hurt more than the knee scrapes, the dislocated shoulder, or even the time she cartwheeled into a parked car and broke her foot.

Her best friend in 7th grade was the school nurse, Mrs. Cooper, a fifty-seven-year-old medical history enthusiast who sported the most beautiful Afro Eustace had ever seen. The little girl was equal parts intrigued and horrified by Mrs. Cooper’s stories of battlefield surgeries and the discovery of penicillin, relayed in great detail during weekly visits to the nurse’s office for one mishap or another. Even after graduating middle school and surviving high school, Eustace continued to meet with the now retired nurse to hear stories of gore and science up until Mrs. Cooper’s death (pneumonia) at sixty-seven. At the memorial service Eustace delivered a eulogy that brought the congregation to tears before accidentally electrocuting herself with the microphone.

As she got older and earned a Master’s in genetics, bought her own house down the brick-lined street from her parents, and joined the boards of three major philanthropic organizations, Eustace continued to visit the E.R. at least once a quarter.

The year she got hit by lightning (and walked away with persistent tinnitus and a few scars) was also the year she adopted a three-legged iguana and won an award for her work in early breast cancer detection. The year she fell into a sinkhole in the sidewalk and cracked most of her teeth was also the year she fell in love with the new dental surgeon at the hospital. It was the same year that the local kids started calling her ‘the lady who ate concrete.’

She endured her new nickname through six more hospital visits, a promotion, her wedding to the dental surgeon, a miscarriage, three hair colors (including electric blue), and a scientific breakthrough whose full repercussions would take over a decade to come to light. She endured the taunts and whispers and giggles because, in her words, ‘at least it’s accurate.’

It was a Sunday morning and the first time in months she’d slept through her alarm. The day was grey, soggy, recovering from an early spring snow that had encased her quiet neighborhood in a nearly undetectable layer of ice. Determined to start each day the same way, she kissed her sleeping husband on the forehead and carefully made her way to Lost Levy’s for their signature cappuccino. Just as she was leaving the café, coffee in hand, she saw one of the local kids - one who sometimes yelled ‘concrete lady’ from the window of his Dodge Ram on his way to school - fall into the slick street. She also noticed that the driver of the oncoming pickup truck was texting and didn’t see the boy.

The patrons of the café described the horrible ‘crunch’ that Eustace’s body made when the truck hit her. The boy escaped with a sprained ankle.

Eustace’s hospital bed - where she lay in a medically induced coma for over a week - was surrounded by flowers and images of Barbara McClintock (her patron saint of genetics). The boy’s family brought her distraught husband their signature tater-tot casseroles. When she finally woke up she was in full control of her mental faculties but not her legs. That was the year her husband learned how to build ramps and even an elevator in their old house, styled after the early 20th century lifts they’d seen in Argentina on their honeymoon years before. Eustace added an engineering degree to her credentials so as to build herself a better chair. Her trips to the E.R. effectively ceased.

Though many days were hard - and nights sometimes harder - she relished her new nickname: The Invincible Eustace. ‘Finally,’ she thought, ‘they got it right.’

# ATTENTION: BUSINESS OWNERS, ARTISTS, ETC.

If you own a business, provide a service, have an event or sell a product, would you like to get the word out to **OVER 200 HOUSEHOLDS** in the Gibraltar Neighborhood?

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## **THANK YOU to these folks who have joined the GNA for 2019!**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD THROUGH YOUR ANNUAL DUES!!!**

Your ongoing support of the Gibraltar Neighborhood Association allows us to undertake betterment projects like our identification banners and repair initiatives, host social gatherings like our Kirn Park picnic, pancake feed, and Brunch & Banter events, sponsor improvement events like cleanup days, and represent our neighborhood at community events such as workshops and having a Gibraltar float in the Celebrate Council Bluffs Parade! ***It would not be possible without YOU!***

**Yes!! You're on the list!**



Bobby & Amanda Adams

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Peggy & Merlin Hale

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*Those listed were known to have paid dues **at the time of publishing**. Any errors are completely unintentional. If you notice an error/omission, please contact GNA Treasurer Tom Emmett!*



# Funeral Etiquette: 5 Things You Should Never Say *by Chris Raymond*

Death is an unpleasant and unwelcome inevitability of life, and its presence makes us feel uncomfortable like little else can. Even the most talkative of people struggle to speak to someone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. Hoping to provide some comfort to grievers, people often resort to the clichés and other trite expressions that readily spring to mind in order to avoid an awkward silence. Unfortunately, while well intentioned, many of the oft-heard expressions used at funerals, wakes and in condolence letters are misguided and, frankly, insensitive. Here are five common expressions you should never utter to someone grieving the death of a loved one.

