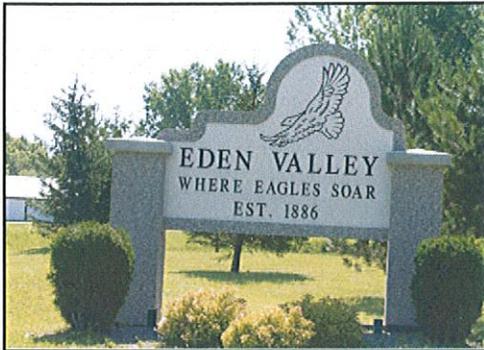


*"Then come to the valley of Eden
where lies,
a truly earthly paradise..."*

Eden Valley - Where Eagles Soar



A small town with big ideas may be the best way to describe Eden Valley. A growing industrial park, a customer and service-oriented business community, and a nationally-recognized school district are among the strong points leading this city into the future.

Located less than 70 miles west of the Twin Cities, Eden Valley is gateway to the Central Minnesota lakes area. More than a dozen lakes can be found within a 10-mile radius of Eden Valley including Lake Koronis, Rice Lake, and the famed Horseshoe Chain of Lakes. The city is truly enriched by the surrounding, thriving agricultural community.

OVER 125 YEARS OF PRIDE, PEOPLE, PROGRESS

The arrival of the railroad led to the founding of Eden Valley in 1886. Those were exciting early years,



complete with stories of thriving roller mills, three hotels, an opera house and area lakes which could produce a boat full of fish in a matter of hours. By the early 1900s, the town's population had swelled to about 1,000.

Over a century later, Eden Valley continues to thrive. The city's major employers are Eden Valley-Watkins School District 463, BI Performance Services, and RIE. The industrial park, on the city's

southeast side has welcomed several new businesses in the past decade. Additional businesses are always welcome.



City hall houses the council chambers, clerk's office, police department and the senior nutrition dining site. A newly built fire and rescue station are located in the industrial park.

No description of Eden Valley would be complete without mentioning the community's most valuable resources-its people. Friendly, hard-working and caring are just a few of the adjectives used to describe the people who call Eden Valley their home.



In the early part of this century, an unknown author wrote a poem urging people to visit Eden Valley. Most of the attributes outlined in the poem, plus a few more, still ring true today.

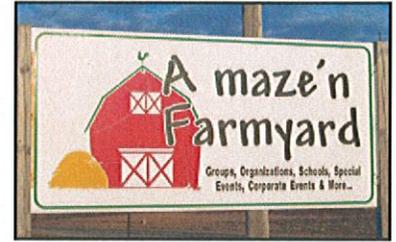
The poem ended with these words:

"Then come to the Valley of Eden where lies, a truly earthly paradise."

Eden Valley is a statutory city and is governed by a mayor and four-member council. The mayor serves a two-year term and council members serve four-year terms with



two members elected at alternate two-year intervals. The city council meets the first Wednesday of each month in the council chambers of city hall. The functions of the city are coordinated through the city clerk/treasurer. Responsibilities include planning, organizing, directing, and coordinating municipal activities.



Economic development assistance is available through a Revolving Loan Fund administered by the city. An Economic Development Authority, appointed by the City Council, reviews applications submitted for assistance. Additional assistance is also available through the Meeker County Economic Development Administration, as well as various Initiative Funds and private organizations. Please contact the city clerk 320-453-5251 for further information.

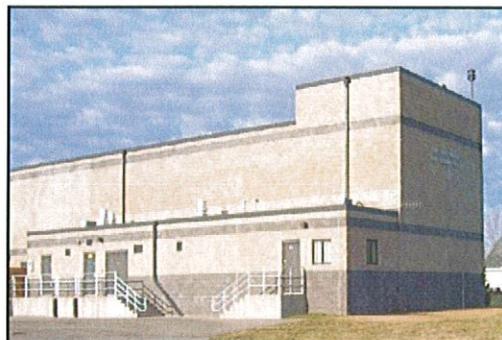


Services



Police Department: The city has a police force consisting of one full-time and one/two part-time officers.

Fire Department/Rescue Squad: The Eden Valley Fire Department/Rescue Squad consists of more than 30 trained volunteers, supplied with up-to-date equipment, providing protection and assistance to the surrounding area. In addition to the city, protection is provided to Eden Lake, Forest Prairie, Luxemburg, Manannah and Union Grove Townships. The fire insurance classification for Eden Valley is 6.



Public Works Department: The city's Public Works Department employs two full-time water and wastewater licensed personnel. Water service is provided by the jointly-owned Eden Valley-Watkins treatment facility located in Eden Valley. The facility is designed to filter iron and manganese at a rate of 450 gallons of water per minute(gpm) for a total capacity of 600,000 gallons a day. Three wells pump water to the treatment plant, which has a storage capacity of 170,000 gallons, plus the city has additional storage capacity in its 60,000 gallon water tower. The city currently has an average demand of 80,000 gallons per day.

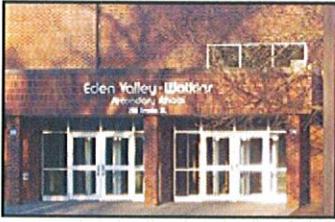
City Contact Numbers:

City Clerk/Treasurer: 320-453-5251, Fax line: 320-453-5871

Public Works Department: 320-453-5252, Fax line: 320-453-5253

Police Department: 320-453-5452

Eden Valley-Watkins Public Schools



Eden Valley-Watkins Public Schools is where opportunity knocks for students in grades pre-k through grade twelve. Whether academics, the arts or athletics, the district offers a challenging and appropriate education for all students provided in a safe, nurturing environment that emphasizes a spirit of community cooperation.

