New Bi-Centennial Display at the ECHS

Starting on August 1, we will have a new display at the Epworth Community Historical Society, 110 Bierman Rd.

We are asking for your help to identify people in these pictures taken in 1976 at the Bi-Centennial Celebration here in Epworth. We have approximately 60 pictures to identify. Please stop out and see how good your memory still is.

We will have the Rock Island Caboose open on Saturday August 4, from 1:00-3:00 for tours in conjunction with Epworth Town & Country Days. Please stop and say Hello.

Watch for our flyers for our upcoming open house this fall.

For more info: Please Contact Bill Beyer 876-3213, Deb Connolly 744-3158 or Tom Simpson 876-3160

There has never been but one question in all civilization - how to keep a few men from saying to many men: You work and earn bread and we will eat it.

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Epworth Police Department NEWS

The Epworth Police Department would like to ask the residents of Epworth to help prevent crime in the city. Do not leave your houses, garages or vehicles unlocked. Unlocked doors are easy targets for criminals.

James Kauffmann
Epworth Police
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The Epworth Community Food Pantry is available 7 days a week for confidential assistance to those that need it. It is located under the Catholic church rectory/offices.

Please call any of the following for assistance:
June 876-5562 Lois 876-3712 Judy 876-3227
As a South Texas native I thought that I had seen hospitality at its best, but after a few weeks in Iowa, I am learning that Iowans might be the real experts in welcoming the stranger. As the new pastor of Epworth United Methodist Church, I have been able to experience the hospitality of Christ in the people of the church and the community. My family and I are so thankful for the warm welcome we have received. I am thankful to serve a community who is passionate about working together for good. I am thankful for the kindness of the folks at Silker’s, and for the community members who help with our bread distribution and community meal.

I am thankful to be with you.

This summer, we are going through a series called “Characters Welcome.” We are looking at the characters in God’s story that don’t get the same airtime as Noah, Moses, Mary and John. My prayer is that we are able to see how God uses each person (baggage and all) for GOOD in this world. Come worship with us at 10am on Sundays, and stop by anytime during the week. I would love to know you!

Thank you again for your warm Iowa welcome. I look forward to serving with you here in Epworth!

Peace,
Pastor Stephanie

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- Anyone wishing to **donate items** to E.C.H.S. call 876-3213
- Any donation of $100 or more to the ECHS is remembered with an engraved nameplate in the display case at the Gateway or on a nameplate at the Historical Society
- **Advertising rates:** $20 for a business card size ad and $10 for a half business card size ad
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- To advertise your Business call 876-3160

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- Theodore Roosevelt

I would rather be exposed to the inconveniences attending too much liberty than to those attending too small a degree of it.

- Thomas Jefferson, to Archibald Stuart, 1791

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(Continued from page 166) Garden Gate

the prices go up for food. We need to get on our knees and pray for rain. Our Lord will answer.

The dry weather has been hard on the birds. The robins are hopping around looking for worms, but there aren’t any. The mosquitos aren’t around because of the dry weather. What a blessing that is!

You need to water all of your newly planted trees and perennials. The lawns will be green again after the first good rain. If you do water, give the trees a good soaking at least twice a week. You sure don’t want to lose a tree.

The year 2012 will go down in history and in our memories. We will be talking about this year for a long time.

Keep praying. God bless!

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Check out the Dubuque County Library’s website at [www.dubcolib.lib.ia.us](http://www.dubcolib.lib.ia.us) for information about upcoming program schedules & events.
Thursdays are Hopping @ the Dubuque County Library

How about popcorn and a movie? Catch a new release or requested movie at 7:00 p.m. the 4th Thursday of every month at the Epworth Branch. Upcoming dates are August 23, September 27, and October 25. Please call 563-876-3388 for movie titles and more information.

Craft Night is the 2nd Thursday each month at 7:00 p.m. at Epworth Branch. Bring whatever project you are working on and share ideas and techniques with fellow crafters.