## 1. "I know how you feel." No, you don't.

Even if, for example, you too experienced the untimely death of your 16-year-old daughter, who was also named Anne, in a freak drunk-driving accident that happened on the same stretch of highway, just 22 days after she too received her license, while also driving a sky-blue vehicle, and at that same time of night... -- even if the situation is eerily similar, *you still don't know how someone else feels about losing his or her child*. Like our personalities, the way in which each of us reacts and responds to grief is unique. Stating that you know how anyone else feels is condescending.



**A better approach:** If you experienced the death of someone close and feel the need to reference it, do so in the form of an open-ended question or comment. For example, you might say, "When my daughter died, I blamed myself for letting her use the car that night. If you're feeling that way, please know that I'm here to talk any time you need to." And if you don't know how someone mourning a death is feeling, it really is okay to simply state, "I don't know what to say, but please know that I'm sorry." (Avoid saying, "I'm sorry for your loss." This phrase is trite and rings hollow to those grieving.)

## 2. "He's in a better place now."

Anyone who utters this phrase has clearly never grappled with the forever-loss of someone close due to death. A mother facing the future without her child, a widower first returning to the empty house he shared with his wife for decades, anyone struggling to understand why a motorist with previous drunk-driving offenses was still behind the wheel "that night" -- these survivors (and most others mourning a death) think that the best place for their deceased loved ones is right by their side and among the living. Telling a griever otherwise, even if you believe the better place is heaven, suggests that he or she should somehow feel happy about the loss and that crying and showing anguish about the situation is out of place. And even if the mourner believes in life after death, the loss of someone loved often challenges faith. Remember, the devout apostle Peter still denied Jesus three times, according to the Bible.

**A better approach:** Anyone caught in the throes of grief struggles to accept why a loved one isn't in a single location: *among the living*. Therefore, there is no reason for you to suggest he or she is in any other place right now. Instead, share your favorite memory of the deceased, if appropriate, which can help recall other warm memories about his or her life.

## 3. "Don't cry" or "You need to be strong."

Commenting on how someone is responding to or handling a difficult situation is condescending and serves no purpose other than to create feelings of guilt and/or resentment. Generally, people experience several similar stages or phases of grief following a significant loss, but just when and how someone exhibits his or her grief response is unique. Telling someone he or she should not express feelings naturally can contribute to an abnormal or complicated grief response because the individual cannot process, and eventually accept, the feelings associated with a loss to death.

**A better approach:** Switch off your cognitive function temporarily and simply allow yourself to respond emotionally. Words are unimportant right now; appreciated and remembered will be holding a hand with both of yours, the long hug, the feel of your hand on a shoulder, or tears shared.

## 4. "She looks so natural."

Have you ever looked at a living person and said something like this? Of course not, because someone who looks natural in life just looks, well... *natural*. In other words, we don't feel the need to comment on it. Uttering this comment when looking at a dead human being lying in a casket, however, merely emphasizes that he or she is not alive. In addition, one of the most common fears funeral service professionals harbor is that a family will think an embalmed and cosmetized loved one does not look natural, i.e., the way he or she did while living. Thus, being the first to comment on the appearance of the deceased is never wise because you simply don't know what an immediate family member or close loved one thinks.

**A better approach:** Obviously, if a mourner expressly asks you, "Doesn't he/she look wonderful?" then you should readily agree. Short of that, avoid any comments on the appearance of the deceased in an embalmed/cosmetized situation, such as a wake or visitation. Instead, share a happy memory that you feel captures/conveys something special about the person who died.

## 5. "Let me know if I can help."

Telling someone hurting due to a death -- and already mentally exhausted by the multitude of decisions he or she had to make in the past few days -- that you want him or her to make yet another decision is insensitive and burdensome. More than likely, the individual has given little thought to the necessities and responsibilities of his or her "normal" life since the death occurred. Asking this question, therefore, merely puts them on the spot in order to make you feel less helpless.

**A better approach:** If you sincerely wish to help the griever at some point, then simply state that you will phone him or her next week once things have settled down a bit. By then, not only will the funeral and committal services have concluded, but out-of-town guests will likely have headed home, too. And when you do call, you should still offer a specific suggestion or two instead of leaving it up to the bereaved individual. You might offer to cut the grass, shovel the drive or to perform some other basic outdoor chore. Cleaning the house, doing the laundry or picking up some groceries can certainly prove helpful, as well. Perhaps most appreciated will be an offer to bring over a meal and simply spend some time listening, if the individual feels like talking, or to provide some quiet companionship.

