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Community Calendar

Friday, March 30

» The Easter Bunny can't swim, but you can! Come hunt for Easter Eggs in the swimming pool at the York Community Center on Friday, March 30 from 3:45 - 5 p.m. then stick around and enjoy a pool party! Important that you register before, to make sure the Easter Bunny brings you some candy! For kids K - 5th grade.

» There will be no classes at Cross County, Hampton, Heartland, High Plains, Centennial, Exeter-Milligan, McCool and Fillmore Central on Friday, March 30.

» The Stromsburg Senior Center will hold an anniversary and birthday party on Tuesday, March 30 at 2:30 p.m.

» The Ebenezer United Methodist Church at 12th and Road U in Waco will be hosting a special chalk artist at 7 p.m., on March 30. Everyone is encouraged to attend. This event is free.

» Celebrate Good Friday by singing those traditional hymns that everyone knows so well a cappella at the Heritage Park Country Church. The annual Good Friday Hymn

Sing will be held at the Henderson Mennonite Heritage Park on Friday, March 30 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 31

» The annual Waco Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 31, at 10 a.m., at the Ellison Park football field. All kids 10 and under are invited and there will be lots of prizes to find. Donations of candy, to be put in the Easter eggs, can be dropped off at Signatures Salon or the Waco branch of Cornerstone Bank before Wednesday, March 28.

» The Zion Lutheran Church in Benedict will host an Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, March 31, at 10 a.m., at the Benedict Village Park. It will be for kids three years old through second grade.

» Fairmont will hold their Easter Fun Day on Saturday, March 31.

» The Gresham American Legion Auxiliary will sponsor an Easter Egg hunt for preschool through third grade on Saturday, March 31, at 1 p.m., at the west park. If it is raining, the hunt will take place at the com-

munity center.

» The Geneva Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt & Geneva Rotary Pancake Feed will be held on Saturday, March 31. The Pancake Feed will be held from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Jill's Sweet Shop for \$5 per meal. The Easter Bunny will be there from 9 - 9:45 a.m. An Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Fillmore Central FBLA, will be held on the Fillmore County Courthouse Lawn at 10:30 a.m. Age divisions include: Infant - 3 yrs., 4-6 yrs. and 7 to 10 yrs.

» Geneva Arts Council is sponsoring "The String Beans" in concert on Saturday, March 31, from 1 to 2 p.m., at the Rialto II Theater. Season tickets available for \$30, single tickets for age 19 and up are \$15, kids age 18 and under are FREE!

» The York Country Club will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31. Children ages 1-3, 4-8, 9 and up can meet at the 19th Hole at 10 a.m., for games and the egg hunt outside, weather permitting. Kids are reminded to bring their baskets.



Welden Duer

June 26, 1926 – March 23, 2018



Welden Duer, 91, of Lincoln passed away on Friday, March 23, 2018 surrounded by his family. He was born June 26, 1926 on the family farm near Staplehurst (Seward County) to Emil and Annette (Hermann) Duer. Welden attended school at Staplehurst and Seward High School.

Welden was drafted into the Army in June 1945. Following basic training, he served with the 63rd Signal



Operations Battalion in Salzburg, Austria installing, maintaining and repairing communications equipment. Welden began his career at LT&T (Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company) in 1947 as a Combination Man. In 1950, Welden joined the Air Force Reserves and was called to active duty at Selfridge Air Force Base in Mt. Clemons, MI assigned to the communications division. He was honorably discharged from the military and returned to LT&T serving in a variety of positions. Welden worked for LT&T for 43 years with his final position in David City as Area Manager of Butler County.

Welden was united in marriage to Georgene Ehlers on

Aug. 20, 1950 and they welcomed 4 children: Katherine, Mark, Sarah and Curt. Throughout his life, Welden was very active with the Lutheran Church, Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, variety of local committees and the Telephone Pioneer Association. Welden was kind-hearted and lived a long, full life. He enjoyed fishing, carpentry, traveling, dancing and spending time with his family and friends.

Welden is survived by his wife, Georgene; daughter, Katherine (Ron) Hotovy of David City; son, Rev. Mark Duer of LaGrange, IL; daughter, Sarah Duer of Lincoln; son, Curt (Stefania) Duer of Panama City Beach, FL; grandchildren, Veronica Hotovy, Rebecca Hotovy, Nico Duer and Luca Duer and sister, Nelda Minzel of Hastings.