There are two elementary schools in the district.

The Eden Valley Elementary School is a K-6 program which features small classes(average of 20 students per classroom K-3), special education personnel in many disability areas, student and family support through a social worker, a "hands on" curriculum in math and science, a fully computer networked elementary with two computer labs and Internet directly connected to each elementary classroom.

Watkins Elementary is an early childhood center with programs for Early Childhood Family Ed, Early Childhood Special Ed, 4-Year-Old Learning Readiness, and Readiness Room for 5-Year-Olds. There are also two sections of kindergarten at the Watkins Elementary school.



The secondary school, home of the Eagles, is located in Eden Valley. Remodeled in 2001, the school building has classroom space to accommodate 500 or more students in grades 7-12, two fully equipped computer labs, direct connection to Internet and Internet addresses for all secondary students, a fine arts stage facility, a computerized media center, and a voca-

tional wing for agricultural and industrial tech.

Over 120 courses are offered on a semester basis in the following departments: agriculture, art, business education, foreign language, home economics, industrial education, language arts, mathematics, music, physical education/health, science, social studies, college in schools, school service, and tech school articulations.

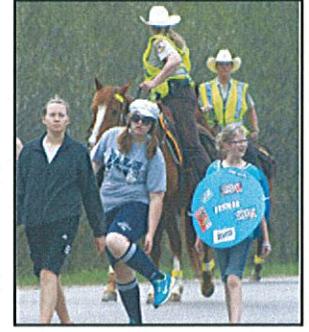
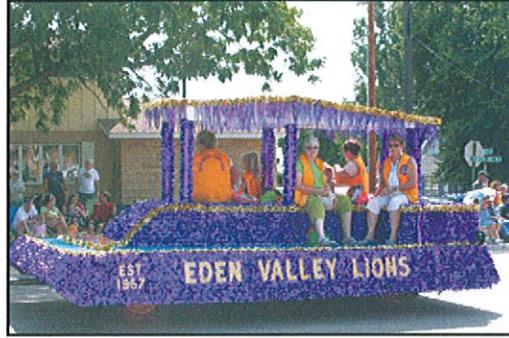
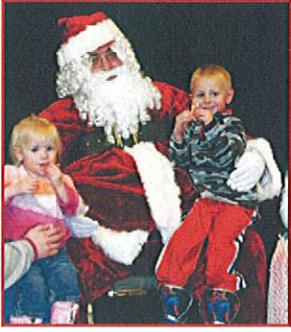
Students can earn up to 43 college credits at no cost at EV-W High School through EV-W courses in math, physics, English, history, German, and agriculture that are accredited with the University of Minnesota, Fergus Falls Community and Technical College, and St. Cloud State University. These credits are transferable to nearly every post-secondary institution.



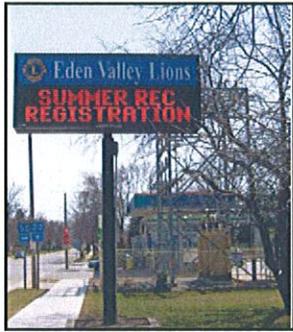
Student activities include the following: Knowledge Bowl, Mock Trial, Speech, Drama, Vocal and Instrumental Music, Student Council, National Honor Society, a school newspaper, which has received state and national awards, sixteen sports programs from 7th grade through varsity levels, plus a variety of other clubs and organizations such as German Club, Chess Club, and Investment Club. The school has a rich history of success in sports with the following: 2010, 2011 Class A Baseball Champions, 2005 Class AA Football Champions, 1986 Individual 4X800 Relay Team, 2004 State Speech-Ryan Rice, 2005 300 Meter Hurdles-Jennifer Becker.



Transportation is provided free to all residents and families within one mile of the district boundaries. For transportation arrangements beyond this please contact the District Business Office. For more information, call (320) 453-2900.



Four seasons of fun for all ages can be found in Eden Valley



Summer months bring a mini-boom to the community as the lakes welcome seasonal residents and vacationers to their shores. Whether it's casting a line in the summer or drilling a hole through the ice in the winter, fishing is a popular past time for residents and visitors alike. Area lakes are among the best in the state when it comes to panfish, walleye and northern.

Area resorts and campgrounds put out the welcome mat to hundreds of guests each year.

The non-fishermen of the bunch can enjoy a relaxing day of sunning and swimming on the sandy beaches while those who want to venture out may opt to shop or visit one of the area's many golf courses.



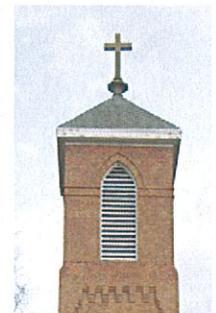
Eden Valley's biggest show in town is the annual Valley Daze celebration held in late June. Highlights of this three-day event includes a kiddie-parade, spectacular fireworks, a carnival and an impressive grand day parade.

While life slows down a bit in the winter months, Eden Valley certainly does not go into hibernation. The community sits at the heart of two of Central Minnesota's snowmobile trails bringing hundreds of snowmobilers to the area each year. Cross country skiing as well as downhill skiing are located a short distance away. The schools also offer a wide range of activities nearly seven days a week.



Throughout the year, Eden Valley plays host to a number of activities. These events include an ice fishing contest, city-wide garage sale, youth programs, community education adult classes and trips, softball, horseshoe, dart and trap-shooting leagues. One of the busiest spots of the summer is the athletic field, home to the Eden Valley Hawks amateur baseball team. Winter, spring, summer, or fall...

...there's fun for all in Eden Valley.



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