*Chris Raymond served as the longtime editor of the world's most widely read magazine for funeral service professionals. As an author, his work has appeared in leading deathcare-related publications worldwide.*



# Upcoming Events at UP Museum

**All events are free and open to the public.**

**Family Nights** are held the first Friday of every month, 5:00-7:00pm! Free night of family-friendly, all-ages activities. Learn more by visiting online at: [www.uprrmuseum.org/news/familynights/shtml](http://www.uprrmuseum.org/news/familynights/shtml)

**April 5: Family Night:** Tangier Shrine's Circus Nights—5:30 to 8:00pm

**April 13:** Unveiling the Dragon Flag — 2:00-3:00pm

*For 2019 the Union Pacific Museum is engaged in discovering the previously Hidden Histories of the Transcontinental Railroad. We will be offering a series of programs and events designed to engage the community in how this major engineering feat impacted communities and people in the U.S. Programming will examine the diverse perspectives and experiences of the railroad.*

**April 5: Family Night Under the Big Top** — hosted by the Tangier Shrine. A fun mini-festival with circus inspired activities! Family Nights are always free to attend. Donations are appreciated.

**April 13: Unveiling the Dragon Flag** - 2:00-3:00 pm — Join us for the unveiling of a unique Dragon Flag from the Union Pacific collection. This ceremonial flag, heavily embroidered with pink silk and gold thread is rarely brought out into the public eye due to its size, 14 feet long, and its fragility. Explore this rare object alongside members from the Nebraska Chinese Association, the museum curator and Rebecca Cashman, objects conservator from the Ford Conservation Center.



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# IOWA DNR RESIDENTIAL TREE ORDER

Pottawattamie County

Spring 2019

TO ORDER, complete this form and mail with your payment to: **Pottawattamie Conservation Foundation**  
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**Beautify your yard and save energy from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Residential tree Distribution. Trees retail for \$65 or more, but Iowa residents can purchase them for just \$30!** In addition to being beautiful, properly placed trees shade your home in summer and block the wind in winter. Advance purchase is recommended. You may order up to two trees. **Trees must be picked up on Saturday, April 27 between 8:30am and 10:30am at the Harrah's Casino (1 Harrah's Blvd, Council Bluffs).** Any trees not picked up by 10:30am on distribution day will be considered a donation to the Pottawattamie Conservation Foundation. In the event that unsold trees are available on distribution day, they will be released for purchase at 8:30am on a first come/first served basis or until all trees are sold.

**Trees are non-refundable, exchange cannot be accepted, and plant material is under no warranty and/or guarantee.** For maximum energy savings, plant shade trees within 30 feet of the east and west of your home, Plant evergreens as a windbreak on the north and west of your home. Contact Iowa One Call at 1-800-292-8989 or [iowaonecall.com](http://iowaonecall.com) at least three business days before you dig. They'll send someone to locate underground utility lines for you. This is a free service.

Attend a short, free workshop to learn the best way and place to plant a tree. The workshop begins at 9:30am on pickup day. Register by emailing [gabriele.edwards@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:gabriele.edwards@dnr.iowa.gov).

500 trees are available for purchase, with at least 10 trees per species. Shade trees are five to eight feet tall in containers. Conifers and ornamentals are three to five feet tall in containers. Choose from the species below:

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| <u>Northern Red Oak</u>               | <u>Chinkapin Oak</u>                    | <u>Crabapple 'Royal Raindrops'</u> |
| <u>Shagbark Hickory</u>               | <u>Serviceberry 'Autumn Brilliance'</u> | <u>Norway Spruce</u>               |
| <u>Northern Pecan</u>                 | <u>(single stem)</u>                    | <u>White Pine</u>                  |
| <u>Kentucky Coffeetree</u>            | <u>Eastern Redbud (single stem)</u>     | <u>Black Hills Spruce</u>          |
| <u>American Elm 'Colonial Spirit'</u> | <u>Star Magnolia 'Royal Star'</u>       |                                    |

Complete the form below and mail by **April 19, 2019** with a check for \$30 per tree, payable to **Pottawattamie Conservation Foundation at 223 S 6<sup>th</sup> St, Council Bluffs IA 51501.** Limit two trees per address.

Please fill in the tree species in order of preference. List only those tree(s) you are willing to accept.

<b>Tree #1</b>		<b>Tree #2</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Choice</b>	First Choice	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Choice</b>	First Choice
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Choice</b>	Second Choice	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Choice</b>	Second Choice

(Please print)

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I understand and agree to pick up my tree(s) on Saturday, April 27 between 8:30am and 10:30am at Harrah's Casino in Council Bluffs. I also agree to plant my tree(s) immediately at the address listed above, give my tree(s) on-going care, and to not move any mulch received at the event outside of the distribution county (if applicable). I understand the tree(s) are under no warranty or guarantee.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

In exchange for the Customer's participation in the program, Customer agrees that Iowa DNR, or Pottawattamie Conservation Foundation shall not be liable, in contract, tort, and strict liability otherwise, for any damages arising out of the administration of this program.

