Welcome to another year!

Community Education programs are for all ages. We hope you will find something of interest in what we are offering this fall.

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

Watch for weekly updates on our program by reading the Community Education News in the Sleepy Eye Herald Dispatch. Biweekly on a Tuesday, a staff member provides updated information on KNUJ-SAM 107.3 at 8:30 a.m. You may also find updates on Sleepy Eye Online.

Thank you for your continued support of our programs!

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Some topics and information included in this brochure include:

- Smart Driver classes
- Fall Trips and Tours
- Computers Skills, GED, College Prep Classes
- Adult and Youth Enrichment Courses
- ECFE Classes and Activities
- Parenting and Child Care Enrichment Opportunities
Smart Driving 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 at the Sleepy Eye High 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 fall will be offered on the following dates:

**Four Hour Renewal Classes:**
- Monday, September 12, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
- Monday, October 17, 1:30-5:30 p.m.
- Monday, November 14, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
- Monday, December 5, 1:30-5:30 p.m.

**First Time Eight Hour Class**
- Saturday, November 12, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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 fees, 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 United Way. Reading regularly to children at a very young age has proven to help children be ready for school. Call the United Way at (507)354-6512 to register a child.

Registration forms and additional information is available on all of these activities at [www.unitedwaybrowncountyarea.org](http://www.unitedwaybrowncountyarea.org)

**Day of Caring - Saturday, October 15, 2016**

The Day of Caring is an annual celebration of community volunteers giving “One Day to Help One Another.” Recruit family, friends, neighbors and coworkers to make up a team. Teams may range in size from two to over twenty-two!

Volunteers provide “helping hands” for services that people, for diverse reasons, cannot do. Some non-professional service projects include: small painting projects, raking leaves, washing windows, cleaning gutters, moving boxes or furniture, yard work, housework, and much more. Sign up for the 19th annual **Day of Caring** organized by the United Way of the Brown County area. If you are in need of a helper for the morning or want to register a team, call 507-354-6512 or visit on the web UnitedWayBrownCountyArea.org
**One Day Outings**

This fall, take a journey by motor coach with Sleepy Eye Community Education. Stops are made along the route to pick up participants. A minimum number is needed in order to go. 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.

**Clay County Fair** – Spencer, Iowa – Tuesday, September 13 – Senior Citizen Day. The largest county fair around and one you can see in a day! The free entertainment this day includes The Sound Exchange (a capella), Marv Nissel Band, Glenn Henriksen & Friends, Sean Emery (comedy juggler), Sherwin Linton and the Cotton Kings. The motor coach ($25) departs Sleepy Eye at 7:30 a.m. and returns at 7:30 p.m. Entry fee is $6 for seniors, $9 for adults. Sign up by September 7. Fair dates are September 10-18.

**“Miracle on So. Division Street”** - DayTrippers Dinner Theatre in Bloomington – Thursday, September 22 – A hilarious and heartfelt play about a “MIRACLE” in the family barbershop that delivers a solid message on faith, why we believe what we believe, and how we can adjust to life’s surprises. Buffet lunch features Swedish Meatballs and Chicken Kiev. Depart from Sleepy Eye at 9:30 a.m. and return around 5:30 p.m. Noon lunch, show ticket and motor coach $55 per person. Register by September 14.

**Plymouth Playhouse – Wednesday, October 5** – “Rise Up, O Men” is a new musical in the Church Basement Ladies series featuring the men of the church and the favorite church basement ladies who serve them. As these hard-working farmers discuss their scrap lumber piles and the benefits of solder vs. welding, they unintentionally disrupt the order of the kitchen. But that’s what happens when you let roosters in the hen house! Motor coach and show ticket is $50 per person; lunch on your own at Ridgedale. Would depart Sleepy Eye at 9 a.m. and return around 5:30 p.m. Sign up by September 14.