Ever thought about joining a book group? GAB (Girls and Books) meets the third Thursday of every month at the NICC/Peosta Branch Library at 6:00 p.m. Read and discuss contemporary fiction and nonfiction. For more information, contact Jenny Parker at 563-582-0008.

Want to sample new books in a variety of genres from thriller to romance? Check out Dear Reader Online at www.dubcolib.lib.ia.us. Logon; select the category of book you want to read, and each day a 5-minute selection will be sent to your email. Join as many groups as you wish and be prepared to get hooked on books. For more information, contact Dawn Hayslett at 563-582-0008.

Visit your Epworth Branch Library
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Wednesday 9-6
Thursday 3-7
Saturday 9-1

Contact Terrie at 563-876-3388.

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PROJECT UPDATE
The trail extension is complete and the final phase is lighting. The City was awarded a federal transportation enhancement grant to cover 80% of the cost. The City has future plans to install lighting along the entire trail.

Planning continues for a new wastewater treatment facility.

A storm water drainage study of the NW and SW areas is now on file at City Hall. The City will be looking at options to improve drainage in these areas.

Youth Baseball is constructing a handicapped spectator platform at Centennial Ballpark with the assistance of local vendors, volunteers, and funding by the Dubuque Racing Association.

COMMUNITY SERVICES
Changes in garbage and recycling service. Glass can be recycled at the present time. Electronics will no longer be buried at the Landfill but will be recycled. This includes TV’s, computers, monitors, cell phones, printers, DVD players and VCRs. Roling Sanitation will pick up your electronics with your recycling items, but those with a circuit board or picture tube will require a fee: Laptops, small monitors and TV’s require a $5 disposal tag and larger sized 27” or more it will require a $10 disposal tag. All other electronics such as printers, towers, and VCRs will not require a fee at this time. Reminder to use a lid on your recycling container on those windy days!

Yard Waste Disposal site is currently open daily at the Bierman Road wastewater plant (south of Highway 20). Please help keep this resource open to the community – only branches, limbs, plants, shrubs, and grass clippings are allowed. Fines and jail time can result for individuals dumping other items, in addition to possibility of the site closing to everyone.

Pet Licensing for dogs and cats not only helps return Fido or Fluffy home if they’re lost, but is also required by City ordinances. Pet licenses are available at City Hall or the Police Department office during business hours. Please contact the Police Department at 876-3050 to report stray or problem animals.

PASSPORTS
City Hall accepts passport applications on behalf of the US Department of State. US citizens planning international travel may apply for their passports during office hours. Contact us at 876-3320 or email epworth@yousq.net for more information.

You will need a certified birth certificate, a driver license photo ID, and passport photos (photo service available at Sam’s Club, Hartig Drug, Walgreens, and others)

UPCOMING EVENTS
Fall Garage Sales set for Thursday-Saturday, September 27-29. Call 876-3320 to participate.

HALLOWEEN Trick-or-treat night set for Wednesday, Oct 31, 6-7 pm
Water & utility bills can be paid by automatic transfer (ACH) from your bank account. Call City Hall 876-3320.

The City offers a property tax abatement incentive for new home construction and commercial improvements through 2012. All qualifying property must apply at City Hall by the next February 1.

Passport services are offered at City Hall. Phone 876-3320 for requirements.

Tree Program – $50.00 rebate toward nursery purchases of shade and ornamental trees. For details and restrictions, phone City Hall 876-3320

WIPES CLOG PIPES! The past few years have seen the introduction of more and more disposable wipe products for a variety of household uses. Unlike toilet paper, these products do not break down once they are flushed. They can cause blockages in your home sewer lines, resulting in the backup of sewage into the home. On a larger scale, when these products make their way into the public sewer system, they collect together and cause clogs in the collector lines and get tangled in sewer pumps.

Help protect your home and the sewer system by never flushing any consumer item, other than toilet paper, down the toilet, regardless of what the packaging promises. If it's not toilet paper, it should not go in the toilet.

TIPS FOR A SAFE AND FUN SUMMER...

