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the newsletter of

The Gibraltar Neighborhood Association, Inc.

FUN NOVEMBER GNA FUNDRAISING EVENT!!

Please Join Us for a Fun-Filled, Action-Packed Evening!

- WHAT:** A “Quarter” Auction!!!*
- WHEN:** Friday night, November 11,
5:00—8:00 p.m. (bidding starts at 6:15)
- WHERE:** American Legion Rainbow Post #2
716 South 4th Street, C.B.
- WHO:** YOU, and anyone else you know
who likes to have fun!



What the Heck is a Quarter Auction?!

Bring the family and friends and join in the fun at our first GNA Quarter Auction!! There will be a wide range of items for auction, ranging in values of \$10 to \$30, and you could win that item you desire for mere quarters! You'll find a variety of spa services & packages, food and beverage gifts, bath & body products, antiques, collectibles and homemade products.

FOOD AND ADULT BEVERAGES will be for sale, with those proceeds going to the Legion. All of the auction proceeds support projects *that keep the historic Gibraltar Neighborhood vital!*

Mark your calendars TODAY for this fun event!

**Look for more details on how the auction works elsewhere in this issue!*

Don't miss the JANUARY 2017 meeting on the topic of BRICK STREETS!

FOR YOUR 2017 CALENDAR: Please add these 2017 meeting dates to your calendar & plan to attend!

Wed. January 11, 6:00 p.m. // SATURDAY, March 18, 10:00 a.m. // Wed. May 17, 6:00 p.m. //
Wed. July 19, 6:00 p.m. // Wed. September 20, 6:00 p.m. // Wed. November 15, 6:00 p.m.

GNA NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING: Nov. 16



WHEN: Wednesday, November 16th, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (our last meeting in 2016!)

WHERE: Our Savior's Lutheran Social Hall—Bluff & Story Streets (entrance on south side of church)

WHAT: We'll have TWO interesting presenters! From 6:15-7:15, **Shannon** Meister, Education Coordinator for the C.B Recycling Center, will discuss the new app for recycling and solid waste services called “My Waste.” She will bring materials to share & be available for Q&A. With the holidays approaching, this will be a timely presentation!

After that, we'll welcome **Kelsey Johnson** from the C.B.'s new **712 Initiative**, who will speak about the upcoming “100 Block Parties” initiative, as well as the city's “Un” campaign as a whole, and other initiatives that the 712 Initiative has going on!

Don't Miss This Information-Packed Meeting! See You There!

MARK YOUR DECEMBER CALENDAR NOW!



The Gibraltar Holiday Social Event is Scheduled for Saturday, December 10th!

December is usually a pretty hectic month for folks, so we hope you'll make our neighborhood social a priority stop! *The final neighborhood event of 2016* will be held at the beautiful historic home of **Steve and Chris Gorman** on 5th Ave.

WHAT: Gibraltar Holiday Party!

WHEN: Saturday, December 10th, 2016

6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

WHERE: 203 5th Ave. / Gorman House

WHO: YOU! (well-behaved children are welcome)

FOOD: Steve and Chris will be serving pulled pork sandwiches! Please bring a dish to share, or better yet, a bottle or two of wine!



RSVP Required so we have enough supplies on

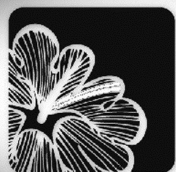
hand! Contact Cory Peters at coryp241@yahoo.com no later than

December 6th. Please also let me know if you'll be bringing food, wine or

other so we can coordinate items and hopefully not have TOO MUCH FOOD on hand, like we did at the Fall Picnic!!



SANTA SAYS: "It's the last neighborhood party of the year – don't miss it!"



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- 2) 22" balsam-cedar-white pine wreath with decorative bow: \$40

Call to Reserve your wreath or plant by November 18!

Those who didn't order last year wished they HAD when they saw how lovely they were! Don't miss out! Products are beautiful, fresh, and lasted well after the holidays. You have multiple choices for colors and bows!



Advance payment by cash or check is required.

