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VALLEY DAZE 2025

Community Enjoys “Daze” of Fun...



A volleyball tournament returned to Valley Daze in 2025 – on Saturday, June 28, organized by Chris and Amy Bischof. In this game, high-flying EV-W alum Matthew Notch tried to spike the ball on Jared Streit, another outstanding athlete for EV-W.



A Zuhrah Shriner, driving a golf cart decorated as a U.S. Navy jeep, flashed the peace sign during the Valley Daze parade on Saturday evening, June 28. Valley Daze returned to Eden Valley last week from Thursday, June 26, to Sunday, June 29.



Chuck Geislinger and Hunter Solomon of the Eden Valley Hawks grilled the hamburgers at the Hawks stand at Valley Daze on Friday, June 27. Chuck's parents – Birdie and Diane Geislinger – were the 2025 grand marshals for Valley Daze, but were unable to ride in the parade (due to Birdie's hospitalization). They will ride in the parade next year, with the 2026 grand marshals.

QUICK HITS

Friday, July 4

KLA to hold Koronis boat parade

The Koronis Lake Association will hold their annual Fourth of July boat parade on Friday, July 4, with participating boats meeting at 1:30 p.m. at Koronis Ministries. Sign in at the dock. Boats will leave at 2 p.m. Prizes are: first place, \$250; second place, \$100; and third place, \$75.

Saturday, July 5

Annual boat parade on Rice Lake

The Rice Lake Association will hold their annual Fourth of July boat parade on Saturday, July 5. Registration will begin at 1 p.m. in front of Tinnies Tavern's docks. Please register, get a number, and get your picture taken. The lead boat will leave, leading the boat parade, at 1:30 p.m. Prizes – for creativity and for best decorated – will be announced at Tinnies after the boat parade. Come join the fun!

Fourth of July fireworks over Koronis

The annual Fourth of July fireworks will be shot off over First Island on Lake Koronis on Saturday, July 5, at dusk (around 10 p.m.) Boaters, remember to stay 1,000 feet away from the island for safety.

Wednesday, July 9

Watkins to hold blood drive

A blood drive will be held on Wednesday, July 9, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at the St. Anthony Parish Hall in Watkins. Please sign up with the American Red Cross. This event is sponsored by the Watkins Legion and VFW Post #5460.

CITY OF EDEN VALLEY

Council looking at replacing the city sign

What should new sign be?

Where should it be located?

By Erica Reinke

At the Wednesday, June 4, Eden Valley City Council meeting, the majority of the time was spent discussing what might appear to be a simple topic: whether or not to replace the city sign.

However, it's not as simple as it may seem.

There were three main components to the discussion. First, does the sign need

replacing at all? Second, if replaced, should it be replaced with an electronic version, to allow for more information to be broadcast at any given time? And third, if replaced, where should it be located?

Upon reaching the conclusion that replacing the sign would be beneficial, pricing of an electronic sign was introduced. It could cost the city between \$51,000 and \$72,000.

“For that kind of money, I'm out,” stated councilor Troy Huschle.

But councilor Brian Schueller thought a new sign, even at that cost, would be beneficial. “It can become the

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STATE GOVERNMENT

New state laws take effect in Minnesota

Pensions for teachers, cops, and fire fighters get bumps

This is a listing of selected new laws passed during the 2025 legislative session that took effect on July 1, 2025 (or in the preceding months).

Pension Funding

Teachers with decades of experience will be able to retire sooner with a lower early retirement reduction

from the full retirement benefit they would have received at age 65. That is a key provision in the omnibus pension and retirement law. The new benefit for teachers is effective Monday, June 30, 2025.

The law provides \$78 million in pension funding for firefighters, police officers, state patrol, and teachers in the 2026-27 biennium. About half is targeted to the Minnesota Teachers Retirement Association.

The law reduces the age at which a member becomes eli-

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