# Council Bluffs: Laying the Groundwork

*Part 2 of the Ongoing Story of the Amazing Stories of Council Bluffs' Past*

## THE MORMONS

Between 1846 and 1852, the Mormons made Council Bluffs — then known as Kanessville — their headquarters for the Mormon population moving westward. At its height, Kanessville consisted of 350 log cabins, two log tabernacles, a post office, and numerous shops, stores and other business establishments. By 1852, more than 12,000 Mormons had traveled through Kanessville, and it became an outfitting town for both the westward traveling Mormons and the California Gold Rush of 1849-51. In 1853, non-Mormon residents incorporated Kanessville and renamed it Council Bluffs, in honor of the Lewis and Clark Council of the Indians in 1804, which had been held on or near the city site.

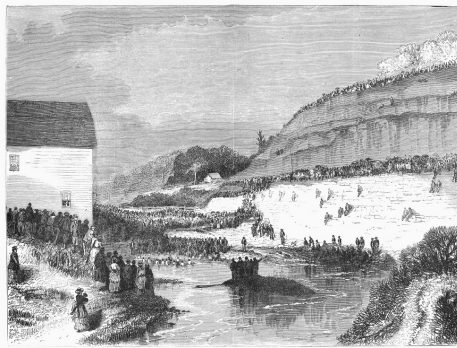
## THE RAILROADS

Abraham Lincoln came to Council Bluffs in 1859 and met with Grenville Dodge — this was before Mr. Lincoln became President and Mr. Dodge became a Civil War General — and they discussed the locating the terminus of the Transcontinental Railroad here. Completed in 1869, it later became known as the Union Pacific Railroad, changing the area — and the Nation — forever.

Mile “O” started at 21st Street and 9th Ave. Until the first railroad bridge opened across the Missouri River in 1872, rail cars had to be *ferried across the River* in order to continue their journey West! By the 1930s, Council Bluffs was the 5th largest rail center in the United States. Although railroad activity still takes place here, only a fraction of the once-plentiful train depots remain, and those have been converted to other uses. The heyday of rail travel may be gone, but the railroads remain a vital part of the history of Council Bluffs.



Brigham Young University L. Tom Perry Special Collections MSS 1608  
**Mormon Emigrants at Missouri River 1852**



THE MORMON BAPTISM AT COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.  
**Mormon Baptism at Council Bluffs**



**Mormon Pioneers**



**Lincoln meeting w/Dodge, 1859**



**Union Pacific Railroad Civil Engineers, mid-1860s**



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**UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER: tear out and put on your fridge & calendars!**

We'll continue to include/update this section in each issue, as dates & events are firmed up!

**JULY: July 10th – at Dodge House,**  
followed by a FREE ICE CREAM SOCIAL and  
FREE self-guided tours of the Dodge House!

**SEPT SOCIAL:** Social gathering at Kirn Park  
with the Fairmount Park Neighborhood Assoc.  
Pot luck event, live music, games! Date TBD.

**OCT: Quarter Auction—Oct. 18th**

**NOV:** Wed. Nov.20th, short meeting, followed by  
dancing at the Center! All ages—bring the kids!

**DEC: Holiday Social! Date/Location TBD**

***MORE 2019 event info coming soon!***

**Fall QUARTER AUCTION!**

When: **Friday, October 18, 2019**

Time: 5:30-8:00 pm (bidding starts 6:15)

Where: America Legion Post #2

716 South 4th Street, C.B.

*Woo-hoo! Get ready for fun!*

— DO —  
**GOOD.**



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business people or services, get the latest GNA news and much more!

***It's FREE & open to folks within Gibraltar boundaries!!***

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## Gibraltar Neighborhood Association: Membership Registration Form

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

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

**Become a Gibraltar Neighborhood Association Member!!** Yearly dues are \$25 per household and are tax deductible due to our 501c3 status! In order to be eligible to vote for board members or receive priority preference for improvement projects, you must be a paid association member. **Make checks payable to and mail payment to:**

**Gibraltar Neighborhood Association ■ P.O. Box 1971 ■ Council Bluffs, IA 51502-1971**

**Please tell us what's important to you in *connecting with your neighbors*:**

Quarterly social events       Fundraisers       Business meetings

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please tell us what *issues* are important to you:**

Getting to know my neighbors       Preserving our brick streets       Historic preservation

Better lighting in our Neighborhood       More social events       Crime / Safety

Other \_\_\_\_\_