Contact Ann Walters by Nov. 18 at (402) 980-8149 for more info, to select your color options and make your purchase. **Mail or drop off** checks to Ann by Nov. 26 at 220 - 5th Ave., C.B. 51503

Pick up your plant or wreath on Saturday, December 3 at Loess Hills Floral, 1010 South Main Street, Suite 700 between 11:00 and 2:00. Phone (712) 256-9959

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NEWS FROM YOUR EVENT COMMITTEE, by Ann Walters

Due to the success and popularity of GNA's 2015 **Wreath and Poinsettia Sale** in collaboration with Loess Hills Floral, we will be doing it again this year!! We are marketing the sale earlier this year because some folks were so disappointed to miss last year's deadline, especially after they caught a glimpse of the beautiful wreaths and festive poinsettias which remained fresh long after the Holidays!

We have more choices this year. For your wreath, you can choose either a gold/ivory sheer ribbon — or— red, green, and gold plaid ribbon to decorate the greenery. The signature poinsettia will be wrapped in a 6 inch burlap pot basket with a decorative bow. Choose from three different poinsettia colors: pink, red or white.

Friday, November 11, 2016, will be our first-ever **Quarter Auction**, at the American Legion on South 4th Street! Food and beverages will be available for purchase (benefitting the Legion), and we have a bunch of really great items up for bid! The event starts at 5:00, with bidding on items beginning at 6:15.

The December **Luminaria Event** has unfortunately been postponed. We are working to reschedule this for 2017! Happy holidays!

Look for more details on all these events elsewhere in this issue.

JANUARY 2017: Brick Street Meeting!

Be sure to attend the GNA General Meeting on **Wednesday, Jan. 11** at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. We'll be addressing the topic of BRICK STREETS, including the results of our upcoming anonymous survey of how people feel about them (Like? Don't like?), which streets are more "valuable" than others, which streets need the most TLC, and more. **Matt Cox, Council Bluffs City Engineer**, will be on hand to answer your questions about our brick streets. *NOTE: this will NOT be a b*tch session about the streets!!* Your opinion does matter, but civility and courtesy will be enforced, period. So, come prepared with thoughtful questions, helpful suggestions, and an open mind. Better yet, come with **IDEAS** on how our neighborhood can help make our streets smoother, safer & more attractive!

See you at the meeting!!



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DODGE HOUSE EVENTS

Holiday Season at the Dodge House is like no other! Support this jewel in our community (and in our neighborhood!) by attending one of these fun upcoming events! Better yet, contact the Dodge House and ask how you can volunteer or donate!

Sat., Nov. 5— Free admission for Veterans

Tues., Nov. 22—Opening Day: Christmas Trees!

Thurs., Dec. 1 — Night with SANTA!

Sat. Dec. 3 — Breakfast with SANTA!

Thurs. Dec. 3 — Family Night

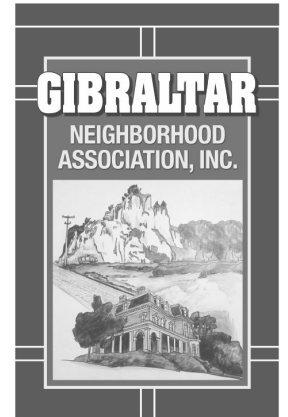
Sun. Dec. 11 — Day with the Dodges

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

GNA Yard Flags!

If you are a paid Gibraltar Neighborhood Association member, as part of your initial membership dues you receive a free GNA garden flag and holder. If you have not yet received one, contact GNA's treasurer —Tom Emmett— at 402-346-6734, and we'll be sure you get one.

ALSO: Is your **old** GNA flag faded or torn? You can purchase a **new replacement flag for only \$7.00!!** Or if you need a replacement flag holder, you can purchase that for **only \$6.00!** Contact Tom at the phone number shown above.



FREE FAMILY NIGHT at the MUSEUM!

Take advantage of **FREE ADMISSION** to the Union Pacific Railroad Museum on the ***First Friday of Each Month!!***

On first Fridays from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., admission at the museum is FREE! Engage with interactive displays and participate in fun hands-on activities! ***Each month will focus on a different theme!***

For more information, call 712-329-8307
or follow the museum on facebook!
(search facebook: uprrmuseum)



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NEW "PAR" OFFICER!

Congratulations to Officer Jill Knotek, who recently received a promotion to Sergeant! Sadly, this means she will no longer be our PAR officer.

The Gibraltar Neighborhood's new "**Police Area Representative**" is Officer Nate Powles (pronounced "poles"). Officer Powles is dedicated to the needs and concerns of Gibraltar residents.

He is the person you can contact if you have a non-emergency situation you need to report, or a safety concern for which you need an answer. See a suspicious-looking person knocking on doors or checking out the neighborhood? Discovered some graffiti? Concerned about speeders revving their engines outside your window?