With outdoor activities in full swing, please keep the following items in mind in order for everyone to have an enjoyable, safe summer.

ATVs and Golf Carts are subject to restrictions on City streets. ATV and golf cart drivers alike must have a valid driver's license (a permit is not considered valid!). Golf carts are required to have a safety flag and slow moving vehicle sign and may not be operated after dark or at any time on Main Street and Center Avenue. ATVs must be registered with the County Recorder and cannot be driven over 25 miles per hour while in the City. Proof of insurance is required for ATVs. Golf carts and ATVs are prohibited in City parks and on the Jacoby Drive walkway at all times.

Trees are required to be kept trimmed at least eight (8) foot height along sidewalks and fifteen (15) feet over streets. The property owner is responsible for the trees on his or her property.

Recreational Fires can add to summer fun when done safely. City ordinance requires recreation fires to be surrounded by an above-ground non-combustible material and be smaller than 4x4' in area with flames no higher than 4'. Fires must be attended at all times or completely extinguished if unattended. Firewood or clean, untreated lumber are the only permissible items for burning.

Open Burning is banned except for two periods of the year, and then only for yard waste. The next open burning period is from October 1 to November 15. The owner must call non-emergency dispatch at 583-1711 prior to burning. The Bierman Road waste disposal site is available as an alternative to burning.

Animal waste left by pets on property other than the owner’s needs to be removed immediately by City ordinance. Thank you in advance pet owners for doing your part to keep the community clean!

Vehicles may be stored outdoors in the owner’s yard if they are currently licensed and operable. Inoperable vehicles, car parts, and machinery must be stored inside.
**Thursday & Friday, August 2nd-3rd**

8:00 - 4:00 Ice cream sundae bar at Fidelity Bank - Epworth branch on Bierman Rd.
8:00 - 4:00 Cookies served at DB&T - Epworth branch

**Friday, August 3rd**

6:00-10pm Music at Tower Park featuring the Mississippi Band food vendors will be open

**Saturday, August 4th**

8:00am – 5k road race & 2k run/walk – Sponsored by WD cross country for more information, call 563-876-3442 ext: 3030 or 563-744-9076

8:30-10:30 – Parade line up – Theme: TV game shows Cash prizes to 1st - 3rd place floats.
10:30 – Parade begins: Grand Marshalls are Larry and Donna Clements

Immediately Following in Tower Park

Karaoke · Minute-To-Win-It · Face Painting · Lt Amusements · WD FFA Petting Zoo

Variety Of Games For Kids & Adults · Various Food Vendors

1:00 – live auction begins - silent and drop bucket auctions will end at 5:00pm.
2:00 – 4:00 come dance with Cosmo Billy Band
2:00 – bean bag tournament begins
4:00 – 5:00 Bob Beardsley’s Magic & Balloon Animals Show
5:00 – BBQ cook-off in front of Silkers
6:00 – 9:00 Velcro Sneakers Band
9:00 – 1:00 Rockin’ with the Buzz Berries
Two DWC Graduates Ordained

By Theresa Carson


Fr. Lan Luong, 32, graduated from DWC in 2004. Fr. Nam Vu, 30, was a member of the Class of 2005. Both men went on to earn advanced degrees from Catholic Theological Union (CTU) in Chicago. During the past school year, they also served as deacons in Chicago parishes. Fr. Luong’s first assignment as a Divine Word Missionary will be in Paraguay while Fr. Vu has been assigned to an intercultural parish in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Lan Tu Luong and his family are no strangers to life’s hardships. While he was growing up, they lived in a poor village in Vietnam without phones.

"Usually there was not a lot of food to eat," he said.

The family’s situation was dire. His father, who had served as a soldier in the South Vietnamese Army and had been jailed for two years by the Communist government before Fr. Luong was born, took up work as a fisherman after his imprisonment. One day, when Fr. Luong was only nine months old, the elder Luong unknowingly boarded a boat headed to the United States.