Welden is preceded in death by his parents; brother and sister-in-law, Norman "Buck" and Verley Duer; sisters and brothers-in-law, Wilma and Leo Volzke and Audrey and Leonard "Red" Williams.

Visitation is being held from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, at Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home. A funeral service is being held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 28, at Good Shepard Lutheran Church, 3825 Wildbriar Ln, Lincoln, NE 68516.

Memorials suggested to American Legion Post #125 (David City), Good Shepard Lutheran Church (Lincoln), and Alzheimer's Association (Nebraska). Condolences: lincolnfh.com.



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Valley invites Waterloo into Business Association; reinvents Spruce Street

by Mary Lou Rodgers

The Valley business community has been growing and not long ago, the Valley Business Association was formed and already has over 40 members. But now, Waterloo businesses have joined with Valley to form the Valley Waterloo Business Association to promote their small town merchants.

Linda Bogatz, owner of Serenity Salon & Spa, said that Ryan Gratopp, who bought the school building in Waterloo, approached the Valley businesses about including Waterloo in the association.

"We've all joined together to promote our small towns," Bogatz said.

Those interested can find more information on Facebook under Valley-Waterloo NE Business Association or at valleywaterlooba.com.

In Valley, the downtown businesses have made some plans of their own for this month and possibly for future events. They are calling themselves The Shops on Spruce Street.

One of newest additions is The Attic, in the historic building at 224 N. Spruce Street, where Eclectic was once located. The Attic is a co-op shop of 12 designers, offering everything from re-imagined furniture to handmade jewelry, art and gift items. On Wednesday, March 21, a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at The Attic at 10 a.m., followed by a ribbon cutting at Hidden Gem at 10:30 a.m. Wendy Deane, owner of Eclectic, combined the gift shop with Hidden Gem, now located at 105 N. Spruce Street.

The Attic is hosting a grand opening from March 21-31. They are open Wednesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 11-2. During the last two weeks of March, Hidden Gem is offering 20 percent off, and Serenity Salon & Spa is offering a free haircut for

those getting coloring or highlights, as well a manicure-pedicure special. Bogatz has remodeled her full-service salon space and recently hired Valley resident Eileen Rose Kaven, who has been doing hair for five years.

In the newly remodeled Valley Station building at 333 N. Spruce Street, three new businesses have moved in. Dr. Katie Revels opened Valley Chiropractic and Acupuncture in February to offer chiropractic, acupuncture and massage therapy services. Originally from Neligh, Nebraska, Dr. Revels has been practicing in Omaha and Millard for the past four years, but wanted to get back to the small-town atmosphere. She liked the idea of the local business association as well as the town of Valley.

"There is a lot of community support for staying local and using the resources we have here," she said.

Also in Valley Station is Creative You Door Décor, which hosts paint parties with door signs, and Walls 2 Floor, a commercial contractor business.

Another new Spruce Street business is Everything Happier at 206 N. Spruce Street, owned by Nancy Case, a mixed medium artist. She has a working studio there and will offer classes as well as providing retail items to purchase and some whimsical items to rent for special occasions. She plans to open by April 15.

Across the street, John Hoich has purchased the space at 219 N. Spruce Street, next to Simply Delicious. Hoich, an Omaha developer, recently moved to Valley and plans to have his business office in the back of his building, with the front devoted to handmade pottery from Nicaragua. Hoich is a long-time member of the Omaha Rotary Club, which sponsors the pottery sales as a benefit for Nicaraguan Deaf Education.

"We're reinventing Spruce Street," Bogatz and Deane said. "As business owners, we hope to create an 'artistic' feel to our downtown Valley business district."

They are also developing plans for quarterly evening events so that people can enjoy the shops in a social atmosphere, like a wine-tasting walk or a holiday theme.

"We have so many creative people with lots of new ideas," they said, "and we are all so excited to create this wonderful new atmosphere in downtown Valley."



The Attic, a co-op of 12 designers, is now located in this historic building in downtown Valley. The Eclectic gift shop has been combined with Hidden Gem, also on N. Spruce Street in Valley.



Valley Spruce Street business owners Linda Bogatz (seated), owner of Serenity Salon & Spa, and Wendy Deane, owner of The Gallery, welcome chiropractor Dr. Katie Revels (left) and Serenity hair stylist Eileen Kaven.



The sign for the new Valley Chiropractic & Acupuncture was being installed on March 13 on the Valley Station building, next door to Creative You Door Decor, which opened in January.