Call Officer Powles and **SAVE this info!**

His phone: 712-329-1858.

His email: ngpowles@councilbluffs-ia.gov

YARD WASTE TIPS!!

As we move into the end of summer and the leaves begin to fall, you may have more yard waste to set at your curb. Here are some tips and reminders for your yard waste.

Remember to always separate trash from yard waste. These items are collected separately by RR Waste Solutions, the City's waste hauler. If yard waste is not separate, it will be tagged and not collected.

On your curb, place your yard waste a **few feet away from trash**, so waste haulers recognize where one ends and the other begins.

Yard waste may be placed in a regular garbage can, City-approved Poly-cart or paper yard waste bags. **Mark containers with a "Y"** or place an orange yard waste sticker on each can.

Gather limbs and branches into bundles no more than 4' in length, 2' in diameter & 60 pounds in weight.

Tie yard waste bundles with string or twine.

Yard waste is unlimited through November 30.

Pumpkins, corn stalks and other garden waste can be placed with yard waste.

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FROM PRESIDENT PETERS

FESTIVE Fall Greetings to all my Gibraltar Neighbors!

As the year starts to wind down, I hope you will make a continued effort to be involved in the neighborhood!! We'll see less of each other "out and about" since folks won't be gardening or mowing, and when the temperatures dip, nobody really feels like stopping to have a chat while they're walking the dog! So, please make an attempt to attend events so that we can stay connected during the winter season!



Speaking of making connections... WOW—what a great picnic we had at Kirn Park! The weather was fabulous, we saw many new faces, and the food was incredible!! (But we had way too much of it! Maybe for next year's event we have odd — or even — numbered addresses bring the food??) It's so nice to spend a few hours meeting new friends and catching up with old ones. Many thanks to Chris, Eric, Tom, Brian and Dennis for help with setup and tear down. I'm already looking forward to next year's picnic! Check out the photos page in this issue.

Please support our UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS!! Starting in October we'll be taking orders for holiday wreaths and poinsettias. If you participated in this event *last year*, you know how LONG these lasted, and how LOVELY they were!! Don't miss out this year!

AUCTION EVENT!! We are holding a new fundraising event on **Friday, November 11th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.**, and WE NEED YOU to make it a success!! The auction will be held at the American Legion Hall on So. 4th Street. Food and beverages will be for sale (benefitting the Legion), and all funds raised from the auction will benefit Gibraltar. The auctioneer will be none other than yours truly, which should be reason enough to attend FOR A GOOD LAUGH! It's no secret that I have a big mouth, but I've never been an auctioneer before! I'm looking forward to it! More info elsewhere in this issue.

The **NOVEMBER General Meeting (Wednesday, 11/16 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm)** will be on the topic of Recycling, and we'll also learn more about some of the new plans coming out of the new 712 Initiative group, as well as updates and info on upcoming city-wide "Un" events! Our January Meeting topic is Brick Streets!

FOURTH QUARTER SOCIAL! Celebrate the holidays with your neighbors at the *beautiful* historic home of Chris & Steve Gorman, 203 5th Avenue, on **Saturday evening December 10th, at 6:30 p.m.** Your tummy will be happy, as the Gormans will serve pulled pork sandwiches (YUMMM). You can add to the fun by bringing a side dish or dessert to share, or a bottle or two of wine! Catch up with your neighbors and make some new friends! **Welcome the holidays with your neighbors!! Please attend!!!**

LUMINARIAS event postponed. Our Event Committee also came up with an awesome way to make our neighborhood SHINE this holiday season, but we're having some logistical setbacks that are making it difficult to accomplish this for 2016. Lots of folks would like to see this event happen, so work is under way to make this a reality in 2017!



NOTE: Whether you are a GNA homeowner or renter, paid GNA member or NOT, you should *join the neighborhood networking group* at www.gibraltar.nextdoor.com. This site is an *excellent* way for residents to post news, share alerts, ask questions, pose ideas and get to know one another. There is NO COST to join the group, and there are no spam or pop-up ads. You just need to live in our neighborhood.