Two years passed before Fr. Luong’s mother received a letter, letting her know that her husband was still alive. Sixteen years passed before the family was reunited. In the meantime, Fr. Luong’s mother struggled to feed her children. Her husband’s family, who practiced Buddhism, had disowned him after he married her and converted to Catholicism.

"My mom was always there to fulfill her duty as a daughter-in-law," Fr. Luong said. "My grandmother didn’t recognize my dad as the firstborn after he converted, but they are reconciled now."

In 1996, the family was reunited when Fr. Luong, his mother and two siblings moved to California. He later came to know the Society of the Divine Word (SVD) through a cousin who was a Divine Word seminarian.

"I’m very grateful that they opened the door for me to discern my vocation and purpose in life," Fr. Luong said.

On a snowy November day in 1991, Nam Quoc Vu saw his father for the first time in six years. He was nine at the time. The years in between had been difficult. His mother had borrowed money so that his father could go to the United States, and she supported her family with work as a seamstress in Vietnam.

"My mom did everything in her power to make sure we grew up right," said Vu, who admits that he ran with a dangerous crowd when he was young. The sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation at age eight changed his life.

"For some reason, after that, I did a 180 degree turn," he said. "I became more obedient. I went to church more often. I hung out with guys who were doing good things, such as the altar boys. The power of God turned my life around."

His Catholic faith continues to enrich his life. "Being in the Society of the Divine Word has taught me how to reach out..."
DRA AWARDS $7,134 GRANT FOR POWER COT FOR AMBULANCE

The Epworth Community Volunteer Firemen were awarded a 2012 Dubuque Racing Association Grant that allowed for the purchase of a new power ambulance cot.

The new state of the art piece of equipment will help medics by allowing the cot to be placed in the ambulance and the transport of patients to the hospital without having to manually lift the cot. The new cot will decrease injuries to volunteers and will increase patient handling safety.

The $7,134.44 grant provided the majority of the funds to purchase the new transport cot. The remaining funds came from donations made at the annual fund raising dance the department held in May. Including this grant, the Dubuque Racing Association has awarded over $92,600.00 to the Epworth Community Volunteer Firemen over the past eleven years.

The Epworth Community Volunteer Firemen is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation comprised of the volunteers who respond to emergencies in and around the Epworth area and was founded in 1911.

“My Life in Europe” is a writing by John Schwendinger about his time in Europe in WWII. These pages were discovered by his family after his death in 2004, and put into a binder. One will soon be available at the Epworth Historical Society. If you wish to read this first hand account, you may also call Tom and Beth Simpson at 876-3160 to borrow a copy. Your only “fee” is to thank a veteran for what he has done and to ask God to bless him.
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to people—to focus on common good,” he said. "They enkindled me in that fire so I can be a light for others. I cannot imagine a better way of living my life.”

As part of the Divine Word Missionaries’ formation process, young men must fulfill Cross-cultural Training Program (CTP) requirements. During CTP, they are emerged in a culture other than their own for one to three years. Both Frs. Luong and Vu fulfilled their CTP requirements in Argentina.

"The cross-cultural experience, on the one hand, was a difficult and lonely experience," Fr. Vu said. "I remember I felt frustrated because I lost control over the world around me due to my language skills. I was not able to speak and understand what people said to me for some time. On the other hand, I felt blessed with the opportunity of getting to know the Argentine culture and its reality particularly in Misiones, Argentina."

He added, "I am thankful to God and all those who have walked with me and helped me in these past years of my formation. Despite a long road that lies ahead, I am looking forward to embark further on the path of fulfilling God’s will in my life as a member in the Society of the Divine Word. For sure, the road that lies ahead is fraught with challenges, uncertainty as well as possibilities. However, the journey of passing over from my Vietnamese-American standpoint to another is worth taking because this journey is inherent in my being as a social human person."

Sharing the wealth … online

Divine Word College is going online to share its wealth of knowledge, reaching out to those who want to explore more deeply their faith and to help others discern their call to religious life. Starting in the fall, Dr. Peter Zografos, associate professor of theology and chair of the Religious Studies Program, will offer four online courses—one course each semester for four semesters.