**Amish at Harmony** – Friday, October 14 - Step back in time and visit Old Order Amish at their farms. While traveling through the beautiful farm country, learn about the history and beliefs of the Amish community and how their lifestyle differs from modern ways, all while giving us all a glimpse of how our own ancestors lived and farmed in bygone days. Many of the stops will have baked goods, baskets, wood crafts, candy, or quilts for sale. Tour and motor coach would be $50 per person. Depart at 7:30 a.m., dinner stop on your own, return early evening. Register by October 3.

**Chanhassen Dinner Theatre – Wednesday, November 9 – Camelot** – In the story, Guinevere, King Arthur’s lovely wife, encourages him to establish the Knights of the Round Table. As the Knights grow in fame, Lancelot, the most celebrated knight of all, becomes friend and confidant to Arthur when rumors begin to circulate about Lancelot and Guinevere. Can Camelot be the idealistic place of Arthur’s dreams? Winning multiple Tony Awards, including one for Best Musical Score, Camelot features well-known songs: “I Wonder What the King is Doing Tonight,” “What Do the Simple Folk Do?” “If Ever I Would Leave You,” and the beloved title song, “Camelot”. A crowd-pleasing musical filled with romance, pageantry, humor, and a rich, stirring story that stands the test of time. Motor coach, noon lunch and show is $86 per person. Depart at 9:15 a.m. and return by 5:30 p.m. Sign up by October 7.

**Plymouth Playhouse – Thursday, December 8 – Away in the Basement** - It is 1959 and the day of the Sunday School Christmas Program. The ladies of the kitchen are finishing up the goodie bags and putting final touches on the nativity pieces. Little do they know what surprises are in store for them as they are called upon to step in and save the day! Motor coach and show ticket is $50 per person; lunch on your own at Ridgedale. Would depart Sleepy Eye at 9 a.m. and return around 5:30 p.m. Sign up by November 15.

**Outings through New Ulm Community Education:**

**Away in the Basement** – Saturday, November 19 for 3 p.m. show. Fee is $57 and evening meal will be on your own. Sign-up is needed by October 20.

**“Camelot” at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater** – Saturday, December 10. Fee is $86 and registration is needed by November 15.

Call Carol Davis, 507-359-8561 for more details and to register.
Community Education…
Lifelong Learning

CPR/First Aid Classes

The Sleepy Eye Ambulance Service employs three American Heart Association Basic Life Support instructors to help meet the CPR, AED and First Aid training needs of the community. Any individual or group interested in attending a class should contact the Sleepy Eye Ambulance Service at 507-794-3116 or Shari Hittesdorf, Ambulance Coordinator email hitt@sleepyeyetel.net

Check the class schedule on the City of Sleepy Eye website.

These courses are 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, Sleepy Eye.

Red Cross Bloodmobile comes to Sleepy Eye

Tuesday, November 15
8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Sleepy Eye High School Gymnasium

GED/College Prep for Adults

GED classes are offered in New Ulm through the Mankato Area Adult Basic Education Consortium. Preparation for people who need a high school diploma or its equivalency in order to get a better job, or move on to post secondary education opportunities. All classes are held at 1618 South Broadway. The new GED year started Monday, August 22. Classes meet on Tuesday and Thursday 8:30-11:30 a.m. and Wednesday 2:30-4:30 p.m.

College Prep offers free courses designed to strengthen your academic and computer skills and help prepare you for college-level work. With College Prep you will:

- Work one-on-one with an instructor
- Explore careers and develop a plan for your future
- Sample college courses such as psychology, history, and economics
- Learn valuable study strategies
- Develop an understanding of the college environment
- Strengthen reading, writing, math and computer skills

Basic Computer Class (Northstar) offered on Mondays, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

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

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Additional classes and hours available at Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton Street in Mankato and So Central College. FastTRAC courses include Healthcare, CDL and Manufacturing. Call 507-345-5222 for more information and to register for these options.
**Adult and Youth Enrichment**

**Drivers Education** – fall session of classroom driver’s education will be held during the months of October and November. Thirty hours of instruction is needed before the permit test can be taken. Registration will take place in September. Watch school bulletins for class dates. Parent class is available on the last night of student classes.

