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### This Week's Motivational Quote

"Work is either fun or drudgery. It depends on your attitude. I like fun."

-Colleen Barrett, President and Corporate Secretary of Southwest Airlines

[If you're motivated to book a hotel room, click here!](#)



### Weekly Contest

Last Week's Question:

How many square yards of new carpeting is being installed into our McKenzie Ballroom this month?

Last Week's Answer:

386.11 square YARDS (3475 sq. feet divided by 9)  
Congratulations to Susan Miller of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce for winning last week's contest. She was one of 13 correct entries and was drawn at random as our winner. Susan wins a 1 night bed and breakfast package at Valley River Inn.

Every week we give our subscribers a chance to win GREAT prizes from Valley River Inn. To enter, simply click on the link below and complete the form. The submission closest to the actual answer wins! If there is a tie, we will randomly draw a winner.

Deadline to Enter:

Sunday, April 1st @ 10AM

GOOD LUCK!

THIS WEEK'S PRIZE:

Easter Brunch for 2 at Valley River Inn

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

What Oregon city has an extinct volcano inside its city limits?

- A. La Pine
- B. Sisters
- C. Detroit
- D. Bend

**ENTER  
NOW TO  
WIN!**

[Click Here To Enter](#)

## SweetWaters Spotlight - Easter Brunch

Start planning now for your Easter Sunday celebration. Here's a tentative menu for our annual Easter Sunday Brunch at Valley River Inn.

Call us at 743-1000 to make your reservation TODAY.

DATE: Sunday, April 8, 2007

TIME: Seatings from 9AM - 2PM

COST: Adults - \$36.00, Children - \$18.00, Under 5 - FREE

ENTERTAINMENT: Easter Bunny & Balloon Artist

MENU:

### ENTRÉES

Leg of Lamb with Mint Jelly  
Glazed Ham with SweetWaters Mustard  
Braised Brisket  
Meatball (Kaftha) Kabobs  
Eggs Benedict  
Cheese Blintzes  
Apple Crêpes  
Scrambled Eggs  
Sausage & Bacon  
Steamed Potatoes  
Mushroom Volauvent  
Baked Oysters and Clams

### OMELET STATION

Tomatoes, Peppers, Ham, Cheese, Mushrooms

### SEAFOOD BAR

Prawns  
Blackened Catfish with Red Pepper Sauce  
Poached and Smoked Salmon and Lime Dill Aioli

### WAFFLE STATION

Syrup, Butter, Whipped Cream, Strawberries & Marionberries

### COLD DISHES

Hummus Tzatziki Baba Ghanoush  
Pâté with Baguette  
Assorted Imported & Regional Cheese Tray  
Vegetarian New Potato Salad  
Fresh Asparagus  
Vegetarian Pasta Salad  
House-Smoked Assorted Meat Tray  
Garden Salad with Choice of Dressings  
Fresh Seasonal Fruit Salad  
Greek Salad  
Assorted Pickles  
Pickled Herring, Anchovies

### DESSERT & ESPRESSO BAR

Petit Fours and Bonbons  
Marionberry Cobbler  
Assorted French Pastries



Lemon Bars  
Chocolate Pecan Brownies  
Fresh Seasonal Fruit Tarts  
Assorted Cheese Cake  
Tiramisu  
Carrot Cake  
Napoleons  
Strawberry Short Cake

AND MORE!!!!

[Click here for more information about Valley River Inn](#)

## Upcoming Hotel Events

There's always something going on at Valley River Inn and every week, we're sending you the fun stuff happening for the next 3 months, so you'll have time to plan.

Here are some upcoming highlights:

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

VRI Wedding Showcase

Free to brides, grooms, moms of brides and grooms and everyone else!!!

Lots of great vendors

Call 341-3464 for more information

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

Easter Sunday Brunch

Seating from 9AM - 2PM

Adults - \$36.00

Children 5-12 - \$18.00

Under 5 - FREE

THE EASTER BUNNY WILL BE HERE and a BALLOON ARTIST TOO!

Reservations Required

Call 743-1000

SUNDAY, MAY 13

Mother's Day Brunch

Seating from 9AM - 2PM

Adults - \$36.00

Children 5-12 - \$18.00

Under 5 - FREE

FRI DAY, JUNE 8

Chamber of Commerce Auction Dinner at VRI

A benefit dinner for the US Olympic Track Trials in 2008

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament

A benefit for the US Olympic Track Trials in 2008

[For our complete Calendar of Events, Click Here!](#)



## Hotel News - VRI Resident Ducks Are Back

We all know that Eugene is Duck country, but every year Valley River Inn literally becomes duck headquarters. For as long as anyone can recall, a pair of Ducks have flown into Valley River Inn's pool each year at the end of March. The ducks, one male and one female, swim in the pool and walk around the pool deck until we start heating the pool in late May. The staff have appropriately named them, Donald and Daisy.



A few years ago, a really amazing thing happened...Huey, Duey, Louie and a few more ducklings made an appearance as well.

Drop by and say hi to them.

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## Did You Know? Easter Edition

A Fun Tidbit Delivered Right To Your Email Inbox Every Week.

Did you know...

The name Easter comes from Eostre, a pagan festival. Before Christianity, early Germans held an annual celebration in honor of Eostre, goddess of spring and fertility. As Christianity spread across Europe in the first and second centuries, the Church often modified or adopted pagan holidays. Because Eostre was the goddess of spring and her festival celebrated renewal and rebirth, the Church's belief in Christ's resurrection made for a good match.

The concept of an Easter Bunny originated with the Germans, who settled in Pennsylvania when they emigrated to the United States in the 1700s. Their Pennsylvania Dutch children believed that if they were well-behaved, the Oschter Haws (literally, Easter rabbit) would leave a nest of brightly colored eggs on Easter morning. The idea began to catch on nationwide after the Civil War.

Some countries don't have the Easter Bunny. Switzerland has the Easter cuckoo, while Australia has the Easter bilby, a marsupial with rabbitlike ears. (Rabbits aren't native to Australia-they were imported in the mid-1800s and destroyed thousands of acres of crops, so they're not considered a symbol of growth.)

Easter eggs also come from Eostre. In a folktale, Eostre turns her pet bird into a rabbit to entertain some children. The rabbit performs a trick: it lays colorful eggs. Eggs are also a common symbol of rebirth in many ancient cultures, including those of Egypt, Persia, China, Gaul, and Rome. The first concrete historical association of colored eggs with Easter is in the 1200s, when English servants were given painted eggs by their masters as Easter gifts.

And Did You Know that Valley River Inn has Eugene's #1 Rated Easter Sunday Brunch? Make your reservations



now...we're almost full.

[Click Here To Visit Valley River Inn](#)

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