Until next time, Cory Peters — GNA President

THE HISTORY AROUND US

Council Bluffs Crèche and Its Work

October 18, 1903 Article from The Daily Bee Newspaper

Standing in a beautiful glen nestling at the foot of one of the tall bluffs of Fairmount Park can be seen a commodious two-story frame house, once the home of a well-known family. Externally, there is nothing to distinguish it from any ordinary family dwelling, save for a large sign across the front of it, which reads "Associated Charities Crèche." Here it is that one of the most deserving, but probably least known of the charitable institutions of Council Bluffs has its home.

This handsome building on Ninth Avenue, just east of Third Street, in which the crèche is located, is the result of three year's hard work and perseverance on the part of the members of the Associated Charities. Three years ago

the need of a day nursery or crèche in Council Bluffs was forcibly impressed upon the minds of several of the women who were more or less actively engaged in the charitable work of one kind or another. The result was the organization of the Associated Charities in December, 1900, with Mrs. Anna B. Phelps as its first president. Starting with practically nothing, the association rented a house on Avenue E and Tenth Street and started a day nursery. Mrs. Caroline Johnson was installed as superintendent, which position she has retained ever since. Here also, under the direction of Miss Aylesworth, now Mrs. Beals of New York, and Miss Ellen Dodge, now Mrs. Edgar Scott, was started a "kitchen" garden and sewing circle by means of which young girls were instructed in the art of household duties.

The association had much to overcome at the outset of its career. To equip and furnish the home on Avenue D and Tenth Street was a serious problem. Donations came in but slowly and Mrs. Johnson, the superintendent, recalls the time when the children had to be fed in relays, as there were not sufficient chairs to seat them all at the same time at the table. The crèche had its home on Avenue D and Tenth Street for one year, when the needs of larger premises necessitated the Association to seek a bigger house. The Beck home on Glen Avenue was secured, and here the crèche remained for another year. Last May the Association, having overcome all difficulties and obstacles for two years, decided to secure a home of its own. The incoming of the Great Western necessitated the removal of many houses along its right of way. One of the houses that had to be moved was the old Hanthorn family home. Through the assistance of County Treasurer Arnd, the Associated Charities became the purchaser of the house and it was removed to its present beautiful location on Ninth Avenue.

The house contains fourteen rooms, with laundry and furnace room in the basement. On the ground floor is the office, superintendent's apartments, receiving room, boys' dormitory, children's dining room, and kitchen. On the second floor is the "crèche" proper. Here are two large bright rooms, in which twenty or more little white iron cots can be seen, each with its little occupant. Here the babies have their home. On this floor are also the nurses' sleeping room, a dormitory for the elder children, and the diet kitchen. The work of caring for twenty or more babies can be better understood when it is stated that every day 200 bottles, from which the little ones are fed, have to be washed. In the diet kitchen is where all the milk used is sterilized.

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HOME OF THE COUNCIL BLUFFS CRECHE AT NINTH AVENUE AND THIRD STREET.—Photo by a Staff Artist.

In the crèche at present are thirty children, ranging in age from the 2-weeks-old babe to girls and boys of 12 years. Of these children, six are orphans who are being cared for until suitable homes can be found for them. The mothers of the little babies being mostly of the working class, many of them being employed as domestics. The children are cared for at the crèche, that is, fed and clothed and given medical attendance if sick, for the small sum of \$2 a week. While this is the stipulated charge, many times the mother is unable to even pay this, but her child receives the same care.



WHERE MANY HAPPY MOMENTS ARE SPENT.—Photo by a Staff Artist

The work of the Associated Charities is not limited to the caring for children at the crèche. It reaches far out. A helping hand is extended at all times to young girls and women who are leading a wayward life and they are given a refuge and every assistance to reform. At present there are four young women in the home who have been rescued through the efforts of Mrs. Johnson, the superintendent. They will be cared for until suitable employment can be found for them.

The association supplies many a poor family during the year with provisions, fuel, clothing and other necessities of life, furnishes medicine to the sick and provides transportation to their homes to many a destitute person. In connection with its work among the sick poor, the association feels the need greatly of a trained visiting nurse. The lack of funds alone prevents the association from keeping such a nurse, but is in hope that before long it will be able to do so. Mrs. Johnson is frequently called upon at all hours of the day and night by some sick poor person, but is unable to leave the home.

