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. The first and third Wednesday, 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!

Pat Stevermer, Director
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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
- VIP Passes
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:
- Thursday, September 19, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
- Monday, October 14, 1-5 p.m.
- Monday, November 4, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
- Monday, December 2, 1-5 p.m.

First Time Eight Hour Class
- Saturday, November 2, 8 a.m. start time

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

Day of Caring - Saturday, October 26, 2019

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! It may be possible to do projects on Friday so indicate that on your participation form.

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 22nd 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.

**Stillwater in the Fall** – Wednesday, September 25 – Take a trolley ride with historical narration of folklore and mansions, visit the courthouse and jail, have lunch on main street as well as visit the antique shops. A stop at an apple orchard on the way home. Would leave at 8 a.m. and return by 6 p.m. Motor coach and tours would be $45 per person.

**Chanhassen Dinner Theatre** – “Mamma Mia!” – Wednesday, November 13 – One mom. One daughter. Three possible dads. And a trip down the aisle you’ll never forget. ABBA’s hits tell the hilarious story of a young woman’s search for her birth father. This sunny and funny tale unfolds on a Greek island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter’s quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother’s past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago. The story-telling magic of ABBA’s timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship, creating an unforgettable show. A large cast, non-stop laughs and explosive dance numbers combine to make Mamma Mia! a guaranteed smash hit! Noon lunch, show ticket and motor coach is $90 per person. Depart Sleepy Eye 9 a.m., return 5 p.m. Sign up by October 11.

**Ames Center** – “Hark! Church Basement Ladies Sing” – Tuesday, November 19 – HARK!THE BASEMENT LADIES SING is the latest installment in the Church Basement Ladies musical series. It is December 1969, and members of this rural community have gathered around their reel-to-reel tape player to record a special Christmas greeting for one of their boys serving overseas. As the ladies serve up coffee and cookies, Pastor suffers from a case of stage fright, Mavis smuggles a piglet into the kitchen, a surprise visitor leaves Karin speechless, and the widow Vivian Snustad gets caught in an embarrassing situation. Throughout it all, you are encouraged to sing along as Beverly Barsness bangs out Christmas carols on an old upright. So come “Fa La La” with the Church Basement Ladies as they deck their fellowship hall. Motor coach and show ticket is $50 per person; lunch on your own at Burnsville Mall. Would depart Sleepy Eye at 8:45 a.m. and return around 5:30 p.m. Sign up by October 24.

**Mankato Opry Christmas Show** – Sunday, December 1 at the Kato Ballroom – Show ticket and motor coach would be $40 per person. Sign up by November 19. Bus departs Redwood Falls at 11:30 a.m., Morgan, 11:45 a.m. Sleepy Eye, 12 noon and New Ulm, 12:30 p.m. Return to Sleepy Eye around 5:30 p.m.

**Offering through New Ulm Community Ed.**
507-233-8307

**The Phantom of the Opera** at the Orpheum Theatre on Thursday, November 21, 2019, 1:00 p.m. show. Registration deadline is September 16. Fee: Charter bus and ticket $75. Bus would leave at 10:30 a.m. from the Middle School Parking Lot on South Garden Street in New Ulm.

Cameron Mackintosh’s spectacular new production of Andrew Lloyd Webber’s THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA will make a triumphant return to Minneapolis as part of its North American tour. Hailed by critics as “bigger and better than ever before,” this production boasts many exciting special effects including the show’s legendary chandelier, new scenic and lighting designs, new staging and choreography. The beloved story and thrilling score will be performed by a cast and orchestra of 52, making this PHANTOM one of the largest productions now on tour.

**Big Idea’s Inc** provides an opportunity for anyone 13 and older to explore some of the trade industries that are in need of workers. Classes are available in the area. Areas of study are Carpentry, Welding, Plumbing, Baking Basics – Decorated Cookies, Sewing, Upholstery and Automotive. For more information, go to www.BigIdeasUSA.org or call 866-992-4443.
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

Fall dates: Healthcare Providers CPR – Wednesday, September 26, 6-10 p.m. $35 per participant

Non-Healthcare CPR – Wednesday, October 2, 6:30-9:30 p.m. $30 per participant

First Aid – Wednesday, October 23, 6:30-9:30 p.m. $25 per participant

Classes are held at the Ambulance/Police Station training room at 130 2nd Ave NW, Sleepy Eye.

