

Sleepy Eye Community Education

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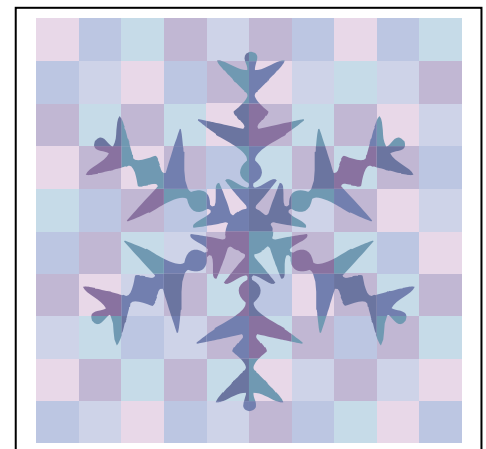
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School day office hours are generally 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If school is closed due to inclement weather, activities are canceled. If school starts late, evening activities will be held.

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Welcome to another calendar year!

Community Education programs are for all ages. This on-line newsletter is for your convenience. The ECFE newsletter is also on line and people may register using the links provided.

VIP Passes for district residents 60 and older are available for home athletic events. They are not valid for tournaments or post season games. They do not expire so keep them for next year!

Daytime visitors to the Sleepy Eye School need to enter Door #2, sign in and get a visitor's pass. The receptionist will direct you to the office you may need to visit.

Watch for weekly updates on our program by reading the Community Education News in the *Sleepy Eye Herald Dispatch*. You can also find updates on Sleepy Eye Online.

The first and third Tuesday, a staff member provides updated information on KNUJ-SAM 107.3 FM at 8:45 a.m. Thank you for your continued support of our programs!

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Smart Driver classes



Drivers 55 and older who complete the course qualify for a ten percent discount on their vehicle insurance premium for three years. Developed by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and conducted throughout the country, Smart Driver teaches preventive measures to use when driving that saves lives. First time students must take an eight-hour course, but repeat students may take a four-hour renewal course to qualify for the discount. Classes are held in Room 134, Room 102 or the Lindahl Room at Sleepy Eye School.

Cost is \$15 (AARP member) or \$20 if not a member, with checks payable to AARP.

Bring your driver's license and AARP membership card. Minimum class size is 15 and maximum is 25. Classes this winter-spring will be offered on the following dates:

Four Hour Renewal Classes:

Monday, January 27, 1-5 p.m.
 Monday, February 24, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
 Monday, March 16, 1-5 p.m.
 Monday, April 6, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
 Monday, May 4, 1-5 p.m.

First Time Participant Class

Saturday, March 21, beginning at 8 a.m.

How can Identity Theft Affect Me?

Identity theft can create havoc in our life, so it is very important to know how to:

- Protect yourself
- Detect warning signs
- Correct problems that arise if your identity is stolen

When: Thursday, January 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m. or Thursday, February 6, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Sleepy Eye School Lindahl Room Fee: Free

Presentors: Maxine Meine, Branch President and Scott Salfer, Service Manager
 SouthPoint Financial

United Way Brown County Area

Many initiatives are offered through our Brown County Area United Way. One of the long standing programs has been the **Youth Activities Scholarship Program**. Young people ages 4-18 whose family income is insufficient to meet the activity and equipment fee are eligible.

The **Dolly Parton Imagination Library** is open to all preschool children in Brown County. This program delivers one book a month to those who register through the United Way. Reading regularly to children at a very young age has proven to help children be ready for school. Registration forms and additional information is available on all of these activities at www.unitedwaybrowncountyarea.org

Free Tax Preparation offered by the United Way – Trained volunteer tax preparers will be available in the lower level of the New Ulm Public Library. Appointments available beginning February 11 through April 14, 2020. Please call for an appointment at 507-276-3186.

If you prefer to self-file your taxes, MyFreeTaxes.com is a free and safe way for anyone earning \$66,000 or less on both Federal and Minnesota tax returns.

Big Ideas – Classes for anyone 13 and older to learn a new skill that may lead to a career change. For more information, to www.BigIdeasUSA.org or call 866-992-4443. Current offerings in New Ulm for the winter term are

Carpentry: Levels 1-3; Welding: Arc/Stick; Welding: MIG/Wire Feed; Welding: TIG;
 Introduction to Machine Sewing; Sewing: Reading & Using Patterns;
 Sewing: Alterations (Pants & Shirts); Automotive: Basic Automotive Care



One Day Outings

You are invited to take a journey with Sleepy Eye Community Education by motor coach. Stops are made along the route to pick up participants (Redwood Falls, Morgan, Evan, Sleepy Eye, Essig, New Ulm, Winthrop) when going to the Twin Cities area. A minimum number is needed in order to go. A number of trips have been planned by other departments so check out the possibilities of doing some fun things this winter-spring! Please adhere to sign-up deadlines. If you cancel after a ticket deadline, you will be responsible for the ticket price unless you find a replacement.