Outside of the small sum received for the care of the babies in the crèche, the Associated Charities depends upon voluntary contributions to carry on its work. Visitors are always welcome at the crèche and Mrs. Johnson, the superintendent, is always ready to show them through the building. The present officers of the Associated Charities are; President, Mrs. Jacob Sims; vice president, Mrs. George T. Phelps; secretary, Miss Beebe; treasurer, Mrs. P. J. Montgomery; corresponding secretary, Miss Elizabeth Squire; counsellor, Miss Dodge; and auditors, Mrs. Ray Bixby and Mrs. George Keeline.



ONE OF THE DAY NURSERY ROOMS WHERE THE LITTLE TOTS ARE MADE COMFORTABLE WHILE MOTHER IS AT WORK.—Photo by a Staff Artist



What's Going On in the Bluffs!

October 26: Greg Spevak Sextet, 7-10pm at The Center. Enjoy live big band music and a large dance floor. Wear a Halloween Costume & bring a snack to share. BYOB, \$10 fee for non-center members. 21 and older. More info: 323-5995

October 30: Enchanted Forest, 1:00-3:00pm at Hitchcock Nature Center. Bring your costumed little ones for a special themed trail. Pumpkin painting, apple bobbing, refreshments. More info: 242-1197

OCTOBER EVENTS at the PUBLIC LIBRARY

October 13: Love on a Leash! 6:30-7:30pm
Pet therapy teams will be on hand to help motivate children to read.

October 14: Spooktacular! 6:00-7:00pm
Ages 4 thru 6th grade, wear costumes for an evening full of FUN!

October 15: Saturday Movie Matinee 1:30-4:00pm
Show: Captain America: Civil War—free popcorn!

October 16: Sunday Movie—ZOOTOPIA!

October 17: Coloring Club—for Adults! 6:30-8pm
De-stress and express! Use our supplies or bring your own. Color and relax—bring a friend!

October 19: Honeybees, 2:30-3:30pm
Bees are a key role in our ecosystem, and bee keeping supports community pollination and food supplies. Learn how to raise honeybees of your own!
Presented by Al Kirkpatrick

October 22: Dia de Los Muertos—Sugar Skulls from 11-12:00, join us in decorating sugar skulls. All ages welcome to this family activity.

October 26: Trick-or-Treat ! 10:30-11:00am
Costumed kids age 5 and younger with an adult companion

October 29: Trick or Treat Party, 1:30-2:30pm
Craft making, food & drinks, K thru 6th grade. Supplies limited, call the library to reserve your spot.



YARNS, THREADS & MORE!!

WHO: The 746 Neeldework Club

WHERE: Council Bluffs Public Library

WHEN: 2nd & 4th Thursdays ea. month
6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Room D

WHO: YOU!!

COST: FREE!!!

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GNA General Meeting Minutes from September 21, 2016

Held at Our Saviors Lutheran (OSL) with 16 attendees

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Cory Peters.

As the Walters sisters have been ill, Jeff Ketcham filled in as Secretary, and Cory relayed information from Event Chairwoman Ann Walters regarding upcoming events as follows:

- Friday Nov. 11th will be the **Quarter Auction** at the American Legion. This is a fundraising event with donated items. Instructions on how to participate will be available prior to and at the event. Food and drink will be available for purchase from the Legion.
- Also in Nov. we will be having our Wreath and Poinsettia sale again in partnership with Loess Hills Florists. Costs and available items will be listed in the upcoming Rock Talk newsletter.
- Dec. 10th from 11am—2pm will be a Luminary making party at the OSL parking lot. On December 17th we will have the neighborhood luminaries on display. If you are unable to attend the making party you can pay to have your luminaries made for you. Details to follow.

Brick Streets: much discussion has been had recently across NextDoor and other outlets regarding the brick street situation on 5th Ave. Cory recently reached out to City Engineer Matt Cox to discuss options and was informed that they've decided to repair the bricks again. Now with the additional block east on 5th also closed speculation is that more substantial brick repair is to be undertaken. As this has been a recurring discussion throughout the GNA for some time, we would appreciate if someone in the GNA would volunteer to champion this cause and work with other neighborhood associations and check with other communities that are dealing with or have dealt with this same issue. Cory has shouldered much of the load but would like someone to take on the cause. Discussion among the GNA Board has considered passing out questionnaires with a map to gauge people's interest in contributing to brick street repair and identify a consensus of priority areas.

Good turnout Sunday's picnic at Kirn Park. The excess of food provided may mean a different tactic for potluck details next year. 12/10 will also be the GNA X-Mas Social at the Gorman's house.