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 the New Ulm Public Library.

GED/Diploma/College Prep Classes are offered August 26-December 18 at the following times: Mondays and Wednesdays – 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Basic Computer Classes (Northstar) is offered September 23-October 9 on Mondays 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.

Additional classes available at Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton Street in Mankato and So Central College. FastTRAC courses include Healthcare, CDL and Manufacturing. Other offerings include SKILL, ESL, ServSafe Food Handler and Para Pro Preparation. Call 507-345-5222 for more information and to register for these options.
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 at the last session of classes.

A Fall 2019 Babysitting List has been assembled for those needing babysitters. Only children with parental permission have their names on the list. Contact the community education office if you need a copy.

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, September 14, October 12, and November 9. 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 is held in the Sleepy Eye School Cafeteria.

Sleepy Eye High School presents:

Friday, November 15, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 16, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 17, 2:00 p.m.

Based on the beloved holiday film, this hilarious fish-out-of-water comedy follows Buddy the Elf in his quest to find his true identity.

Buddy, a young orphan, mistakenly crawls into Santa’s bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. Faced with the harsh realities that his father is on the naughty list and his half-brother doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.

This modern-day holiday classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner elf. After all, the best way to spread Christmas Cheer is singing loud for all to hear.
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.

Fall term begins the week of September 3 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.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 14, October 12 and November 9. FREE.

**Toddlers** (walkers to runners) on Mondays, 6:00-7:15 p.m. beginning Monday September 9 for nine sessions. Fee is $27. 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 10 for nine sessions. Fee is $36. 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 Thursdays, 4:30-6:00 p.m. or 6:00-7:30 p.m. beginning September 5 for nine sessions. Fee is $36. Play is your child’s work and the classroom offers many types of play activities.

**Preschool Screening - Thursday, October 3** – 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** – Saturday, October 26, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Held at the Sleepy Eye School Cafeteria. Join us for a fun morning of fall themed games, playdoh creations, book corner, and coloring.

**Mommy and Me – Cooking with Mom** on Friday, November 8, 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the FACS Room at SEHS

**Open Gym** – Saturday, November 16, 3:30-5:00 p.m. or Saturday, December 7, 10:30 am-12 noon in the Sleepy Eye Elementary Gym

**Holiday Event** – Watch for more information on this popular event in Sleepy Eye.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  Father/Daughter Dance: January 26, 2020  Mother/Son Dance: February 9, 2020

**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. These cards sell for $10.
Support ECFE by saving Box Tops for Education and Loaves for Learning proof of purchase labels. These are submitted by October 1 and April 1 each year and provide items for the classroom or cash back for special events.

Preschool Offerings

School District #84 offers a three-year-old Discovery Time preschool two or three days a week for two hours. Parents also attend ECFE classes with the child. Scholarships are available for qualifying families and busing is available in town. Early sign-up is encouraged as classes fill fast!

School Readiness is available for four year olds and meets 146 days during the school year due to a Voluntary Pre-K grant which was awarded to Sleepy Eye School for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

Life-Work Planning Center

The mission of LIFE-WORK PLANNING CENTER is to increase the self-sufficiency of women and their families. LIFE-WORK PLANNING CENTER:

- 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.

Fall classes include Strength, Balance and Self-Respect for 6 weeks. Topics included are Confidence, Stress Management, Assertive Communication, Boundaries, Decision Making and Goal Setting. This workshop begins on Tuesday, September 10. Classes are held at the Sleepy Eye Community Center, 115 2nd Ave NE from 10 am-12 noon or the Brown County License Bureau, 1900 North Franklin, New Ulm from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Job Search will be offered for 3 weeks. It covers the following topics: Personality Styles and Interests, Resume Writing and Job Search and Interview Skills. This workshop begins on Tuesday, October 22 with the Sleepy Eye class meeting 10 a.m.-12 noon and the New Ulm class will meet 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Call 1-507-345-1577 or 1-800-369-5166 for the latest updates and 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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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.