“Online allows us to reach non-traditional students, who might be working full-time or for other reasons are not able to attend classes in Epworth,” he said. “This also allows DWC to further the mission of the college to educate women and men for ministry.”

Len Uhal, director of Admissions at DWC, said they hope that parishioners in the more than 120 SVD parishes in North America will take advantage of this opportunity. This will allow lay catechists—who are providing religious education to young people—to tap into a source of on-going education that will help them do their ministry. In the process, DWC contributes to the global church as well as to SVD priests and brothers who are on mission.

“This also provides some initial education for perspective students—the young men who are thinking about missionary priesthood or brotherhood but aren’t yet ready to make that commitment and apply to the seminary,” he said. “We hope that if they take a class, they’ll gain some insight into themselves, the faith, and of the SVD.”

For more information, contact Len Uhal, DWC Director of Admissions: 800-553-3321 or luhal@dwci.edu

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Ever wonder how or when Town and Country Day got started? Here is an article written by Epworth’s historian, John Schwendinger, in 1999, when the first Town and Country Day was about to happen….

TOWN AND COUNTRY DAY
By John Schwendinger    July 8, 1999

In Epworth, August 7th, 1999, we’ll have our first Town and Country Day (Rain day, August 8th), with a parade starting at 11:00 AM.

All this started because of the cupola that was removed from atop Megan Hall. It had rested there for 120 years plus.

Divine Word College donated it to the Historical Society, and inasmuch as Epworth has a history of education since 1857 when the Methodist Seminary started until the present day, the cupola is the symbol. It was decided to put it on top of the town’s sign.

The earthquake-proof design is a depiction of beauty and elegance. The drawing has the whole town aware that it costs money. So the scratch begins…

Mayor Phil Silker called the meeting to order (Actually there were three meetings). The people straggled in as the cupola was mentioned as sitting at the Community Center on the East edge of town, begging to be fixed up.

The details of this were included in a drawing.

The second order of business was the Historical Society’s part in the coming Town and Country Day.

The third part of the meeting was the community’s share in the deal.

It seems we have a 100% backing.

The parade, which gets underway at 11:00 am, was up for a lively discussion.

The route of the parade was okay but whether it should be “up” Main Street or “down” Main Street was the bone of contention—west to east, or east to west. Finally it was tabled until next meeting.

Joe Young and Donna Silker have contacted nearly all organizations and businesses for floats. Clowns are in order and it seems like a big celebration is at hand.

The agenda was complete with a box social, raising funds for the cupola renovation. Games, rides, music, bands, booths, etc.—It is all pretty much planned.

All except which way the parade should go.

This will be settled at a final meeting to be held at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, July 14th, at the council rooms. Everybody welcome.

Present at the previous meetings included: Mayor Phil Silker, Donna Silker, Joe Young, Tom Hamilton, George King, John Schwendinger, Owen Leeser, Sally Leeser, Adam Leeser, Dan Wilgenbusch, Judy Sutter, Ernie Akers, Mary Jo Kelchen, and Andy Voss.
Since the last time I wrote, Donna and I have moved to Dubuque. We are in an apartment at Oak Park Place and our windows and patio face the west so we can always think of our 52 years that we lived in Epworth. Our hearts will stay in Epworth, what a wonderful city to call home. We left a lot of friends and we will still hope to see them here or there. We still have 5 pots of flowers on our deck so I haven’t given up with gardening.

What a hot summer we are having, but with all the air conditioning we really are spoiled. The 90 degrees we are having felt even hotter when I was a kid. I tell our grandchildren that we never had a fan, no AC, no ice cubes and we slept on the lawn some nights for comfort. Those were the good ol’ days!

Do we remember last winter when we had very little snow and not too many below zero days? That should have been a pre-view of the summer of 2012. But who are we to hope we can do something about the HOT weather? We do need rain and we are hoping to get some soon or else the farmers will have a shortage of feed for their livestock. And all of us will see

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