U.S. Bank Stadium Tour – Wednesday, February 5 – Tour guides will give an inside look with their knowledge of the stadium and behind-the-scenes access. Specific tour routes are based on events and activities in the stadium. All tours are wheelchair accessible and complimentary wheelchairs are available upon request. Make sure to wear comfortable shoes as tours cover a distance approximately one mile. Lunch will be on your own. Charter bus and tour will be \$45 per person. Depart 8 a.m. and return late afternoon. Register by January 20.

Disney on Ice – Saturday, March 14 – Hit the road with Mickey and his pals for a high-octane road trip adventure. Exciting twists and turns await as Mickey, Minnie, Goofy – and you – embark on a wild ride to your favorite Disney destinations. See the world from the rooftops of London, travel to sun-soaked Motunul, set off on a safari to the Pride Lands. Discover a whole new world as you're swept up in a princely parade and play at a larger-than-life carnival. A fun-filled getaway jam-packed with unexpected hijinks and up-close character interactions! Charter bus and ticket would be \$48 per person. Depart 8 a.m. for 11 a.m. performance. Register by February 24.

“Breaking Up is Hard to Do” – The Ives Auditorium in Bloomington – Thursday, April 23 – This musical comedy features the songs of Neil Sedaka. Set at a Catskills resort in 1960, this is the sweetly comic story of Lois and Marge, two friends from Brooklyn in search of good times and romance over one, wild Labor Day weekend. The score showcases 18 Neil Sedaka classics, including “Where the Boys Are”, “Sweet Sixteen”, “Calendar Girl”, “Love Will Keep Us Together”, and of course, the chart-topping title song.

Lunch is included: Chicken Breast in Herb & Wine Cream Sauce, Parsley Potatoes and Vegetable Du Jour, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee and Tea. Charter bus, noon lunch and show ticket is \$70 per person. Would depart 9 a.m., return late afternoon. Registration is due April 8.

Minnesota Quilters Quilt Show – Thursday, June 11 – River’s Edge Convention Center, St Cloud – Spend the day admiring quilts and smaller projects as well as visit vendors displaying the latest gadgets for making quilts. Depart 7:30 a.m. and return late afternoon. Charter bus is \$25 per person, entry fee extra. Register by June 4.

“The Music Man” at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre – Wednesday, June 17 – The citizens of River City have got trouble... That’s a capital T, that rhymes with P and stands for “Professor” Harold Hill. He’s a charming, fast-talkin’ traveling salesman who goes city to city starting youth marching bands. Unforgettable songs include “Seventy-Six Trombones,” “Wells Fargo Wagon” and “Till There Was You.” Charter bus, noon meal and show ticket will be \$90 per person. Would depart at 8:45 a.m., return late afternoon. Registration needed by May 18.

Minnesota State Fair – Monday, August 31 – Youth and senior citizens day with discounted gate fee. Charter bus would be \$25 per person. Sign up by August 24.

Outings offered through New Ulm Community Education – 507-233-8307

“My Fair Lady” at the Orpheum, Saturday, March 7, 2 p.m. show - \$75 charter bus and ticket – need to reserve by January 10

“Frozen” at the Orpheum – Sunday, May 17, 6:30 p.m. show - \$75 charter bus and ticket – Need to reserve by February 3

Science Rocks!

The University of Minnesota Extension, 4-H Youth Development is offering hands on learning experiences focusing on STEM activities. This free after-school adventure will be supervised by 4-H staff and volunteers of Brown County 4-H.

A minimum of 5 participants is required for the class to be held. Deadline to sign-up is ONE week prior to the start of first class.

Place: Sleepy Eye Elementary School - Lindahl Room

When: Tuesday, February 18, 3:15-5:15 p.m. for Grades K-3

When: Tuesday, February 25, 3:15-5:15 p.m. for Grades 4-6



Teachers on Call

Share your knowledge in the classroom by working as a Substitute Teacher or Teacher’s Aide in our schools.