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

**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, October 1, October 15, and November 12. 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 may be made for $6.25. Instructor is Patty Haala. Class held at Sleepy Eye School Cafeteria.

**Investment and Retirement Seminars**

Thrivent Financial Associate, Jeff Amundson, FIC, CLTC, will be hosting one-hour presentations in the Lindahl Room at Sleepy Eye Elementary School on the following topics:

**Your Legacy** will discuss ways to develop a strategy to help ensure your legacy lives on. Do you want to leave an inheritance? Add to your alma mater’s endowment fund? Help sustain your church’s foundation?

**Thursday, September 29, 3:30 p.m. or Thursday, October 20, 2 p.m.**

**Retire Wisely** – 40% of Americans age 56 to 62 could run out of funds to pay for basic retirement expenses if they were to retire at age 65. Will you have enough to retire? Will your retirement income last? Are your assets protected? During this presentation learn how to manage six risks all retirees face: outliving income, inflation, unpredictable events, market volatility, income taxes and rising health care costs.

**Thursday, September 29, 4:30 p.m. or Thursday, November 10, 5:30 p.m.**

**Are Your Investments on Track?** A thorough investment strategy can help you meet your short-term, mid-term and long-term financial goals. It also requires discipline and patience. During this event, you’ll learn: Investment fundamentals, including why inflation and compounding matter; how to identify your financial goals and time horizon; how to assess your risk tolerance, and the relationship between risk and return; and the difference between asset classes and the importance of asset allocation.

**Thursday, October 20, 1 p.m. or Thursday, November 10, 4:30 p.m.**

Pre-registration is encouraged and requested by calling 794-7873 or 507-354-4413.

**Voice Lessons and Piano Lessons** - Interested in voice lessons? Have you always wanted to learn different styles of music or find the fullest potential in your voice? How about the piano? Always wanted to learn to play? Now is your chance!! Individual voice and piano lessons are being offered through community education. These lessons are available to anyone in the community! Lessons are set up to be ½ hour in length Monday-Thursday 3:30-5:30 p.m. beginning in October through May. Participants will be scheduled by their choice of time in half hour increments. Start date and continuation of lessons will be determined by instructor and student. Participants may also opt for a longer lesson time (i.e. one hour) if desired. Fee: $20 per ½ hour lesson. Payments will be done on a monthly basis and are due at the first lesson. Additional costs to the student may include purchasing of a song book. Contact Kristina Iwan at Sleepy Eye Public School, 507-794-7904 or via email at kristina.iwan@sleepyeve.mntm.org if you would like more information. Lessons are held in the Sleepy Eye High School Choir Room.
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 (#319-320) in the Sleepy Eye Elementary School.

Fall term begins the week of September 12 or later with offerings for all ages of preschoolers. The child’s age as of September 1, 2016 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.sleepeyeschools.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.

**ECFE Fall Classes**

**Babies** (birth to walking) on Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. – Meet with other parents and discuss topics related to parenting babies. Classes held on September 17, October 1, October 15 and November 12.

**Toddlers** (walkers to runners) on Thursdays, 6:00-7:15 p.m. beginning Thursday September 22 for eight sessions. Fee is $32. Have fun learning with your toddler through play and parent-child activity time. Parent discussion held in same space. Babies already walking are invited to join.

**Two Year Olds** on Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 p.m. beginning September 20 for eight sessions. Fee is $32. Come for ideas, motivation and support to stay ahead of your curious, active child. Parent(s) separate from the children for discussion time.