Patricia La Bounty announced that the Union Pacific Museum is hosting free family night from 5-7pm on the *first Friday of every month* including themed exhibits and events.

Darwin Baker and Turner Morgan presented a truly fascinating presentation about bees and beekeeping (look for the recap with pictures in this issue).

Meeting adjourned at approximately 17:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Ketcham,
Temporary Secretary



Recap of October Meeting: All About BEES!!



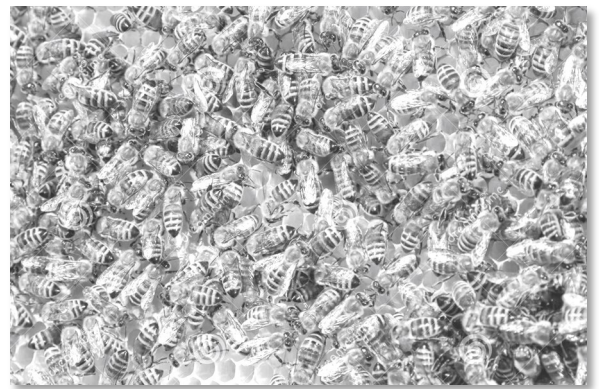
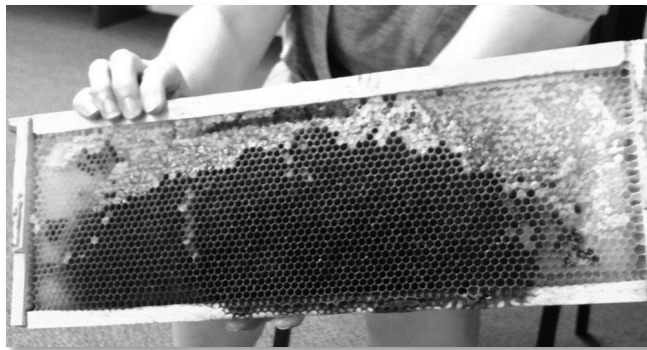
MANY thanks to Gibraltar residents and beekeepers Darwin Baker and Turner Morgan for their *fascinating* presentation on bees and beekeeping at the October general meeting!!!

Did you know:

There are three types of bees in a hive: Queen, Worker & Drone. The drone (male bee) enjoys a life of leisure, as his only responsibility is to mate with the queen!! Conversely, the worker bees (all female) pollinate, find food, gather nectar, build the comb, and more. (Insert your own joke of your choice about men v. women here... lol).

Honey Bees will travel up to five miles from their hive to gather food. To make one pound of honey, the bees in a colony must visit 2 million flowers and fly over 55,000 miles! A single honey bee will only produce about 1/12 teaspoon of honey in her lifetime. AND, out of approx. 20,000 species of bees, only four make honey!

Darwin and Turner also brought samples of their *own* “homemade” honey, and it was so COOL to do a side-by-side taste test! Darwin, who lives at the north end of 3rd Street, and Turner, who lives on the south end of Clark Street, discussed how climate, foliage, and other factors can impact the flavor of honey. It was amazing how different their two samples tasted! Thanks also to Christie Baker for bringing fresh bread samples for everyone to dip their honey in—what a yummy, sweet treat!! **P.S.—Did you know... honey never goes bad!!**



What the heck is a Quarter Auction?

WE NEED YOU! In order for this fundraiser to be a success, we need a lot of folks to attend the Auction Event on November 11th! (See event details on Page 1!).
PLEASE mark your calendars and ATTEND!

What's a "Quarter Auction" you ask? It sort of combines the best of both worlds... ***the fun and excitement of an auction, with the random chance of a lottery drawing!*** It allows you the opportunity to win great prizes without having to spend a lot of money!



Here's how it works:

- 1) Take a look at all of the COOL items up for auction! There is no entry fee to observe, however you DO need to purchase a "bidding paddle" (with its corresponding unique bidding number) to sit at a table.
- 2) Make "change" with our banker for a gob of quarters (or, bring your own quarter supply!)
- 3) Paddles can be purchased for \$5.00, and each paddle (with its unique bidding ID number) equates to one "chance" per item. *You can purchase as many paddles as you want* to increase your odds of winning any item. When you purchase a paddle, the paddle's corresponding numbered "marker" is entered into the main "Auction Jar."
- 4) Take a seat at a table and wait for the fun to begin!
- 5) Our Emcee for the evening will begin "bidding" process for each item with a description of the item, and will announce *the number of quarters required to participate* in the drawing for each item. The number of quarters needed is based on an approximate value of the auction item, as follows:
 - Bid of 1 quarter = \$10 item value
 - Bid of 2 quarters = \$20 item value
 - Bid of 3 quarters = \$30 item value
- 6) If you want to take a chance on the item, to make a bid you raise your paddle(s) and put the corresponding number of quarters in the bowl on your table. Remember, you can bid with multiple paddles to increase your odds, so if you are bidding with *three* paddles and the auction item requires a *two quarter bid*, you need to put SIX quarters in the bowl (two quarters for each of your three paddles)!