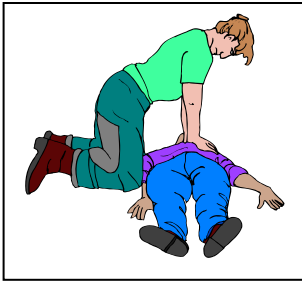
You’ll enjoy:

- Free online training
- Flexible schedule
- Your choice of schools and subjects
- Competitive weekly pay
- Bonus opportunities, 401(k) and more

Apply today and make a difference in the lives of students!
800.713.4439 or teachersoncall.com



Community Education... Lifelong Learning



CPR and First Aid

CPR and Emergency First aid courses are offered by the Sleepy Eye Ambulance Service and sponsored through donations received from many businesses, organizations, and individuals. Classes are held at the Ambulance/Police Station training room at 130 2nd Ave NW in Sleepy Eye. To register, contact Shari Hittesdorf, Ambulance Coordinator at 794-3116 or email hitt@sleepyeyetel.net

Courses offered: Healthcare Provider's CPR on Wednesday, January 29, 6-10 p.m., \$35.00

Lay Rescuer/Non-Healthcare Providers CPR Certification on Wednesday, February 5, 6:30-10:30 p.m., \$30.00

Emergency First Aid Training on Wednesday, March 11, 6:30-9:30 p.m., \$25.00

Check the Sleepy Eye Ambulance website for online registration.

Adult Basic Education

Prepare for the nationally recognized GED exam, brush up on your skills for college, earn your high school diploma or learn basic computer skills through Adult Basic Education (ABE). ABE is a FREE adult educational program designed for busy people. Students may work at their own pace through face to face or self-paced instruction offered at the New Ulm Public Library at 17

North
Main
Street



1.

Monday and Wednesdays 1:00-3:00 p.m.

For more information or to schedule an appointment contact: New Ulm Adult Basic Education, 507-779-5827.

fastTRACK Adult Career Pathway Program – Healthcare, Manufacturing and Commercial Driver's License (CDL). Gain the confidence necessary to enroll in college and get a better job! Start a new career by enrolling in a FREE 8-week preparation course. Courses are available in the two industries in our region: Healthcare and Advanced Manufacturing.

The 8 week courses include:

- Combination of face-to-face and online instruction
- Basic skills and computer literacy development
- Exploration of the industry
- Connection with local resources
- Basic understanding of workplace and college vocabulary

Successful completion of this course will lead to enrollment in South Central College, where you will be provided resources necessary for success in college and the workplace. Please call 507-345-5222 for more information about eligibility requirement and enrollment. Eligible participants must meet academic requirement and be eligible to work in the United States.



All Day Quilting – A day long class to start a new pattern or finish one that has been in your tote for a few months. Yardage provided when one registers. All quilting projects use the rotary cutter method. Patterns are available for beginners and experienced quilters. Scheduled classes are Saturdays: January 18, February 22, March 21 & April 18. The class begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. Participants bring a potluck dinner. The fee for a quilt is \$12.50 but smaller projects can be made for \$6.25. Instructor is Patty Haala. Class held at Sleepy Eye School Cafeteria.

Chunky Throw Blanket Class – Come and learn to hand knit and make a chenille “chunky blanket” throw. Finished size will be roughly 65” x 40”. No experience with knitting or crocheting required. Ages 12 and up. You will need a scissors. Brands are Bernat – EZ yarn (six skeins); Lion Brand – Off the Hook (twelve skeins); Red Heart – loop-it (12-13 skeins). These are available at Amazon, JoAnn’s Fabric and Craft, Hobby Lobby or Michael’s.

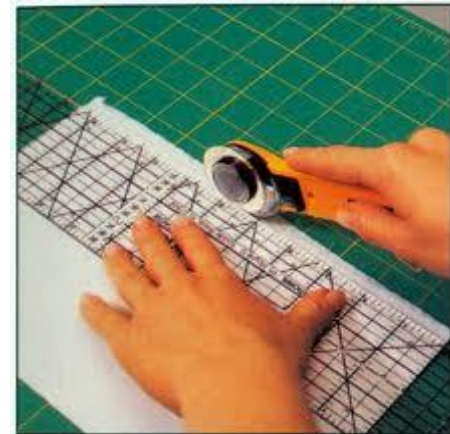
Instructor: Kathryn Serra Place: Lindahl Room at SE School

When: Thursday, January 16, 6-8 p.m. Class Size: 5-15

Fee: \$10 Sessions: 1

Additional sessions will be added if there is interest.

