

SLEEPY EYE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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School day office hours are generally 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

If school is closed, activities are canceled.

If school starts late, evening activities will be held.

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Watch for monthly updates on our program by reading the Community Education News in the *Sleepy Eye Herald Dispatch*. On the first and third Tuesday of each month, a staff member provides updated information on KNUJ-SAM 107.3 at 8:30 a.m. You may also find weekly updates on *Sleepy Eye Online*. Watch for a spring brochure available in March.

Thank you for your continued support of our programs!

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Some topics and information included in this brochure include:

- Defensive Driving Classes, Motorcycle Safety Training, Behind the Wheel Training
- Spring Trips
- Adult and Youth Enrichment Courses
- ECFE Activities
- Summer preview



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 class on Saturdays, **April 13**. 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.

Trips and Tours

This spring, 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 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. More details about the events of the day will be provided for those who have registered.

Minnesota State Capitol and Minnesota History Museum - Wednesday, April 10 - A guided tour will give an overview of Capitol history, art, architecture and state government. The Capitol features the largest self-supported marble dome in the world, decorative art, murals and paintings that have all been restored within the past ten years. After the tour, we will go a short distance to the Minnesota History Museum. The Market House cafeteria features sandwiches, salads, desserts, and beverages which are all listed under \$10. You can also bring your own lunch. Admission to the museum is \$10 per person which will be paid with one check. Suggested time to view the exhibits is 90 minutes. The current exhibits include the Life and Art of Charles M. Schulz (creator of Peanuts), Reframing our Stories, Our Home: Native Minnesota and Black Citizenship in the age of Jim Crow. Departure time from Sleepy Eye will be 8 a.m. and return around 5 p.m. Motorcoach, capitol donation and museum admission will be \$50 per person. Sign up by March 22.

Sidekick Theatre, Bloomington - Wednesday, May 8 - The Fabulous Lipitones - What happens when an a cappella quartet loses a key member to a heart-stopping high “B flat?” The three surviving members suddenly find themselves scrambling to find a tenor before the national competition. When the golden tones of “Bob” are heard through the phone, the Lipitones are all ears...but when they meet him in person, he’s not quite what they expected. An uproarious comedy of misunderstanding, stereotypes and the path to perfect harmony. Lunch, Theatre ticket and motorcoach transportation will be \$80 per person. Bus would leave Sleepy Eye at 9:30 a.m. with stops along the way for passengers. Sign up is needed by April 19.

The Jason Show/Arboretum - Thursday, June 6 - Fifty tickets have been reserved for the Jason Show taping. Guests have to be 18 or older to attend. Each one needs to bring and show a valid photo ID and there will be a security screening via metal detection process. Following the taping, we will go to the Eden Prairie Mall for lunch. The afternoon will be spent at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Motorcoach and Arboretum entrance fee would be \$50 per person. Bus would leave Sleepy Eye at 7:30 a.m. and return by 5 p.m. Sign up is needed by May 17.

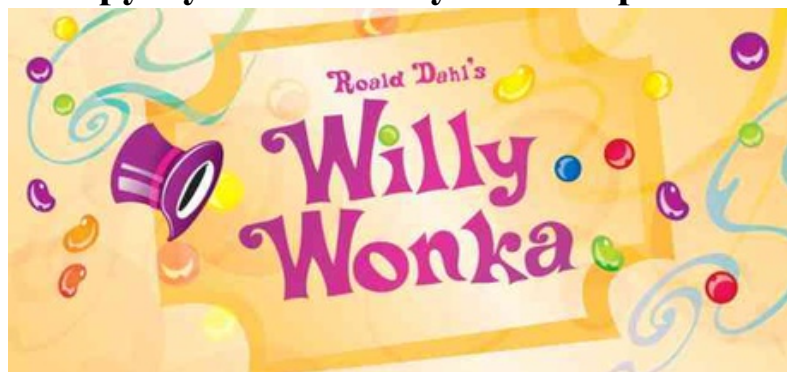
Chanhassen Dinner Theatre - Wednesday, July 10 - "Beautiful The Carole King Musical" The soundtrack of a generation inspired this BROADWAY SMASH HIT! A huge cast of 29 singers and dancers bring many of Carole King's GREATEST HITS to life in a triumphant celebration! For nearly six years, "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" thrilled Broadway audiences with the inspiring true story of Carole King's remarkable journey from teenage songwriter to Rock & Roll Hall of Fame music legend. As a woman in the music industry, King broke barriers and became one of the most prolific songwriters of our time!

Carole King wrote hits for the biggest music acts from The Shirelles to The Righteous Brothers - then recorded her Grammy-winning masterpiece, TAPESTRY. The musical takes you on a joy-filled, emotional ride of a lifetime! Featuring over two dozen hits including "One Fine Day," "The Locomotion," "So Far Away," "Natural Woman," "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'," and "Will You Love Me Tomorrow," this TONY and GRAMMY-winning musical is filled with the songs you remember and a story you'll never forget. Noon lunch, theater ticket, motorcoach fare is \$100 per person. Sign up is needed by June 12.