NOTE: You can return to banker to purchase additional paddles or to exchange bills for quarters BEFORE bidding begins or ends.

- 9) When bidding ends, runners will collect Quarter Bowls and replace with empty bowls. Keep your paddle(s) held up for the Auctioneer to see!
- 10) The Auctioneer will pull paddle number markers from the Auction Jar until a match is made (not all paddles will be entered for every item, so if your non-entered paddle number is called, you would shout, "No Bid!" If the marker number matches your raised paddle, you win the bid and the item!

Anyone coming into the American Legion that evening is welcome to participate in the Quarter Auction as long as they purchase a paddle to sit at a table. Others may stand and observe.

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3rd Quarter Social: An Excellent Day for Kirn Park Picnic!

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More photos are posted on the Gibraltar Website, so be sure to check those out! www.GibraltarNA.org.



Gibraltar: Xenophon Kynett Home, 625 Bluff St.



*By Mary Lou McGinn
For the Nonpareil*

This very early brick house, built in 1862, was the home of Xenophon W. Kynett, a druggist. He was born in 1827 at Weathersfield, Trumbull County, Ohio, one of eight children of Jacob and Annie Kynett. According to his obituary, "His grandfather was a native of Alsace, on the border of France and Austria, and after coming to this country and living fifteen years in Adams County, Pennsylvania, removed to Trumbull County, Ohio.

"Mr. Kynett attended district school, reading law and medicine in the mornings and evenings, and in 1848 was admitted to the bar in Portage County, Ohio, going there to expedite admittance, and practiced law in Canalsdover, Ohio."

He came to Council Bluffs in 1854. His first assignment here was to be appointed receiver of the book store of Mawhinny & Putnam. He later purchased the store which was located on Broadway. The store prospered and, after eight years, he sold his interest to his partner, H.H. Oberholtzer.

His obituary states that Kynett "turned to the manufacture of patent medicines, of which he was the pioneer in this part of the country, making a specialty of one which a medical friend had successfully used in India, who, in turn, had gotten it from the Brahmins. Kynett claimed they had used it among them for 2,500,000 years."

Xenophon Kynett wore many hats. His obituary continues: "In 1856, he formed a law and real estate partnership with D.C. Bloomer, which continued for several years. In the same year when this city was a rendezvous for French fur traders bound for the northwest, there being here quite a French colony, he was appointed a French consul by Louis Napoleon of France, and served for three years when the needs of such an office were ended."

Also in 1856, he was elected justice of the peace and served four years. He was admitted to the bar in 1857 in this county but did not practice law. He moved to St. Louis in 1878 where he spent five years in the drug business. While there he was offered the chair of chemistry in a college of medicine, but decided to go on the road with his medicines, traveling over Kansas, Missouri and Iowa, and returned to Council Bluffs in 1888.

Kynett Medicine Co. advertisements, found in newspapers and city directories, claim he was a dealer in drugs, medicines, school books, stationery, toys, fancy goods, glassware, and shop furniture... and "will compose in a careful and scientific manner, physicians' prescriptions and family recipes."

In 1877, Xenophon Kynett married Cordelia Susan Bayes who was born in Missouri in 1854. The couple had four sons – Xenophon W., Leslie, Donald, and Leo. Mr. Kynett died in 1904, Cordelia in 1931. The Kynetts are buried in Fairview Cemetery.

The brick house, now painted, features three steep gabled wall dormers across the front with Gothic windows in each and a Gothic hood over the centered front door. Two corbelled brick chimneys are original. The house originally had a full-width front porch which can be seen in the 1868 panorama illustration of Council Bluffs. The nomination of the Willow/Bluff/Third Street district to the National Register of Historic Places calls it a "rare triple-gabled dormer example of a Gothic Revival cottage; very important architecturally in the district".

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