Questions, email kathryn.serra@sleepyeye.mntm.org



Time to get crafty!

Father/Daughter Snow Ball!

Sunday, January 26, 2020

3 years to 3rd grade

2:00-4:00 pm

Sleepy Eye Event Center

\$10 per couple, \$5 per additional girl

\$12 at the door

Mother-Son Sweetheart Soiree

Sunday, February 9, 2020

3 years to 3rd grade are invited

2:00-4:00pm

Sleepy Eye Event Center

\$10 per couple, \$5 per additional girl

\$12 at the door

Both afternoons will include dancing, pictures, refreshments, and quality time with the one you love. Come dressed in your best attire and dance the afternoon away!

Sponsored by Sleepy Eye ECFE



Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

Since parents are the first and most important teachers for their children, all families are welcome in the ECFE program. No one will be denied participation due to inability to pay. Scholarships are available. Classes are held in the ECFE rooms (#318-320) in the Sleepy Eye Elementary School.

Winter term begins mid-January with offerings for all ages of preschoolers. The child's age as of September 1, 2019 should be used to determine which class to enroll. The teachers take into consideration children's developmental levels when planning activities for each class. Complete class information and additional offerings are available in the ECFE newsletter and on the school website www.sleepyeyeschools.com. If you do not receive the newsletter, we do not have your preschool children on our census list or perhaps you have a new address. Call 507-794-7873 with this information. Check out Facebook! Sleepy Eye - ECFE

ECFE Classes

Toddlers (walkers to runners) on Mondays, 6:00-7:15 p.m. beginning January 27 for nine sessions. Fee is \$27.

Two Year Olds on Tuesdays, 4:30-6:00 p.m. or 6:00-7:30 p.m. beginning January 21 for nine sessions. Fee is \$36. Please note additional section added for winter term.

Three to Five Year Olds on Thursdays, 4:30-6:00 p.m. or 6:00-7:30 p.m. beginning January 30 for nine sessions. Fee is \$36.

Babies (birth to walking) classes on Saturday, January 18, February 22, March 21 and April 4 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Room 320. Free.

ECFE Special Family Events

Open Gyms - Saturday, January 11, 3:30-5 p.m.; Saturday, February 1, 3:30-5 p.m. and Saturday, March 7, 9:30-11 a.m. Time for the kids to run, jump, climb, play ball and so much more. Sleepy Eye Elementary School gym. Please pre-register in case of inclement weather so you can be notified of cancelation.

Grandparents Day – Saturday, February 15, 9-10:30 a.m. – Children love to show off their classroom and things they get to do in “school”. There will also be a time for grandparents to discuss a topic of interest.

Daddy and Me – Monday, March 16, 6-7:30 p.m. – Rooms 320-321. Create a project with dad or a special person that can help you.

End of the Year Vehicle Fair – Monday, May 18, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Explore different vehicles up close! Could be tractors, trucks, cars, big and little machinery! Additional activities available for children to participate in as well.

Literacy Night

Sleepy Eye Elementary School
Tuesday, February 25, 5-7 p.m.
Watch for more details!



ECFE Open gyms:

Saturday, January 11,
3:30-5 p.m.
Saturday, February 1,
3:30-5 p.m.
Saturday, March 7,
9:30-11 a.m.

**Register early for
classes and events!**



Youth Enrichment

An updated **babysitting list** has been prepared following the clinic held last summer. If you need a copy, stop in Room 109 at SEHS or request one to be mailed to you.

Drivers Education - Spring session of **classroom driver's education** will be held during February and March. Thirty hours of instruction are needed before the permit test can be taken. Registration will take place in late January. Behind The Wheel sign up will take place in April.

"**Sleeping Beauty**" will be produced by Prairie Fire Children's Theatre June 1-6, 2020. Children seven and older are invited to participate in this week long residency. Performances would be Friday evening and Saturday morning of that week. Residency held at Sleepy Eye High School Auditorium.

Early Childhood Screening

Tuesday, March 3 – Children who will be four by June 1 are invited to attend the spring Early Childhood screening. This screening is free of charge and begins at 8:30 a.m. It is held in the basement of Trinity Lutheran Church.

What to expect at screening: Children participate in an evaluation of speech, language, fine and gross motor skills, behavioral, social and emotional development, hearing and vision, height and weight measurement, immunization recording and a parental question and answer period.