Minnesota State Fair - Monday, August 26 - Senior Citizen and Kids Day - Discounted tickets available so watch for more information when it becomes available. Motorcoach fare will be \$30 per person. Sign up will be needed by August 16 to determine if there is enough interest to go by motorcoach.

Summer youth activities - a youth brochure will be available at the end of April or first part of May including the schedule for swimming lessons, babysitting clinic, soccer camp, 4-H offerings, book wagon, story stroll, preschool summer school, Party in the Park.

Sleepy Eye Community Theater presents:



Coming to the stage in June! Watch for posters with performance dates and ticket information!



Sleepy Eye Community Theater Junior will produce *Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr.* at the end of the summer! The production is open to 2nd through 9th graders for the 2024-2025 school year. Auditions will be held on **Saturday, May 4**, 10-11 a.m. or **Wednesday, May 8**, 6-7 p.m. Rehearsal for speaking roles will be July 22-26 and July 29-August 2 for ensemble members. Show will be on August 2 and 3.

DEFENSIVE 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 Minnesota Safety Council and conducted throughout the state, Defensive 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 \$25 per person.

Bring your driver's license.

Minimum class size is 15 and maximum is 25.

Classes this spring will be offered on the following dates:

Four Hour Renewal Classes:

Monday, March 25, 1:00 or 5:00 pm

Monday, April 15, 1:00 or 5:00 pm

Monday, May 13, 1:00 or 5:00 pm

First Time Eight Hour Class

Call 507-794-7873 for information.

BEHIND THE WHEEL INSTRUCTION (for students who have their permits) will be offered during the summer. Sign up is coming so students need to watch the school bulletins. Four sessions of one and a half hours are needed to get a white card.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart! Motorcycle Safety Training

RSRS is recognized by the National Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) and licensed by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. All RiderCourses are held at the Sleepy Eye High School and are limited to 8 riders.

- Always wanted to ride? It's time to hit the road!
- Been riding on a motorcycle permit for years? Time to get legal!
- Learn to ride and earn your endorsement in just two days!
- No riding experience is necessary and the bikes are provided!
- Be ready for a FUN weekend - Saturday & Sunday only - 9 am-4 pm!
- Refresher courses are available for experienced riders.
- Moped courses are also available - ONLINE.

2024 class schedule:

Dates for 2024 are April 20-21, May 11-12, May 18-19, June 8-9, June 29-30
July 27-28, August 10-11, August 24-25 (classes run 9 am-4 pm both days)

Fee: \$270

Instructors: Brent & Debby Jass, certified MSF RiderCoaches

More information and registration can be found at RideSafeRideSmart.com

Questions? Call Brent at 507-630-0551

Early Childhood Family Education

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.

Spring term continues with offerings for all ages of preschoolers. The child's age as of September 1, 2023 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.

Babies (birth to walking) on Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. – Meet with other parents and discuss topics related to parenting babies. Class held on Saturday, April 13.

Vehicle Fair - Tuesday, May 14, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Sleepy Eye Public School Parking Lot.

Coming in summer - Book Wagon, Book Stroll, Mobile Screening

1000 Books before Kindergarten - The goal of the program is to promote reading and encourage children to have had 1000 books read to them by the time they enter kindergarten. Enrollment in the program can be done at the Dyckman Free Library or any ECFE classes or events. Once enrolled, children will receive a log to track the books being read to them. If you read a book twice, mark it down twice! After each 100 books read, children will receive a small prize or sticker. Special incentives are awarded to children when they complete 300, 500, 700 or 1000 books.

RaiseRight (Scrip) Fundraiser 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 750 stores offer a percentage of the sale of gift cards back to the sponsoring organization. You can get physical gift cards, e-gift cards or reloadable gift cards. The ECFE program accepts orders anytime. go online www.glscrip.com to see all of the possibilities. RaiseRight is the site for getting gift cards on your phone.

Sneakers are being collected for recycling. Just leave them in the box at the elementary school entrance.

Preschool Offerings



School District #84 offers a three-year-old **Discovery Time** preschool three days a week for two hours and 15 minutes. 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! Registration information will be available in June.

Voluntary Pre K is available for four year olds and meets 140 days for two and a half hours during the school year. Tuition is free due to a grant which was awarded to Sleepy Eye School for the school year. Register early!

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

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 [HYPERLINK "http://www.unitedwaybrowncountyarea.org" www.unitedwaybrowncountyarea.org](http://www.unitedwaybrowncountyarea.org)

Registration Form

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

Name _____
Address _____
City/Zipcode _____
Email _____

Class or Event	Day/date	Fee

Others ways to register:

Call 507-794-7873 and leave a message if the office is unattended.

Email Pat.stevermer@sleepyeye.mntm.org or Sandy.brinkman@sleepyeye.mntm.org