**Mixed Ages** (3-5 years) on Mondays, 9:00-10:30 a.m., or 4:30-6:00 p.m. or 6:30-8:00 p.m. beginning September 12 for nine sessions. Fee is $36. Play is your child’s work and the classroom offers many types of play activities.

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**Preschool Screening - Tuesday, October 4** – Children who will be four by December 31 are invited to attend the fall 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. 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.

**Fall Festival and Discovery Toy Party** – Saturday, October 29, 1-3 p.m. Held at the Sleepy Eye School Cafeteria. Join us for a fun afternoon of fall themed games, playdoh creations, book corner, and coloring. Parents and children may also look at some fun new toys to purchase for holiday giving.

**Open gym** – Friday, November 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Sleepy Eye Elementary Gym.

**Holiday Event** – Thursday, December 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Sleepy Eye School Cafeteria

**Scrip Cards** – ECFE and Preschool Programs are selling gift cards. Scrip gives a percentage back to the programs so it is a win-win for purchasers and the program. Over 800 stores offer a percentage of the sale of gift cards back to the sponsoring organization. The ECFE program provides this service monthly. Return order forms by the 10th of the month (available in Rooms 109 or 319) or go online www.glscrip.com to see all of the possibilities.

**Casey’s Pizza and Donut Partnership Cards** may be purchased through the ECFE and School Readiness programs. Each punch on the Pizza Card is valid for one FREE medium single topping pizza with the purchase of any large specialty pizza. These cards sell for $15. Each punch on the Donut Card is valid for six FREE cake donuts with the purchase of six cake donuts. They sell for $10. All cards have ten punches on them, have no expiration date and are accepted at all Casey’s General Store locations that serve pizza and donuts.

**Support ECFE** by saving Milk Moola lids or labels, Box Tops for Education, Loaves for Learning proof of purchase labels, and Campbell’s Soup UPC’s. These are submitted by October 1 and April 1 each year and provide items for the classroom or cash back for special events.
The mission of LIFE-WORK PLANNING CENTER is to increase the self-sufficiency of women and their families.

LIFE-WORK PLANNING CENTER:
- Is a Pre-Employment for women and a Minnesota Displaced Homemaker Program. They serve women in transition, including Displaced homemakers; Non-Displaced Homemakers; Latina Women and Youth, and Women transitioning from Welfare to Work.
- Provides a supportive environment where one can gain pre-employment skills and define what is important to them.
- Services include Workshops, One-to-One Peer Counseling, Computer tutoring, Resources & Referrals and Advocacy.
- Service individuals in Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan Counties.
- Is sponsored in part by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, area United Ways, and individual contribution.

Classes are held at the Brown County License Bureau, 1900 North Franklin, New Ulm
Six week workshop series Personal Growth/Career Development beginning Tuesday, September 13, 1-3 p.m. Topics covered include Confidence, Stress Management, Assertive Communication, Boundaries, Decision Making and Goal Setting.

Three week Job Search workshop beginning Tuesday, October 25, 1-3 p.m. Topics include Personality Styles and Interests; Job Search and Interview Skills; and Resume Writing.

Call 1-507-345-1577 or 1-800-369-5166 to register for offerings through Life-Work Planning Center or visit www.lwpc.org
Registration Form
Return to: Sleepy Eye Community Education
400 4th Ave SW
Sleepy Eye, MN 56085

Name______________________________________
Address____________________________________
City/Zipcode____________________________________
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Class or Event | Day/date | Fee
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VIP PASS
Sleepy Eye Community Education in partnership with School District #84 offers the VIP Pass! The VIP pass is a complimentary pass for senior citizens 60 years old+ and who reside within the Sleepy Eye School District. VIP passes allow the bearer free entry to all regularly scheduled Sleepy Eye Public School home athletic events. This pass is not valid for any tournament or post season games. Patrons may obtain a VIP pass by stopping in the Community Education Office, Room 109, 400 4th Ave SW. Individuals are required to provide their name and home address to prove they are a School District 84 resident.