Appointments are scheduled every 30 minutes and the ESI-R takes about an hour to complete. Call 507-794-7873 to set up an appointment for your child. If your child was screened in another community, the results need to be submitted to the school office prior to kindergarten entrance.

SCRIP gift cards may be ordered at any time. Purchase a gift card from over 800 stores and ECFE receives a percentage of the sale. Place your order by the 1st of the month and the cards are delivered within two weeks. Gift cards make great gifts for those upcoming events like holidays, weddings, graduations. Go online to see what stores provide this opportunity to support the local ECFE programs: www.shopwithscrip.com

Write down the store name and the amount of the gift card when you place your order. Include a check for the amount of the cards.

Do you have any of these items that the ECFE program can redeem for cash or supplies?

- Box Tops for Education
- More Rewards - Cashwise
- Loaves 4 Learning labels
- Recycle colored markers

The Sleepy Eye Elementary School also collects
Coke Points

Preschool Opportunities

Registration for 2020-2021 preschool has been taking place and interested families are encouraged to sign up early.

School District #84 offers a three-year-old **Discovery Time** preschool two days a week for two hours. Parents also attend ECFE classes with the child.

School Readiness is available for four year olds and meets four or five days a week for two and a half hours per time. A Voluntary Preschool grant was written by the school district and received for two years providing free tuition.

Scholarships are available for qualifying families and busing is available in town.

Other preschools are available at Tri-Valley Head Start, Grace Lutheran Church, and St Mary's Catholic School.

The ECFE program has renewed their partnership with Casey's and are again selling Pizza and Donut punch cards. The cards are good at any Casey's store in the country and do not have an expiration date.

To use the donut card, purchase six cake donuts, and get six donuts free. The card costs \$10 and has ten punches on it.

To use the pizza card, purchase a large specialty pizza and get a medium single topping pizza free. This card costs \$15 and has ten punches on it.

Cards are available in Room 109 or 320. You can also order them and they can be mailed to you. Be sure to include a check for the cards you want.

Sleepy Eye Arena Skating Times:

Open Skate: Saturday, 7-9 p.m. Sunday, 6-8 p.m.
Open Hockey: Saturday 9-10 p.m. Sunday, 8-9 p.m.
Youth Hockey: Wednesday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Adult Hockey: Wednesday, 7:45-9:45 p.m.

Outdoor ice rink at Burnside St SE

Community Events

Support Local Theatre!
St. Mary's High School
"High School Musical"
March 20, 21, and 22, 2020



Community Health Day
Saturday, March 28
6:30-9:30 a.m.
Sleepy Eye Elementary School
gym/cafeteria

Health Screenings available: Blood Analysis (requires a 12 hour fast for most accurate results-\$50) and TSH screening (\$35) plus free blood pressure checks.

Call 1-800-658-2368 or 794-3331 during business hours for an appointment. A limited number of walk-ins accepted before 7:30 a.m. Last appointment time is 9:15 a.m. **Health related table displays** are welcome. Contact the Community Education office at 507-794-7873 to reserve a space. Event co-sponsored by Brown County REA, Brown County Public Health Nursing Service, Sleepy Eye Community Education, and Sleepy Eye Medical Center.

Walking for Better Health
The halls at Sleepy Eye School are available for walking during inclement weather. Please register with Sleepy Eye Community Education to receive your walking badge and walking routes. Hours are 3:30-7 p.m. on school days.

Red Cross Bloodmobile
Tuesday, January 7, 1-7 p.m.
Sleepy Eye Event Center



That's Community Ed!

We're on the Web!

See us at:

sleepyeyeschools.com

Life-Work Planning Center is a workforce development program for women, a Minnesota Displaced Homemaker Program and a partner in the Minnesota Workforce Center System.

Personal Growth & Career Development Workshops offered in New Ulm:
Strength, Balance, Self-Respect (6 weeks)

Confidence, stress management, assertive communication, boundaries, decision making and goal setting
Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m. starting January 7

Job Search (3 weeks)

Personality Styles and Interests, Job Search and Interview Skills, and Resume Writing
Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m. starting February 18

Workshop location: License Bureau
1900 North Franklin Street
New Ulm MN
Phone: 507-345-1577 or 1-800-369-5166
Web address: www.lwpc.org

Registration Form

Return to: Sleepy Eye Community Education, 400 4th Ave SW,
Sleepy Eye MN 56085

Name	_____		
Address	_____		
City/Zip Code	_____	Phone No	_____
Class or Event	_____	Day/date	_____
			Fee

